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Describes Club Plan for Golf Day Contributions

Nearly 20 caddies scholarship funds have been recipients of aid from National Golf Day, according to Fred L. Riggin, Sr., pres. of the National Golf Fund, Inc., which distributes to various causes the money received from the country’s biggest golf outing, which will be held June 11th. Not only has the money channeled into the caddie funds enabled thousands of boys to receive college educations but it has done much to make caddies available for clubs, Riggin adds.

Since Golf Day was started in 1952, more than $741,000 has been raised for golf projects, golf charities and national welfare organizations. Among those that have benefitted are the green section of the USGA, the GCSA, National Junior Chamber of Commerce for conducting its nationwide Junior tournament, the Amputee golf organization, Veterans Hospitals and the educational, relief and benevolent funds of the PGA.

Blanket Club Plan

Each year an increasing number of clubs has been sending checks to National Golf Day to cover contributions for all members. Individual contributions amount to one dollar. Blanket donations for members by clubs have been becoming more popular because National Golf Day often escapes the attention of the individual, or it is impossible for many persons to compete on the designated date. Yet, these members are desirous of making contributions and the club plan is the answer.

This year, the National Golf Fund has sent to club presidents copies of a suggested card which can be sent to members with dues statements.

It is recommended that the clubs use their own discretion in sending copies of the card out. It is also suggested that participation in National Golf Day continue to be kept on a voluntary basis.

In citing the various agencies that benefit from National Golf Day, Riggin has emphasized that one of the real needs of the game that has been neglected is a pension plan for professionals. Funds collected so far haven’t been sufficient to establish a program of this kind. Participation in a plan of this kind by a sufficiently large number of clubs, Riggin declares, might provide the additional revenues required to set up a solid pro pension plan.