

The United States Blind Golf Association

is proud to recognize and induct

Bo Russell

into its inaugural 2007 class of the Hall of Fame.



Torrance A. (Bo) Russell Jr. was born January 23, 1916, in Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Auburn University, graduating in 1939, and was the captain of the 1938 football team under Coach Jack Meagher. He was chosen most valuable player by his teammates. Following graduation, Bo played tackle for the Washington Redskins for two years. He served in the Army during World War II and returned to Birmingham to begin a successful career with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was for many years a Southeastern Conference football referee, enabling him to stay close to a sport he loved. Bo was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1979.

He formed a player-coach relationship with Charley Boswell in the early 1950's that led to their winning 9 USBGA Championships together between 1955 and 1970. Their playing career lasted until Charley's death in 1995. In addition to the competitive events, Bo coached Charley in many charity events supporting sight related causes such as the Ken Venturi Guiding Eyes Classic and the Charley Boswell Celebrity Classic. In between these events, Bo dedicated himself to many hours on the practice tee with his friend and partner Charley.

Bo passed away on February 1, 1997 followed by his wife Ann in 2006. They raised three daughters—Linda, Patty and Betsy.