



## **Muncie Booth, Director of Golf**

Muncie Booth is one of those rare Golf Professionals – one who was a good enough golfer to actually play golf for a living. Less than one twentieth of professionals are that good. His professional career started when he successfully graduated from the Canadian Tour School. This enabled him to play on the Canadian Tour, and on the U.S. Mini Tours, where he played with the likes of Peter Jacobsen, Craig Stadler, Bruce Fleischer and Dave Barr.

Muncie did not play much structured junior golf. Weekly games with his Dad and goofing around the course with some buddies was his junior experience. But after graduating high school and working for a few years, he knew that he could never sit in an office all day. He quit his job, took his pension and joined the Marine Drive Golf & Country Club. He drove a taxi at night and worked on his game, eight hours a day, six days a week, for an entire year.

During that time, in 1975, Muncie was a member of the National Champion BC Willingdon Cup Team along with teammates Doug Roxburgh, Cec Ferguson and Bill Hobbs.

He earned his Canadian Tour Card in 1976 and played – for a living – for two years. It was a hard go and while he made a living, it was not an easy one.

Upon returning to Vancouver, he taught golf for a short while and was then approached by the Directors of the Mission Golf & Country Club. He was at the helm there, for 7 years and was then offered the Director of Golf position at the Chilliwack Golf Course in 1984.

He took over as Head Professional at the Langara Golf Course in 1992 and in 1998, he added the role of Head Professional of the McCleery Golf Course.

In 1999, he founded the “Inner City Youth Golf Program”, which provided free golf camps to children living in the Downtown Eastside.  
(See the *Inner City Youth Golf* tab on this website).

### **Awards & Achievements**

2021 Received the “Warren Crosby Award” for Community Leadership (largely due to his work with the Inner City Youth), presented by PGA of Canada

2015 Presented with “W.o.W” (Widening Our World) Award, for embracing workplace inclusion by hiring several staff members with developmental delays; presented by the Provincial Government,

2008 The PGA of BC awarded him the “Junior Golf Promoter of the Year”

2003 The City of Vancouver presented him with the “Volunteer of the Year” award.

1985 Won the MC Match Play Championship

1978 Won the BC Assistant’s Championship and the Canadian Classic held in Mexico

Muncie is also a two-time winner of the PGA of BC’s Super Senior Championship

