



Alberta Golf Hall of Fame - Player

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.



Competitive Record

Provincial

Saskatchewan Open Champion: 1960
Alberta Open Champion: 1948, 1951, 1959
Central Alberta Open Champion 1954
Alberta Junior Champion: 1945, 1947
Edmonton Junior Champion: 1945-1947

Provincial Teams

1948 Alberta Willingdon Cup Team Member

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.