

Barbara Pu

Tournament Play Begins Today

Barbara Puett of Austin, whose husband Roan Puett is a former Longview resident, came through with a score of 79 at the Pinecrest Women's Annual Invitational Golf Tournament to win medalist honors in the championship flight in the qualifying round for that flight played here on Wednesday afternoon. The first round of play in the tournament is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. today.

Defending champion Wanda Sowell of Tyler did not compete for medalist honors since she is the No. 1 seeded player.

The match which is expected to attract the most attention in the first round of play today will be that between defending champion Wanda Sowell and Barbara Smith of Barksdale. Miss Sowell is the Texas State Public champion, and Miss Smith, who is a member of the Women's Air Force, is woman's champion of the Startegic Air Command and was runner-up for the Air Force crown.

The players who competed for the championship flight had a rough time with old man par, and par won out in each case. Woman's par for the Pinecrest course is 76.

The following players, who qualified for the championship flight, shot the scores which follows their names:

1. Wanda Sowell of Tyler—defending champion.
2. Barbara Puett of Austin, medalist, (79).
3. Faye Lyon of Houston (81).
4. Rhea Stammer of Longview, club champion, (81).
5. Becky Stark of Orange (81).
6. Ruby Watry of Barksdale Air



PINECREST MEDALIST.—Barbara Puett of Austin gets ready to sink the 8-foot putt on the 18th hole at the Pinecrest Country Club which gave her a score of 79 and won medalist honors in the Pinecrest Women's Tournament currently being played at the club. (NEWS - JOURNAL STAFF PHOTO).

7. Edna Shelton of Dallas (82).
8. Mrs. Robert Konitz of Shreveport (82).
9. Barbara Smith of Barksdale Air Force Base, (84).
10. Minette Elder of Kilgore (85).
11. Mary Shewbert of Lindale (85).
12. Mary Freeman of Little Rock, Ark. (85).
13. Sophie Redditt of Kilgore (86).
14. Lola Park of Longview (86).
15. Ethel Holcomb of Nacogdoches (86).
16. Frances Blanton of Longview (88).