



Inducted: 2022

Category: Player (Amateur)

Born: 1926

Birthplace: Ottawa

Deceased: 1997

Golf Club Affiliations: Chaudiere and Rivermead Golf Club

Provincial Championships:

1964, 1965 Quebec Amateur

1978 Father & Son (Greg)

Local Championships:

1960, 1974 OVGA City & District

1959, 1964, 1970, 1976, 1977 OVGA City & District Match Play

1983, 1990 OVGA Senior Championship

1965, 1966, 1968 4-Ball with Glen Seely

Awards:

1960 Gil O' Julien Trophy

1964 Ottawa Sports Award Golfer and Athlete of the Year

1965, 1966 Le Droit, Charles D'Aoust French Athlete of the Year

1986 Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame

Andy passed away in 1997, but his legacy continues in the collective memories of friends and record books. His prowess at the game of golf is legendary, as his record will attest. Through five decades from the middle 1950's and into 1990, Andy was arguably the most consistent winner of golf tournaments throughout the Ottawa Valley.

But, as much as Andy was a multi-time winner of golf events, he was also, to coin a popular phrase, "The Man". Andy's golf record could have been so much more but he had a family, and work came first. Such was Andy's dedication to his family and work that after his Quebec Amateur wins in 1964 and 1965, Andy had to turn down invitations to represent the Province of Quebec on the Willingdon Cup teams. In private industry, it was no work – no pay and a week away at the Canadian Championships wouldn't help the bottom line.

After Andy bought the company, he was able to play on the 1969 Quebec Willingdon Cup team at the Westmount Golf Club in Kitchener, Ontario along with team-mates Graham Cooke, Don Davidson and Don Rioux; after all he was now the boss.

Graham Cooke, arguably one of Canada's top golfers and golf course designers had the following to say about his old and dear friend, "Playing a golf game with Andy Nezan was always very special. You always knew that you were in for a long, hard-fought match. However, for me it was Andy's genuine nature and enduring friendship that impressed me the most. Andy embraced this fine sport and brought a sky full of sunshine to so many. He competed hard, he competed with passion. I miss his smile and his heartfelt encouragement."

Andy also gave back to the golf community by serving on many committees at the Rivermead Golf Club and as a Director of the Quebec Golf, the Ottawa District Golf and the Ottawa Valley Golf Associations.

There is an old phrase that, "behind every great man, there's a great woman". Rose "The Rose of Rivermead" Nezan passed away in her 80th year in 2008. Andy and Rose both grew up in the Village, married in 1947 and she was that great woman. As Greg Nezan tells the story, "Rose handled the household finances and kept Andy on the straight and narrow. They were a great team."

Andy Nezan profile information from the May, 2009 edition of Flagstick Golf Magazine