

"CHARLES 'CHICK' EVANS, JR. WON THE NATIONAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT, JUNE 1916, ON THIS COURSE. NEAR THIS SPOT, WHILE WAITING FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY, HE DETERMINED TO REJECT FINANCIAL OFFERS TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER AND DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO THE COLLEGE EDUCATION OF CADDIES. HERE THE EVANS SCHOLARS FOUNDATION HAD ITS BEGINNING."



Chick Evans

The above is inscribed on a plaque located adjacent to the first tee at the Minikahda Club. The dedication ceremony took place on December 1, 1973. Fifty-seven years after winning this prestigious tournament, this dedication was one of several events celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Minikahda.

During these 57 years, 2000 caddies with Evans Scholarships have graduated from Universities throughout the country. At the present time there are 868 young men enrolled in 29 Universities in this program. The University of Minnesota currently has 57 Evans Scholars with 128 having graduated in the past.

The Foundation currently owns two houses at the University of Minnesota where these men live during their years in school. A scholarship from the Foundation is valued at approximately \$1000 per year and can extend to four years per individual.

This year alone there were 230 new recipients who will be starting their college education in the near future. Of this number 18 are from Minnesota representing 15 Clubs in the State, including Austin, Duluth, New Prague, Red Wing, Rochester, St. Cloud, Stillwater and the Twin Cities.

Having had the opportunity to meet several people who are active in this program it is easy to see how it has grown over the years to become what it is today. These men are so genuinely enthused concerning the merits of the program that their spirit and enthusiasm is felt by those around them. The Foundation is funded in several ways, but the major portion of the funds come from the sale of bag tags. When you see one of your members with one of these tags on his or her bag, you know that they have done their part in contributing to the education of these deserving young men.

Further information concerning this Foundation, who is eligible to apply for scholarships and what the requirements are can be obtained by contacting the W.G.A. in Chicago or the M.G.A. Office in Edina.

Today when prize money is skyrocketing and total purses are bulging, the Evans Foundation stands as a national tribute to a man who rejected "financial offers to become a professional golfer and devote his life to the college education of caddies"

The golfing world owes much to you, Chick Evans.



Left to right: F.H. Corrigan, Founder of the Local Chapter of the Evans Scholars and past National Trustee; Fred Seed, 1974 Minikahda Club President; Chick Evans, C.P. Pesek, 1973 Minikahda Club President