LoPresti Recognized for Work as Community Pro

Tom Lo Presti, the squire of Haggin Oaks GC in Sacramento, and the PGA home professional-of-the-year for 1962, didn't lose much time getting promoted to a head pro position. After joining the PGA in 1929 and serving as a caddie-master for only three years, Tom became the No. 1 shopman at William Land GC in Sacramento. A few years later, when that city opened Haggin Oaks' first 18 Lo Presti was installed as the professional. He has held that position continuously for about a quarter century. Haggin Oaks now is a 36-hole layout.

Over the years, Lo Presti has earned a reputation for being one of the most community conscious professionals in the business. He has spearheaded many benefit tournaments for charity, war relief and other worthwhile projects. But probably he is best known for his efforts in getting youngsters to gravitate toward golf. The Sacramento Junior Boys GC that he founded in 1934 still is going strong and in 1962 had more than 100 members. In addition to devoting much of his time to teaching the kids who come to Haggin Oaks for instruction, Tom has given hundreds of free lessons at schools in the Sacramento area.

Section Director

A member of the board of directors of the Northern California PGA section and tournament director for that particularly active group, Lo Presti also has given unstintingly of his time to his professional colleagues.

A native of San Francisco and a caddie in his youth, Lo Presti is married and is the father of a 10-year old daughter, Victoria. He was officially recognized as the 1962 home pro at the president's dinner at the annual PGA meeting, held in November when a trophy was presented to him.

Lo Presti is the second Californian to get the PGA award. In 1959 it went to Eddie Duino of San Jose CC.