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Dear AGM Members, PGA, PGA of Canada, International Professionals and Golf Merchandisers:

Enclosed please find detailed information on the 2019 AGM Platinum Awards where the “best of the best” private, public, resort and off-course golf shops will be recognized and honored. The early release of the program information will allow plenty of time for you to work on your submission. We shall accept entries at any time, but be reminded all entries must be postmarked on or before **September 21, 2018** to be considered.

Requirements of the entry:

- ✓ A fully completed entry form – ALL questions must be answered.
- ✓ Six (6) **individual**, high resolution photos in a JPEG format. These photos cannot be embedded in your text. They must be in a separate file on your flash drive or disc.
- ✓ Three (3) initiatives selected from the list of nine (9). The initiatives you choose must be **clearly titled, presented on separate pages and you must quantify your results.**
- ✓ Additionally, one (1) special initiative also on a separate page.
- ✓ Each essay outlining your initiatives should be 400 words or less.
- ✓ Entries will be accepted in a digital format on a disc or flash drive, only!
- ✓ **Entries sent via e-mail or in a Power Point format are not acceptable and will be returned.**

Your Photos: The photographs you submit with your entry are “automatically” entered into consideration for the “**Cashman Award for Visual Excellence.**” This special award was created to honor the visual merchandising excellence and creativity of Ardie Cashman and Kevin Cashman of Bearpath Golf and Country Club in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Each year they review the hundreds of photos submitted and they select the recipient for this prestigious award.

If you wish, you may enter only the “Cashman Award for Visual Excellence.” To do so, simply submit six (6) individual, **high resolution photos** in a JPEG format on a flash drive or disc. You are not required to submit essays for the initiatives and you will NOT be eligible for an AGM Platinum Award.

I thank you for your interest in the AGM Platinum Awards and I look forward to your entry. Upon receipt of the entry at AGM Headquarters, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to the person who submitted the entry.

Best wishes,

Desane Blaney, Executive Director

Call for Entries

Association of Golf Merchandisers 2019 Platinum Awards Recognizing Premier Golf Shops



Deadline:

Entries must be postmarked by:
September 21, 2018

Questions or Information: Call or E-mail

Association of Golf Merchandisers
602-604-8250 • info@agmgolf.org

Mail Entries To:

Association of Golf Merchandisers
255 East Osborn Road, Suite 105
Phoenix, AZ 85012

The Platinum Awards will continue to recognize and honor the “best of the best” golf shops from around the world. We invite and welcome creative entries from Public, Private, Resort and Off-Course Golf Shops.

REQUIRED CRITERIA FOR ENTRIES

- 1. Golf Shop Statistics** – this section takes into consideration the shop’s physical size, performance measures and sales. **All answers are confidential.**
- 2. Photos** – Send six (6) photos in different categories from the following list to submit with your entry:
 - Overall Shop Layout
 - Hardgoods Display
 - Men’s Visual Display
 - Women’s Visual Display
 - Main Counter
 - Holiday or Theme Display
 - Impact Table
 - Children’s Display
 - Window Display

- **Photos and initiatives must be submitted on a disc or flash drive ONLY! Entries submitted via e-mail or in a Power Point format will not be accepted.**
 - **Entries must contain:**
 - **Completed entry form**
 - **Six (6) High Resolution Photos in JPEG format**
 - **Three Initiatives, clearly titled on Separate Pages**
 - **One Special Initiative on a Separate Page**
 - Entries and photos are not returnable and they become the property of the Association of Golf Merchandisers.
- 3. Initiatives** – Choose **THREE** of the following initiatives and tell us how you implemented them in your shop. You must “quantify” the results of these efforts!

■ Customer Service Initiative	■ Promotional Idea	■ Retail Initiative
■ Social Media Initiative	■ Merchandising Event	■ Staff Training
■ Golf Shop Renovation	■ Innovative Use of Fixtures or Props	■ Growing the Game
- 4. Special Initiative** – *What strategies have you developed to retain customer business given the number of online buying opportunities from websites including Amazon and golf vendors?*

Platinum Awards Recognizing Premier Golf Shops 2019 Official Entry Form

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: (street) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Website: _____

Name of person completing entry: _____

Email Address: _____

FACILITY TYPE: Please check your facility type:

Private Resort Public Off-Course

GOLF SHOP STAFF:

Director of Golf: _____

Head Professional: _____

Buyer/Merchandiser: _____

Owner/Operator: _____

Other Key Personnel: _____

I wish to enter **ONLY** the Cashman Award for Visual Excellence and **NOT** be considered for an AGM Platinum Award.

GOLF SHOP STATISTICS:

Number of ROUNDS played at your facility from July 2017 through June 2018	
What is the SQUARE FOOTAGE of your golf shop?	
What was your COST OF SALES PERCENTAGE for this period? (Cost of Sales dollars divided by retail sales) This figure is a "percentage" and usually between 45-75%	
What was your TURNOVER RATE for this period? (Softgoods and Hardgoods combined)	
What was your shrinkage percentage?	

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Merchandise Classification	Number of Lines / Brands Carried	Total Sales within this Classification
Men's Apparel		
Ladies' Apparel		
Junior/Children's Apparel		
Headwear		
Clubs		
Balls		
Shoes		
Gloves		
Bags		
Accessories		
Gifts		
Special Orders	XXXXXXXX	
Tournaments	XXXXXXXX	
Other	XXXXXXXX	
TOTAL	XXXXXXXX	

Deadline to submit: Friday, September 21, 2018

Entries mailed to:

AGM

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Phoenix, AZ 85012

Note:

Your entry with your flash drive or disc is best mailed in a bubble envelope to secure the contents.