



# JOHN HUNT ESTABROOKS

- Born in Saint John, he won one junior & two amateur NB-PEI golf championships between 1957 and 1969.
- Had the unique distinction of representing all 4 Atlantic Provinces' golf associations in Willingdon Cup competition.
- His involvement with the administrative side of golf began in Newfoundland in the early 1960's, serving as governor for the Grand Falls golf club, and assuming responsibility for the provincial junior development program for three years.
- Returning to NB, he was appointed chair of the NB Golf Association's (NBGA) handicap & course rating committee, then chair of the junior development portfolio.
- He is credited with implementing & transforming New Brunswick's successful junior development programs.
- In 1978, New Brunswick's junior team finished 2nd at the national championships, & in 1983, they lost the team title in a play-off with British Columbia. (New Brunswick won the national team title in 2000.)
- Served New Brunswick Golf Association in various administrative capacities 1972-1983, including term as president in 1981-83
- Governor of the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) from 1984 – 1994, during which time the Future Links program, which introduces golf to young people by making the sport more accessible and affordable, was established.
- He served as chairman of four successful national tournaments held in New Brunswick, and his expertise in scoring and starting resulted in assignments to numerous provincial and national championships, as well as the Canadian Open.
- Named Honorary Life Governor by NB Golf Association in 1994.
- NBGA's annual Estabrooks Cup team competition is named in his honour.
- Elected to the Moncton Sports Wall of Fame in 1992.
- He was inducted into the NB Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.
- It has been said "... he was the envy of every golfer over 35 and the dream of every golfer under 35."
- His greatest legacy has been his commitment to ensuring the future of the game in New Brunswick and Canada.