Douglas Gets Jones Award; Ames Re-elected by USGA

John D. Ames of Chicago was elected to a second term as pres. of the USGA at a meeting of golf’s governing body held in New York, Jan. 31. John M. Winters, Jr., Tulsa and John G. Clock, Long Beach, Calif., were named vps; C. W. (Gus) Benedict, New York, was voted in as secy., and Emerson Carey, Jr., Denver, treas.

At the New York meeting, the USGA announced Findlay S. Douglas, 84, as winner of the 1959 Bobby Jones award for distinguished sportsmanship, selected the Walker Cup team, and asked the Southern California GA to rescind the local rules it is putting into effect on lost balls, unplayable lies and out of bound situations.

Other highlights of the meeting were announcements that the 1959 Open first prize is being increased to $10,000, and the total purse to $40,000, and that the handicap limit for entrants in the 1959 Senior Amateur is being waived.

Douglas was selected for the Jones award by quite a wide margin over Charles (Chick) Evans. He was a finalist in three of the early USGA Amateurs and won the championship in 1898.

Distribute $66,000 in National Golf Day Funds

The $66,000 realized from the seventh annual PGA National Golf Day, played last June, has been distributed as follows, according to Fred L. Riggin, pres. of the National Golf Fund:

- Caddie Scholarship $29,300
- Turf Research & Education $8,000
- Jaycee War Memorial Fund 4,400
- National Amputee GA 5,000
- U. S. Blind Golfers’ Assn. 2,800
- United Voluntary Services 3,500
- American Women’s Voluntary Services 500
- PGA Educational Fund 10,500
- U. S. Olympic Assn. 1,000
- GSCA Turf Research-Educational Fund 1,000

Net proceeds from Golf Day were $61,773. These were increased to more than $67,000 when Indiana Golf Charities contributed $5,000, two unidentified clubs, $495, and Udo Reinach, $200 to the fund. Contributions to welfare and education funds swelled to $660,000 after this year’s proceeds were taken into account.

Riggin was named pres. of the Golf Fund for the eighth time, a position he has held since it was organized in 1952.