Fund Raiser To Commemorate U.S. Open Champion Caddie Scholarship

The ghost of 1916 U.S. Open champion Chick Evans will roam the fairways and greens of the Minikahda Club September 20 during the Chick Evans Memorial Seven Club Fund Raiser.

The event commemorates the amateur golfer’s stunning Grand Slam victory in which he used only seven golf clubs to shoot a then record score for the championship, two-under-par 286. The proceeds from the event will benefit the Minnesota Evans Scholarship Fund, the college scholarship Evans founded for deserving caddies.

Entries are available for the event, which will include 18 holes of golf with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at the renowned Minneapolis club. KARE-TV news anchor Paul Magers will host the dinner banquet to follow. Golfers will be allowed to use only seven clubs and will be encouraged to dress in the fashion of the early 1900s. Evans scholars from the University of Minnesota will caddie for participants and coordinate many of the day’s activities, which will feature a scoreboard displaying Evans’ hole-by-hole scores for his final round during the Open.

The field is limited to 120 golfers — men, women, amateur or professional — with prizes being awarded in both gross and net categories. The entry fee is $200. Entries close on August 20. To obtain an entry blank, contact the Minnesota Golf Association office at 612/927-4643.

After his U.S. Open victory, Evans remained an amateur golfer. He then dedicated his earnings from an instructional record to form the Evans Scholarship Foundation. Since 1930 more than 5,000 Evans Scholars have graduated from universities across the country. Almost 400 of those graduates are from the University of Minnesota, which founded an Evans Scholar chapter house in 1954.

The Evans Scholarship Foundation is the largest privately funded scholarship in the country. It collects more than $5,000,000 from golfers, Evans Scholar alumni and the Western Open each year.

Minnesota golfers contributed more than $310,000 last year through $150 Par Club memberships and $25 Bag Tag memberships to the Evans Scholarship Foundation.