

Professional Golfers' Association of Alberta Lifetime Achievement Award

Born in Fife, Scotland on November 27, 1933 and raised in Dunfermline, Scotland, Al Ewen, a carpenter and draftsman actually got his start in the game of golf when he came to Canada at age 27, playing at the Victoria GC in Edmonton.

His natural ability allowed him to progress quickly in the game and following a brief stint as President of the Victoria Golf Club, Al decided to make his passion his profession. In 1962, Al joined the CPGA and became an Assistant to Jack Reynolds at the Red Deer G&CC.

In 1964, Ewen moved to the Regal Golf Club (now Calgary Elks Lodge) with Head Professional Neil Green.

In 1965, Bud Loftus took him on as an Assistant at the Calgary Golf & Country Club, where his career flourished. He remained as an Assistant to Loftus for ten years, and upon Bud's retirement in 1975, Ewen assumed the Head Professional role, a post he held until his retirement in 1994, some thirty years later.

Al's commitment to the profession and to the Association have been evident throughout his career. He had an outstanding service record as Head Professional at the Calgary Golf & Country Club, highlighted with the Members at the club providing him with a lifetime membership. Al also served on the PGA of Alberta Board of Directors for five years, was President of the Board for two years, served on the National Board of Directors for eight years and was President of the Canadian PGA for two years.

As an accomplished player, Al won the Alberta Assistants' Championship in 1971, and finished in the top ten three times at the Western Assistant Professional Championship between 1965 and 1968.

As an instructor to many of the game's greats, Al Ewen has established a number of golf leagues in and around the city to help spread the game far and wide, and he still finds the time to watch over some of the up and coming instructors of today at least three times a week.

In 1993, Al Ewen became a Life Member of the Canadian PGA.

On most days during the golf season, if Al isn't hitting it two hundred and fifty yards down the middle, he can still be found at his 'desk' at the Calgary Golf & Country Club, a spot unofficially reserved for him at all times in the pro shop offices. And he always seems to take the time with anyone to discuss the game as part of a welcomed daily routine by the staff and Members at one of the province's most established clubs, a 'club' he played a great part in building.

