

BLAINE FAGNOU

Blaine Fagnou grew up in Saskatoon and worked at Waskesiu Golf Course during the summers while at university. In addition to degrees in economics and recreation management he took classes in horticulture.

He was hired in 1993 to work on Arne Petersen's dream of a 27-hole golf course carved out of the northern boreal forest. He brought passion and a strong work ethic to the challenge of developing Elk Ridge Golf Course. The first nine holes opened in 1994, the second in 1996, and the final nine holes, which he had a major role in designing, in 2003. He has been visionary in the construction and improvements to the golf course. His responsibilities at Elk Ridge include the maintenance of the entire resort grounds, hiking trails and ski trails. He is noted for his dedication and attention to detail.



Blaine's hard work in developing Elk Ridge into an outstanding golf course was recognized by the PGA of Canada, who ranked it as number fifty in their list of top public, semi-private and resort courses for 2019.

As superintendent, Blaine prepared the course for a national event in 2007, the Royale Senior Women's Canadian Championship. Numerous provincial championships and junior events have been held at Elk Ridge.

Blaine is an esteemed member of the Saskatchewan Turfgrass Association and the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association. He's a steward of the environment and is always looking for best practices. As a strong and well-respected leader, he encouraged his staff to further their education and has mentored many careers. There is very little turnover of staff.

2020 will long be remembered for its Covid-19 restrictions, but in addition Elk Ridge Resort was placed into receivership. Blaine made a personal commitment to maintain the course while it was closed so it could quickly be returned to good playing conditions when new ownership was established. His work was recognized when the Mackenzie Tour booked an event there in September of this year after not playing in Saskatchewan for several years.

Blaine has been involved with the Outter Limits store in Saskatoon and his wife, Janice, manages the Waskesiu store. He designed the route for the Outter Limits Fun Run in the Waskesiu-Elk Ridge area which has raised over \$100,000 for charities. For about ten winters Blaine coached his sons' hockey teams and received a Coach of the Year award for the zone.

Throughout his 34-year career in the industry Blaine Fagnou has been highly regarded by his peers, employers, employees and suppliers. Congratulations on your outstanding career and your induction into the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame for distinguished service.