

GARY BRANDON

Gary Brandon became a PGA of Saskatchewan member under the mentorship of Pete Lukoni. In 1983 he began an eighteen-year career as the professional at Melfort Golf and Country Club.

Gary developed junior programs, taught lessons and revived the men's and ladies' leagues. He ran fun events as well as serious ones for golfers of all backgrounds and gender. He created the highly popular Left-Right Tournament, now known as the Gary Brandon Left-Right Championship. He instigated the men's championship which later became the Mid-Amateur under the auspices of Golf Saskatchewan. With Gary's leadership Melfort hosted many amateur provincial tournaments and the Summer Games. The 1996 Canadian Junior Women's Championship was hosted successfully by Melfort Golf and Country Club. These events thrived under Gary's friendliness and desire to help people succeed at the local, provincial and national levels. Kim Brozer was one of the juniors whose golf achievements were launched under Gary's tutelage. He strongly supported PGA of Saskatchewan events and was the Senior Player of the Year in 1998 and 1999. He was honored by his peers in 2001 with a Lifetime Achievement Award.



In 2002 he moved to the Dauphin Lake Golf Club in Manitoba where he continued with teaching and running a very active golf calendar of events. He was the professional there for seven years.

Gary's accomplishments include designing Mark's Nine Golf and Country Club, a par 31 course in the Prince Albert area. Gary excelled in sports while growing up in Prince Albert. He won a baseball scholarship to Wenatchee, Washington and was on six Saskatchewan baseball championship teams, primarily as a pitcher. He was on the Unity Cardinals team which won the Canadian championship in 1972 for which he is in the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

He was also an excellent curler and competed in many top-notch men's and senior men's curling competitions – particularly enjoying the Canadian Seniors Championship in Saskatoon in 1999. With his wife, Bonnie, he won two provincial mixed titles and went on to compete at Nationals.

Gary and Bonnie have two children; son Skye and wife Kristi have a daughter, Pyper, who was special to her Grandpa; and daughter Bobbi, who followed her father's footsteps with a career in golf and is now the head professional at Moon Lake Golf and Country Club in Saskatoon.

Gary Brandon passed away in June of 2009 after battling cancer. He was inducted into the Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fame as an athlete in 2010.

Congratulations to Gary Brandon on his induction into the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame in the Distinguished Service category (Builder), awarded posthumously.