

2025 Men's Super Senior



August 26-27
Magrath Golf Club

David Schultz

2024 Alberta Men's Super Senior
Champion



Q: When you reflect on your victory at the Alberta Men's Super-Senior Championship at The Ranch Golf & Country Club, what memories are most vivid?

Schultz: "It was certainly a challenging first day. We got a lot of rain, and it's a challenging golf course as it is. I was four back after that first round. Norm Bradley, from B.C., had played very well, so I had to go chasing the last day. I played pretty well on the front nine, but so did he, and I think he still had a four- or five-stroke lead after nine. I reeled it in a little bit, but No. 15 was the big change. It's a tough little Par-4 — difficult drive, difficult approach shot to the green — and everybody had been having troubles with it. I actually hit two of the best shots of the day, hit it in there to about 12 feet and made for birdie. And after I finished the next hole, I heard Norm had some issues on No. 15 and had made a triple there. That was the big turnaround, and I was able to par it in from there and nip him."

Q: Do you enjoy that chase, trying to whittle away at a deficit?

Schultz: "Sometimes, yeah. In some ways, it's a little easier on your brain because you know you have to go after it. When you have a three- or four-stroke lead, you have to stop yourself from being tentative and too safe. When you're chasing, you kind of know what you have to do and you put the pedal down and try. But if you ask, I'd still rather have a big lead."

Q: When you heard that Norm had made a mess of No. 15, do you feel like the pressure immediately shifts over to you?

Schultz: "It certainly does put the pressure back on, and then you're trying almost not to make a mistake, and that's harder to do. It doesn't matter how old you are or how many times you've done it, it's a tough thing to do. But it's fun. That's why I play is for that kind of pressure. Sometimes it works out and sometimes it doesn't, but it's fun to be in the mix."

Q: After winning the 2023 Alberta Men's Super-Senior Championship in a playoff, you joked that you couldn't let this trophy go to one of the boys from B.C. Now that it's a repeat feat, I guess you still feel that way?

Schultz: "It was me and Norm at the end both times. He's a good player, a good guy. I get along with him really well. But you want to keep it in Alberta, for sure."

With this victory, Schultz sealed his status as Alberta Golf's only multi-event winner in 2024. Just four weeks earlier, the Country Hills Golf Club member had captured the provincial senior crown. This was a come-from-behind job for Schultz, who fired a 69 in the final round and signed for a two-day total of 4-over 146.

Alberta Men's Super Senior Past Champions

2024 – David Schultz

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2022 – Kelly Risling

2021 – Floyd Kilgore

2020 – Frank Van Dornick

Howard Broun

2024 Alberta Men's Diamond
Champion



Q: *When you reflect on your victory in the Diamond division at the Alberta Men's Super Senior Championship at The Ranch Golf & Country Club, what memories are most vivid for you?*

Broun: "I had a two-stroke penalty for hitting the wrong ball on the first day, so that wasn't too good. But other than that, it wasn't too bad. Pretty steady. It's a really good test of golf, and they did a good job of hosting."

Q: *You're now 2-for-2 since the introduction of the Diamond division ... What does it mean to repeat as the winner?*

Broun: "There's always good competition in Alberta. We have a good bunch of players. So it's always good to win."

Q: *For a lot of golfers, shooting your age — or better — is a monumental achievement. Is that a goal for you, or has it become old hat?*

Broun: "I used to think about it, but I shoot my age a lot now, so I guess I don't think about it as much. When I first did it, I think I was 66 or 67. And when you first do it, it's exciting. You think, 'Oh, that's good!' Especially when you're in your 60s, because you know you've played really well. But when you get to 75 or 76, you think, 'That's not such a big deal.'"

Q: *It would be a big deal for a lot of people ... Can you share your secret to continuing to play such good golf?*

Broun: "I work out a lot. Especially in the winter, in Palm Springs, I'm in the gym five days a week — a lot of balance and stretching and some weight work. I think that's really helped. Being supple and the strength, I think it has really helped. There are some things I can't do — my knees aren't so good — but I think if you want to keep playing for as long as you can, that really helps. And at home too, the fellas I play with at Earl Grey, we walk every time we play. I think that's another good thing, to walk as long as you can."

Q: *It's a pretty neat sport, isn't it? You're 77 years old now and doing interviews about winning trophies ...*

Broun: "Yeah, and I'd like to keep on going. I play in the Alberta Men's Senior, too, and I want to try to keep on doing that until at least I'm 80. That's my goal."

Broun, a member at Earl Grey Golf Club in Calgary, successfully defended this title with a two-day tab of 12-over 154. A lot of his pals were probably jealous that Broun bettered his age with a second-round score of 75.

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"The Hidden Gem of the South"

By Todd Saelhof

Glen DesRoche wants word of his course's charm spreading like wildfire across the Alberta Golf landscape. So, he's got a few catch-phrases that are fuelling the folks at Magrath Golf Club, the host track of the 2025 Alberta Men's Super Senior Championship in the summer.

"There's 'MGC, the place to be'," said DesRoche, the club's Director of Golf Operations. "Or 'Worth the drive since 1925'." Whatever works for you works for him. Because, truly, Magrath Golf Club – branded officially as 'The Hidden Gem of the South' – certainly is the place to be and worth the drive for Alberta Golf's super senior provincials August 26-27.



It's an event featuring the best golfers age 65 and over in the province, vying to claim bragging rights for the year ahead. And really, it seems there's no better place to set up shop for such a tourney than MGC. "At our golf course, we celebrate our seniors," said DesRoche, proudly. "They make up the majority of our membership. They're the heartbeat of our place right now. This is my third year as Director of Golf and Head Professional, and my long-term goal is to definitely bring in some youth and some younger members to the club and more ladies to the club. But right now, what we rock with is a senior group. "We've got a group of 40 to 60 guys that go out five days a week," continued DesRoche. "They call themselves 'Early Morning Gamblers.' They've set up their own games. It's really easy for me. I just got to give them tee-times, and they take care of everything." At least one of them, JP Theberge, hopes to play the role of ungracious host during the super senior provincials, by winning the event on his home course. "JP is 73 years old," DesRoche said. "He still shoots in the 60s. Shoots his age, which is incredible." Certainly, home-course knowledge should work to Theberge's advantage.

But if you want to know a little about the 6,632-yard track itself, the Director of Golf certainly has the goods on it. "It's a very big property we have that you don't run into too many holes where you're side by side," DesRoche said. "And you've got a nice array of doglegs that go left to right and then come back right to left. So, it's not a bomber's paradise. Like you've got to position your golf ball and sometimes throttle back.

"The green complexes for modern golf are quite small," continued DesRoche. "There's not a lot of slope to them, but the greens are really fast, and anytime you have greens that don't have a ton of slope, they can be tricky to read. "Par 3s? We don't have any super-long hard ones. The longest par three is 200 yards — Number 17 — over water, and the wind is always a factor on that hole. "And we have a natural creek that runs through the golf course that comes into play on many holes."

There's 'Ned', too. He's the old guy daily on the scene standing out there on hole No. 11 — Magrath's signature challenge covering 429 yards. Ned is a terrific tree, which folks figure is at least twice the age of the now 100-year-old jewel of a course. "It's just a gigantic, massive tree, where you can be right underneath it and the branches are still 15 feet above your head," DesRoche said. "And Ned sits right on the corner of Number 11. The sharp dog-leg goes left, with a water hazard on your left. It's probably our best green complex. It's a massive green, it's got good slope to it. There's bunkers on both sides. Literally, it's got

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everything that you can want in a challenging par 4. "If you want to get aggressive, you could try and carry a driver between 285 and 300 and cut the corner and have a little flip-wedge in. Or you play it the way most of us play it, which is hybrid or long-iron or fairway wood to the corner, and then you've got a mid-iron in." It's not the only tremendous test on the track. Included is the par-5 16th — a 509-yard bit of fun — the par-3 17th — a 205-yard trip with Pothole Creek in play off the tee and along the left side of the fairway — and the par-4 18th — a strong 370-yard closing remark — making for a solid finishing stretch.

"Right now in our area, if you think championship golf courses, you think Paradise Canyon and Lethbridge Country Club," DesRoche said. "But I think ours is every bit as good as those golf courses. "I would put our layout, our track and our course conditions right up against Lethbridge Country Club, and we have less than half the budget that they have. Paradise Canyon ... the same thing. It's the most modern club here in Lethbridge, and it was built in the late '90s, and it was sodded. So their course conditions are good because they don't have any wild grasses, and it's a more modern golf course with modern green complexes, but I still put our golf club in tournament conditions right up against it.

"My goal for the next five years is to host an Alberta Golf event every year. And hopefully, by the time we get four or five years from now, we can get one of their big tournaments.

"We want to be on that scene — get people to start thinking about the Magrath Golf Club in a different light." ■