KIRK McGREGOR

Kirk McGregor has had an outstanding career as an amateur golfer in Saskatchewan. He began golfing at Wascana Country Club at age eleven when an injury prevented him from playing football and baseball. He first represented the province at age fifteen in a junior competition against Manitoba.

In 1971 he was runner-up in junior provincials and a member of the Saskatchewan team at nationals in Edmonton. Kirk was on Saskatchewan Willingdon Cup teams in 1975, 1984 and 1989, competing in New Brunswick, Ontario and Nova Scotia. He qualified for the provincial Mid-Amateur team in 1994 and had an outstanding tournament in Montreal, ousted in the quarter-finals by winner Graham Cooke, 1 up. He was back in Quebec for the 2000 Mid-Amateur, and also qualified for the team in 2002 but gave up his spot because of an injury.



In addition to the six teams he was on, Kirk played in two other national championships: the 1981 Amateur in Calgary and the 2003 Mid-Amateur in Regina. He has fond memories of lifelong friends he made in these competitions.

Over the years Kirk has competed throughout the province. He has been a multiple champion at the Lobstick in Waskesiu, the Central Saskatchewan Amateur in Saskatoon, the South Saskatchewan Amateur in Moose Jaw, and the Regina City tournament. He's been a club champion at Wascana Country Club as well as many times at Royal Regina Golf Club. Since becoming a senior competitor wins have come in that category as well.

Throughout his golf career Kirk has competed with respect for the game and his competitors, exhibited good sportsmanship, and been a role model for others. He has given back to the sport of golf on various committees. While his sons Scott and Jeff were playing hockey during the 1990s Kirk spent many hours coaching ten different minor hockey teams. A very time-consuming volunteer job was researching and writing the article on the history of taxation for the Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan, a Living Legacy. Kirk has twice been the recipient of the Premier's Award for Excellence in public service for innovation and leadership — in 2003 and 2011.

Officially retired from his job as Associate Deputy Minister of Finance for Saskatchewan, Kirk still keeps involved with some work. He and his wife Nikki continue to live in Regina, and he looks forward to being back in golf competition after upcoming hip surgery.