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Inducted: 2021

Category: Player (Amateur)

Born: 1955

Birthplace: Montreal, Quebec

Golf Club Affiliation(s): Tecumseh, Kingsway Park, Casselview, Hylands

Canadian Championships:

2017 - Canadian Super Senior Ladies' Amateur

Provincial Championships:

1971 - Quebec Games Juvenile Champion

1974 - Quebec Junior Girls

1974 - Quebec Junior team

1982 - Quebec Father (Richard) & Daughter

2010, 2011, 2015 - Quebec Suzanne Beaugard

2015 - Quebec Women's Players Cup

Four-Time Quebec Senior Team Member

Three-time Ada Mackenzie Ontario Team Matches

Local Championships:

1979, 1990, 2013, 2015 - OVGA City & District Women

2007, 2012, 2013, 2016 - OVGA Senior Women

2003 - Ottawa Citizen

2002, 2003, 2004, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019 - OVGA Ladies Four Ball - Better Ball

2013, 2020 - OVGA Tournament of Club Champions - Womens Senior

2013 OVGA Mixed Championship with Joe Gamble

Awards:

2014 - Athlete of Year 50 years & over - Loisir Sport Outaouais

2017 - Ottawa Sports Award - Golf

Four-time Quebec Nancy Walker Senior Sportsmanship Award

Diane Dolan is still active on the golf course, playing in OVGA, Golf Quebec and Golf Canada events and championships.

Diane was introduced to the game of golf at the age of 12 while caddying for her father, Richard, at the Tecumseh Golf Club. "After a few holes caddying, I told my dad I did not want to caddy. I wanted to play", said Diane as she thought back on the day out with her dad. "He gave me a ball and a golf club and I finished the round with him playing in the rough for the remaining six holes." She can't remember her score but she does remember the bonding experience with her father. By the age of 16, Diane had worked hard enough on her game to play to a handicap of 6 and had mastered the ability to stop being upset with the bad shots in her game. "I learned to put the bad shots behind me and to look ahead to the next shot," says Diane.

Diane's first big win was in 1974 when she was crowned the Junior Provincial Girls Champion in Quebec. Along with her club championships at Tecumseh, Kingsway Park and Hylands golf clubs, Diane has also won the Ottawa Valley Golf Association City & District four times, the OVGA Senior Championship four times and the Four Ball Championship on eight occasions. Diane has also won the OVGA Tournament of Club Champions twice in the senior women's category. Overall, Diane is most proud of her 2017 Golf Canada Super Senior Ladies' Amateur Championship win.

Diane credits a few people for her development through the years. Her mother Dolores and father Richard were always supportive in all of her sporting and life adventures. Her sister Carole also played, but found the game a little too frustrating, unlike her brother Yvan who is a golf professional. Her daughter Aida doesn't play golf, but has helped Diane stay grounded in keeping the game in perspective. Diane also speaks highly of Ottawa PGA professional Marc Peterson at the Ottawa Athletic Club. She also credits then Hylands Head Golf Professional, Rob Lindsay who was "generous with his time" and who helped her with her swing. "His athletic approach to the golf swing and his very positive and image-based approach really worked with me," says Diane.

"Improving my game skills," was the answer when Diane was asked about her future in golf.

Diane Dolan profile information from 2013 Winter Edition of Flagstick Golf Magazine