

PETER SEMKO



Designing and operating his own golf course was a dream come true for Peter Semko. Greenbryre Country Club opened in July 1979 and has been an important part of Saskatoon's golf scene ever since.

Peter was born in Glaslyn, Saskatchewan, and moved to Saskatoon in 1941. Hockey was his first interest. In golf he was mentored by Pat Fletcher, first at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club, then at Royal Montreal. Peter was hired as the first head professional at Holiday Park Golf Course in time to be involved in the final construction. This fuelled his interest in golf course design and he was later responsible for planning the additional nine-hole course. Peter transformed Wildwood from a sand-green to a grass-green course, and consulted on courses in many Saskatchewan towns. He was Saskatoon's supervisor of golf courses from

1961-1977 while continuing to teach golf.

Peter was active in the Saskatchewan Professional Golf Association, serving six years as President, then one year as vice-president of the Canadian PGA. He was Captain for the 1971 CPGA Championship held at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club.

Many outstanding golf professionals in Saskatchewan have been mentored by Peter Semko. He led by example and upheld the rules and traditions of golf. His relaxed teaching style produced many enthusiastic golfers over the years. He and his wife Sherrill retired after 28 years of operating Greenbryre Country Club.

Peter was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. He is an honorary life member of the Saskatchewan PGA, Saskatchewan Golf Association, and the Saskatchewan Turfgrass Association.