

PETER CUSHNER

Peter Cushner grew up in Sherwood Park, Alberta. He was an Assistant Professional at the Derrick Club in Edmonton and Broadmoor in Sherwood Park before becoming Head Professional at Lloydminster Golf and Country Club in 1976, a position he held for 26 years. Peter competed nationally at the CPGA Club Professional Championships between 1982 and 2002. He won the PGA Championship of Alberta in 1988 and Saskatchewan in 1993 and 1996. He enthusiastically played for Saskatchewan against Manitoba in the Titleist Cup competitions.

Peter was a long-term member of the board of CPGA of Saskatchewan, and served as president in 1994 and 1995. In 2005, he received the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award. To honour his exemplary sportsmanship and commitment to the game the Peter Cushner Trophy is presented annually to the Saskatchewan Order of Merit winner.

In 2007, Peter was awarded life membership status in the PGA of Canada.

Peter was dedicated to growing the game of golf in Saskatchewan. He spent long hours at the golf course developing junior golfers, teaching seminars, or playing with members. One of his most amazing success stories came about through working with Bob MacDermott who required multiple prosthetics from a farm accident which burned his body. With Peter's help in rebuilding his swing, Bob has since competed internationally and was a runner-up at the British Amputee Championship.

Peter mentored Kyle Mulligan, the assistant pro who took over from him at Lloydminster, now Golf Saskatchewan's president and manager at Royal Regina Golf Club. Marty Wheaton, the professional at Lloydminster at the present time, learned his golf from Peter as a junior. The City of Lloydminster honored Peter on April 27, 2011, naming the Peter Cushner Conference Room after him. A banquet room at the Golf Club also bears his name.

Peter died on September 10, 2011 at age 60, and is survived by his wife Cheryl, children Nicole, Natalie and Ryan, and five grand-children.

