

## ALEX “KOZY” KOZAKAVICH



What does the name “Kozy” suggest? To many golfers the name Kozy is instantly associated with Alex Kozakavich and the junior golf program in Saskatchewan. He was the Saskatchewan Golf Association Technical Director from 1979 until 1990, then the SGA Future Links Instructor for the next 15 years. He attended many National Junior Championships as the Saskatchewan team coach. Overall he was involved in the provincial junior golf program for 31 years. Young golfers he instructed were often known as “Kozy’s Kids.”

Alex was born near Melville and became interested in golf in 1954 after moving with his wife to Swift Current. He was head professional at Elmwood Golf Club from 1965 to 1974 and was a mainstay of the club for the following nine years. Kozy and Netty

spent 30 winters in Arizona, while summers involved travelling all over Saskatchewan in their motor home where he conducted countless golf clinics.

He has been a mentor and coach to many tournament players in Saskatchewan. Nancy Harvey credits Alex Kozakavich as being one of the two most influential people in her golf career. Brad Birnie was the first of Kozy’s proteges to compete on the Canadian tour.

One of the Saskatchewan Golf Association’s Academic and Golf Excellence Scholarships is named the Kozy Scholarship to honour his involvement in the development of junior golfers.

Alex was honoured with life memberships in the SGA and RCGA in 1990, and received the Saskatchewan PGA lifetime achievement award in 2004.