



BARBARA PUETT PROUDLY FLASHES QUALIFYING CARD
 ... Austin woman shoots 75 for State Publinx medalist honors at Oso

PUBLINX GOLF

Austin Woman Wins Medalist Play Here

By **BUCK FRANCIS**

Mrs. Roan (Barbara) Puett, three-time Austin city champion, captured medalist honors in the 32nd annual Texas Women's Public Links Golf Association Tournament at Oso Municipal yesterday with a four-over par 75.

Mrs. Puett led a field of 128 players who fought a 25-30 mile-an-hour wind throughout the day that sent the qualifying scores sky rocketing.

Only one other player, Mrs. Leo (Doris) Beckley of Corpus Christi managed to shoot in the 70s. Mrs. Beckley qualified with a 79.

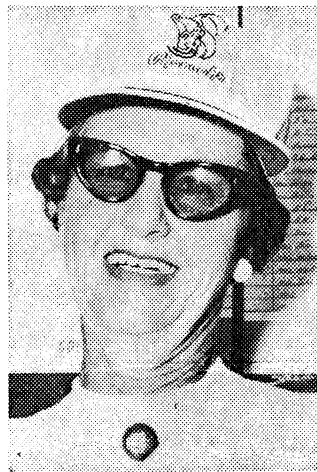
Mrs. Marjorie Leach of Austin, last year's runnerup, was one of three players with 80. The other two were by Mrs. Chris Rachal of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Betty Hanson of Houston.

Senior Division Winner

Mrs. Rachal's 80 gave her the medalist prize in the "Senior Division," which is for women 50 years of age and older.

The senior women, however, will compete against the rest of the field in the match play tournament. Mrs. Rachal, who is competing in her third state Publinx tournament, is the current city women's champion here.

Mrs. Puett also is competing in her third state tournament.



MRS. CHRIS RACHAL
 ... Senior medalist

Both Mrs. Puett and Mrs. Rachal are seeking their first state title.

Mrs. Puett was out in 40 yesterday and came in with a 35. For the round she had two birdies, 10 pars and six bogeys.

Won Last 3 Years

The 28-year-old Austin school teacher won the Austin city championship in 1962-63-64. In 1963 Barbara made it an "all Puett" affair in Austin as her husband, Roan, won the city men's championship in the state's capital city.

Mrs. Puett, a University of Texas graduate, has been play-

ing golf eight years and she credits Harvey Penick, former Texas golf coach, for the success she's had in golf.

Thirty two players landed in the championship flight after yesterday's qualifying rounds but the title flight will be cut to 16 today. First round losers in match play which begins today will automatically drop down and form the first flight.

Single matches will be played each day through Friday in the second flight down with final matches in the championship and first flights scheduled Saturday.

The tournament will have a new champion inasmuch as Kathy Ahern, a Dallas schoolgirl who won the title last year, was unable to enter this year because of her schooling.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Upper Bracket

8:00 — Barbara Puett, 75, vs. Rena Winston, 85; Mrs. R. M. Copeland, 83, vs. Novie Whitbread, 88.

8:07 — Betty Hanson, 80, vs. Mrs. W. D. Coslin, 87; Martha Rader, 84, vs. Margaret Soulier, 90.

8:14 — Marjorie Leach, 80, vs. Alice Paschal, 86; Polly McCall, 83, vs. Gwen Anderson, 89.

8:21 — Mrs. C. N. Aycok, 82, vs. Mrs. D. E. Chapman, 87; Jennie Heatherington, 84, vs. Emily Moller, 90.

Lower Bracket

8:28 — Doris Beckley, 79, vs. Dot Reeder, 85; Mrs. Al Carson, 83, vs. Frances Thornburg, 88.

8:35 — Mildred Kirk, 81, vs. Doris Gingress, 87; Martha Mahan, 84, vs. Mrs. H. F. Christopher, 90.

8:42 — Elsie Rachal, 80, vs. Mrs. W. S. Bazarth, 86; Barbara Jones, 84, vs. Claudia Clark, 89.

8:49 — Dee Miller, 82, vs. Mrs. Walter Vranasic, 88; Jean Seale, 85, vs. Mrs. Ray Tindel, 90.

SECOND FLIGHT