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Pro-am to open SC Classic tomorrow

By AL REZNIK
Sports Editor

Nearly two dozen celebrities will join close to 100 amateurs and more than 10 LPGA professionals when the pro-am portion of the \$100,000 Sun City Classic tees off Wednesday at Hillcrest golf course.

The first foursome will tee off at 8 a.m. at the picturesque Sun City West course, with final play scheduled to start shortly after noon.

Among those playing in the event will be popular television sportscaster

and Valley resident Joe Garagiola, entertainer Vic Damone, state legislators Bob Denny, Bill Hardt, Jim Ratliff and Hal Runyon, Milwaukee Brewers pitching coach Cal McLish, Brewer pitchers Moose Haas and Larry Sorensen, Los Angeles Dodger pitcher Don Sutton and, from the Baltimore Colts pro football team, Valley resident George Kunz.

THEY'LL be joining such outstanding lady pros as Nancy Lopez Melton, two-time LPGA player of the year; Beth Daniel, 1979 rookie of the year; Amy Alcott, Judy

Rankin, Donna Caponi Young, Sandra Palmer, Jerilyn Britz, Debbie Austin, Laura Baugh Dent, Kathy Whitworth, Mary Dwyer, Marlene Floyd, Marlene Hagge, Jan Stephenson and Marilyn Smith.

Sun City pros Noni Schneider, Barbara Riley and Cindy Parker also will be on hand as will former Arizona State University women's golf coach Judy Whitehouse, Valley golfers Mary Bea Porter and Kathy Cornelius and teenage sensations Heather Farr and Kay Cornelius.

Three members of the current Sun Devil team, Jeannette Kerr, Kelly Fuiks and Lori Merton also are entered in the tournament.

Specific pairings for the pro-am event will be announced at a special play-party tonight.

While the pros will be playing for a \$5,000 purse in the pro-am, they're all pointing toward Thursday, when the Classic itself tees off at Hillcrest.

AT THAT time, the 87 play-for-pay pros and five invited amateurs will go at it over four days of 18holes each, with the

winning pro earning \$15,000.

Almost all of the players put in a practice appearance at Hillcrest Monday and even more will be testing the 6,154-yard layout before day's end today.

Golf fans from the Sun Cities and the Valley have turned out in good numbers to watch the practice sessions.

Many of the players played very deliberate rounds—mostly nine holes—Monday, taking care to note specific points on the course they unanimously called "very

competitive."

THOSE WHO played one nine Monday are playing the other nine today, with their personal caddies and those assigned by the tournament committee doing much of the note-taking.

Nancy Lopez Melton, for example, played nine holes with as many as three or four balls in play at once. She was overheard talking about particular spots on the course and was observed making a notebook-full of comments.

As last year's top money winner (two years

straight) she not only figures to be the gallery favorite but must be considered the favorite to take the title.

While no one is making predictions, Hillcrest resident pro Fielding Abbott did predict the pros would not tear his course apart. HE SAID 12 under par would certainly win it, but added he really didn't expect anyone to shoot that well.

The course itself appears to be in excellent condition, with work ongoing from sun-up to nightfall. The few soft spots left by the nine days of rain that

finally ended Friday are drying nicely, and there should be no weather-caused trouble spots.

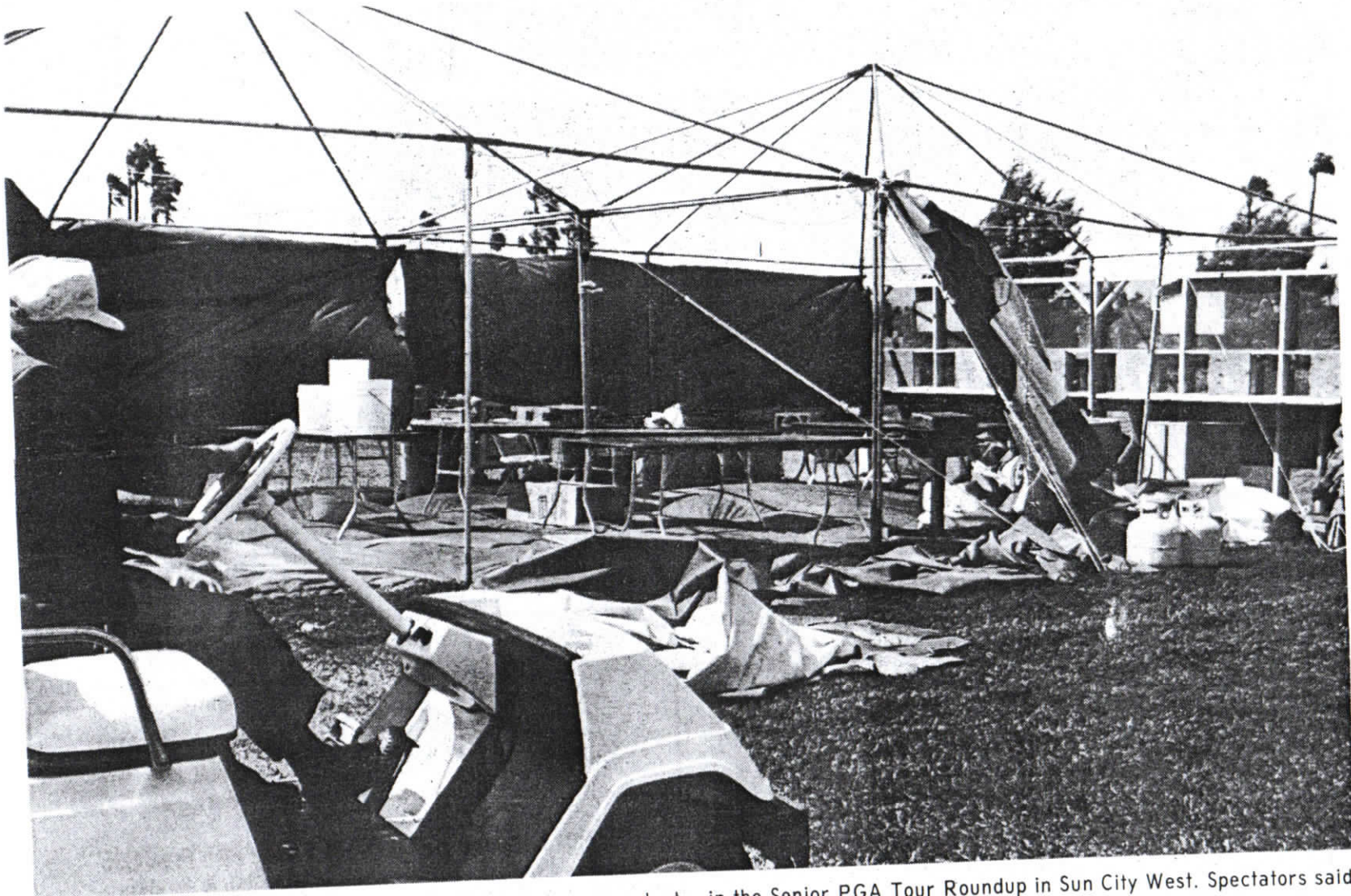
The final deadline for entries passed Monday evening, with only three new names coming in. THE TRIO, each of whom paid an extra \$100 for the right to play (a late-entry fine) included Debby Rhoades, Gail Hirata and Anne Marie Palli.

Tee-off time Thursday and Friday will be 8 a.m. There will be a 36-hole cut to the 70 best scorers Friday evening, with Saturday and Sunday play scheduled for 8:30.

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DESPITE WIND

Fans flock to see golf's legends



Max Effron, prize chairman, inspects a food and beverage tent that was demolished by high winds Thursday during pro-am play in the Senior PGA Tour Roundup in Sun City West. Spectators said food flew everywhere.



Hazel Wisdom of Sun City hopes gusty winds don't become a tradition of the Senior Tour Roundup.



Sun City amateur Dick Rolls, his hair blowing in the breeze, tees off during pro-am play.



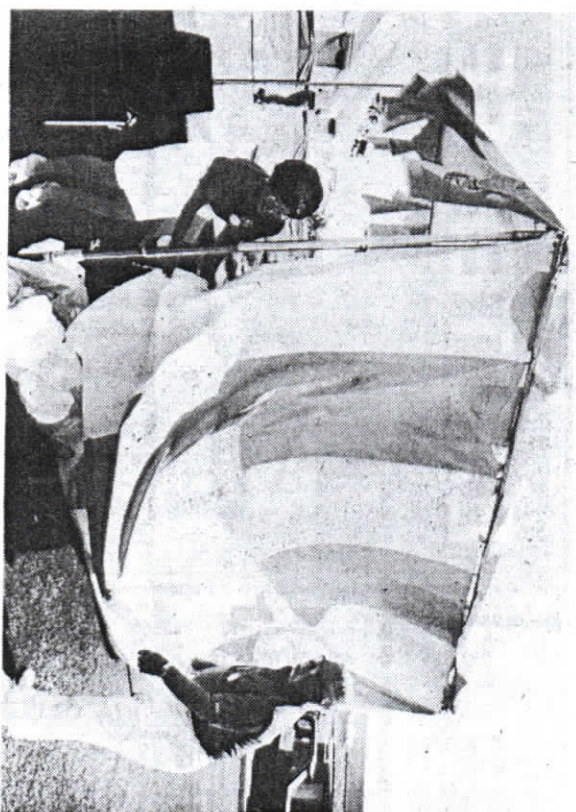
Sam Snead stretches his body before teeing off during pro-am play.

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Like an army, a golf gallery travels on its stomach, and these avid fans prepared for the long trek around Hillcrest with a feast of hotdogs, soft drinks and sweet rolls.



Sun City Westers Mary and Don Miller erect a tent around a concession stand where they sold souvenir hats, visors and towels.

Daniel captures playoff

By Walt Jayroe
Republic Staff

SUN CITY WEST — Beth Daniel pocketed the \$15,000 first prize Sunday in the third Sun City Classic, but few of the day's estimated 15,000 witnesses will suggest that she won it.

This was a tournament that was lost.

And, when Daniel missed a 1-foot putt on 17 that would have clinched the championship, it seemed a tournament destined to end without a champion.

The real loser was Tatsuko Ohsako, the Japanese golfer who had threatened to make her victory the first consecutive LPGA Tour wins by foreigners. Ayako Okamoto, also of Japan, won last week in Tucson.

"I hate to see someone fall apart," said Daniel shortly after defeating a tired Carole Jo Callison in the second hole of sudden-death playoff at Hillcrest Golf Course.

"She had pure bad luck. I really feel sorry for Tatsuko."

Daniel's birdie putt from 6 feet edged Callison, who had parred the hole moments before. Ironically, Daniel's second

tour victory of the season came on the 11th hole, where Ohsako lost the tournament.

Ohsako will long remember her second shot at the par-4, 359-yard 11th. She had a three-shot lead over Callison at the time. And she led Daniel by four. They were playing together.

Ohsako's tee shot landed in a tree well to the right of the fairway. Her second shot ricocheted off the tree and hit her club.

The two-shot penalty — the ball can neither touch the golfer nor her equipment — resulted in a quadruple-bogey 8 for Ohsako and a broken spirit.

"She hit what I considered was not an intelligent shot from underneath that tree," Callison said.

"In professional golf, you just chip it out on the fairway in those situations. I wasn't exactly there, but when I'm in that position, I just take my lumps and get out of there."

Although no one, including the scorekeeper, knew, Callison had thrust into the lead by one stroke on the hole.

"When we were going down 12," Daniel said, "we thought she was still leading the tournament."

It was then, Daniel said, that she felt like she had a chance again after missing several opportunities to charge at Ohsako early.

Her chip shot from 30 feet gave her a birdie on 12. Ohsako and Callison each shot par.

"That kind of inspired me," Daniel said. "Up until then, I was just trying to stay in the tournament."

Meanwhile, Diane Dailey, who was playing in the group ahead, had pulled to within one shot at 9 under.

"When I came up on 18," Dailey said, "I couldn't believe I was tied for third. I thought I was fifth or sixth."

Daniel apparently had it in the bag at 16 with a mere par. Callison's tee shot landed in a bunker, and she bogeyed the hole.

Ohsako had a bunker problem herself, missed a short putt and took a double bogey.

Now, Daniel had a stroke lead coming into 17. But her miss of the 1-foot putt for a bogey and Callison's par tied it again. They both parred 18 to go into the playoff.

The playoff was Callison's first on the

— LPGA, C2

Birdie putt ends 'not a bad week'

By Bob Eger
Republic Staff

SUN CITY WEST — How good is Beth Daniel?

She says she's better than she was last year at this time, and better than she was two springs ago. Both times she went on to become the leading money winner on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour.

She was good enough to win the \$100,000 Sun City Classic at Hillcrest Golf Course on Sunday despite a missed putt on the 17th hole that might have destroyed a golfer with less talent or less composure.

Many observers of the women's tour feel Daniel, a lanky 25-year-old from Seabrook Island, S. C., will be the dominant force in women's golf for the next decade. She showed why Sunday, stalking third-round leader Tatsuko Ohsako throughout the front nine, blowing past her early on the back side, and beating a good friend, Carole Jo Callison, with a birdie on the second playoff hole.

"I felt like I was attacking all day," Daniel said. "I just couldn't make any putts."

Daniel missed a 1-footer on the 17th hole — costing her a chance to win the tournament in regulation.

The miss didn't appear to affect her game, but she said she wasn't able to erase it from her mind.

"I still can't believe it," she said after her round. "All you have to do on that putt is get the blade on the ball. I got the blade on the ball, but it didn't go in."

Callison said: "If we had been playing for fun, I would have given it to her. It looked like it hit something and bounced straight left."

Daniel said it was tough getting her killer instinct aroused against Callison, whom she described as a good friend.

"I know her very well and like her very much," Daniel said. "It's hard to play someone you like so much."

Daniel said her miss at 17 caused her to think twice about a 2-foot putt at 18.

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"It gets you thinking," she said. "If I had lost the tournament, you would have written that I choked on 17."

Daniel said that her game is "much better than it was last year at this time. In fact, it's better than it was at the end of last year."

"I felt really comfortable over the ball for the first time this weekend," she said. "I'm putting much better, though you wouldn't know it the past two days."

Daniel hardly prepared for this season in the traditional fashion. She said she spent the winter "drinking beer and lying in the hammock."

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tour. But that was far from her mind, she said.

"It was just like we were playing the rest of the holes," said Callison, 43. "I just got really tired. I was just trying to hit it straight and move it forward."

Daniel's mouth must have watered at the sight of No. 10. It is a long par-5. And she is one of the tour's longest hitters. She can reach the green in two shots regularly.

But her second shot hit a bunker on the left. Daniel left herself a 12-foot

Daniel won \$97,027 and was picked Rookie of the Year in 1979. The next year she established an LPGA season earnings record of \$231,000. She was tops on the tour again last year with \$206,977.

The 1982 tour is only five tournaments old and Daniel already has two victories and \$42,450 in official earnings. She won the \$125,000 Bent Tree Ladies Classic two weeks ago in Sarasota, Fla. In addition to her \$15,000 first-place check Sunday, she'll receive another \$5,000 in unofficial bonus money from the new Mazda points-bonus system announced just last week.

"This wasn't a bad week," said Daniel, who was playing the Sun City Classic for the first time. "My team won the pro-am; I got a hole-in-one (Friday), and I won the tournament."

putt for a birdie coming out of the sand, but missed by 2 inches.

Callison came even closer. Her 45-foot putt rolled so close to the hole that a tremor would have sent it down.

"She really got robbed that the ball didn't go in," Daniel said.

Then came No. 11. Daniel and Callison were even off the tee. But Daniel's 9-iron planted the ball only 6 feet from the pin.

Callison two-putted for par before Daniel stepped up and drilled the shot some will no doubt call a winner.

But the Sun City Classic had been lost there two hours before.



Jeff Jacobsen/Republic

Beth Daniel celebrates her sudden-death victory Sunday in the LPGA Sun City Classic.

Daniel made a birdie putt to edge Carole Jo Callison on the second hole of the playoff.

Sun City Classic

FINAL SCORES

(Daniel won playoff on 2nd extra hole)	
Beth Daniel, \$15,000	70-67-71-70-278
Carole Jo Callison, 9,800	68-71-70-69-278
Dianne Dailey, 7,000	70-70-70-69-279
Myra Van Hoose, 4,500	71-71-70-69-281
Pat Bradley, 4,500	69-71-72-69-281
Patti Rizzo, 3,200	70-71-71-70-282
Ayako Okamoto, 3,200	69-71-71-71-282
Tatsuko Ohsako, 3,200	70-67-67-78-282
Janel Coles, 2,210	69-73-70-71-283
Barbara Barrow, 2,210	70-70-72-71-283
Donna H. White, 2,210	73-69-71-70-283
Barbara Moxness, 2,210	70-70-71-72-283
Carole Charbonor, 2,210	71-68-74-70-283
Marga Stubbelfield, 2,210	72-69-72-70-283
a-L. Merlen Peterson	67-77-71-68-283
M.J. Smith, 1,543	73-69-70-72-284
Terri Moody, 1,543	69-72-73-70-284
Donna Caponi, 1,543	70-71-69-74-284
Betsy King, 1,290	74-71-71-69-285
Becky Pearson, 1,290	71-72-73-69-285
Kathy Postlewait, 1,110	74-71-70-71-286
Julie Stanger-Pryor, 1,110	69-73-73-75-286
Kyle O'Brien, 1,110	71-70-73-72-286
Lori Huxhold, 1,000	71-74-70-72-287
Jane Blalock, 1,000	73-73-71-70-287
Lynn Adams, 820	72-68-74-75-289
Penny Pultz, 820	69-70-74-76-289
Bonnie Lauer, 820	74-74-68-73-289
Martha Hansen, 820	72-73-73-75-289
Sandra Havnie, 820	71-73-74-71-289
Jeanette Kerr, 820	71-72-74-72-289
Rosey Bartlett, 820	70-75-73-71-289
Patty Hayes, 640	71-74-73-72-290
Kathy Martin, 640	74-71-74-71-290
Marilyn Smith, 640	72-70-76-72-290
Kathy Young, 526	71-73-73-75-291
Alice Ritzman, 526	76-71-75-69-291
Jerilyn Britz, 526	73-74-71-73-291
Yuko Moriguchi, 526	76-72-71-72-291
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Sally Little, 526	71-71-72-77-291
Cathy Sherk, 410	75-72-73-72-292
Pam Higgins, 410	74-72-73-73-292
Aitsuko Hasegawa, 410	72-75-71-74-292
Shelley Hamlin, 410	74-76-74-74-292
Betty Burleindi, 410	73-71-73-75-292
Alexandra Reinhold, 410	76-70-73-73-292
Alice Miller, 335	73-70-76-74-293
Cindy Lincoln, 335	70-73-76-74-293
Jane Cralter, 300	73-75-75-71-294
Roberta Sozer, 300	79-69-74-72-294
Kathy Whitworth, 300	75-73-73-73-294
Karolyn Kortzmaier, 300	71-75-76-72-294
Kelly Fuiks, 300	72-72-77-73-294
Judy Rankin, 260	72-75-74-74-295
Pam Gietzen, 260	77-71-74-73-295
Sandra Palmer, 260	71-73-75-76-295
Marlene Haase, 225	73-75-76-72-296
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Clifford Ann Creed, 235	75-73-75-73-296
Deanie Wood, 157	77-72-74-74-297
Bonnie Bryant, 157	74-74-73-76-297
Debbie Skinner, 157	74-72-76-75-297
Brenda Goldsmith, 157	73-71-77-75-297
Sue Ertl	73-74-75-76-298
Holly Hartley	71-71-76-80-298
Joyce Karmierski	76-73-77-72-298
Susie McAllister	76-72-76-74-298
Cathy Morse	71-73-81-74-299
Sharon Barrett	74-72-77-77-300
Vicki Singleton	79-70-75-76-300
Noni Schneider	76-73-76-76-301
Beth Stone	74-73-77-79-303
Sue Fojleman	74-75-79-75-303
Janel Alex	71-73-74-wdr

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Ohsako storms to 4-shot lead

By Walt Jayroe
Republic Staff

SUN CITY WEST — What would seem an easy day's work is all that lies between Tatsuko Ohsako of Japan and the first back-to-back victories for foreign golfers on the LPGA Tour.

Ohsako shot down America's best, Beth Daniel, in head-to-belly competition during Saturday's third round of the \$100,000 Sun City Classic at Hillcrest Golf Course.

Four strokes separate the two. Daniel, 10 inches taller at 5-foot-10, takes a short view of her chances in today's final round.

"It's going to be tough," said Daniel, the tour's top money winner for the last two years.

"I've got to make some birdies."

Daniel and Ohsako began the day on even terms, 7 under par. But Ohsako stormed the back side and shot her second straight 67 for a 204 total.

A "frustrating" 71 by Daniel left her and Carole Jo Callison as the only barriers between Ohsako and another Japanese production record.

Ohsako Okamoto won last week's Arizona

Copper Classic in Tucson and is tied for sixth here at 211.

And an American, Bill Hayes, is left holding the bag. Thank goodness.

He is Ohsako's caddy and, if you have keen eye and mind you will notice that he is the taller half of what he calls "a kind of Mutt and Jeff act."

Hayes is 6-5; Ohsako, according to the Japanese tour guide, is 155 centimeters. A Japanese reporter, using a pocket calculator, computed her height to be 5.08 feet.

But what Hayes does besides standing tall is handle club selection for Ohsako, whose understanding of English rates right down there with her handicap.

Ohsako does cotton to some of the American lingo.

"I give her the yardage to the front of the green," Hayes said, "and I give her the yardage to the pin."

"She'll say 6- or 7-iron? I'll tell her, and she'll say yes or no. She also understands 'soft, hard and smooth,' the three gears in there that you can hit."

Hayes, a 31-year-old native of West

Virginia, calls the 30-year-old Ohsako his "diamond in the desert."

Ohsako and other Japanese golfers "vacation" in America until their season begins. Ohsako's first tournament was last week in Tucson, and she will play in the United States through the first week in April, Hayes said.

He said he will be surprised if Ohsako folds today.

"I don't anticipate any great collapse," Hayes said. "She never lets her highs get too high and her lows too low. She's just even keel."

"We kid and cut up all the time. Whether she understands me or not, at least she laughs. We don't say too much. I try to keep her relaxed."

Daniel had her chances to tighten Ohsako up, but didn't. She had an 18-footer for an eagle on No. 10 but three-putted for a par.

On 13, she outdrove Ohsako, then hit a bad second shot into a bunker. That cost her a stroke, and Ohsako birdied the hole.

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On 14, Daniel missed a 6-foot putt for a birdie, then Ohsako's birdies on the last two holes doubled her lead from two strokes to four.

"She played a good round of golf," Daniel said. "It was frustrating for me. I was hitting the ball so well but wasn't scoring."

Daniel said she has been a believer in Japanese golf for some time.

"Everybody seems so shocked, but everybody doesn't realize we lost the Pioneer Cup (to Japan) last year. We lost by 18 shots. That's how good the Japanese are right now."

The Pioneer Cup matches the top 12 women American money winners against the top 12 from Japan.

"Ohsako was the pioneer for them over here," Daniel said. "They come over here, learn a lot, go back to Japan and get their confidence up, then come back to the States."

And the Sun City Classic is starting to understand what that means.

NOTES — Amateur Heather Farr, at 16 a veteran of three Sun City Classics, shot a 74 for 221. That equaled the scores shot by LPGA Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth and Judy Rankin. "I know I can do better," Farr said. "But I'm not unhappy with it." Farr, who will have a birthday Wednesday, said her last tournament was around Thanksgiving in the American Junior Classic in Tarpon Springs, Fla., where she was a semifinalist. Farr is in her last year at Xavier High School in Phoenix and said she plans to attend Arizona State University next fall. . . .

Rankin, winner of 26 LPGA titles in her 21-year career, says it's possible for her to reach \$1 million in winnings this season. "If I would play like I have," she said. "If I could play good once, I could repeat it. But it's been hard to get something going." Rankin, 37, had won \$863,510 coming into 1982, but in two tournaments last month she could finish no better than 54th and has won only \$629.83.

She said she took a long layoff beginning last October "because I needed the physical rest and I was sick of it."

"I got fed up to here with playing poorly," she said. Two of her three rounds here have been above par 72.

On the Japanese golfers, Rankin says she's impressed: "I think it's their nature to be hard-working and studious, and so you would expect them to do pretty well out here," she said. She said their "bump-and-run" style of play reminds her of the British golfers. "They play very difficult courses in Japan," Rankin said. "I've never played an easy course there." . . .

Amateur Lauri Merten-Peterson, who led the first round, recovered after Friday's 5-over par 77. Her 71 Saturday put her at 1-under 216. "I had better rhythm today," she said. "It was real choppy yesterday. That was from the nerves really. I think I can have a really good round tomorrow. I'd like to get back under 70." Putting still plagued Merten. But husband Paul Peterson said she had hit 49 of the 54 greens in regulation.

Daniel has share of Sun City lead

By Walt Jayroe
Republic Staff

SUN CITY WEST — Just when everyone was beginning to think Beth Daniel had restored a little order Friday on the LPGA Tour, along came another one of those fuel-efficient Japanese models.

Tatsuko Ohsako, not to be confused with last week's winner, Ayako Okamoto, shot a 5-under-par 67 late in the afternoon and tied Daniel for the second-round lead in the Sun City Classic at Hillcrest Golf Course.

Both are at 137, two strokes ahead of Penny Pulz, Carole Charbonnier and Carole Jo Callison.

Daniel, the tour's top money winner the past two years, also shot a 67 — and made her first hole-in-one on the tour — ending a four-round streak of strange names atop the leader board. Names like Patti Rizzo, Okamoto and Lauri Merten-Peterson.

Merten, a 21-year-old amateur from Arizona State University, led the first round. But 37 putts does not a second-round leader make, and she skied to a 5-over 77 and 144. She still made the cut by five strokes.

"I couldn't get anything going," she said. "I shouldn't have missed the putts I did. I overread almost every one. Only one putt fell."

"Maybe I needed to get back in my comfort zone."

Ohsako, a 30-year-old who speaks little English, let her clubs do the talking. She has won 19 tournaments in Japan and, she said through an interpreter, the 67 was her best round in five years on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour.

Daniel said her ace on the 156-yard, No. 3 hole was her fourth since she started playing golf.

"It was kind of strange," she said. "I used a 6-iron. It was kind of in-between clubs. I didn't think a 7-iron would get there."

"Lynn Adams said, 'It looks good.' Then everybody went crazy. I didn't see it, but somebody said it took one bounce and went in."

Daniel bogeyed the fifth hole but got the stroke back with a birdie on No. 6.

"I lost my concentration," she said. "I didn't get it back totally until the last couple of holes."

But if Daniel has assumed the favorite's role, the most stirring story belongs to Charbonnier.

Charbonnier, 25, who developed her game in Zambia, where her father worked for General Motors, almost gave up golf because of rheumatoid arthritis in her left foot.

She didn't play golf for a year, is taking

medication and will take a six-week leave from the tour, she said, to evaluate her condition.

"I have no idea," she said when asked if she'd be back. "I'm playing day by day."

"I didn't know if I would be able to walk. I couldn't put any pressure on the foot. I questioned my career."

"The main difference in my game is my attitude. I took a completely different outlook to life."

"I pushed myself too hard before. That was it, basically."

Callison, the first round's low pro with a 68, notched a 71 and was tied for third place.

Pulz added to the international flavor of the leaders. She is a native of Australia.

"It's like my game is coming together," she said. "I've been hitting a lot of greens. I just haven't been making putts. This week I'm making putts, so it's not like I'm in shock being here."

The field was cut after Friday's round to 72 pros and three amateurs. The cutting point was 5-over par 149.

TOURNAMENT NOTES — Defending champ Patty Hayes shot a second-round 74 for 145 and said she was off to the dentist's office because of a

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bad toothache. "I've been rubbing a local anesthetic on it," she said, "and it's not working." ... Daniel's ace and one by Martha Hansen on the 147-yard No. 8. Friday were the fourth and fifth on the tour this season. The other three were shot in last month's S&H Golf Classic at St. Petersburg, Fla., by Kathy McMullen, Kyle O'Brien and Murle Breer. Tour golfers had 17 aces last year, none at the Sun City Classic. Jo Ann Washam had two aces in the 1979 Women's Kemper Open. ... Pat Bradley on winning on the LPGA Tour: "You never know until you have gone through it. And even when you go through it, it can be a new experience each time. It's just a learning process. Some people learn quicker than others. It's a funny game out here." ... Merten, the first-round leader from ASU, wouldn't have been the first amateur to win an LPGA tournament. Two of the most notable amateur victories were by Catherine LaCost in the 1967 U.S. Open at Hot Springs, Va., and by JoAnne Carner in the 1969 Burdines Invitational, now the Elizabeth Arden Classic. ... The tournament sponsors, the Del E. Webb Development Co. and American Express, each are putting up \$50,000 in prize money, a spokesman said. The course, relaxed atmosphere and accommodations are the main reasons why so many players like the tournament despite its comparatively low prize money, said the LPGA's Clare Sheils. The players can stay at course-side condominiums at \$100 each for the week, she said.



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Beth Daniel said of her ace on No. 3: "It was kind of strange. I used a 6-iron. It was kind of in-between clubs. I didn't think a 7-iron would get there."

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CATHY REYNOLDS

Form and Follow-through

The action has begun and the excitement is building with the approach of the LPGA American Express-Sun City Classic scheduled March 1-7 on Hillcrest Golf Course in Sun City West.

The lady professionals are signing up and it appears in record numbers - possibly the LPGA's biggest field ever. Some 1,300 volunteers from the Sun Cities are anxiously awaiting participation in the Third Annual Classic as marshals, scorers, drivers, concession and gate workers, standard bearers, and you name it - a volunteer will take charge.

Thirty-three Sun Cities clubs and organizations have registered to distribute ticket order forms to raise funds for their charity projects. Clubs wishing to participate should contact the Classic Office (974-7653).

Entertainment celebrities, sports personalities, politicians and Valley business people have made reservations to join many of the lady professionals in the Celebrity Pro-Am that opens the tournament Wednesday, March 3. Advance tickets are now available and may be purchased at the DEVCO Administration Building, the Sundome and at all Diamond's ticket outlets.

Additional information about the Classic is included on the inside pages of this Calendar.



JO ANN CARNER

Emotions Run High

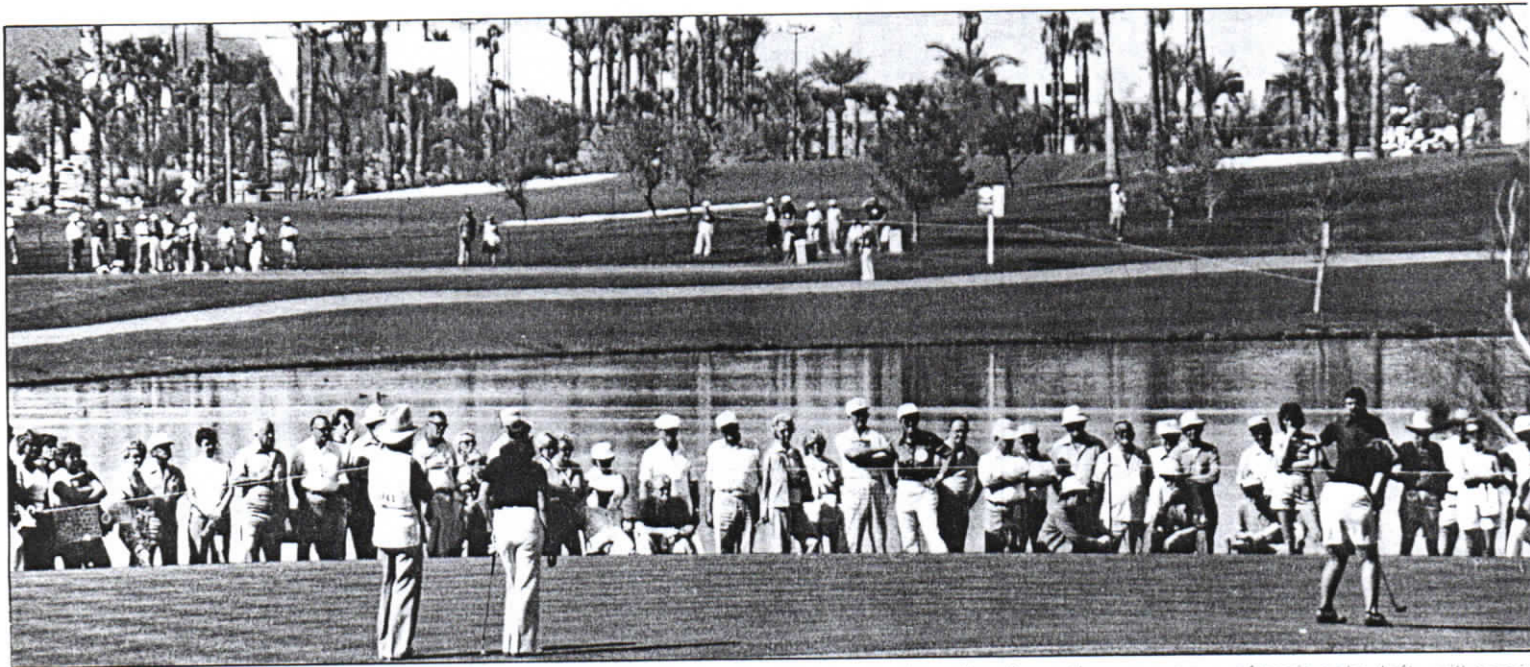
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Smiles from spectators, above, and smiles from the women professionals, left, will again brighten the LPGA \$100,000 Sun City Classic Tournament, set for March 11-15. Jan Stephenson, pretty defending champion, hopes to give more "backward glances" to her competitors this time around.



Spectators sight in on events during LPGA days at Hillcrest

When an event like an LPGA tournament happens in your own "backyard," you might as well put on your spectator shoes, a brimmed hat, a belt hook for your canteen and a pair of binoculars and plan to come every day.

Of course, it's impolite to call Hillcrest Golf Course a "backyard," but the proximity to anywhere in Sun City West is perfectly pleasurable.

The choices for watching some part (or all) of the LPGA activities are varied, depending on whether you want to see the lady pros play, see them compete, see celebrities clown around — or even see a clown clowning around. And, by purchasing advance admission tickets, one day out

watching the ladies compete against that exciting course can cost just \$3 — versus \$5 if you purchase a single admission at the gate.

First to the freebies. You can come on over on Monday or Tuesday (March 9 and 10) and watch the girls practice.

A special feature on Tuesday will be a show by "Wedgy" Winchester, a professional golf trick shot artist at 1 PM on the driving range. Thousands of golf fans have been amazed at his long hits with trick clubs, one-handed drives and shots from seemingly-impossible positions. Like driving the ball from a tee in his shoe while sitting on the ground or driving the ball with his back to it. (To Page 2)

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Wednesday, March 11, is Pro-Am Day where the ladies will be playing the course with celebrities and businessmen and women who are supporting the tournament. Celebrities will include Gordon McCrea, Big Tiny Little, Tom Sullivan, Joe Garagiola, Lou Grubb, several Milwaukee Brewers' players and, from the Phoenix Suns, John McLeod, Kyle Massey, Alvan Adams and John Wetzel.

It's important to remember that on watch-the-girls practice days and on Pro-Am Day, everybody is welcome to bring their cameras and shoot as many pictures as they want. But, during the four tournament days, Thursday through Sunday (March 12 to 15), no cameras are allowed.

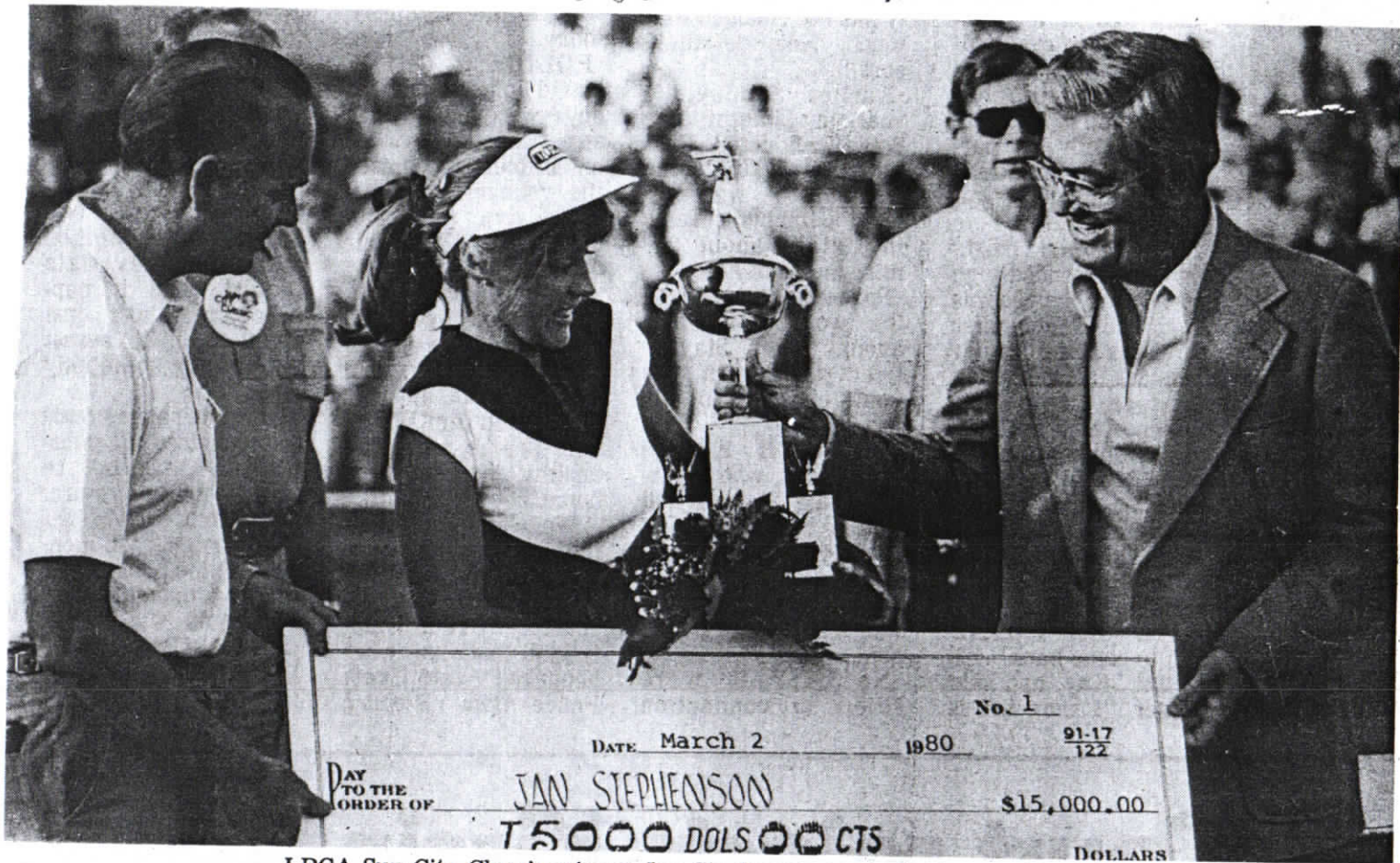
Admission for Pro-Am Day and the four days of championship competition is a bargain — if you buy the package plans. Fifteen dollars gets you either a Weekly Badge (which one person can wear each day to get in) or a Good-Any-Day book of five tickets (which can be used in any combination — five people on one day or two people on two days and one person on another or any way that works out for you or a group of friends).

These are advance-admission offers only — you won't be able to get the \$15 bargain at the gate; admission there will cost \$5 per person.

If you haven't already been offered these packages through a Sun City or Sun City West service or civic organization brochure, you can come to the Del E. Webb Administration Building, behind the Fountainbell Restaurant in Sun City, through March 6 and buy your LPGA goodies in the lobby. Or, you can buy a Diamonds Box Office LPGA package at the Sundome Box Office or Kings Inn Box Office during their regular hours.

Getting into the tournament will be easier this year since there will be four gates. The main gate (which will be most crowded) is by the Pro Shop; then there's a gate between the Sundome and Johnson Center Social Hall; and there are gates on either side of Crestview Restaurant.

Count yourself in for the LPGA and count on having some great days of enthusiastic entertainment from the lady professionals, from the rest of the spectators and from the artfully sculptured Hillcrest course.



Richer

LPGA Sun City Classic winner Jan Stephenson becomes \$15,000 richer as she receives her check and a trophy from Arizona Sen. Dennis DeConcini, at left, and Del E. Webb Develop-

ment Co. president John Meeker at the 18th green of Sun City West's Hillcrest course. Tournament wrapup, more pictures, Page 1B.

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"Classic" gallery

The first annual LPGA Sun City Classic golf tournament was blessed with five days of sunswept splendor and the results were excellent golf and huge galleries. Estimates were that nearly 50,000 persons were on hand at Hillcrest Golf Course during the tourney's five days and many of them followed pre-tourney favorite Nancy Lopez, pictured here next to her caddy. Lopez finished with a three-under-par 285, good for 11th place. Jan Stephenson's 13-under total won the title by one shot.

The first annual Sun City Classic golf tournament, played February 27 - March 2, had more than its share of winners.

For starters there was Jan Stephenson, the gorgeous Australian who led from start to finish in capturing her first tournament championship in two years. She opened with a 6-under-par 66 on Thursday and coasted home with rounds of 71-67-71 for a 275 total that was good enough for a one-shot victory over Marilyn Smith.

Stephenson's portion of the \$100,000 purse was \$15,000.

Certainly among the winners were the women professionals, who found the hospitality and accommodations in Sun City West to be among the finest on the tour and the galleries to be both knowledgeable and courteous. Most of the women pros stayed at the Vacation Apartments, which border the Hillcrest Golf Course.

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And, to be sure, Sun City West and Sun City came out winners. If playing golf is the No. 1 activity of the two communities, then watching golf may be second on the list. Thousands of residents basked in glorious sunshine and helped swell the gallery count to 50,000 for the tournament's five days.

The Phoenix area came out a winner, too. Always a regular stop on the men's PGA tour, Phoenix had waited several years for the return of the women professionals, and Valley residents turned out in great numbers to show their support.

The LPGA is counting itself among the winners, too. Ruffin Beckwith, Director of Public Relations for the LPGA, said the professionals who missed the Sun City Classic won't likely miss it again. "We'd heard about how things are done in the Sun Cities," he said "but you really have to be here to believe it."

One could certainly mention the Hillcrest Course

among the winners. The 6,154-yard, par-72 layout was in prime shape for the tournament—the fairways were plush, the rough was thick and the greens were smooth and lightning fast. Still, it proved more than fair as Stephenson's 13-under total can attest. The course also showed itself to be great from a spectator's standpoint as the layout's many hills provide a multitude of superior viewpoints. In all, the tournament served to heighten Hillcrest's reputation as one of the finest golf courses in the Southwest.

And finally, one of the winners had to be the sponsoring Del E. Webb Development Company. Whether it is building recreation centers for use by local residents, or bringing top-name entertainment to town to play in the Sun Bowl or the new Sundome Center for the Performing Arts, the Webb Company has always stood firm in its commitment to make the Sun Cities the finest resort-retirement communities anywhere. And the Sun City Classic, a first-class operation from beginning to end, will certainly take its place over the years as one of the area's proudest traditions.



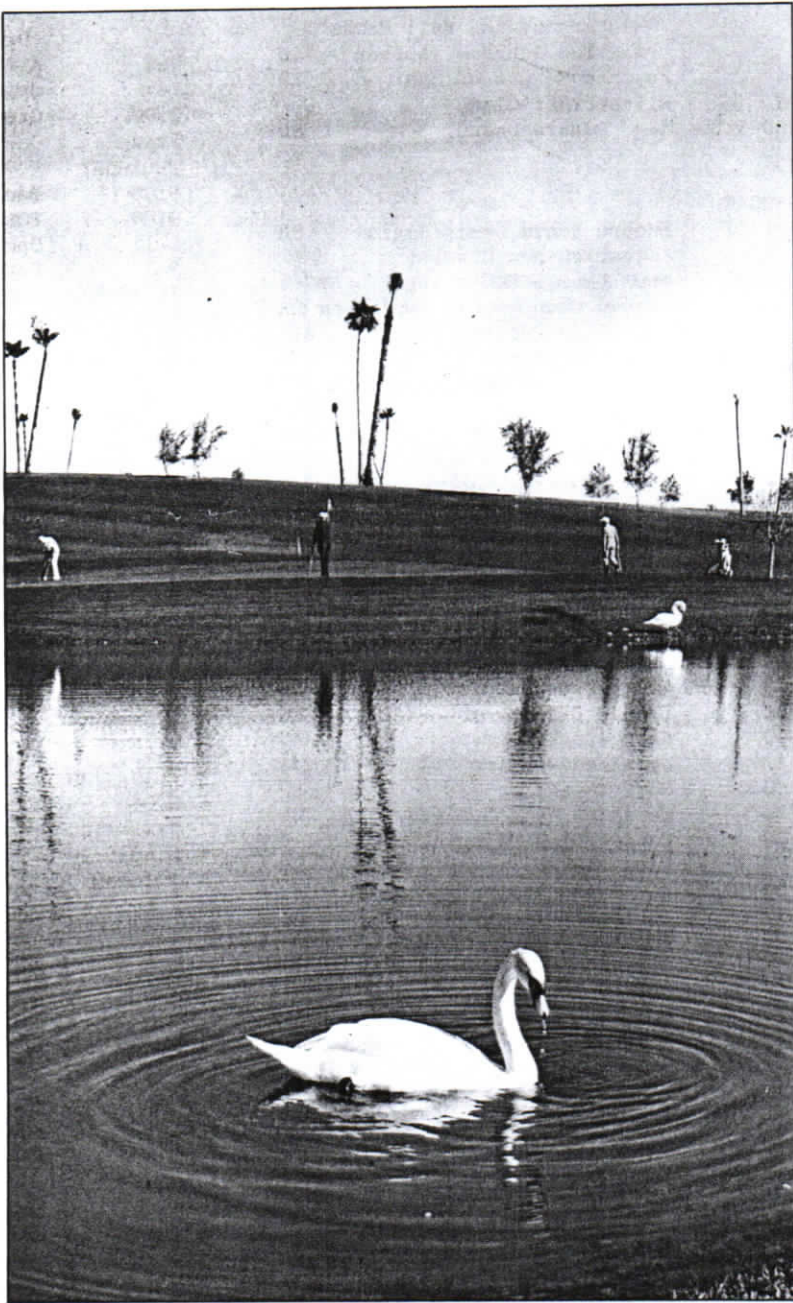
18th fairway

Crowds lined the 18th fairway during Sunday's final round. In the center of the picture is Marilyn Smith, whose 7-iron shot left her a short birdie putt, which she made to finish the round at 6-under 66. In the foreground are just a few of the hundreds of Sun City and Sun City West residents who served as volunteers at the tourney, handling every job from marshal to standard bearer to personal chauffeur for the women professionals.

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Tranquil for now

Things are still tranquil at Hillcrest Golf Course, but the beautiful 18-hole layout will be buzzing with excitement come month's end. The first annual LPGA Sun City Classic will begin February 27, with the Pro-Am, then some 120 women professionals will begin the 72-hole quest for the \$15,000 first prize.

TOURNEY BEGINS FEB. 27

Sun City Classic lures big-name field

Amy Alcott, the LPGA's third leading money winner last year, has joined the already-strong field for the first annual \$100,000 Sun City Classic golf tournament.

The 72-hole tournament will be played February 27-March 2 over the 6,900-yard, par 72 Hillcrest Golf Course in Sun City West.

Alcott's name joins a list of entries that includes Nancy Lopez, the LPGA's Player-of-the-Year in 1978 and 1979, and Donna Caponi-Young, ranked fifth last year. Lopez is the only woman professional golfer ever to earn more than \$200,000 in one season.

Other top stars already entered include Sandra Spuzich, Marlene Floyd, JoAnn Prentice and 1979 Rookie-of-the-Year Beth Daniel. Predictions are that perhaps nine of the top 10 money winners of last year will compete, and as many as 40 of the top 50. Total entries will number about 120.

Numerous service clubs in the area are selling weekly badges and special five-ticket packages for \$12.50 to residents of Sun City and Sun City West. They sell for \$15 to the general public. The badge may be used by one person all week or a different person each day. The packages contain five tickets which can be used one per day or five people can come together the same day. Service clubs earn \$2.50 for each weekly ticket they sell.

Make plans now to attend the Classic and see the greatest names in women's golf. For additional information, please call 974-7653.