

GAYLE (HITCHENS) BORTHWICK



Saskatchewan claims Gayle Hitchens since she was born in Regina in 1944. Her father, Bob, was a golf professional, so she was exposed to golf at a young age. She began playing at the Gyro Club in Regina. After moving to British Columbia she won the Junior Ladies' Championship three times and the Ladies' Amateur twice. She captured the Ontario Ladies' Amateur title in 1992 and 1993 before moving to the senior ranks for six wins from 1994 to 2001. She was a perennial team member in both B.C. and Ontario.

Gayle excelled in national competitions. She was Canadian Junior Champion in 1961 (and runner-up in three other years), Women's Amateur Champion in 1962 (and runner-up four times), Mid-Amateur Champion in 1992 and 1993, and had an amazing run of eight consecutive years at the Canadian Senior

Women's competition where she placed either first or second (1994 to 2001).

In international competition Gayle has represented Canada as a member of the Commonwealth Team (in 1963, 1967 and 1971), the World Amateur Team (1966, 1968, 1972, 1992), and as team captain in 1994 and 1996), and several Canadian teams at the British Amateur and in the U.S. She holds the Australian Two-Ball Championship with Betty Cole for 1963. She has also been crowned United States Senior Women's Champion in 1996, 1998, and 1999.

Gayle now lives in Ontario and volunteers in golf administration and fund-raising. She has been a director of the Ada Mackenzie Foundation including two years as president.

Gayle is a member of the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame, and both the British Columbia and Ontario Golf Halls of Fame.