

Pro of The Year

David G. Ogilvie III of Flossmoor, Ill, a third generation golf professional, has been selected as Golf Professional of the Year for 1986 by the PGA of America. He is 50, and has been a member of the PGA for 24 years. He was honored Dec. 9 during the Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, IN.

Ogilvie's grandfather, David G. Ogilvie Sr., came to the U.S. in 1896 as a golf professional from Scotland, and his father, David G. Ogilvie Jr., was the head professional at Augusta (GA) CC. Ogilvie III has been professional at the Flossmoor CC for 20 years. Though increasingly immobilized by multiple sclerosis in recent years, and currently confined to a wheelchair, Ogilvie has continued to be active in the Illinois PGA Section and is presently completed a two-year term as president. Over the years, he has held every office in the Section and chairman many commitees. Despite his illness and long years of service already, Ogilvie acted as referee during the PGA Cup Matches played in September at the Knollwood Club in Lake Forest, IL, and is on the organizing committee for the 1989 PGA Championship which will be played at Kemper Lakes in Hawthorn Woods, IL.

It is at his own club that Ogilvie has made his most significant impact on golf and golfers. Flossmoor has always had an active and varied program for junior golfers, and Ogilvie conducts perhaps the busiest calendar of events for adult members of any club in Illinois. He lists more than 30 events each year, and annually takes a class of at least 20 beginner women golfers from the driving range to formation of a nine-hole group, then to membership with other 18-hole organizations. He attends most of the board meetings and participates on virtually all committees at his club, as well.

Ogilvie played on the golf team at Wake Forest University and was on the PGA Tour briefly in the 1950s. He played in one U.S. Open and, as it became impossible for Ogilvie to play golf, he took greater satisfaction in his efforts at the administration level, and three times he has been chosen Golf Professional of the Year in the Illinois Section.

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