



Alberta Golf Hall of Fame – Distinguished Service

William “Bill” Newis

Inducted: 2023

Club Affiliation: Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club

William “Bill” Newis’ journey into the Alberta Golf Hall of Fame started in a different province which is where he got his start. Born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan Bill attended the University of Regina, before finishing his civil engineering degree at the University of Saskatchewan. After working with Parks Canada from 1962-1965, Bill started working with the Provincial department of Natural Resources focused on the regional parks program. Through this role, Bill began travelling around the province attending meetings in which he provided plans for modifying or creating parks throughout the province which often included golf courses.

In 1968 Bill left the Parks program and joined a small engineering firm and in 1969 he moved to Calgary where he established a resort planning and golf course division within this new company. Over the next 45 years, Bill helped design or modify over 60 courses, spanning 3 provinces and 2 countries. His involvement didn’t stop there as he also became involved in the ownership and operation side of golf courses like Radium Resort, Cottonwood Golf and Country Club, and Silversword in Hawaii.



Bill's impressive resume of golf courses have played hosts to provincial, national, and international events including the LPGA's Canadian Pacific Women's Open. Many of his courses have also been included on Top 100 Lists and have hosted many memorable exhibition matches including the Border Challenges between Jim Nelford and Lee Trevino, and Jim Nelford and Jack Nicklaus.

Bill's legacy will be felt for years to come with the continued enjoyment of his golf courses by the next generation, and he will always be proud of his courses for their straightforward nature, no tricks, and their affordance to golfers of every skill level.