

Meet Our 2026 Senior Champion

The recent parade of late-blooming winners carries on.

This year's Senior Championship came down to a sudden-death playoff by two players making the game look easy at their home club. More about that in a minute, but first let's meet the golfer who ultimately prevailed, Dan Holmes.

There's a recent history of Zone 4 Senior champs who came to the game later in life, and Holmes slides into that profile. He did play as a boy, sometimes joining his dad on the Stanford University course in the South Bay area, where he grew up. But the 60-year-old didn't begin to play seriously, or even regularly, until joining Point Grey Golf Club 20 years ago.

How does a self-described finance guy from Silicon Valley end up in Vancouver, where, incidentally, his non-golfing profile includes his role as CFO and partner in a Silicon Valley marketing firm, back in California?

Well, he relates, "I met my wife in a disco in Osaka. She was travelling there from Richmond and I was travelling there from California." After marrying, the couple moved back to the Bay Area, but as their kids approached school age, the decision was made to head north.

Holmes didn't exactly fly out of the gate at this year's championship, carding a two over 73 at always tricky Beach Grove Golf Club. Mostly that was due to a catastrophic 8 on the 17th, a short par 5 that's considered a prime birdie opportunity. On the 18th he followed that up with two additional sketchy shots, but then chipped in for a birdie. Still, he sat three strokes off the 18-hole lead set by Bryan Killins and Lance Lundy.

Point Grey was a different story. While a lot of players struggled, Holmes carded seven birdies on his way to a 68, bettered only by the 66 of clubmate Ryan Mulhern, our 2017 Zone 4 Amateur champion. The playoff was won when the long-hitting Holmes cashed consecutive birdies on the par-5 18th, approaching each time from about 150 yards out.



Senior Chair Lexx Potter presents the Les Howard Trophy to Dan Holmes.

Holmes was presented the Les Howard trophy by Senior chair Lexx Potter, who noted the sparkling conditions at both courses. At the provincial Senior championship, to be held at Crown Isle in Comox, he will be joined on our team by Mulhern and Killins. We'll be rooting for them to retain the title won by our team in 2025.