



BARB WILSON

Barb Wilson's outstanding amateur golf career extends over four decades and three categories while representing Saskatchewan at nationals in 21 years.

As a 12-year-old in Winnipeg Barbara Drake took up the sport of golf along with her parents, and progressed so quickly she competed at nationals in Halifax the next year. She was seasoned in Canadian and U.S. events by the time the family moved to Saskatoon in 1969 and joined Riverside Country Club. Barb won the Saskatchewan Junior Championship that year and went on to nationals in Moncton. The following year, she won the provincial Women's Amateur

Championship at Waskesiu while it was still a match-play championship. This was the first of five championships and five runner-up awards. She was a mainstay on Saskatchewan women's teams between 1970 and 2001, appearing at nationals 15 times. Moving to the seniors' category, she reeled off five consecutive wins at provincials from 2001 to 2005, and was on Saskatchewan teams each of those years. 2001 was a banner year as she competed in both the Canadian Amateur Women's and the Seniors' Championship where she placed third. On top of that she won the Saskatchewan Mixed Championship with her son Sean Wilson.

In an international competition in Toronto in the 1970s Barb played on a Canadian team against an invited English group. In Ireland in 2003, a three-week competition against other seniors left her longing to see the sun more than the one day it shone.

Other sports besides golf have attracted Barb's interest. At the University of Saskatchewan she played basketball for 5 years, as well as field hockey and track. She took up canoe racing and was on the winning Louis Riel Relay team one year in Saskatoon.

Barb and her husband Wayne Wilson have lived in various places in Saskatchewan and Barb has won many club championships at Riverside Country Club, Saskatoon Golf and Country Club, North Battleford and Waskesiu. They have a son, two daughters and grandchildren. A battle with cancer hasn't kept Barb from competing, as she played in the Senior Women's Provincials in Moose Jaw this summer.