NO more will handicap chairmen stalk around the club moaning at their inability to get players to post scores, if they adopt for the tournament calendars of their clubs the smart "Grand National" event devised last season by Bill Livie, alert Charlotte (N.C.) CC pro.

At Charlotte, 98 members laid $1.00 on the line to enter this event. It was the largest field ever to compete in an event sponsored by the club and proved so successful in getting members to post their scores that Livie reports the club will repeat the feature this coming season for the men and offer a similar contest to the women.

Besides being a painless method of getting members to post scores regularly, this event has even greater possibilities of extending the golf season beyond Labor Day. All that is necessary is to start the event in August and let it run the following three months and end in October. Many members who otherwise would give up play for the season will be lured to continue in order to improve their chances in this event.

The scoring sheet on which entrants record their scores is reproduced on this page. The mechanics of holding the event are obvious from the instructions issued to contestants, as follows:

Rules Governing Grand National Event

(1) Enter your name on any line you please. Like on a punch-board, if you pick the lucky line, you will win a prize.

(2) Enter in the column headed "Club Handicap" a figure equal to five times your present club handicap. It will be subtracted from the total of the five best scores you post during the next three months, to arrive at the winning net scores. Whenever you make a better score than the highest one posted, substitute it for the highest one.

(3) Enter the blind bogey event by choosing for entry in the column headed "Blind Handicap" any handicap you please to bring the total of your posted games down to the blind net, which will be drawn by the committee at the close of the event and which will be a score somewhere between 365 and 600.

(4) Entry fee is $1.00. All contestants must have scores signed by opponents and filed at the handicap desk. A contestant is permitted to win one prize only. In case of ties, 18-hole playoffs will be held.

(5) Prizes for this big event: 1st low gross—golf bag; 2nd low gross—golf shoes; 3rd low gross—raincoat; 1st low net—golf clubs; 2nd low net—hand bag; 3rd low net—umbrella; blind bogey—dozen balls; blind net score—putter; blind gross score—golf shoes; blind entry number—raincoat; largest handicap reduction during event—trophy.

Note: For purpose of this event, your starting handicap will be used. Thus, it is advisable to enter now, before you shoot a score that lowers your handicap and makes it harder to compete for the net prizes.

(6) This event begins June 1st and ends August 31st. You have three months in which to improve your 5-game total and win a prize.

Urges Lengthening of Season—Jack McGrath of Hillerich & Bradsby suggests that the public and fee courses get attention in the campaign to extend golf’s playing season to coordinate with the thermometer rather than the calendar. Enthusiasts who are not governed strongly by the old May to October tradition comprise the greater part of the pay-play roster.

Elimination of makeshift winter tees and greens, McGrath maintains, also will lengthen the season of golf’s popularity.