

NUMBERED TAGS SOLVE CADDIE PROBLEM

GUY PAULSEN comes up with an idea that will help pros who have to handle caddies. Guy worked it out at the Old Town Club, Winston Salem, N. C., where he was pro up to a few weeks ago. He's now in defense plant work.

The system is based on the use of numbered brass tags with the numbers being assigned to the boys. The boys' names are under their respective tags. If a boy improves in his work his name is moved up on the list. If his work is not commendable he is moved back in numbers.

The system works especially well at the smaller clubs. The board at the caddie pen should be located where it can be seen from the pro-shop, as caddies must have their numbered discs displayed on the board when waiting for a bag.

Nady Cates, Winston Salem Sentinel sports writer, gave Paulsen's system an illustrated feature story, in which he described the operation of the system as follows:

When the caddie reports for work, he takes his number off the board in the pro shop and carries it to the caddie pen, where he hangs it on another board.

As the golfers come up to play, the pro looks at his board which shows him how many boys he has in the pen, who they are and the order in which they are supposed to work. When he calls up a boy from the pen, the caddie brings in his number and hangs it on the pro shop board, thus indicating that for the next two or three hours he will be lugging a bag around the course.

Members Like the System

Old Town Club members say the system works admirably.

Here are the advantages of the system:

It saves the labor of half a man in handling caddies—always one of the biggest headaches of a golf club.

It gives the caddie a clear idea of where they are supposed to be at all times. (No crowding around the clubhouse, pestering golfers with pleas to carry their bags; no aimless wandering away from the caddie pen. A caddie is supposed to stick to his badge like a postage stamp and the badge must be on one of two boards at all times.



Old Town caddies (top photo) in caddie pen waiting call from pro to go to work. They have removed their own numbered tags from board in pro shop and hung them on board in pen. Caddie in lower photo has received call and is preparing to hang his numbered tag on board in pro-shop, prior to leaving for his trip around the course.

It does away with "floaters" (unreliable caddies dropping in just to make a little change and then disappear).

It keeps out outlawed caddies (boys who are suspended for infringement of the rules), for no boy may work who does not have a badge.

It keeps the boys located and away from the clubhouse.

It saves the salary of one employee.

At Old Town Club caddies are placed in two classifications, the regulars and the extras. When their badges are hung on the board, they are arranged in the order of preference, based on the quality of their work and their regularity in reporting for work.