



Ron Dossall

Over the past century as golf courses developed throughout North America, the expense and difficulty of irrigating grass greens required a creative solution. Thus, some courses came into existence using a mixture of sand and crankcase oil for the putting surface. Golfers use a grooming tool to smooth out footprints or bumps before putting.

In Saskatchewan, the number of sand green courses now stands at 89, but peaked at 137 around 1980. The hotly contested provincial championships attracted a strong field of 120 to 160 competitors. Many golfers who got their start on a sand green course went on to play in other championships.

Ron Dossall won the Saskatchewan sand greens championship in Moose Jaw in 1975. This launched a remarkable streak of seven consecutive provincial titles through 1981. He dominated the competition during those years and acquired the nickname 'King of the North'. Ron respected the game of golf and developed a lifelong passion for playing. Always a fierce competitor, he also made many friendships with his quick wit and love of jokes.

Ron's hometown is Nokomis, Saskatchewan. After studying for his teaching degree in Regina, he and his wife, Belle, moved to Meadow Lake. During his high-school teaching career he coached students in many sports and maintained a keen interest in their lives afterwards.

Ron continued his strong involvement with the Meadow Lake Golf Club after they switched to grass greens in 1982. As Club President in 1994, he spearheaded the funding and construction of the back nine holes. He was a driving force for establishing a huge tree nursery and planting thousands of trees that now beautify the course. His legacy and passion for golf will live on for generations to come. Ron Dossall died in 2011 at age 64.