

ROBERT GILLIS
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The eminent Bob Gillis enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the PGA, earning the respect and admiration of his fellow professionals, club members and the many friends he made in the industry during his forty-five year career. Gillis began his career as golf professional in 1949 as the assistant golf professional at Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg, MA. In 1952 he became the then youngest head professional in New England when he assumed head professional duties at Intervale Country Club in Manchester, New Hampshire at the age of 23. In 1955, he took the head professional position at Concord Country Club in Concord, New Hampshire. In 1957, Bob found his home at Bass Rocks Golf Club in Gloucester, Massachusetts, where he co-held the course record of 63, and served the club until his retirement in 1993. During that time he was honored by the members of Bass Rocks as their consummate golf professional on numerous occasions, with testimonials after 15, 25, 30, 35 years, and finally at his retirement after almost 37 years of service.

Gillis earned NEPGA Professional of the Year laurels in 1970, which recognizes individuals who represent the ideal club professional. Gillis' talents extended to encompass many years of valuable service to the New England PGA, as well. He served as secretary/treasurer from 1964 to 1970 and was instrumental in the continued development of the Association. His name appears on the Association's original incorporation papers filed in 1969. Gillis represented the New England Section as delegate to PGA conventions for an eight year period. He also served as magazine correspondent and as chairman of the Employment & Club Relations Committee. Gillis helped many of his fellow PGA members and the New England PGA through countless hours of dedicated service and worked continuously to elevate the vocation of PGA professional. Later, he served as president of the NEPGA Seniors' Chapter. His dedication to, and love of, the game of golf motivated Gillis to work tirelessly for his club members and his Association throughout his long and distinguished career. Bob Gillis left a legacy as consummate PGA professional.