

Maple golf course among best in Canada

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Eagles Nest Golf Club was placed in some select company.

In its recent publication ranking the top 100 golf courses in Canada in 2010, SCORE Golf gave the Maple course, on the north-west intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Dufferin Street, a ranking of 22nd.

While the courses listed included private and public/semi-private facilities, Eagles Nest was second among the public/semi-private courses in Ontario.

It was also the top public/semi-private facility among those from the Greater Toronto Area, which plays host to one of the highest golf markets in Canada.

Duane Aubie, Eagles Nest Golf Club executive director, was pleased to see their 18-hole course receive such high recognition.

"Every accolade we receive is important to us," he said. "Any and all accolades are rewarding when we reflect on the many decisions that we made throughout the development of the club. There are many groups that publish ranking results and each one of them has a different set of criteria and employ unique panelists.

"Whether it be recognition from Toronto Golf as the best public course in the GTA (2006), or the Ontario Golf award for Best New Course in Canada (2004) or this SCORE Golf award as the number two ranked public/semi-private

are positioned within one of the finest golf markets in the world. To be repeatedly recognized signifies a genuine appreciation for what we have created."

In explaining the success they've attained, Aubie attributed it to a total team effort by those who are on staff. Especially from those who have been on board since the club's inception.

"We surround ourselves with great people, our staff, that have lived and breathed this project since we opened our doors in May, 2004. They are the ones that help us maintain such a high standard," he said.

With Eagles Nest Golf Club nestled on 235 acres that used to host two gravel pits and the Honey Pot Ski Club and Riding Stables, Aubie was quick to note they cannot afford to stand pat.

Especially with new courses continuing to be created, there's more options open for golfers and corporations who seek places to play and hold social or business functions.

To maintain a high standard, Aubie noted the club has done some work on their infrastructure that included a \$1 million-renovation to their clubhouse.

"Though we relish being at the top so to speak, we understand that success is fleeting. We are only as good as our last event or the impressions made on our last golfer to exist the course. We enjoy the thrill of sourcing the next addition