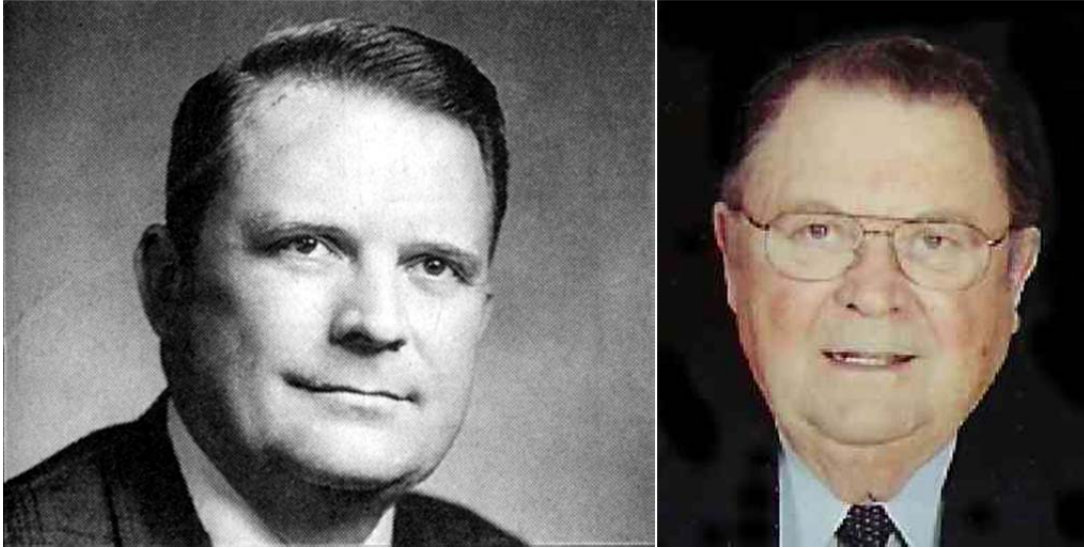


Donald Glenn (Don) Skagen

October 1, 1925 - May 29, 2004



Don Skagen was a member of our Club for 32 years. He passed away on Saturday, May 29.

Don was born in Glendive, Montana October 1, 1925. He served in the United States Navy, then studied engineering at Washington State University. His marriage to Nicky meant moving to her homeland Canada for the birth of their first child. Nicky wanted to be closer to family. Don landed a job with the Hudson Bay Company in Vancouver, but he didn't stay there long, relocating his young family to Calgary in 1952.

His long and very successful career in the oil industry included time in Lloydminster, on the Alberta/Saskatchewan border where "the water was not fit to drink." In 1963 he co-founded Mohawk Oil Co. Ltd., a pioneer in recycling and environmentally-lauded transportation fuels. Mohawk was also a leading Jade miner in Northern B.C. He moved Mohawk headquarters from Calgary to Burnaby, B.C, in the late 1980's, leaving the Rotary Club of Calgary South in 1988 with his relocation. He returned to Calgary and our Club in 1995 however health problems have prevented his attendance at meetings for the past several years.

Don was a consummate sportsman. He loved golf and was a long term member of Willow Park Golf and Country Club. He also enjoyed competing in the prestigious "International Oilmen's Golf Tournament" for many years.

He had a passion for boats and fishing. One of Don's favorite pastimes was running the rivers in Northern British Columbia in his big (36 foot) river boat. When it was time to downsize to a smaller fishing boat, Don donated his big river boat to the RCMP where it serves to this

day. That's the kind of man he was. With a smaller boat he pursued his love of fishing in the mountain lakes out of Radium, B.C.

Don was a great supporter and leader in Amateur sports in Alberta. He headed up the Alberta Sports Council for years, making a lasting contribution to amateur sports.

Our community has lost a selfless leader, our industry has lost an innovator and our Club has lost a stalwart member. Our condolences go out to Nicky and family.