

## Scott Knapp (2012)

When hockey didn't work out as a career option, Scott Knapp turned to golf. He decided to become a professional, obtaining his Canadian Tour card in 1975 at age 23. Close-knit tour players crisscrossed the country playing for small stakes in provincial Open Tournaments and the Canadian Open. Scott appeared on the Order of Merit's top-ten list numerous times over the nine years that he competed. He missed earning his PGA Tour card by one shot in 1981. During this time he played for several winters on the Australia/New Zealand tour. After a back injury in a car accident in Australia ended his touring in 1985 he was invited to become the Head Professional at Tor Hill Golf Course in Regina. Marrying a Saskatchewan girl and starting a family resulted in putting down roots in the

province. He is still Head Professional at Tor Hill, as well as General Manager of three other golf courses in Regina.

In the PGA of Saskatchewan Championships, Scott recorded a remarkable string of eight consecutive wins from 1985 to 1992, adding another win in 1998. He was the PGA of Saskatchewan Player of the Year in 1992 and 1998 and Professional of the Year in 1993. After moving to the Senior PGA category he won nine Championships, the latest in 2012 as he still enjoys competing. In his career he won over forty PGA events. He has set competitive records at many golf courses, including a 63 at the SGCC in 1981.

He was President of the PGA of Saskatchewan in 1992 and 1993. He was given a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. As well, he was the recipient of the first Bill Taylor Trophy given for integrity, sportsmanship and professionalism. His personal qualities of commitment to excellence, honesty, and dedication to golf made him the top choice of his peers. In 2009 the PGA-Saskatchewan renamed its player of the year award in Scott's honor, and now the zone's best player receives the Scott Knapp Award.