The eminent Bill Barclay began his long and distinguished career while attending the University of Michigan back in the late thirties. While in college he played on the UM golf team, won the NCAA Golf Championship and the Michigan State Amateur Golf Championship. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1939 and returned in 1943 to become the university’s golf course manager and golf coach. In 1946, the same year Bill became a member of the PGA of America, he moved to Harvard University, serving as golf and basketball coach until 1948. Bill made Half Century membership in the PGA in 1996. Bill’s first, and last, position as head golf professional was at the prestigious Salem Country Club in Peabody, MA, home to many local and national championship events and long recognized as one of the best courses in the country. Bill served Salem Country Club from 1948 until he retired in 1980, thirty two years, enjoying an outstandingly successful tenure as club professional. During that time Barclay won many of NEPGA’s championship events and helped the New England PGA and his fellow professionals through countless hours of dedicated service. After retirement Bill Barclay remained a dedicated PGA member and hero to his fellow professionals and friends.