



**Brad Fritsch**

**Inducted:** 2023

**Category:** Player

**Golf Club Affiliations:** Carleton Golf & Yacht Club, Rideau View Golf Club

**Provincial Championships:**

1999 Golf Quebec Alexander of Tunis

**Local Championships:**

2000 OVGA City & District

**Professional Championships:**

2002 Rideau View Pro Am

2006 Azores Open, Portugal

2016 Servientrega Championship, Cartagena, Columbia

**Awards:**

1999, 2000 Ottawa Sports Awards for Golf

1999 Golf Canada Canadian Golf Foundation Scholarship

Brad Fritsch, since the age of 5 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, has played golf. In Ottawa, he enjoyed his junior years at the Carleton Golf & Yacht Club, where the Club had a very tolerant junior policy. Moving over to the Rideau View Golf Club in 1998, Brad found success winning the 1999 Golf Quebec Alexander of Tunis and 2000 OVGA City & District as an amateur. With his Tunis win, Brad was named a member of the Quebec Willingdon Cup Team, and he was named the Ottawa Sports Awards winner in the golf category in 1999 and 2000.

Brad earned his Canadian Professional Golf Tour card at the 2000 Canadian Tour Fall Qualifying School in 2000. Highlights of Brad's professional career on the Canadian, Web.com and PGA Tours after his first pro win in the 2002 Rideau View Pro-Am were his 2006 Azores Open win in Portugal, and his 2016 Servientrega Championship win in Cartagena, Columbia. Brad was the winner of the 2014 Web.com Qualifying School, making him fully exempt on that Tour in 2015. He also finished in 2nd place in the 2004 Bay Mills Open Players Championship on the Canadian Tour, and a 2nd place

tie on the Web.com Tour in the 2012 Mylan Classic. In 2013, the team of Brad Fritsch and David Hearn finished in 5th place representing Canada in the World Cup at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia.

Brad is still a member of the Korn Ferry Tour by virtue of his win in 2016. He continues to go to Q School and probably still will going forward. As he says, *"I certainly don't put in the time I once did with respect to my game - mostly I do outings in a professional capacity."*

In 2021, Brad teamed up with his Ottawa friend Kerry Moher to form **Red Rooster Golf**, producing golf gloves in a subscription model that benefits youth programs. As Brad says, *"Red Rooster is definitely my day job. I am the only person (besides my wife when she fills in) in the U.S. who deals with the day-to-day distribution of gloves and accessories across the country. So ... it keeps me busy! And it will only get busier."* As for providing golf gloves to junior golfers, *"Golf has obviously given me and my family a lot. This is my way of trying to give back to the game, and introducing (and keeping!) as many kids as possible to/in the game. It truly is a game for a lifetime and everyone should know it."*

*"Being inducted into the OVGA Hall of Fame gives me a special feeling. I was never the best in the region as a junior, but I kept at it and worked my way up the ladder and at the end of my amateur career, I was doing well and winning events. And my professional career kind of mirrored that - slow, steady progress at every level. To receive recognition for that is very meaningful and it's something that I can share with my kids, who were always too young to appreciate what I was accomplishing at the time."*

*"As for the future, I'm very dedicated to and invested in Red Rooster, so I imagine that the company will continue to occupy a lot of my time and energy. I love coaching my son's hockey team, and can see myself staying engaged in that sport as well. And of course, I'll continue to play golf (maybe not practice as much as I should!) with my buddies and in corporate event settings. Who knows - I may return to full-time golf down the road, but for now, there's a lot going on that prevents that."*

Brad Fritsch is a resident of Holly Springs, North Carolina with his wife Megan and their daughter Hannah and son Jesse.

The Ottawa Valley Golf Association welcomes Brad Fritsch to their Hall of Fame.