

Alberta Professional Golfers' Association Lifetime Achievement Award

Mr. Frank Fowler joined the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association in 1957, but it was long before then when he picked up his first golf club and became hooked on the game.

While following his father around the Mayfair Golf & Country Club from sunrise to sunset, Frank learned the art of the game at the very grassroots level, giving him a strong appreciation and respect for the game of golf, inherent in the work performed by a private golf club's keeper of the green. His father was the course's superintendent for 22 years.

Following years of strengthening his grip, stance and swing during his childhood, Frank won the Edmonton Junior in 1949 and was the Highlands Junior Champion in 1950. Two years later he won his first city amateur and repeated as Edmonton's Amateur Champion in 1954.



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In 1955, Frank began his career as a golf professional, working at the Richmond Hill Golf Club in Grande Prairie, Alberta. In 1956 he went to work at the Red Deer G&CC for two years, before moving down to Calgary to become Canyon Meadows' Head Professional from 1959 to 1974. Frank took a stab at the Canadian Tour in 1975, then came back to work at the Drumheller Golf Club for three years, before moving on to work eleven more years at the North Battleford Golf & Country Club in Saskatchewan.

His playing career as a golf professional in Alberta, have earned Frank this Lifetime Achievement Award nomination by the Alberta PGA Board of Directors. Frank will join the legendary Henry Martell, as the two golf professionals to earn this prestigious Award.

And his playing career as a golf professional speaks for itself: He finished in the top five in the Alberta Open, the Saskatchewan Open and the Manitoba Open, a combined nine times between 1956 and 1966, at a time when there were very few golf tournaments open to professionals. In 1966, he finished runner up to another Canadian Golf Legend, Moe Norman, at the Canadian PGA Championship and was invited to represent Team Canada at the World Golf Championship in Tokyo, where he joined partner George Knudson, one of Canada's greatest PGA Tour Members of all time, where they competed against a field which included Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. In 1978 he won the Alberta PGA Pro Am Championship.

Frank has since retired as a golf professional, but has maintained his professional status as a Life Member of the Canadian PGA, and his game continues to flourish. In 1986, he won his second Alberta PGA Pro Am Championship and the Canadian PGA Seniors' Championship. In 1992 he won the Alberta PGA Seniors' Championship, and was the four time champion in Saskatchewan from 1994 to 1997. He repeated as the Alberta PGA Seniors' Champion in 2001 at age 69.

Frank continues to support the Alberta PGA Senior Championship each season, and tees it up each year, competing with all players young and old through to the final hole.