

Danny Jutras (2011)

Danny Jutras has been the 'face of golf' in Prince Albert for many decades. He retired in 2009 after thirty-five years as Head Professional at Cooke Municipal Golf Course.

He excelled in golf as a youngster, becoming the Saskatchewan provincial champion in bantam, midget and juvenile categories, and making the provincial junior team in 1961 and 1962.

Deciding on a golf career, he apprenticed in Lethbridge then became an assistant at Cooke Municipal for three years. He moved on to Head Professional at Woodlawn in Estevan but was back in Prince Albert by 1975.

As a professional he has devoted thousands of hours to teaching. He built a strong junior program, and not only coached junior and amateur competitors but also blind golfer Phil Lederhouse. He was instrumental in

Prince Albert hosting three national events: the Canadian Junior in 1977, Canadian Ladies in 1976 and the Canadian Mid-Amateur in 2009.

The most treasured accolades are those from your peers. The Canadian Professional Golfers' Association designated Danny "Master Professional" in 2001 (one of only twenty in Canada holding this title). This followed his thesis "Holistic Approach to Golf Course Management" presented to an International Conference of the Canadian Golf Superintendents' Association.

Danny served as President of the Saskatchewan section of the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association from 1975 to 1978 as well as many other positions. He was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. Danny is a turf management expert and served on the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Turfgrass Association from 1992-1996. He was honored as Prince Albert's Sportsman of the Year in 1993.

In memory of his wife Wendy who lost a 15-year battle with cancer, Danny has used his musical abilities to produce a CD entitled "Our Road Home" to raise money for breast cancer research.