



Hall of Fame BOB McLELLAND

Bob McLelland is the first non-golfer to be enshrined in the Roanoke Valley Hall of Fame.

But the long-time sports writer has been a friend of golf for the 30 years he has been employed by the Roanoke Times & World-News. (Actually, McLelland's 30th anniversary with the newspaper will be July 25.)

McLelland, a lifelong Roanoke resident, started as a sports writer on the Roanoke World-News. He later succeeded Roland Hughes as sports editor of the World-News, and when the paper was merged with The Roanoke Times, McLelland was named Metro sports editor.

While he does not play golf, McLelland has been a great friend of the sport and has covered numerous golf tournaments. For many years he annually made the two-week trek to Greensboro and Augusta for the GGO and the Masters.

In the Roanoke area, he wrote numerous golf columns and covered many tournaments. He has served on the Hall of Fame committee since the inception of this tournament, and has been a backer of junior golfers in this area.

A dedicated family man with four daughters, McLelland was a founder of the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in 1965. He also coached sandlot football for 32 years, winning 17 championships and finishing second 10 times.

He suffered a pair of strokes last summer and has been writing his Metro page stories from his home on Derwent Avenue, S.W.

Bob is a Roanoke College graduate. He attended high school at now-defunct Jefferson High.