



Alberta Golf Hall of Fame

Buddy Loftus

Inducted: 2011

Club Affiliation: Calgary Golf and Country Club

Buddy Loftus began his career as a youthful prodigy roaming courses in Edmonton, playing the old Prince Rupert Course, where his parents managed the concession. By 1947, at the age of 17, Buddy had already won three Edmonton and two Alberta Junior championships.

In 1948, Buddy made the Alberta Willingdon Cup team. He also went on to win the Alberta Open defeating highly talented players of the day such as Henry Martell of Edmonton and a young Walter McElroy, of Vancouver.

Buddy turned pro when he was just 19 years of age and went to work for Henry Martell at the Edmonton Highlands Golf Club. He would then put aside a career as a touring golf professional to be close to his family. By 1963 he became the head golf professional at the Calgary Golf and Country Club and served in that position for 13 years before retiring to B.C.

Buddy Loftus' Record

National:

1948 Alberta Willingdon Cup Team Member

Provincial:

1960 Saskatchewan Open Champion

1948, '51, '59 Alberta Open Champion

1954 Central Alberta Open Champion

1945, '47 Alberta Junior Champion

1945-'47 Edmonton Junior Champion

Other Items of Note:

Buddy Loftus took over as the head professional at the Calgary Golf and Country Club in 1963, when the legendary Jack Cuthbert retired after 33 years of service. Although a daunting task, Buddy carried on in grand fashion and was a popular fixture with the membership for the next 13 years.