

Ralph Wolf's 67 Sets Pace in Metropolitan

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Ralph (You Betcha) Wolf of California Country Club (nee Rolling Hills) set the pace yesterday in the metropolitan golf championship, touring the Baldwin Hills layout in 67 whacks, 5 under regulation figures.

Wolf, knocking in long putts from all over the carpets, held a

one-stroke lead over Dave McEvoy, tourney medalist, and Bruce McCormick and was two ahead of Ralph Evans and Neil Whitney.

The large field moves over to the longer and tougher Fox Hills layout today for the last round of the 36-hole medal-play event sponsored by the Southland Public Links Association.

Yesterday's field was so large that Oliver Sleppy, Lt. Owen Panner and Doc Egbert still were playing come nightfall. They'll finish off four holes to-

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day at Baldwin, then move over to Fox. Sleppy had a 31 at the turn, Panner and Egbert both 35; leaving all a chance to catch the flying leaders.

Wolf, playing with McCormick, Whitney and Howard Tecker, made the turn in 31, then came back in 33 for his 67. He just missed the cup on the last velvet by an inch with a 20-foot putt that would have given him a 66 had it dropped.

67—Ralph Wolf, 34-33.
68—Dave McEvoy, 35-33; Bruce McCormick, 33-35.
69—Ralph Evans, 36-33; Neil Whitney, 33-36.
71—Ernie Tardiff, 33-38.
72—Marshall Holt, 35-36; Vic Hendrix, 36-36; Fred Hansen, 34-38; Willie Barber, 36-36.
73—Bill Cooke, 38-35; Julia Becos, 36-37; Ray Sleppy, 36-37; Del Walker, 35-36.

A FLIGHT

71—Jack Gargan, T. Richardson.
72—Mahlon Chambers.

B FLIGHT

75—Vic Graves.
76—J. Griffiths, Bob Lutz.

C FLIGHT

77—Ed King.
78—Jea Dierl, W. Chase.

D FLIGHT

79—R. Cunningham.
80—R. Fretsch, D. Minor.

CALIFORNIA C.C. — The \$5000 Beverly Hills open golf tournament will be held at this club (formerly Rolling Hills) Aug. 24-25-26. This will be the richest purse ever offered in the metropolitan area for local pros, according to Maurie Luxford, tourney chairman.

All professionals and national or sectional amateur tourney finalists will automatically qualify for the tourney, Luxford said. All other amateurs must play an 18-hole qualifying round over home courses between now and Aug. 20. The low 50 scorers will be eligible to compete in the open.

Gross and Net Prizes

Luxford said there will be both gross and net prizes for the qualifying round, an inducement to swell the qualifying list. Qualifying fee will be \$5 which may be paid at the time of the round over home courses. Prizes will be a \$50 War Bond for low gross and low net, plus three \$25 War Bond prizes for second, third and fourth places in gross and net competition.

The qualifying-round fee also provides a season gallery ticket to the open.

Pros already entered include George Fazio, Olin Dutra, John Montague, host pro; Mark Fry, Benny Coltrin and Len Dodson from the bay district; Ray Mangrum, Harry Bassler, Clayton Aleridge, Charles Lacey, Fay Coleman and Willie Hunter.

RIVIERA — Putting on a garri-son finish, Mac Hunter fired a last-round 68 to capture the club championship here with a 291 total. Hunter was playing with Walter Buerman and Russell York, who each finished with 73's for a second-place tie at 298. The trio had been tied at the end of 54 holes of championship play.

George Lance, defending champ, finished in fourth spot.

Here are the rounds of the leaders:

Hunter—73-74-76-68—291.
Buerman—76-74-73-73—296.
York—72-71-80-74—296.
Lance—75-75-76-75—300.

There were five sections of play in the handicap divisions, lowest net score being turned in by Bruce Delmar with a 252 for a 63 average. W. I. Simonson scored 268 averaging 67; George Blair, 268 for 67, and Frank Barnes, 269 for 67.3. Pro Willie Hunter opines that because of these low net scores among the high-handicap players, there'll be some revising along the line.

Flight leaders and net scores include:

11 to 14—George Blair, 268.5; Tommy Ladd, 272.4; H. H. Meyers, 278.2.
15 to 20—Curtis McFadden, 273.6; P. H. Mallory, 277.8; Stu Mason, 281, and George Herritt, 291.6.
21 to 24—Dr. L. Frucher, 260; Harry Clark, 284; Ed Kelly, 285.
25 to 30—Bruce Delmar, 252; Dr. A. W. Kosky, 260; W. I. Simonson, 268.

PALOS VERDES—George Fritts, defending champ, moved into the semifinals of the club championship in the lower bracket by defeating Cliff Reid, 4 and 2. Fritts meets the winner of the Grant-Rigg match and is a favorite to go into the finals.

In a vice-president's match, John Wegram defeated Nelson Allison, 2-1.

SAN GABRIEL—J. Roy Smetz is the latest shotmaker to join El Selecto de Hole-en-Uno (Hole-in-

One Club) here when, last Tuesday, while playing with A. G. Kruse, Dr. C. M. Burton and Dr. E. J. Gofredson, he holed out his tee shot on the 177-yard ninth, using a No. 3 iron. Being his first hole-in-one, Roy went into a three-quarter swoon, but his medical-men playmates dived into their duffle-bags and came up with a stimulant known to the profession as "tincture of wild moose milk," which made it possible for him to continue playing . . . The club recently installed picturesque new tee markers named for the missions along El Camino Real, starting with San Diego as No. 1 and right on through to No. 18 which, quite appropriately, is titled "San Gabriel," even if they did have to backtrack a bit, geographically.

GRIFFITH PARK — Fay Moss, with 31 points, won a selective-nine event held here by the women's club. Results:

31—Fay Moss; 31½—Hops Becker; 32—Audry Dexter; 33—Angie Vole, Nell Joyce; 33½—Lynette Atkins.
Class B: 31½—Gene Workman; 34½—Hilda Brown; 35½—Betty Best.

RANCHO SANTA FE — George Lake, Southland P.G.A. prexy, announces there will be a pro-jockey-trainer sweepstakes here tomorrow. The Del Mar Turf Club is posting \$500 in cash prizes for the pros.