

ARNOLD L. BIONDI
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Al Biondi's distinguished career in golf made him a legend in his own time. Al has been recognized by two other Halls of Fame, that of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Maine State Hall of Fame in 1995. In addition, Al has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the NEPGA and to the Maine Chapter NEPGA. He received NEPGA's Horton Smith Award for his work in education in 1990. In 1991, Al was recognized with NEPGA's highest major award, that of Golf Professional of the Year, in recognition of his successful career as a club professional. In 1995, he earned the NEPGA Strausbaugh Award, which recognized his service in club relations and his long tenure on the NEPGA Club Relations Committee. The Maine Chapter honored Biondi in 1973 and 1981 as its Golf Professional of the Year. Al served the Maine Chapter as an officer for over twenty one years. Al's playing accomplishments are as illustrious as his achievements in service. He won the Maine Chapter PGA's Seniors' Championship fifteen times and qualified for the PGA of America National Seniors' Championship seven times. He won the NEPGA's Section Championship in 1977 and was the Maine Chapter's Champion in 1968 and 1971. Al steadily advanced in a golf career that began in 1953 at Idle Hour Driving Range in Saugus, Massachusetts and continues today with Al serving as general manager and golf director of Augusta Country Club in Manchester, Maine, a position he has held for the past twenty-one years.. He served as Augusta's head professional from 1957 through 1966. He then built Springbrook Golf Club in Leeds, Maine, serving as the facilities owner and manager from 1966 through 1977. Biondi also became a renowned teacher of the game, mentoring several great amateur champions.