



## **Jack Ridge - 2004**

Mr. Ridge, a PGA Member for over 30 years, has enjoyed a successful and diverse career as a golf professional. He began his PGA Apprenticeship at Big Spring Country Club, under Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Member Jack Ryan, and followed that experience by serving in the U.S. Army, where he served as golf instructor and golf course operator in Kitzingen, Germany. Upon his discharge, he served as Head Professional at Danville Country Club. In 1976 he became Owner and Operator of Bob-O-Link Golf Course where he remained for 23 years. In 1986 Ridge joined with the late Elmore Just in developing Persimmon Ridge Golf Club, and in 1988 purchased and further developed Pine Valley Country Club. He also purchased and developed Magnolia Ridge in Chatsworth, Georgia; Indian Oaks in Anniston, Alabama and LaGrange Woods in LaGrange, Kentucky. He also designed Weissinger Hills Golf Course, Connemara Golf Links, and Houston Oaks Golf Course. He served as President of the KGA-PGA, Inc. (1989) and the Kentucky Section PGA (1988-89), and was honored twice as the Kentucky Section PGA Golf Professional of the Year (1986 and 1989), and also received the Kentucky Section PGA Horton Smith Award (1985). He also founded Club Pro Products, a company that manufactures youth golf products, golf cart accessories and golf games, and serves as its President.