



WILLIAM "BILL" NEWIS

An enjoyable day of golf is enhanced by playing on a well-designed course. In Saskatchewan many rounds are played on courses designed by Bill Newis.

Bill was born in 1940 and grew up in Regina. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a Civil Engineering degree he spent three years with Parks Canada in Banff. In 1965 he moved back to Regina, joined the Regional Parks program in the Department of Natural Resources and became involved in planning or upgrading many golf courses. In 1968 he and two other engineers established GPEC Consulting Western Ltd. Bill established a division of the company

in Calgary responsible for design, construction and project management of golf courses and resorts. The company grew throughout Western Canada and also did work internationally. Retiring as president in 1998, Bill formed a new firm with a partner.

During his career he designed and renovated over 60 golf courses. One example is the Master Redevelopment Plan for Holiday Park Golf Course in Saskatoon. Bill's attention to detail, concern with the environment, and integration of the desires and needs of a municipal course into the overall design were noteworthy. Construction began in 1993 and proceeded over many years with minimal disruption to play. The project was finished on time and on budget and resulted in a superb course. Bill also prepared renovation plans for Wascana, Royal Regina, and Wildwood Golf Clubs. He developed master plans for Willows Golf Course in Saskatoon, Whitebear, Last Oak, Katepwa, and Avonlea.

Many of his course designs are part of residential developments or resorts. Cottonwood, Priddis Greens, Bearspaw Ridge and Redwood Meadows in the Calgary area demonstrate his designs.

Internationally, he has designed Silversword Golf Club in Maui, and prepared plans for courses in Montana, Arizona, Poland, France and China.

Bill Newis has gained recognition for his work, with several courses selected for the list of top one hundred courses in Canada. Notably, Priddis Greens will host an LPGA event (Canadian CP Women's Open) for the third time this summer.

Bill Newis is being inducted into the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame for his distinguished service to the game.