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**Alberta Golf Association to honor three Past Presidents with Distinguished Service Awards**

The Alberta Golf Association is proud to announce that Jack Brooks, Babe McAvoy and Ken Sharratt will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to golf in Alberta as they will receive the association's 2009 Distinguished Service Awards. The Annual General Meeting and awards ceremony will be held this year at the Windermere Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. The following outlines the fantastic careers of these honorees:



**Jack Brooks**

A tireless volunteer, Jack Brooks from Lacombe has dedicated the last 15 years to promoting amateur golf throughout Alberta. Tournament Chair, Course Rater, Rules Official, Team Captain, Director and President are all terms that Jack has filled admirably over his term with the association. He is always the first one at the golf course and the last to depart. Jack is well known throughout Alberta and has provided leadership that is exemplary of the Alberta Golf Association's best volunteers.



**Babe McAvoy**

Along with Ken Sharratt, A.H. Babe McAvoy could perhaps be credited with the modernization of the Alberta Golf Association as his pioneering efforts are definitely responsible for the shape of today's provincial association. Babe played leadership roles at the city, provincial and national levels lasting over 4 decades. He has been presented many awards in recognition of his legacy including the Alberta Provincial Government's Premier Achievement's Award and RCGA Distinguished Service Award. He was appointed an Alberta Golf Association Honorary Lifetime Director in 1989.



**Ken Sharratt**

For all intents and purposes, from 1970-1977 Ken Sharratt was the face of the Alberta Golf Association as he served as the Secretary Treasurer and housed the office in his home. He was responsible for the day to day association activities with the assistance, as needed, from a small band of directors. During this time golf surged in popularity and junior golf flourished under Ken's guidance. Many of the junior team events that still exist today were established during Ken's tenure. Along with Babe McAvoy he expended a great deal of energy transforming the AGA into a model organization that would stand the test of time. Prior to being named this year's Alberta Golf Association Distinguished Service Award winner, Ken was also recognized with the Alberta Provincial Government's Premier Achievement's Award and RCGA Distinguished Service Award. He was also appointed an Alberta Golf Association Honorary Lifetime Director in 1989.