

Les Bond
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Bond was Secretary-Treasurer of the Section for three years from 1979-1982. He was Section President from 1982 to 1985. Prior to that time, he was a three year member of the Executive Committee. During his nine years of service to the section, he was first on the Club Relations Committee and was Chairman for four years.

After completion of his first year as President of the New England PGA, Bond aptly wrote: "Golf, the game of a lifetime, brings out the spirit of cooperation and fellowship that is unheard of in any other sport. The PGA of America, the USGA and all the State Associations are constant in their labors for even bettering the game." That statement was made twenty-five years ago and is still true to this day.

Bond was named the 1985 Golf Professional of the Year which is one of the highest honors the section can bestow. He was also selected to receive the Bill Strausbaugh Award that same year. Bond worked tirelessly in promoting the status of the golf professional. During his first twenty-seven years as a member of the New England Section, he was responsible for tripling the number of clubs that employed PGA golf professionals. In fact, he was consulted by both clubs and professionals from all over the country because of the reputation that he earned in the placement of PGA golf professionals in New England.

"I believe that the golf professional should be the focal point of the entire country club operation," was the philosophy that Bond espoused. During his years at Wellesley Country Club, the golf operation flourished. In addition to the growth of the junior programs, he also doubled the caddie participation at the club during his tenure. Bond also shared his love of both the game of golf and the profession outside of the realm of Wellesley Country Club and the PGA. His labors on behalf of charity were legendary in New England. His annual Igoe Memorial Pro Am at Wellesley Country Club was one of the most successful charity golf events run for the benefit of the Ouimet Caddie Scholarship Fund.