Elect Mangrum, Dudley to PGA Hall of Fame

Membership in the PGA Hall of Fame has been increased to 35 with the addition of Lloyd Mangrum and the late Edward B. Dudley. Mangrum was selected for the honor by vote of the membership at large, and Dudley was elected by members of the Hall of Fame. Ed, a native of Georgia, died about a year ago at the age of 62.

The 50-year old Mangrum turned professional at the age of 15 and between 1940 and 1956, won 37 major tournaments and placed among the top three more than 100 times. His career was interrupted in the early '40s when he served in the Army. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and four Battle Stars while in service.

Lloyd's most notable victory came in the 1946 USGA Open when he outlasted Byron Nelson and Vic Ghezzi in 36 playoff holes to claim the Championship. He won four Los Angeles Opens, three All-American Opens, the 1948 World Championship and the Western Open in 1952 and 1954.

Given Police Escort

But Mangrum's most memorable victory came in the 1951 St. Paul Open. After shooting a third round 62 for a 196 and the tournament lead, Lloyd received a phone call ordering him to lose the tournament or forfeit his life. He played the final round with a police escort and shot a 70 to edge Fred Hawkins by a stroke.

Mangrum played on five Ryder Cup teams and was honorary captain of the American squad in 1955. His most profitable year was 1951 when he won more than $26,000 in tourney prizes. He is 16th on the all-time money winners' list with $201,000.

A club designer for Golfcraft, Inc., Mangrum lives with his wife, Eleta, in Apple Valley, Calif. In recent years he has suffered ten heart attacks. Lloyd will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the PGA's annual meeting in December.

Ed Dudley left Belmont College in North Carolina after two years of schooling to turn professional. He won several important tournaments including the 1929 California Open, the L.A. and Western Opens in 1931 and the 1932 International Four-Ball. Dudley was a member of three Ryder Cup teams and was honorary captain of the 1949 contingent.

Dudley, who served as professional at Augusta National, Dorado Beach and Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, probably was better known as a teacher than a player possibly because Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, to name only a few celebrities, took lessons from him. However, the great English star, Henry Cotton, once pronounced Ed's swing the most beautiful he had seen.

Dudley served as president of the PGA from 1942 through 1948.

PGA Home Pro Award Goes to Lyle Wehrman

Lyle Wehrman, professional at Merced (Calif.) G & CC, has been named PGA home pro-of-the-year for 1964. Announcement of the selection was made by Warren Cantrell, president of the PGA, in early October.

Born in 1916, the year the PGA was organized, Wehrman worked as a caddie and range assistant in his youth and became an assistant pro in 1936. From 1942 to 1946 he served with the Army Transportation Corp, winning a bronze star and being discharged as a first lieutenant.

Lyle was named pro at Merced shortly after returning from service. In his 18 years with the club he has doubled as its supt. for 14 of them and also had a two-year stint as manager. He has been president of the Northern California PGA section for the last two years and is a member of three national PGA committees.