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## **Waterloo Region Golf Pro Earns Membership in Prestigious LPGA T&CP**

Connie Deckert, President of Fore U Enterprises and local golf pro is now a full time member of the LPGA Teaching & Club Professionals (T&CP). The LPGA is the most well-known professional women's golf organization in the world. Deckert joins 1274 women worldwide who have qualified for this designation. In Canada, there are only 30 LPGA T&CP members.

"I am not at all surprised to learn that Connie Deckert (Vice President of EWGA-Canada) has earned this prestigious designation" stated EWGA (Executive Women's Golf Association) Waterloo Chapter President Heather Dayman. "She has been instrumental in improving the golf skills of our members. Whether it's been through lessons, workshops or just friendly advice we have all benefited from having Connie as part of our club as well as on our board. As President of the EWGA Waterloo Chapter and on behalf of our 145 members, I congratulate Connie on becoming a member of the LPGA Teaching & Club Professionals."

When contacted, Peter McFadden, Management Consultant for Max's Golf Centre, commented "We are very pleased for Connie and congratulate her on her initiative to do this. There are not many women teaching pros in Canada and this accreditation with Connie's skill set is a real boost for Max's and what we are working to accomplish here in Waterloo Region as a strategic golf learning centre. For woman looking to and getting involved with golf either for business or pleasure having an accredited LPGA teaching professional here in the region is a great asset."

Qualifying to become a member is no easy task. A Rules Test and a Playing Ability Test must be passed before one is even able to apply to be a member of the LPGA. The Playing Ability Test involves playing one round of 18 holes on a course not less than 5,500 yards and achieving a target score of the course rating plus 13 for participants 49 years of age or less or the course rating plus 15 for participants 50 years of age or above is required to qualify. Deckert shot a 77, one over par on the front nine and four over par on the back- 5 strokes above the course rating. If one passes these tests, one's application is submitted for assessment and hopefully approved. If approved candidates are required to take 3 online courses, read 3 books and participate in the 4 day NEP Level 1 course at the LPGA's headquarters in Florida. Following this course a written test must be passed. A minimum mark of 70% on the qualifying written examination must be achieved. Deckert again exceeded expectations passing her written exam with flying colours (83%).

In addition to being a designated LPGA Teaching & Club Professional, Deckert is a Level III Golf Teacher with the Canadian Golf Teachers' Federation, and the U.S. Golf Teacher's Federation. She teaches at Max's Golf Centre in Waterloo ([www.maxsgolf.ca](http://www.maxsgolf.ca)) and is available for private lessons, playing lessons, and clinics. Deckert conducts seminars she has developed on golf etiquette and course management and will be soon launching her latest workshop on Using Golf as a Business Tool. To learn more about Deckert and her accomplishments (golf as

well as business) go to [www.conniedeckert.com](http://www.conniedeckert.com) or call 519.748.7651. To book an interview with Connie Deckert e-mail [heike@ideaalternatives.com](mailto:heike@ideaalternatives.com) or call 519.575.1880.

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