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Orv’s query reminded me of the time when the Professional Golfers’ Assn. was considering the Golf Pro of the Year award. I was against it because I felt it would be impossible to pick the best pro; there’d be at least a thousand ties. Then Dugan Aycock said, “There is an argument against everything, but we are going to have as the prize the Bob Harlow trophy and you’ve got to go for that.” So I did, and am glad.

Clapper’s thought about golf course superintendent recognition is perhaps too late, considering the United States Golf Assn. Green section’s annual award and several Golf Course Superintendents’ Assn. sectional awards.

Besides, who would want to be responsible for selecting the year’s outstanding superintendent? But maybe the superintendents, golfers, the equipment and supply people, and the turf scientists might come up with someone.

Thanks, Robert A. Haug, pro at Beaver Brook GC, Clinton, N.J., for advising me that George Fotheringham, pro emeritus, Hollywood GC, Deal, N.J., still is very lively. Fotheringham was a charter member and official of the PGA and has much material for its history... Al Houghton, veteran who started caddying around Washington when Woodrow Wilson was president and one of Al’s clients, now is living near the PGA National club, retired, and is a rich source for the PGA story.

One of the most beautiful trophies in golf is the Charles Bartlett memorial, a Waterford crystal award to the winner of the Beverly Charities hospitals’ pro-am. This bowl, bearing the late golf writer’s portrait cut into the marvelous Irish glass, was dedicated by Morgan Murphy, chairman, executive committee of the Beverly Charities at a small dinner, attended by the Beverly Bartlett’s associates on the Chicago Tribune, Illinois PGA officials, club members and Beverly’s pro, Charles Penna. Also, attending were Charley’s son, Mike, Tom Walsh and Joe Graffis of the Chicagoland organization, and a few others.

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