PGA Pro-of-Year Is Double Threat Man

Eddie Duino . . . dedicated to two loves

Eddie Duino, the San Jose (Calif.) CC master, who was selected PGA home pro-of-year for 1959, isn’t quite sure if he is more proud of his accomplishments in the golf field than he is of what he has done as a civic leader. The decision is difficult to make because his contributions to the game and to his community have been manifold.

Golfwise, there is a long list of achievements and activities after Duino’s name. He was pres. of his section for eight years, a national vp for four years, on the PGA education committee for three years and an instructor in the West Coast PGA Business School. He has helped to bring golf to the handicapped, to war veterans and conducted Junior classes for 28 years. He’s the veteran of hundreds of clinics, coached the San Jose college team in 1948 that won the National Collegiate and has helped organize and conduct innumerable tournaments.

Helped Circuit Pros

Tournament pros are indebted to Duino because he helped cut the red tape that once kept them out of the PGA. Nearly 20 years ago he played a leading part in helping to stabilize golf teaching methods. Two of his students have won the California state amateur championship and several others rank with the state’s leading players.

And that’s only half of it!

On the civic front, Eddie is a past pres. of the Kiwanis and past exalted ruler of the Elks. At one time he was pres. of Boys’ city, a youth organization that provides guidance for approximately 500 kids. He has been the chmn. of two San Jose March of Dime drives and upon another occasion headed the local Tuberculosis campaign. Duino also has headed two fund raising campaigns for San Jose hospitals. A member of the board of trustees of the Elks, Eddie currently is heading a drive to raise $900,000 for a new lodge building and, of course, everybody around San Jose is betting that the old fund raiser is going to overshoot the goal.

38 Years in the Game

A native of Ohio and one of 13 children, the home pro’s pride has been in golf for 38 years even though he is only 51. After caddying until he was graduated from high school, Duino took a job in 1927 as the San Jose caddiemaster. Two years later he was made an asst. pro and in 1932 was advanced to the position of head pro.

Eddie and his wife, Maxine, have one son, Ed, Jr., an accountant who is a graduate of San Jose State. The young man is an exceptional golfer and at the moment is seriously considering transferring his allegiance to the profession his father has followed so successfully.

Duino is the fifth man to be named pro-of-the-year. Those who received the honor before him were the late Bill Gordon, Harry Shepard, Dugan Aycock and Harry Pezzullo.

Jacobson Heads N.J. Golf Assn.

Robert J. Jacobson is the new pres. of the New Jersey State Golf Assn. Jacobson is a two-time state amateur champion, having won the title in 1956 and 1957. George Davidson is vp and Loren (Chuck) Gardner was picked as secy-treas. for the 9th straight year.

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