Duino Is Pro Starring In Service As A Citizen

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DAVID R. Forgan’s classic on golf described the game as “a test of temper, a trial of honor, a revealer of character.” The financier scion of a noted Old family of Scotch professionals also wrote that “golf affords a chance to play the man, and act the gentleman.”

Fine exhibits of the accuracy of Mr. Forgan’s observations are proudly presented by professional golf. There are club professionals who stand up as sports' brightest contributions to civic service. In their communities you will hear them lauded as neighbors who bring into public service the eagerness to promote happiness that marks a club professional who is successful at his job, and the smart spirit of organization and cheerful industry a good professional has at his work.

These professionals are valuable propagandists for golf. Their unselfish and vigorous toil beyond their sharply defined and immediately profitable labors in golf mark them as a top type of men developed by the game.

What is especially noteworthy about the civic service of these men is the vast amount of time they devote to work for the general good of the community. A pro has to get on his job early and stay late. He has no Saturdays and Sundays off during his season. To add other work to his own job’s demands is an achievement past the capacity of many businessmen who back away when they’re asked to join in a public welfare enterprise.

You also will note that these professionals who are distinguished for their broad public service are fellows who do a lot of added and unselfish work in their own profession.

One of the shining stars among the number in professional golf ranks is Eddie Duino, professional at the San Jose (Calif.) CC. Eddie is widely known in professional golf for his masterly handling of his own job, his coaching of the San Jose national collegiate championship performers and as a sectional and national PGA official whose service has greatly benefited his colleagues.

Worker for Brother Pros

Eddie has been Northern California PGA president for eight consecutive years. For three years he has served as a vice president of the national PGA and chairman of its Educational committee. Eddie added another job when he became chairman of the PGA’s AWVS committee which was the first tie-up the energetic Helen Lengfeld had with the PGA in getting under way the Swing Clubs at veteran hospitals and military installations. The Northern California PGA, with Duino as a sparkplug, started and conducted a hospitalized veterans' rehabilitation program that was one of the first demonstrations of golf’s miracles in this work.

For the past eight years Eddie has been elected honorary president of the Northern California PGA, and the boys don’t pass out that honor lightly. They have appraised his work close-up and know exactly what the score is on Eddie as an all-around valuable citizen.

Named “Leading Citizen”

In his work outside golf Duino has won the distinction of having been named last year by the City of San Jose as one of its ten leading citizens, and was chosen by
the San Jose Knights of the Round Table, a civic service organization, its Man of the Year for 1954.

He is a past Exalted Ruler of the San Jose Lodge of Elks, and at present, chairman of the Board of Directors of the lodge. He served two years as president of the International Footprinters, a group active in civic welfare. For the past four years he has been president of Boys' City of Santa Clara County. In 1953 he was president of the San Jose Kiwanis Club.

When San Jose wants a worker who will tee off and follow through to the winning end it calls on Duino. He was chairman of the Tuberculosis Society of Santa Clara County in 1953, vice chairman of the polio drive last year and general chairman this year.

Think those jobs would take all his spare time away from his pro work? Well, get a load of other assignments he's handled: Member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army last year and this year; and in the same period one of the executive board of the Santa Clara County National Safety Council, member of the Advisory board of Agnew State hospital and of the Advisory board of the San Jose Municipal Chorus.

For his work in veterans' rehabilitation he's received a top award from the Veterans' Association.

Doing all that work, informally receiving high honors from his own family and the neighbors as a husband and a father, and doing the other things a fine American citizen should do, makes Eddie Duino one of the golf professionals who are regarded by their respective communities as the highest type in business and sport.

There are other brilliant exhibits of professional golf in this class, and I'll be telling you about them in GOLFDOM.

French Lick, with "New Look", Gets Amateurs in April

French Lick Springs hotel, French Lick, Ind., stages its annual Midwest spring amateur tournament, April 15, 16, 17.

The famous old place has been extensively remodeled and refurnished and the Hill course, scene of some great championship golf, as well as the hotel has received considerable money and expert attention.

Arthur J. Newman, well known to golfers, is gen. mgr. of the place.

Geiberger, Andrews, Added As Golf Day Performers

ALLEN GEIBERGER, 1954 Jaycee Junior International champion, and Gene Andrews, USGA Public Links champion, will complete a foursome with Ed Furgol and Mildred Zaharias, playing June 4 at Olympic Club, San Francisco, as the National Golf Day headliners.

This year the Red Cross with its 3700 chapters will share in the proceeds of National Golf Day. The Red Cross share of the proceeds will be returned to local chapters based on Golf Day participation in the respective communities.

The National Golf Fund, Inc., will receive for golf educational and welfare operations, 50 per cent of the $1 entry fees of the nation-wide event co-sponsored by the PGA and Life magazine, and two charities designated by Furgol and Mrs. Zaharias will split evenly 5 per cent.

Scores from women and caddies made on any day closely preceding June 4 will be honored in the competition. This year a special award of a bracelet charm will be made to women whose nets beat the Babe's score.

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