Far Hills, N.J. — The late P.J. Boatwright, Jr., one of the game’s most respected authorities on the Rules of Golf, has been selected to receive the 1993 Bob Jones Award, given annually by the USGA in recognition of distinguished sportsmanship in golf.

John D. Reynolds, III, chairman of the USGA’s Bob Jones Award Committee, announced the selection. Boatwright’s family accepted the award at the USGA’s 99th Annual Meeting held on Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, in Nashville, Tenn.

The Bob Jones Award represents the highest honor given by the USGA. It is presented annually since 1955 in commemoration of Jones’ vast contributions to the cause of fair play both during and after his distinguished playing career. Boatwright, who joined the Association in 1959 and remained until his death in April of 1991, served the USGA in a number of roles, first as assistant director, then executive director, and finally as executive director, rules and competitions.

At one time or another Boatwright dealt with nearly every phase of USGA work. He conducted championships, oversaw the handicapping system, and dealt with amateur status and implements and the ball.

From 1969 on, when he succeeded Joseph C. Dey, Jr., as Executive Director, P.J. had the staff responsibility for the conduct of the U.S. Open. Perhaps overshadowing all his other accomplishments, though, Boatwright was considered by everyone associated with the game as the ultimate authority on the Rules of Golf.