## NATIONAL GOLF DAY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2

Entrants to play Champions against par

National Golf Day, golf's only benefit for golf, will be celebrated on June 2 when Gene Littler, the 1961 Open Champion, engages Jerry Barber, last year's PGA Champion, in the Round of the Champion at the Aronimink Golf Club, Newton Square, Pa.

Beginning that day, and continuing through June 10, golfers throughout the country will have an opportunity to match their net scores against the winner of the Littler-Barber match.

All men amateurs will play their normal handicaps. Those who do not have USGA Handicaps can utilize the Callaway System. Women will be permitted to use their regular handicaps plus an additional 10 strokes.

National Golf Day medals will be awarded to those who beat the winner of the Littler-Barber match by the Professional Golfers' Association of America.

## **Par Threes Included**

All who participate will compete against the winner's score in relation to par rather than on a stroke-for-stroke basis. This makes it possible for players at all courses, including par-3 courses, to compete equitably.

Participants can play as many National Golf Day rounds as they wish during the week. The entry fee for each round is \$1.00.

The event is sponsored by the PGA, which turns over the net receipts to National Golf Fund, Inc., for distribution to a number of golf projects and charities.

Lou Strong, PGA President, says "No other event is more important to all golfers, amateur and professional alike, and to the game of golf. National Golf Day provides an opportunity to all of us to put something back into the game which we all love.

"There are many deserving charities

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Gene Littler, USGA Open Champion in 1962, engages 1962 PGA Champion Jerry Barber in National Golf Day match June 2.

which use golf to raise money for their particular worthwhile causes. We are proud to have golf play a part in them. However, we are doubly proud of National Golf Day which helps worthwhile golf charities and golf projects."

Since the inception of the program in 1952, more than \$850,000 has been distributed.

## **Green Section Benefits**

Among the projects rewarded by the program is the U.S.G.A. Green Section Research and Educational Fund, Inc. which received \$80,500 from National Golf Fund from 1952 through 1961.

The Edgewater Golf Club of Chicago led the nation in 1961 contributions with a total of \$1,260. The Rackham Golf Club, Royal Oak, Mich., site of the 1961 USGA Amateur Public Links Championship, was second with \$1,257.