

Anthony McCarthy- Chef, The Saskatoon Club

Anthony went to college in Banbury, England where he took his City & Guilds cooking courses. Leaving college and heading straight into the industry where a couple of short stints in hotels then led him to a small fine French restaurant in Oxford, it was there he began to quickly understand the workings of a professional kitchen, soon after he was given the position of Sous chef with the promise of full support of the owner and head chef as this was a big position after only a year in the industry. It was a mere six months later when the head chef left to pursue other interests when he was asked by the owner, French chef and restaurateur to become the chef, a position he declined due to feeling he did not have the experience, but with the promise again of full support moved to the chef's role.

This has often been the case for Anthony throughout his 20+ year's career, wanting to work under someone to learn more, but so often then finding himself running the kitchen.

After running his own restaurant in Brandon, MB for three years it was time for a change. So off to the Caribbean he went, where cooking on private luxury yachts became the change he was looking for. This certainly provided a revitalising tonic, and after nearly four years was ready to return to the "real world".

After a short courtship, he married long time friend, Anastasia, and very soon after that were pleasantly surprised to find their son Jacob was on the way.

He was born where they were residing in Toronto; Anastasia was teaching voice and piano from home while also attending the Glen Gould School taking a degree in Opera performance and Anthony was working at The Toronto Club when the opportunity came for the position of Executive Chef at The Saskatoon Club.

Since arriving in Saskatoon in August of 2007 Anthony has been very active in wanting to bring the best products to his menus, using local producers whenever possible and is continuing to pursue these relationships and build on them.

He is an active member of the CCFCC, Saskatoon branch (Canadian Culinary Federation of Chefs and Cooks) he most recently competed in the provincial chef's challenge, which he won and now moves onto the Western Final.