John F. Neville, Jr. NEW ENGLAND PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2008

Jack Neville, Director of Golf at Robert T, Lynch Municipal Golf Course in Brookline, MA (formerly Brookline Golf Club), has enjoyed an exceptional career, as well as a long one, as a PGA professional. He was elected to PGA membership in 1966. While most of his experience has been at public golf courses, he began his career at Brae Burn Country Club in West Newton, MA. At the age of ten, Neville began to caddy at Brae Burn, then held numerous jobs before attaining assistant professional status. At Brae Burn, he learned the golf business and the people business. Later, at the public courses he served, he went the extra mile to provide optimum service to all players. This is not surprising to those who know Neville, for his gentle and kind demeanor and his natural desire to help others draw people to him.

These qualities served Neville well as head professional at Martin Memorial Golf Course from 1975 to 1980 and at Ponkapoag Golf Club from 1979 to 1997. At Ponkapoag, Neville developed extensive junior programs and taught the game to over 1,000 juniors each summer. This work culminated in his earning the NEPGA Junior Golf Leader Award in 1990. In fact, Jack Neville's name is synonymous with the propagation of the game due to the many and varied junior programs he has developed and implemented over the years, along with his long-term service on the Board of Directors of the Ouimet Caddie Scholarship Fund. In 2007, Neville was named an Honorary Ouimet Scholarship Alumnus. In 1995, Neville was selected as NEPGA's Golf Professional of the Year in recognition of his exemplary performance as a golf professional. Two years later, Neville accepted the head professional position at Brookline Golf Club, then was named Director of Golf in 2003. At Brookline, Neville has continued to provide optimum service to all golfers.

Neville's devotion to the New England Section PGA led him to serve on numerous committees and to hold several offices, including Board of Directors (1987-1990), Secretary/Treasurer (1990-1993), and President (1993-1995). An outstanding gentleman and ambassador for the game of golf, Neville has truly earned his place in the NEPGA Hall of Fame.