First Reports Show $72,000 Return for National Golf Day

First returns from the PGA's ninth annual National Golf Day, held on June 11th, show that clubs and courses throughout the country collected $72,815 in behalf of the various activities supported by the professional organization. The 1960 goal of $100,000, PGA officials predict, probably will be reached when all returns are in.

Bill Casper, Jr., 1959 Open champion, gave the nation's golfers the target score of 67 to shoot at when he toured the Firestone CC course in Akron, O. His playing partner, Bob Rosburg, the 1959 PGA Championship winner, had a 70 in the Golf Day special. The number of golfers who bettered Casper's score has not been completely determined.

Harold Sargent, pres. of the PGA, said that his organization got unprecedented support from the press, radio and TV in making National Golf Day the success that it was. Pres. Eisenhower's message to participating players and Golf Day proclamations by governors and mayors also gave the event a real shot in the arm, Sargent said. Manufacturers, distributors and various golf associations were cited by the PGA head for the fine support they gave Golf Day.

Tabulations as of July 19th showed that 64,236 men, 6,237 women and 500 caddies participated in the nationwide golf competition. Reports from 1,534 clubs had been received at that time with many more expected.

Rules Explanation Mixed in with Shotmaking Demonstration

A shotmaking clinic interspersed with an explanation of the Rules of Golf proved so successful at Tam O'Shanter CC, Orchard Lake, Mich., this spring that Pro Warren Orlick and his staff repeated the dual offering again last month for the club's women players. Five holes were used for the demonstration and golf cars were used to transport the audience. Nine of the more difficult types of shots were executed and as many rules were explained. These included such as the Lost and Provisional ball rules, Unplayable ball, Lateral Water hazard, Immovable Obstructions and Ground Under Repair.