

DR. JACK LEDDY



Jack's introduction to golf was as a caddy when he was a schoolboy. He then went on to become an active competitor taught by Bill Kinnear in Saskatoon.

After graduating from McGill University, Jack served as a Canadian Army surgeon in World War II. He returned to Saskatoon in 1950, beginning a distinguished medical career lasting for thirty years. His passion for golf continued as well.

Dr. Leddy was a fixture on the Saskatchewan Golf Association executive, being elected president in 1952 and serving numerous positions over several decades. He was named a governor of the Royal Canadian Golf Association in 1954. As chairman of the National Handicap and Course Rating Committee in 1960, he introduced a new method of rating golf courses which enabled the standardization of handicaps across Canada. In 1962 he became the first person from Saskatchewan to serve as RCGA president. That year he was the non-playing captain of the silver medal Canadian team at the World Cup match in Japan. He became a member of the Royal and Ancient Club at St. Andrews, Scotland.

Dr. Leddy worked tirelessly to develop junior golf in Saskatchewan. A scholarship for Academic and Golf Excellence is presented annually by the SGA in the names of Jack Leddy and Jack Heywood.

He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1971 and the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1987 as a builder of the sport of golf. He was a founder of the Saskatoon Community Foundation. Dr. Leddy died in Saskatoon in November 1990 at the age of 78.