**Eddie Merrins Biography**

Eddie Merrins is the Golf Professional Emeritus at Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles. He is the founder of Friends of Golf, a non-profit organization that supports college and high school golf programs, caddie programs and the Evans Scholar Foundation. Friends of Golf is responsible for creating the Ben Hogan Trophy, presented annually to the top amateur/collegiate player, and the Dinah Shore Trophy and The Byron Nelson Trophy awarded yearly to the female and male golfers of the year who have excelled both on the golf course and in the classroom. Merrins is in 10 Halls of Fame, including the PGA of America Hall of Fame and the NCAA Coaches, and has served as golf professional at esteemed clubs such as Merion Golf Club, Westchester Country Club and Bel-Air Country Club. Among those he instructed were World Golf Hall of Famers Amy Alcott, Ben Crenshaw, Raymond Floyd, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite and Vijay Singh.

**Halls of Fame Inductee**

1989 – Southern California PGA ‘”Hall of Fame” Inductee

1992 – NCAA Coaches “Hall of Fame” Inductee

1996 – UCLA Athletic “Hall of Fame” Inductee

2000 – Mississippi Sports “Hall of Fame” Inductee

2002 – Southern California Golf ”Hall of Fame” Inductee

2002 – Southern California Golf Writers “Hall of Fame” Inductee

2005 – Louisiana State University Athletic “Hall of Fame” Inductee

2008 – World Golf Teachers “Hall of Fame” Inductee

2009 – PGA of America “Hall of Fame” Inductee

2013 – Metropolitan PGA “Hall of Fame” Inductee

**UCLA Men’s Golf Coach – 1975 – 1989**

1988 – NCAA National Champions

1978-1989 - 12 Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

1982, 1983, 1985 Pac 10 Champions

1982, 1983, 1985 – Pac 10 Coach of the Year

Developed 16 NCAA “ All Americans”

**PGA Club Affiliations**

1957 – 1960 – Merion Golf Club

1959 – Thunderbird Country Club

1960-1961 – Rockaway Hunt Club

1962 – Westchester Country Club

1962 – Present - Bel-Air Country Club

**Professional Students**

Amy Alcott Helen Alfredsson Gay Brewer Jim Colbert Ben Crenshaw

Jay Delsing Raymond Floyd Jason Gore Chako Higuchi Hale Irwin

Brandt Jobe Tom Kite Frank Lickliter Spencer Levin Bob May

Scott McCarron Rocco Mediate Steve Pate Corey Pavin Tom Pernice Jr. Tim Simpson Vijay Singh Duffy Waldorf\*

**Amateur and Professional Competitive Record**

* Mississippi State Junior Champion
* 3 Time Mississippi State High School Champion
* 2 Time Mississippi State Amateur Champion
* Defeated Sam Snead and Byron Nelson in Foursome Matches
* Gulf Coast Open Champion
* New Orleans Invitational Champion
* Western Amateur Champion
* Colonial Invitational Champion
* SEC Champion
* Southern Intercollegiate Champion
* Metropolitan PGA Champion
* Long Island Open Champion
* 2 Time Southern California Medal Play Champion
* Played in over 200 PGA Tour events
* 5 Time USGA Open Championship Medalist
* Played in 6 PGA Championships
* Played in 2 British Opens