



Melville Golf Course: Test your luck on the links

Golfers will enjoy 18 holes of the finest golfing in southeastern Saskatchewan with a visit to the Melville Country Club's golf course.

Golf has been a favorite sport over the decades, during which the original nine-hole, sand green course has undergone many alterations.

The front-nine evolved into its present layout with the grass greens added about 29 years ago and the back nine added in the late 1980s. An underground irrigation system was added to the fairways at the same time the back nine was built. Melville is also a Soft Spike golf course.

The men's, ladies, and children's clubs are all affiliated with the Saskatchewan Golf Association which make it part of the provincial network. The course par is 71 and the slope rating is 111 — which means it's average in terms of difficulty.

The course is not without beauty and challenges, as a creek runs through the entire course. In fact, golfers must cross the creek eight times during one 18-hole round.

Golfers who enjoy the thrill of competition will



also be pleased with the slate of tournaments every summer. There are about 10 tournaments each summer — it fluctuates as smaller ones disappear and new ones appear — with the top tournament being the Autumn Classic. The Autumn Classic is a two-day, 36-hole tournament which features some of the best golfers in the area but is also good for the weekend golfer who wants to challenge his or her skills on the links. This year golfers will also have a second premier tournament to challenge their skills: a par three competition offering more than \$400,000 in prizes. The 18-hole tourney is organized by a group of local golfers with many local sponsors and is set for Saturday, June 20.



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