

The United States Blind Golf Association
is proud to recognize and induct
Ron Plath
into its 2012 class of the Hall of Fame.

Ron has lived in Oregon all of his 61 years and played golf for about 55 of those. He still has the 7 iron that his father cut down for him when he was 3 years old. Ron's entire family loves the game and all of their vacations when he was growing up, and even now involved a round of golf together. His parents are both 80-plus years old and still going strong on the links. In 2010 Ron's sister Diane Wilson joined the USBGA. Diane is a B3 player and she finished first at the 2011 USBGA Open in the Women's division.

Prior to his vision loss he was an educator in Beaverton, Oregon working with children with special needs. Ron's wife Carolyn was also a teacher in Beaverton before retiring in 2007.

Ron joined the USBGA in 2003 when the USBGA National Championship was held at his home course in Oregon. Ron has been fortunate to win the B3 National Championship five times and the World Championship in 2008. Ron appreciates the opportunity to compete against the best vision impaired golfers in the world and thoroughly enjoys meeting new players from around the world.

Ron is a leader in the association. He helped secure, promote and organize two USBGA National Championships in 2003 and 2006. In addition, he is a junior golf leader. He was the USBGA Junior Golf Chairman in 2008-2009. In 2006 he formed the Northwest Blind Golf Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 corporation that conducts weekly golf clinics for juniors and adults in Oregon and Washington. He currently is serving as the USBGA representative on the International Blind Golf Association Board. He stepped up to follow in Bob Andrews' footsteps when Bob stepped down.

Please find Ron's playing record below. After more vision loss, beginning in 2012 he now competes as a B2.

Ron Plath's Competitive Blind Golf Tournament Record

- 2003 - USBGA National 3rd place
- 2004 - Arizona Regional 1st place, Nations Cup MVP, USBGA National 1st place

- 2005 - USBGA National and US Open 1st place
- 2006 - Canadian Open 1st place, USBGA National 1st place
- 2007 - USBGA National 1st place
- 2008 - British Open 1st place, USBGA National 1st place, IBGA World Championship 1st place
- 2009 – Western Canadian Regional 1st place, USBGA National 2nd place, California Regional 1st place
- 2010 - Nova Scotia Regional 1st place, IBGA World Championship 2nd place, (withdrew British and USBGA due to injury)
- 2011 – Canadian Open 1st place, USBGA National 2nd place, Italian Open 1st place
- 2012 – Arizona Regional 1st Place, Leader Dog Classic 2nd place.