PAUL R. BARKHOUSE

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Paul Barkhouse, the head professional at Woburn Country Club in Woburn, Mass., has dedicated his professional career to the New England PGA, his fellow PGA professionals and to promoting the great game of golf. Beginning his golf professional career in 1965 as assistant golf professional at White Cliffs in Sagamore, Mass., Barkhouse went on to hold head professional or director of golf positions at Unicorn Golf Club in Stoneham, Mass.; Ferncroft Country Club in Danvers, Mass.; Steplechase Country Club in Groveport, Ohio and Ipswich Country Club in Ipswich, Mass.

Barkhouse has been actively involved on every level, constantly striving to improve the Association and the delivery of services to its members. His leadership abilities and his strong desire to continually improve the Association have inspired him to service within the New England PGA. Notably, he served as vice president on the Executive Committee from 1977 through 1979 and as chairman and co-chairman of the Tournament Committee from 1978 through 1985. He has served as president of the Seniors' Chapter since 1998 and has been instrumental in delivering quality, sponsored tournament events and improving communication within the organization. Barkhouse received the coveted NEPGA Professional of the Year award in 1981 in recognition of his outstanding performance and achievements as the ideal club professional and was honored as the New England Section's Merchandiser of the Year in 1980 and again as the Southern Ohio Section's Merchandiser of the year in 1989.

Barkhouse's playing achievements are legendary. He is arguably one of the best and most consistent players in NEPGA history. He has earned the Wogan Award Player of the Year trophy twice, in 1969 and again in 1977 for overall excellence in playing achievements. In 1979 and again in 1980, Barkhouse teamed with Paul Harney to win the NEPGA Senior-Junior Championship. In 1980, he also played in another Senior-Junior Championship, PGA of America's, and took home National champion accolades. Paul won the NEPGA Individual Match Play Championship twice, in 1981 and 1984. The Pro-Pro Stroke Championship ended with Paul at the top three times, in 1979 with partner Les Bond, and in 1982 and 1997 with partner Paul Parajeckas. He also teamed with Parajeckas in 1984 to win the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship. Not only has Barkhouse won numerous individual and team championship events, beginning in 1966 when he won the Assistants' Championship, he has earned championship laurels in open events six times: He won the New Hampshire Open in 1969 and in 1977, the Maine Open in 1972 and 1974, the New England Open in 1975 and the Massachusetts Open in 1976. Barkhouse won the PGA Club Professional Series in 1980 and has played distinguishably in numerous U. S. Open, PGA Tour, PGA Senior Tour and PGA Championship events. He earned the NEPGA Senior Chapter's Player of the Year awards in 1998 and 1999. And throughout his career, Barkhouse has not only excelled as a great player of the game, he is also a much sought after teacher of the game of golf. He has consistently demonstrated unwavering commitment to the making golf a better game and in service to the New England PGA and is a true ambassador of the game.