

Alberta Golf Pays Tribute to Peg Ramage and Ian Hutcheon

The Alberta Golf Association recently marked the passing of two dedicated volunteers and friends. Peg Ramage and Ian Hutcheon were both energetic, involved leaders of the game of golf in Alberta for a combined total of 32 years. Their humor, enjoyment of the game and devotion to golf was unwavering. This is a tribute to their legacy...

Peg Ramage was a member of the Lethbridge Country Club and came on board as a volunteer of the Alberta Ladies Golf Association in 1992. Peg was a feisty 5 foot fireball, who quickly became an expert Master Slope Course Rater. She pioneered the implementation of the new Slope Course Rating System after it was first adopted in Canada in 1992. If there was a question to be answered regarding ladies course ratings, Peg was the first person everyone in Alberta called. She just had the definitive answers and this continued for the next 18 years.

More than just a Slope Course Rating expert, Peg was also a terrific board member. She was always in attendance at local, regional, provincial and national meetings where she contributed a great deal of logical advice. She was also well known in Southern Alberta having worked many men's and women's tournaments as a chair, starter, scorer, or whatever else was asked of her.

Peg had the most devilish grin and loved a good joke. She had a dry sense of humor and would be quick to rattle the pots and pans in your kitchen if you let her. But it was all in good fun and after toying with you, she would flash that smile and you knew you had just been had.

Peg Ramage succumbed to cancer in November, 2009. She was a fantastic, highly skilled volunteer and friend of golf. She will be greatly missed.

Ian Hutcheon or 'Hutch' to his friends was always the center of attention no matter where he went. When the Alberta Golf Association was seeking new volunteers in 1992, he was one of the first prospects called from the tournament database due to his friendly, outgoing nature and obvious love of golf.

Ian would go on to contribute to the association as a member of the Board of Directors and as a Rules Official, Tournament Official and Team Captain. His laugh was contagious and his welcoming 'hale fellow well met attitude' always made him a terrific Alberta Golf ambassador.

An avid fisherman and golfer, Ian loved to relate stories of his conquests achieved on the streams and courses of Alberta and indeed Canada. He was a member at a variety of golf courses including The Calgary Elks, Olds Central Highlands and Harvest Hills.

Ian Hutcheon lost his valiant fight to cancer on February 8, 2010. His gregarious nature, sunny bright smile and contribution to making his community a better place is a lasting legacy to a great man.