

PAT FLETCHER



Pat Fletcher, CPGA Championship

Pat Fletcher's outstanding accomplishment of winning the Canadian Open in 1954 is still celebrated every year, as no other Canadian has been able to achieve that since 1914.

Pat was born in England in 1916 and moved to British Columbia twelve years later. Caddying was his first introduction to the game. He became a golf professional at the age of 20, and worked in Alberta before being hired by the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club in 1946. He was instrumental in organizing a free instructional program for high school students and was active in promoting and developing the sport throughout the province. After ten years in Saskatoon, Pat became head pro at the Royal Montreal Golf Club in 1956 where he remained until retirement twenty years later. Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer were among those who valued his

expertise.

As a competitor, Pat won the Saskatchewan Open in 1947, 1948, 1951 and was runner-up four times. He represented Canada internationally in World Cup matches four times, and competed in the Masters in 1955. He was regarded as one of the most proficient and accurate wedge players in the game.

Pat was active in the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association through spearheading the formation of the Saskatchewan branch, holding various offices in the Quebec branch, serving as national president from 1962-1965, establishing benefit programs for professionals, and as CPGA Champion in 1952. He was involved in the first golf merchandising show.

Pat Fletcher has been inducted into the Canadian and Saskatchewan Sports Halls of Fame, and the Canadian and Quebec Golf Halls of Fame. He died in 1985.