

**WILLIAM J. FLYNN**  
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*William J. Flynn, from the community of Danvers, MA, who began his golf career as a caddie at Salem Country Club, has become one of the most successful PGA members in the country. Bill is a pioneer of the growing number of PGA members who have culminated their careers in ownership and management of golf facilities. Bill was the PGA professional and general manager at the Thomson Club in North Reading, MA throughout the 1960's and 70's and into the early 1980's. He has served the Association both locally and nationally, as president of the New England PGA from 1973 to 1976 and as national vice president of the PGA of America in the 1970's. He was honored twice as NEPGA's Professional of the Year, in 1976 and again in 1982 and with the Merchandiser of the Year Award, public category, in 1993. It can be said that Bill Flynn was one of the officers responsible for bringing a business orientation to the NEPGA, having been instrumental in hiring the Association's first executive director.*

*Not only has Mr. Flynn been influential in the business arena of golf, he has distinguished himself as an accomplished player of the game. Bill won the Vermont Open in 1959, the Massachusetts Open in 1963 and the New England PGA Championship in 1968. Along the way he acquired ownership of Lakeview Golf Club in Wenham, MA; Far Corner Golf Club in West Boxford, MA and more recently Windham Golf Club in Windham, New Hampshire. Bill also currently manages two additional facilities for municipalities, George Wright Golf Club in Hyde Park, MA and Franklin Park in Dorchester, MA. Bill has excelled on the home-front also as a loving husband, father and son. He has been a true friend to his fellow PGA members and to the Association. From caddie to successful entrepreneurial businessman and family man, he has excelled in all aspects of his life.*