

Tourism Nods For Local Firms

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Dakota Dunes Golf Links at the Whitecap First Nation has been named Business of the Year in the category of businesses with fewer than 50 full-time employees, as Saskatchewan's tourism industry honoured businesses and individuals at the 18th annual Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence.

"This business of the year award tells us that the effort we have put into launching Dakota Dunes, as part of a multi-stage development at our First Nation, is being recognized for the contribution it is making to the tourism sector in Saskatchewan," Whitecap Chief Darcy Bear said in a press release.

The awards were held in Regina last week, with 46 finalists vying for 16 awards.



Ellie Richardson of Creative Compliments has received a service excellence award from the Saskatchewan Tourism Association

Creative Compliments Designer Gift Baskets of Saskatoon earned a service excellence award in the category of business. Owner Ellie Richardson is the creative head of the business. She works closely with Conventions Saskatoon and custom designs gift baskets for many conventions and events.

"We have been in business for 20 years and winning this award is a great honour for us," said Richardson.

"I really didn't think we would win it because there were some big businesses nominated with us. I attribute it to my great staff and customers."