

# Barbara Puett Defeats Mrs. Seale in Finals

Barbara Puett of Austin used strong tee shots and steady irons to overpower Mrs. Jean Seale of Corpus Christi 12 and 10 in the finals of the 32nd annual Texas Women's Public Links golf tournament yesterday at the Oso.

Mrs. Puett was eight up in the first round played yesterday morning then won the second, fourth, seventh and eighth holes to close out the match.

Mrs. Puett, three time Austin city champion, closed out the match on the lake-lined Par 5 No. 8 hole. There she used a 25-30 mile trailing wind to powder the ball 225 yards off the tee. Her second shot was short but she putted up and sank a four footer to end the match with a birdie 4.

It was the fifth major tournament title for the Austin school teacher including the Midland Country Club invitational.

But for Mrs. Seale it was an accomplishment. It was her first time in the finals of a major tournament.

Mrs. Puett used her wood shots and was never in trouble. Distance proved to be her main strength but her short irons and putting was steady. She had a



**BARBARA PUETT**  
... Publinox champion

medal score of 74 in the morning round that included one birdie. In the second round she was one over in eight and had two birdies.

Mrs. Seale shot an 83 in the morning and was six over in the second round. She had trouble with her putter as it started hot but cooled down in the first round. The cold putter and the

trouble with the tee shots spelled defeat.

In the first flight championship, Mrs. Waller Vranesic of Austin won one-up over Mrs. C. N. Aycock of Alice

Mrs. Gwen Anderson won the first flight consolation, 1 up, over Mrs. Billy Kirk of Corpus Christi.

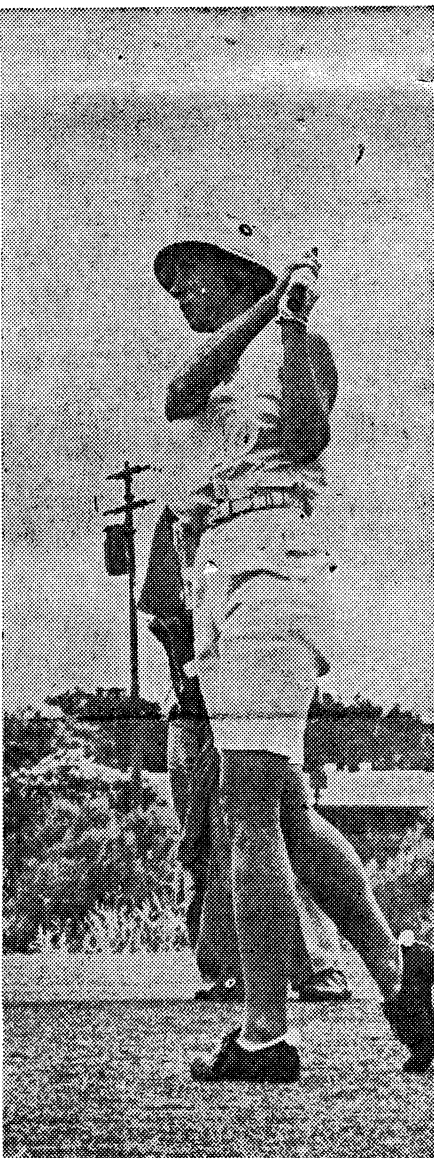
Mrs. Chris Rachal of Corpus Christi defeated Mrs. Majorie Leach of Austin last year's runnerup, 12 and 8 in the championship consolation.

The field of 128 golfers was the largest ever entered in the Public Links tournament. The previous high was 113.

The tournament will be held at Memorial Golf Course in Austin next year.

In a business meeting, Adel Fowler of Dallas was elected president of the group; Edie Thompson of McAllen, first vice president; Mildred Byrne of Ganado, second vice president; Mattie Lou Cantrell of Sweeney, third vice president; and Helen McKinzie of Corpus Christi, secretary and treasurer.

Mayor McIver Furman presented silver awards to the winners of the week-long tournament.



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... runnerup Jean Seale chips, champion Barbara Puett booms a drive