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SHOTMAKER—Here's Harry Bassler, Fox Hills pro, whose chances are well liked in 72-hole Beverly Hills open tournament next week-end at California Country Club.

Sharpies Will Tune Up in Pro-Amateur Tourney

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A pro-amateur tourney for a \$500 pot will serve as a tune-up next Thursday for the \$5000 Beverly Hills open which starts the following day at California Country Club, Maurie Luxford, tourney chairman, announced yesterday.

Pros are invited to bring one club members as a partner while other partners will be members of the host club. However, should a pro desire to enter more than one of his own club members he may do so—but the extra man will have to pair off with another pro.

The \$500 in prizes will be put up by the club, Fred Ussher, California prexy said, and will be over and above the jackpot

in the open event. The \$5000 in War Bond prizes will be the biggest ever put up locally except for the L. A. Open. The pros actually will cut up \$1500 in War Bond prizes, the other \$500 being used for amateur prizes in both the open and a qualifying round for the big tourney. A Calcutta dinner party at the club follows the pro-amateur event.

Deadline Near

Deadline for amateur qualifying is Monday evening, Luxford said. All 0 to 4 handicappers are automatically qualified to play in the open. Those with handicaps from 5 up may play one 18-hole round over home courses. Qualifying entry fee is \$5. This entitles all players to a crack at the berths open in the tourney and \$250 in qualifying prizes. In addition, those who fail to qualify for the tourney will receive a free gallery ticket with clubhouse privileges during the open, Luxford said.

Prizes for qualifying are evenly distributed for the first four places in gross and net. There'll be a \$50 War Bond for first and three \$25 War Bonds for second, third and fourth in each division.

Only gross scores will be used to determine eligibility for the open tourney.

John Montague, host pro for the open, asks that all players in the pro-amateur call in their entries immediately.