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Alberta Golf to call Kareen Qually and Frank Van Dornick to its Hall of Fame and Honours Sid Puddicombe and Ken Heywood with Distinguished Service Awards

Alberta Golf will hold its annual Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Award ceremonies at the Red Deer Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, November 24, 2010. This year's outstanding class's biographies are as follows:

Alberta Golf Hall of Fame

Kareen Qually

Kareen Qually becomes the youngest Alberta Golf Hall of Fame member at just 35 years of age, but her superlative junior and amateur playing record places her among the province's elite female golfers of all time. Kareen won the 1998 Canadian Women's Amateur championship while also placing as the runner-up in 1994 and bronze medalist in 1999. She was also the Alberta Ladies Amateur Champion in 1995 and 1998; Alberta Junior Champion in 1993 as well as the Canadian Junior Ladies Silver Medalist in 1992 and 1993.

Kareen was internationally recognized being named to the CLGA World Amateur team in 1994 and 1998 as well as the 1999 CLGA Commonwealth team. She also represented the province in interprovincial team play downs at the amateur level from 1994-96 and 1998-99 while also playing on the Alberta Junior Team from 1992-93.

Kareen has been a terrific ambassador for Alberta golf locally, provincially, regionally, nationally and internationally. During the 1990's, she was disputably one of Canada's top female golfers and indisputably one of Alberta's all time amateur greats.

Frank Van Dornick

Frank Van Dornick came onto the competitive golf scene relatively late, not competing seriously until his late 20's. However, he made up for lost time in a serious way since that time and his winning record has not slowed over the last 3 decades. He was able to achieve a long time ambition by winning the 1999 Alberta Amateur, but he also won the Canadian Mid Amateur in 2004 as well as the Alberta Mid Amateur in 1988 and 1991. In 2009, Frank added the Alberta Senior Championship title to his resume winning the event by a 13 shot margin.

Frank's talent finds him always in the hunt at provincial championships and his 20 team berths are a testament to how competitive he is in every event he plays.

He is one of only two players to have won the Alberta Golf Triple Crown – Amateur, Mid Amateur and Senior Championships.

2010 Distinguished Service Award Winners

Ken Heywood

Hailing from Crossfield, Alberta, Ken moved to Red Deer in 1974 and began his lifelong career as a Chartered Accountant. In 1977 he was elected to the Red Deer GCC board and through 1982 was instrumental in developing a club attitude of contributing its golf facilities for the betterment of amateur golf. This attitude is embraced to this day as the club has hosted a number of local, regional, provincial and national golf championships. Ken served a second stint on the Red Deer GCC board from 2001-2005 to assist in the planning and implementation of the construction of a grand new clubhouse and major course renovations.

Provincially, Ken was elected to the Alberta Golf Association Board in the mid 1980's where he again played a prominent role in promoting amateur golf at the provincial level, rising to the position of president in 1994. While serving the AGA Board, Ken was instrumental in forming the Alberta Golf Association Foundation which became instrumental in raising funds for post secondary scholarships and golf industry research. Today the Foundation has grown to provide annual scholarship bursaries in excess of \$60,000 to Alberta students. He also served an instrumental role in merging the Alberta Ladies and Men's Golf Association's, a trend that would eventually be followed right across Canada.

Sid Puddicombe

Sid Puddicombe, a 15-year-old aspiring hockey player in the late 1940's, who would become known as the patriarch of golf course superintendents in Alberta, got his start watering greens at night in Saskatchewan. His first formal training was provided in Winnipeg by a Canadian turfgrass legend by the name of John B. Steel whose name now adorns the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Association highest annual award for excellence; an award that Sid proudly won in 1997.

Sid worked at the Edmonton Riverside Golf Course and Mayfair Golf and Country Club in the 60's and early 70's. He was the first to successfully implement covering greens in the winter to enhance spring conditions.

Always one to give back to the game, Sid was well known for mentoring young up and coming superintendents, many of whom became well renowned in their own right. Following along a long line of golf course turf managers, Sid also volunteered his time to the Alberta Golf Association as a director with a role to educating clubs on the tricks of the trade. He started a turf school at the Fairview and Olds Colleges and was instrumental in hosting annual spring conferences with the goal of furthering the conditions of all Alberta golf courses through education.

Sid would later go onto create his own golf course design and construction company. Along with his 3 sons, the Puddicombe's have influenced the design and construction of a multitude number of courses worldwide.

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