

## **BRIAN BAMFORD**

Brian has excelled at amateur golf over four decades in three categories, representing Saskatchewan at nationals on twelve teams. As a junior he was on the 1961, 1962 and 1963 teams. As the 1974 Saskatchewan Amateur Men's Champion, he competed in Winnipeg at nationals where he got a hole-inone during the second round and finished in 18th place overall. He was Saskatchewan Amateur runner-up in 1977 and represented the province on the Willingdon Cup team five times between 1979 and 1987. Brian was the Saskatchewan Mid-Amateur Champion in 1993 and 1997 and was on the provincial Mid-Amateur team four times.

Brian has won twenty tournaments around the province from the 1960s to the 1990s including Saskatoon, North Battleford and Prince Albert. He won the Northern Saskatchewan Amateur Championship four times and was runner-up on four other occasions.

Golf has given Brian some unique international experiences. In 1972 he won the right to represent Air Canada at the World Airline Golf Tournament. It was very challenging trying to keep his game in shape in November in freezing cold Saskatoon before going to San Juan, Puerto Rico! In 1984, Brian won the Minot International Championship.

Brian grew up in Saskatoon where his first golf exposure was tagging along with his parents at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club. Later on, he and his brother Lawrence played every summer day at the Wildwood Golf Course for as long as they could. As an adult he competed out of the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club before moving to Prince Albert in 1986.

Brian holds course records at the Saskatoon G&CC (64 in 1963), Cooke Municipal in Prince Albert (62 in 1993) and Regina Emerald Park (66 in 1997). He has had five holes-in-one. One of his favourite memories is getting an albatross on the second hole at Riverside Country Club during the 1963 Amateur competition.

Brian has just recently retired from a 27-year career with the Provincial Correctional Centre. He no longer golfs, but has a strong interest in waterfowl hunting and in predator control hunting.