

LESTER KENNEDY
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Lester Kennedy, a native of Cambridge, MA, was formerly the head professional at Pawtucket Country Club for 40 years, from 1944 until his retirement in 1984. For 32 of those years, Les served in the dual role of Golf Professional and Golf Course Superintendent. Kennedy managed the club through difficult economic times and was able to maintain the high maintenance standards to which the club was accustomed. Kennedy was a champion player among champions throughout New England and dominated New England events in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. His victories include winning the New England PGA Championship for a record five times, a record that was tied as late as 1996 by Dana Quigley, but has not been broken. Kennedy also won the 1948 Maine Open, the 1955 New Hampshire Open and the 1948 and 1963 Vermont Opens. In 1942, Kennedy qualified for the PGA Tour and was named PGA Rookie of the Year. Highlights of his Tour career include leading the first round in the 1949 U. S. Open at Medinah and participating in the 1950's Masters.