



## **Tommy Smith - 2006**

Smith, a native of Jesup, Georgia, grew up the son of a golf professional, living and working on the course, learning to play on sand greens, and becoming a junior club champion and state high school champion. Smith served his apprenticeship teaching under Eddie Bush and Tommy Armour, and came to Louisville Country Club in 1952. He became the head golf professional three years later, remaining in that position until his retirement in 1999. He established the reputation as one of Kentucky's top teachers, with a list of pupils including players such as Ted Schulz, Bill Musselman, Louise Wilson, and Harcourt Kemp. He was twice named Kentucky PGA Teacher of the Year, was a five-time recipient of the Kentucky PGA's Merchandiser of the Year Award, and also received the Kentucky PGA's Horton Smith Award for service to educational efforts for Kentucky PGA Members. His passion for teaching and helping people enjoy the game of golf, along with his gentlemanly demeanor, earned him the utmost respect and admiration from his peers.