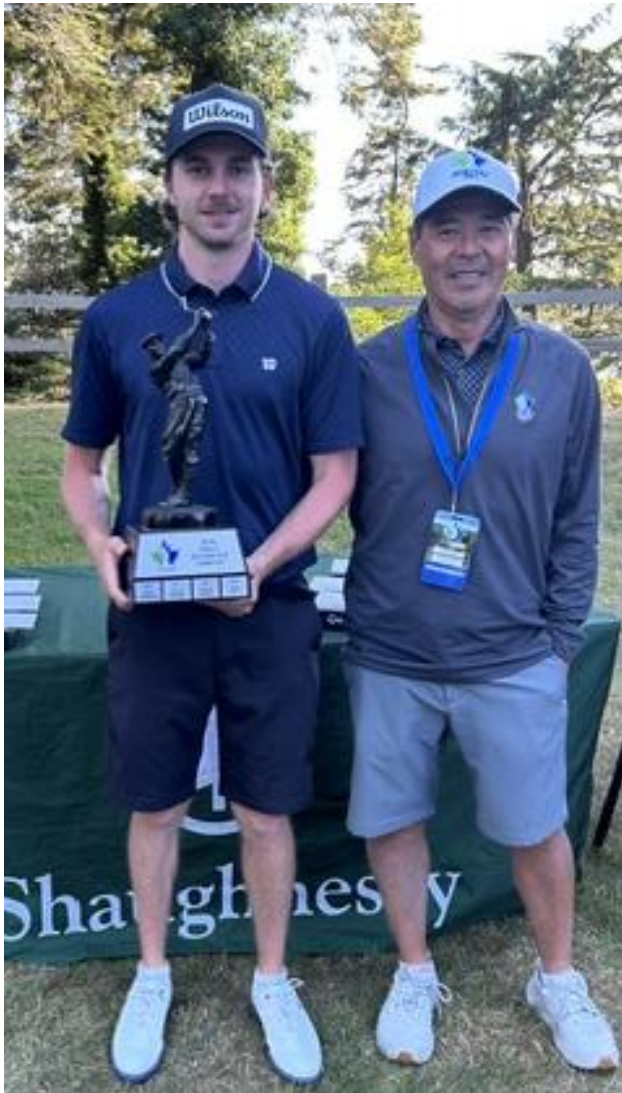


## Meet Our 2026 Mid-Amateur Champion

Dustin Franko is going to need another trophy shelf.



Dustin Franko, BCGA Zone 4 2026 Mid-Amateur Champion with Lloyd Hikida, Zone 4 Amateur and Mid-Amateur Co-Chair

Dustin Franko won our Amateur championship last year a few weeks before turning 25, which meant he did not qualify for our Mid-Amateur championship as well. No matter, by the time the provincial and national mid-am tournaments rolled around, he was eligible, and he made the most of that, placing 12th and 2nd respectively.

This year he lost our Amateur championship in a playoff, but continued his impressive run as a mid-amateur by taking that crown. Since returning to B.C. after graduating from the University of Hawaii Hilo and a year spent competing in Australia, Franko has been a major force on the provincial scene, with victories on the Vancouver Golf Tour to go with his zone, provincial and national achievements.

In a scheduling quirk, this year's provincial Mid-Am preceded our own. There, Franko had something of an off-week, finishing T30, while zone mainstay James Fahy led area golfers with a third place finish.