



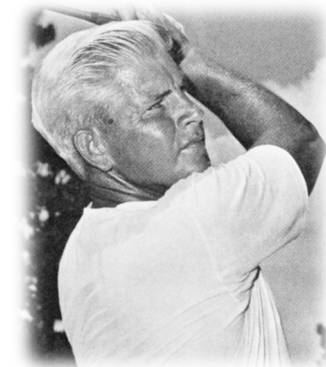
Bob Stone

(1930 - 1996)

Club and Touring Professional

As a touring professional, **Bob Stone** found success throughout the country from the mid-1950s through the 1980s. Always returning to his club professional roots at Rockwood, and later at Crackerneck Golf Club in Independence, Stone won titles in numerous state Opens and was a winner on the PGA Tour.

His greatest moment, however, may have come in his playoff loss in the 1981 US Senior Open at Oakland Hills. Tied after 72 holes with all-time greats Arnold Palmer and Billy Casper, Stone forged into the lead during the early stages of the 18 hole Monday playoff, eventually losing to Palmer, but besting Casper by three shots. Stone proved what most golf fans in the Midwest already knew: this man can play!



Winner of the Florida Citrus Open on the PGA Tour in 1969, he was a US Open local qualifier nine times (medalist six times) and Senior Open qualifier twice.

Stone's record was hard to match: setting some 30 course records, counting the Iowa Open (3 times), the Kansas Open (2), the Nebraska Open (3), the Heart of America Open in Salina, KS (4), the Irvin Cobb Tournament in Paducah, KY (5), and the Wisconsin Open among his many championships. Add the Pacific Coast Air Force Championship (2) and four Midwest Section PGA Championships and you get a picture of a talented player who knew how to win.

Bob Stone combined impressive skills as a player with an ability to connect with local golfers as a teacher and friend.