

# National Caddy Scholars Council Organized

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AT Scott Hall of Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., July 28 Chick Evans was honored and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Evans caddie scholarships was observed.

The dinner was preceded by conferences of caddie scholarship funds officials from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Michigan, Wisconsin and Western Golf Assn. and other regional men and women amateur association executives.

The conferences resulted in outlining plans for forming a National Caddy Scholarship Council in which, it is hoped, all groups engaged in sponsoring caddy scholarships will be associated. This coordination of planning, financing and supervising was strongly endorsed by representatives of regional caddie scholarship funds after the presentation of the idea by Carleton Blunt, chmn., Evans Scholars Foundation board of trustees.

From the start of the Evans caddie scholarships with two boys entering Northwestern in 1930 until the present, more than 500 caddies have received college educations financed along the lines originated by Chick. Of this number, 380 scholarships have been awarded by the Evans Scholars Foundation.

The Evans Scholars Foundation has \$233,045 invested in houses for ex-caddie scholars at universities: Evans house at Northwestern, Standish house at Michigan, Allis house at Wisconsin and a house at Illinois. From all sources the Evans Scholars Foundation revenue in 1954 was \$229,570.

## Largest Scholarship Program

By the record of the caddies acquiring university training through the aid of these scholarships, and the growth of the caddie scholarship assistance, Evans has been uniquely distinguished in sports. The Evans foundation is the largest scholarship program in the world supported by individual contributions.

The implementation and extension of Chick's idea by astute and vigorous offi-

cials of the Western Golf Assn. vastly expanded the job begun when Chick presented income from instruction records, maintaining his amateur status and converting a wish into a reality.

Impressive evidence of the success of Evans' caddie scholarship idea spoke at the 25th anniversary dinner more eloquently than words that Chick or any others could say at the banquet. But Evans did make a brief and stirring talk that will illuminate golf's annals.

He referred simply to the glories he and others had achieved in golf and to the material gains of famous playing professionals. These feats probably are being surpassed by the performances of young men in business and professions for whom the door to opportunity was unlocked by caddie scholarships, Evans declared.

Chick tersely referred to the conception of the caddie scholarship idea by his mother and himself in 1928 and its help to youngsters in the bleak years of depression.

Evans said that after 50 years of making amateur golf his life he now is inclined to believe that he might have done better by giving his financial matters a priority over his dedicated activities in amateur golf. Chick spoke in calm appraisal and with no regrets. He, in a way, seemed to echo the reflection of Cardinal Wolsey, as reported by W. Shakespeare:

*Had I served my God with half the zeal  
I served my king, He would not in my age  
Have left me naked to mine enemies.*

However, Chick is by no means fiscally naked. He is doing right well as a sales executive for a large dairy company.

Outside the continued progress of the caddie scholarship work Chick's remaining ambition in golf was to play in 50 National Amateur championships. All chance of that was ended when the USGA discontinued giving automatic exemption to earlier champions.

At the anniversary dinner, James O'Keefe, pres., Western Golf Assn., paid tribute to the many who had worked hard

and effectively in developing the caddie scholarship plan.

Frank Cankar expressed the gratitude of the Evans Scholars alumni.

Carleton Blunt outlined the problems and achievements of the Evans Scholars Foundation, announcing the formation of the National Caddie Scholarship Council, and acknowledging the valuable work of James Rollins, now dean of the Harvard Business School. While officially associated with Northwestern Rollins was a guiding light in getting the scholarship operation soundly established.

J. Roscoe Miller, pres., Northwestern university, presided at the meeting.

### **Amputees' 7th Championship Sparkles with Fine Play**

**A** FIELD of 60 golfers, each minus an arm or a leg—in one case shy both hands—played in the 7th annual National Amputee tournament held at Ravisloe CC (Chicago dist.) July 18-19.

Jack Harrison, 43-year-old radio announcer from Grand Rapids, Mich., a leg amputee, won the Amputee national tournament for the third time. He scored 75-74-79 over a testing course. His awards were the Jack Ahern championship trophy and the Fred Riggin trophy for best scoring leg amputee. Lou Monge, who lost a leg in the Sicilian campaign, finished second with 152 and won the R. E. Britt trophy for "Most Improved Competitor." Monge, by the way, has to drive 50 miles from his job in a New Mexico hospital to play on a golf course. He got started when he was given a mashie and a few golf balls.

Bob Sadler, a Des Moines, Ia., attorney, who lost an arm at the age of 11, was third with 161, including a 2-stroke out-of-bounds penalty. Sadler also won prizes for least putting, approaching accuracy, and longest arm amputee drive.

You can't say that you've "been around" in golf until you have seen this all-star field performing. There are some amazing demonstrations of fine balance in shotmaking by leg amputees, and the hand action of fellows who have only one hand is marvelous.

Dale Bourisseau, a loser of a leg at Anzio, has campaigned this tournament to top billing. Pros in Buffalo and Cleveland who have seen the Amputee play, and Jack Drucker, pro at the host club this year, say it's the most astonishing and inspiring thing in golf competition. Henry Picard, who has steered many into

championships, puts on demonstrations and clinics at these Amputee tournaments. Pic comments that the annual event is by far the biggest competitive demonstration of golf's psychological and physical benefits.

It is tough to get the right sort of a good course for this tournament. The terrain must be considered for the leg amputees' play and the rough must be considered on account of the arm amputees' problems.

The 56-year-old Ravisloe club, scene of many fine tournaments, and one of the Chicago district's foremost clubs, was a superb host to the event. Club officials and members said they've never had a more cheerful, thoroughly sportsmanlike group of guests. Charles Eckstein, Chicago District Golf Assn. treas., after sessions with CDGA Pres. Fred Slyder and Tournament chmn. Stacey Osgood, arranged the tournament for his home club.

The Ravisloe caddies—175 of them—wanted to caddie at no cost to the Amputee contestants but the players wouldn't go for that. So the kids put their money into a huge "Goat" trophy awarded to the highest scorer in the field, leg amputee Edwin Zelli of Buffalo, with a two-round score of 422. In addition to the trophy, Zelli received a set of clubs, bags, shoes, rainjacket and golf glove. Caddiemaster Pete Budris, pro Jack Drucker and Eckstein chipped in with the kids for the added awards. Zelli also will get lessons from Alex Perley, pro at Wanakah CC, Hamburg, N. Y.

Ravisloe Supt. Walter Kilmer, enthusiastically complimented on the excellent condition of the course, will long remember some of the leg amputees telling him that they hoped their crutches didn't put dents in such great greens.

Ages of the field ranged from 16 to 72.

The amputees were about 50-50 war and home casualties. They paid big dividends in their use of what they get from the National Golf Fund, in addition to what they raise themselves.

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