

OTTO HUBER

Otto Huber never golfed in the first three decades of his life. Born in Lipton, SK, he was married with children when a hunting accident caused him to lose his sight. He undertook the challenge of earning a certificate in business administration from the University of Regina.

He was hired by the CNIB and worked in various capacities over a 33-year career.

When it was suggested that Otto try golf he soon developed a lifelong passion for the game. In Saskatchewan he won the provincial blind golfers' tournament seven times between 1974 and 2007.

Otto organized many tournaments while he served as president of the Canadian Blind Golfers Association (Western Division) from 1980 to 1990. As a competitor in these tournaments between 1972 and 2006 he had many wins and top-five placings, with a lifetime personal best score of 98 in Tsawwassen, B.C. in 1976. The first Canadian Open Blind and Visually Impaired Golf Championship was held in Saskatoon in 1997 and Otto placed second.

Otto often competed in the U.S. Blind Golfers Association Championship, starting in 1977 in Ohio (second place), then multiple times over the years, often in Florida. In 2002 in Texas, 2003 in Oregon, and 2007 in Pennsylvania, Otto competed in the Senior Division for age 55 up and won the championship in his seventies.

Four times in the early 1990s Otto competed at the British Blind Golf Open Championships, winning the event in Portsmouth, England in 1995. That year he also achieved second place at the Blind Golf Japan Open Championship, returning the following year to finish fifth. Otto participated in the Ken Venturi Guiding Eyes Classic in Mt. Kisco, NY several times, and the Heather Farr Blind Leader Dogs Classic in Scottsdale, AZ.

Otto Huber has volunteered through the Lions organization and was recognized with a prestigious award recognizing his service. He is an enthusiastic ambassador for golf and an inspiration and role model for both able-bodied and disabled athletes.

Otto is the second blind golfer to be inducted into the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame, following Phil Lederhouse of Prince Albert in the inaugural class of 2010.

