WILLIAM EZINICKI

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William Ezinicki, was formerly the head professional at The International in Bolton, MA and is a native of Winnipeg, Canada. He has enjoyed duel successes in both games of hockey and golf. Mr. Ezinicki is a former National Hockey League professional turned Professional Golfers' Association professional. He played nine seasons in the NHL from 1944 to 1955, playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs, the New York Rangers and the Boston Bruins, before becoming a professional golfer.

Mr. Ezinicki was one of the finest players in New England PGA history. Ezinicki was NEPGA Seniors' Champion three times, in 1981, '84 & '87. He won two New England PGA Championships in 1956 and 1958 and dominated the New England state opens in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Mr. Ezinicki's most remarkable year was 1960 when he won the Massachusetts Open, the Rhode Island Open, the New Hampshire Open and the Maine Open. He also won the NEPGA Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship in 1955 with Bill Barry, the Pro-Am Championship in 1961 and 1962 and the Pro-Assistant Championship in 1971. Mr. Ezinicki earned the NEPGA's highest recognition for his playing ability, the Skip Wogan Award/Player of the Year, three times in 1958, 1960 and 1964.