



Ottawa Journal Photograph (August 18, 1980)

Inducted: 2021

Category: Player (Amateur)

Golf Club Affiliation: Chaudiere (now Château Cartier) Golf Club

Canadian Championships:

1981 - Canadian Juvenile at St. George's Golf Club in Toronto

Local Championships:

1980 - OVGA City & District Junior

1980, 1984 - Ottawa City & District Match Play

1983 - OVGA Match Play Junior

Professional Championships:

1997 - PGA of Ottawa Assistants

1997 - PGA of Ottawa Assistants Match Play

2000 - PGA of Ottawa Spring Open

Newspaper articles, as well as Ottawa District Golf Association (ODGA) and Ottawa Valley Golf Association records record Brian Vance's golf prowess through his junior years at the Chaudiere Golf Club in Aylmer, Quebec until he turned professional in 1985 at the youthful age of twenty.

Brian Vance was the winner of the Jack Bailey Trophy in 1981, awarded to the Canadian Juvenile Champion of Canada for boys 16 years of age and under. The Canadian Boys Juvenile Golf Championship is held in conjunction with the Canadian Junior Boys

Championship, and in 1981, the Championship was held at the St. George's Golf and Country Club in Etobicoke, Ontario.

Throughout his junior career in the Ottawa area, Brian Vance was always in the mix when prizes were being awarded in field days and championships. He didn't win them all, but his overall competition record is impressive. He was a contender when he was 13 and 14, but really came into his own in 1980 when he turned 15. In 1980 in junior play, Brian won a field day at Rivermead in a playoff, as well as the Junior City & District Championship for the J.E. Caldwell Cup. He also took home the City & District Glenlea Match Play Championship Trophy donated by Lyn Stewart. The championship was held at the Chaudiere Golf Club, and in the final match, he defeated defending champion Don Rioux from Rivermead.

A week after his win, Brian played on the 10-man junior amateur team against the Ontario team in London, Ontario. It wasn't a bad year for the 15-year-old Grade 12 student at Sir John A. Macdonald High School. Apart from his Canadian Juvenile Championship in 1981, Brian played well in the Quebec Junior-Juvenile Championship at Rideau View; finished third in the City & District Junior Championship; tied for 2nd in the Hylands Junior Invitational; qualified in 2nd for the Junior City & District Championship and lost out in the final of the City & District Championship to Mike Brown from Chaudiere.

Brian finished as runner-up in the 1983 Quebec Junior Boys Championship and was also the winner of the OVGA Junior Match Play Championship. His final win in OVGA events came in 1984 when he defeated Chaudiere club-mate Mike Brown for the Ottawa City & District Match Play Championship.

Brian Vance achieved his goal of becoming a professional golfer on May 31, 1985 when he won his Canadian Tour Players Division card at the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association tour school. Brian Vance joins a notable group of inductees in the 2021 inaugural class of the Ottawa Valley Golf Association Hall of Fame based on his impressive amateur golf record.