



Introducing RGC's New Head Golf Professional

Rye Golf Club is pleased to welcome Kyle Baehler, PGA, as the new head golf professional at the club. Kyle will officially start his role on January 1st of 2021, but is already hard at work planning for his first season at the club.

Kyle has been a PGA golf professional for over 15 years. He began his career as an Assistant Golf Professional at Old Oaks in 2005. Since then, Kyle has worked as an Assistant Golf Professional at Sunningdale, Apawamis, and most recently, at Willow Ridge. Kyle lives in Rye and is excited about this opportunity to share his passion for golf with the RGC membership.

Kyle has a tremendous amount of experience in tournament planning, golf shop operations, and is a well-respected instructor for players of all ages and abilities. Kyle is also an accomplished golfer having competed in the National PGA Professional Championship on multiple occasions as well as winning multiple Met PGA Assistants' events in addition to other top-5 finishes in Met PGA events.

The club's manager and the golf club commission conducted an exhaustive search for our next head professional culminating in the exciting decision to have someone of Kyle's ability and experience join the team. This process began with golf club commissioners engaging with members who volunteered to provide their suggestions on important qualities to look for in our next professional. The process also included a review of 30 highly qualified applicants, numerous virtual and in-person interviews and finally, multiple meetings and conversations with Kyle. Kyle also spent time learning about RGC with long time RGC staff.

The Rye Golf Club Commission had the following statement; "We are very excited to welcome Kyle as our next head golf professional! Kyle is an experienced and gifted player, teacher, and leader. He comes to RGC with an innovative focus on enhancing all aspects of our golf experience. We look forward to membership getting to know Kyle soon. We are confident you

will be as excited as we are about the future of our golf programs at RGC”.

Additionally, Fred Buffone, a long time Rye resident and Willow Ridge member shared, “I have known Kyle for several years and he’s been a pleasure to work with on and off the course. Kyle should make a positive impact to the entire Rye Golf Club Community. His knowledge and passion for the game should enhance the members’ experience and their abilities as golfers.”

The club plans to conduct online “meet and greets” so that Kyle may begin personally introducing himself to our members. Any members who wish to reach out to Kyle may now do so by sending him a message at golfpro@ryegolfclub.com.



About Kyle Baehler

Kyle was born and raised in Appleton, WI. His father introduced him to golf at the age of 6 and he has been hooked ever since. He is a graduate of New Mexico State University where he completed the Professional Golf Management Program. He is an accomplished instructor and player who has competed 3 times in the National PGA Professional Championship. Kyle looks forward to representing Rye Golf Club in future events both locally and nationally. He is eager to share his passion for golf with the families at Rye Golf Club, and in particular, engage junior golfers in the game that has given him so much. He currently lives in Rye with his wife Hiral and their newborn daughter Maya. Kyle and his family enjoy spending time with friends and family in Rye and they are all excited about this opportunity to strengthen their ties to their community.