



STAN HOMENUIK

Stan Homenuik was born into a Yorkton family of seven golfing brothers who began playing when Deer Park still had sand greens. During the 1950s and 1960s they followed each other working at the golf course and dominating at tournaments in the area. Stan's 11-under par score of 56 accomplished in 1956 is a record that still stands at Deer Park Golf Club.

His amateur accomplishments include Saskatchewan Junior runner-up in 1957, member of the provincial Willingdon Cup team in 1960, and low amateur at the Canadian Open in 1961. Stan credits professionals Turnbull, Bevan and Ross for generously letting the juniors play their courses prior to Saskatchewan competitions.

After a short stint at a government job he decided he was an 'outside person' and jumped at the opportunity to be an apprentice pro at Elmhurst Golf Club in Winnipeg. In 1964 he became the head pro at Dauphin Golf Club – a mutually beneficial arrangement whereby he ran the pro shop, gave free lessons and developed a strong junior program but also competed on the professional circuit. He won the 1965 Saskatchewan Open plus Opens in Alberta, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Manitoba. He was chosen PGA (Manitoba zone) Player of the Year in 1985. Stan competed in the CPGA Championship with excellent results from 1969 to 1977. In addition to the Canadian Tour he played in the Caribbean, Asian and Florida Tours. Along with cohorts Moe Norman and Al Balding, he practised hard and paid his own way, as there were no tour sponsors.

Although officially retired in 2001 after 37 years, Stan is still called upon to teach. The first annual "Stan Homenuik Adult-Junior Open" was held in June at Dauphin Lake Golf Resort, where he received a standing ovation for growing the game. Stan and his wife Linda raised a family and remain in Dauphin.

Stan insists he never had a 'job' and loved meeting the best amateurs and professionals across the country throughout his career. He still loves to golf – and still won't give his 80-year-old brother Wilf any strokes!

Stan is a member of the Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame and the Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame along with his brothers Ted and Wilf, and he now joins Wilf in the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame.