

INVEST \$1 IN GOLF DAY FOR FUN AND THE GAME

8th Annual
Golf Day
June 11

..... **M**ore than 600 boys attend colleges and universities through grants from various caddie scholarship funds and each of them draw assistance from National Golf Day.

..... Through the use of National Golf Day proceeds the National Amputee Golf Association provides clubs for new members and arranges instructions.

..... Many factors contribute to the growth of junior golf and one of the main factors has been money grants from National Golf Day proceeds.

..... Golf courses of the future will be better because of contributions made possible by National Golf Day to the United States Golf Association Green Section Research and Education Fund, Inc.

That is a partial rundown of the benefits accruing each year from National Golf Day. The annual event comes up June 11. Once again golfers throughout the United States are urged to buy tickets for \$1 and to play their National Golf Day rounds at almost any private, daily fee or public links course between June 5 and 11.

On June 11, Bill Casper, the National Open Champion, plays against Bob Rosburg, the PGA Champion, at the Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio. Theirs will be an 18-hole "Round of the Champion."

Golfers, using their USGA or other established handicaps, will pit their scores against the winner of the "Round of the Champion."

Those "beating" the Casper-Rosburg winner will receive National Golf Day medals from the PGA.

All men amateurs will play their normal handicaps. Ladies will be permitted to use their regular handicaps plus seven strokes. The Callaway Handicap system can be used by those without club handicaps.

The objective this year is proceeds of at least \$100,000. A golfer can buy as many \$1 tickets as he likes but he must turn in a card for each of his rounds.

Last year the PGA-sponsored event produced more than \$90,000. In eight years more than \$725,000 has been realized from National Golf Days.

The National Golf Fund, Inc., distributes the money accumulated through Golf Day. Net proceeds from last year's event were distributed to: Caddie Scholarship funds; U.S.G.A. Green Section Research and Education Fund, Inc.; Golf Course Superintendents Association Educational Fund; Junior Chamber of Commerce War Memorial Fund; National Amputee Golf Association; United Voluntary Services; U. S. Blind Golfers Association; American Womens Voluntary Services; PGA Educational Fund and the PGA Relief Fund; PGA Benevolent Fund.

Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, National Research Coordinator for the USGA Green Section, said in describing benefits:

"Already the research financed through National Golf Day contributions is bearing fruit and the golfers of the nation are the beneficiaries. For example, the release of Tifway bermudagrass has recently been announced. This is a variety of bermudagrass that has come out of breeding work at the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Tifton, Georgia.

"Investigative work on the physical factors which operate in the behavior of putting green soils has been pursued at Texas A. & M.

"Much of the research presently being supported by National Golf Fund money is of a fundamental nature. Such research seldom produces quick results. Yet the administrators of state experiment station efforts are more and more inclined to emphasize this kind of investigation. An example of such research may be found at the Pennsylvania State University.

"Another project of a fundamental nature is being carried out at UCLA. Dr. Victor Youngner has made use of "controlled environment" chambers to study the effects of light and temperature on the behavior of grasses."