



ANDREW STEEP NAMED PGA OF MANITOBA GOLF PROFESSIONAL & PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The theory is club professionals don't have any time to play golf because they're too busy giving lessons and running the pro shop — among their many other duties.

Glendale Golf and Country Club head pro Andrew Steep took that old saying and turned it on its head in 2013, because he was named both the PGA of Manitoba's player of the year and professional of the year. Not only was he the first Manitoba pro to pull off the double play since Scott Davidson did it in 2001, but he accomplished the feat in his

rookie season as Glendale's head pro to boot.

"It was a pretty cool year, that's for sure," Steep said. "That was pretty exciting when they did the awards. That was great." Steep knew he was getting the player of the year award, because that is based on a points system from the PGA of Manitoba's tournaments throughout the summer. The professional of the year was the one that was unexpected. And if that wasn't enough, Steep won merchandiser of the year, too, but he gave

much of the credit for that to Jaclyn Kurceba, who takes care of Glendale's marketing.

"A lot of that's a part of how we do our ordering and the selection that we give our members," Steep said. "If you go into our shop you'll see every single major brand in there. We do a good job of partnering up with a lot of great companies, whether it's Callaway, TaylorMade, Titleist, Nike — all the top brands, we really carry a wide variety of those. (Kurceba) made the shop look fantastic, so she did a really good job with that."

The 2014 season is going to be tough for Steep to beat, because there's not much left for the 27-year-old to accomplish. Steep, however, said it was a total team effort in the Glendale pro shop that led to his hardware haul last fall.

"The number one thing would be fantastic staff that I have here," said Steep, who also coaches the St. Paul's High School golf team in his spare time. "My assistant pro, Tim Tabor, actually won assistant professional of the year, which says a lot right there. He does a fantastic job. He does all our corporate tournaments and all that kind of stuff, and does a great job there. He does a good job managing the shop and the back shop for me when I'm not around and what not. I also have some other key front shop people who have been around."

While things were humming on the business side for Steep, they were just as good on the golf course. In the PGA of Manitoba's five major events, Steep won one and never finished worse than fourth in the other four.

Which begs the question: Did he ever actually go into the office? It turns out Steep schedules an hour of practice into his day