

SASKATCHEWAN SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM (1985 and 1990)

CANADIAN SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

1985 – Joanne Goulet, Barbara Danaher, Vivian Holizki, Pat Lawson

1990 – Joanne Goulet, Barbara Danaher, Vivian Holizki, Geri Street



1985 SK Senior Women's Team
l-r Pat, Barbara, Joanne and Vivian



1990 SK Senior Women's Team
l-r Geri, Vivian, Joanne, Barbara, and Kay (CLGA)

In the 1980s Saskatchewan's senior women golfers became a force to be reckoned with at the national level.

In 1985 the Canadian championships were held at Elm Ridge Golf Club, just west of Montreal on Ile Bizard. The Saskatchewan team was one stroke behind the leader after the first day of play, but managed the win after day two. On her return from the competition, Barbara Danaher told the StarPhoenix that their win had been very popular. "Everyone, including the CLGA, is very pleased that we won this year because it's good for golf. Ontario and British Columbia usually win this title and it's nice to see someone else win."

In 1990 the Canadian championships were held at the Club de Golf de Lorette, just north of Quebec City, and this was the site of Saskatchewan's second win. Two years later the same team placed second in Canada.

Pat Lawson from Riverside Country Club was ranked in the top ten Canadian senior women golfers starting in 1981. She won the Saskatchewan senior championship four times and was runner-up three times. Pat was on every provincial team in the 1980s and two in the 1990s for a career total of twelve senior teams. She was on the winning Canadian championship team in 1985, was second in 1988 and third in 1989.

Barbara Danaher from Riverside Country Club became eligible for Seniors in 1983 and quickly jumped onto the top ten national rating list. She won the provincial senior title three times and was runner-up four times. She was a member of the provincial senior women's team fifteen times between 1983 and 2003. Barbara was on the winning Canadian Senior Women's teams in 1985 and 1990 with several other top five finishes. Her personal best round was at the 1991 event when her score of 72 was the second-best round of the tournament and resulted in her third-place finish.

Joanne Goulet from Royal Regina Golf Club became eligible for Seniors in 1985 and proceeded to make the team fourteen times between 1985 and 2002. She was a member of the winning 1985 and 1990 competitions nationally as well as many top-five finishes over the years. Her personal best at nationals was in 1985 – she held a three-stroke lead over Marlene Stewart Streit after the second day. On the final day Goulet and Streit were paired together, with Streit shooting a wonderful round for the win and Goulet receiving the trophy for second place. Joanne died in 2014.

Vivian Holizki from Regina Murray Club became a member of the Saskatchewan senior women's team in 1985 and won the national championship. In 1989 she started a stretch of four more provincial teams until 1992, with her second national team championship coming in 1990. The two national wins were exciting for her as the Quebec venues gave her an opportunity to enjoy her parents' French heritage. Vivian played softball then started golfing about 1977. Golf became important in her life and she won the Regina Murray Club championship eighteen years in a row. Her husband George was a member of the Saskatchewan Mens' Senior team nine times. They raised four daughters in Regina. Vivian died in 2013.

Geri Street from Saskatoon Golf and Country Club became eligible for seniors in 1986 and was a member of the Saskatchewan team seventeen times from 1986 to 2006. She was on the Canadian winning team in 1990.

The Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame has previously inducted Barbara Danaher, Joanne Goulet, Geri Street and Pat Lawson for their individual accomplishments.

Congratulations to the Canadian Senior Women's Team golf champions of 1985 and 1990.