

Most of them are smaller and younger, so— GIVE THE CADDIES A BREAK!

AT almost every club the caddies average smaller in size and younger in age than they did last year. Those older bigger caddies who still come to clubs usually want to carry double whenever possible, and doubling is by no means satisfactory to most players.

The responsibility of considering the smaller caddie is neglected by most clubs and players, according to the observation of a widely-travelled golfer. He has noted that the sale of smaller bags hasn't picked up as it should for the best interests of the smaller caddies. He recalls that in days before the 14-club restriction the objections of physicians and parents to smaller boys being overloaded with packs of golf equipment were becoming extensive and serious enough to be a black mark against the game.

Now, he is convinced, it is advisable for the players at clubs where caddie shortages have brought smaller boys into service, to use their complete sets and heavier bags only when caddies physically qualified for the job are available. He grants that there may be some sacrifice of player's confidence in making a shot with a club he's not accustomed to use for the shot to be played. But, on the other hand, he is of the opinion that the average player may improve his game by simplification of the club selection problem to the point that better mastery of the entire set may be developed for employment when conditions return to normal.

In seeking to determine what sacrifice of scoring might be made by players lightening caddie loads when only smaller boys are available, this golfer weighed the loaded bags of 20 representative members at his own club. Initials of members, their handicaps, weight of loaded bags their caddies carry and the equipment in the bags are given in accompanying table.

The golfer comments:

"I weighed one of the larger leather bags without any balls or other things in it and it weighed 8 lbs. The little canvas bag weighs 2 lbs. It would be my suggestion that the members use their large leather bags for traveling purposes or when larger boys are caddying and give the little kids a break.

"I think it is a crime to expect these

young boys to carry these large bags. You can imagine what it would be to carry a 25 lb. bag of flour on your shoulder for four or five miles in the hot sun.

"There should be an additional penalty for any member who has his caddie carry any more than a 15 lb. bag . . . say 25c penalty for every 5 lbs. over 15 lbs."

We question the advisability of the suggestion of an excess charge for overweight, basing our objection on the hunch that the little kids would fight to get the heavier bags and the additional income, thus defeating the purpose of the lighter load suggestion. The table follows:

Name	Handicap	Wt. of Bag (lbs.)	Irons	Woods	Umbrellas
T. P.....	7	25	14	5	
M.....	8	24	9	4	1
H.....	18	27	9	4	1
E.....	6	26	11	4	
F.....	8	24	12	4	
E. E.....	18	20	9	4	
G. L.....	18	23	11	3	
C.....	36	16	8	3	
G.....	6	12	8	3	
E. P.....	24	23	10	4	
F.....	13	23	10	4	1
K.....	19	26	11	3	
L. A.....	20	21	8	4	
W.....	24	25	9	4	
M. H.....	18	24	11	4	
G. V.....	15	17	8	3	
R.....	14	21	9	4	
B.....	18	20	8	4	
A. H.....	17	18	8	4	
A. C.....	29	18	8	4	

AFTER two weeks of play in the Peter Dawson National Ringer Golf Tournament in which 90,000 golfers in over 300 clubs in the country are participating, the Miami Valley GC, Dayton, Ohio, was in the lead with a low ringer score of 48.

With the reported scores ranging from the low 48 to 67, four clubs are tied for second place with a score of 49 strokes. Last year's winner of the 300 ounce Dawson Trophy, the Glen Oaks Club, Farmington, Mich., had a final score of 42. So far, seventeen aces have been reported, with the Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, N. Y., accounting for two of these.