

# 16 YEAR OLD WINS GIRLS' JUNIOR

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Those who attend the USGA Girls' Junior Championship year after year—and there are many with this habit—have grown accustomed to seeing the Rand family, formerly of Framingham, Mass., and more recently of Aurora, Ohio. The elder sister, Marcia, played for two or three years and was succeeded by the younger sister, Judy, who has been playing for five years now.

Any girls who tended to treat Judy with the disdainful familiarity of a kid sister when she turned up again at the Manor Country Club, in suburban Washington, D. C., last month came in for a shock, however.

She went all the way and brought the Championship to an exciting climax by firing a 71 and a par 4, with substantially all putts holed, to defeat Diana Hoke, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 19th green in the semi-finals. As a semi-finalist last year and co-medalist this year, Miss Hoke had been a favorite.

Judy then established a clear mastery over Marcia Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., 5 and 3, in the final to win the title.

Miss Rand's 71, two under women's par, was probably the finest round in the eleven-year history of the Championship, and it is a great tribute to her opponent that even such a brilliant effort did not by itself bring victory. Miss Hoke was around in 72 to stay even and succumbed only on the extra hole.

A strong player with great determination, Judy is still only 16, like her predecessor Judy Eller, and will be eligible to play for a sixth time and enter a defense of her title at the Oaks Country Club, in Tulsa, Okla., next August. She plays her home golf at the Aurora Country Club and takes lessons there from Harold Paddock, Jr., the former Walker Cup player. She is a senior in Aurora High School.

Miss Hamilton, a niece of Bob Hamilton who won the PGA championship in 1944 and daughter of another profes-

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Miss Judy Rand

sional, Clem, was 17 and will no longer be eligible. She had, however, been the surprise package of the Championship in her first and only appearance. She upset in order Andrea Schaffer, 17, of San Francisco, Cal., the co-medalist; Sandra Haynie, 16, of Austin, the Texas Women's Champion; and in the semi-finals Carol Sorenson, 16, of Janesville, Wis., the Western Girls' and Wisconsin Women's Champion, by a margin of one hole.

Miss Hoke, a grand-daughter of Bobby Cruickshank, also is 17 and has completed her eligibility.

While the Championship is limited to girls who have not reached their 18th birthdays, quarter-final honors were divided equally among 16-year olds and 17-year olds. The 16-year olds, all of

whom can play again, were the Misses Rand, Sorenson, Haynie and Patricia Shook, of Saugatuck, Mich. The 17-year olds were the Misses Hamilton, Hoke, Patty David, of Tulsa, Okla., and June Woodman, of Wichita, Kan.

The 18-hole qualifying round resulted in a tie, the first since 1952, between Miss Hoke and Miss Schaffer, each of whom scored 76. There was no play-off; both girls received medals.

While their scores were two strokes higher than the record, the quality of the field was evident from the fact that it took a round of 89 or better to earn one of the thirty-two qualifiers' places. This was a new low for the Championship in its present form.

All told, five girls broke 80. They were, in addition to the Misses Hoke and Schaffer, Darlene Anderson, 17, of St. Louis Park, Minn., at 77, and Miss Haynie and Miss Rand, who made 79s.

Four girls tied for the last three places at 89, and the play-off went one hole. Miss Robbye Lee King, 16, of Norfolk, Va., made a par 4 and the Misses Robin Beard, 16, of Reading, Pa., and June Woodman, made 5s to take the three places. Miss Lynn Willey, 17, of Pebble Beach, Cal., lost out.

As always, the Championship was notable for its festive, reunion atmosphere as golfing friendships, some of many years standing, were renewed. Margot Morton, 16, of Indiana, Pa., was for example, playing for the sixth time; and Miss Rand, of course, for the fifth. Six more girls were back for the fourth year—Penelope Barley, 16, of Warren, Pa., who played in the third flight, and Sharon Fladoos, 16, of Dubuque, Iowa, Sandra Haynie, 16, of Austin, Texas, Diana Hoke, 17, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Donna Litke, 17, of State College, Pa., and Judy Torluemke, 14, of St. Louis, all of whom qualified for the Championship.

This feature probably accounts for the fact that the entry record was broken for the fourth successive year. Ninety-seven girls entered and 85 started.

The youngest player was a 10 year old, Victoria Jenssen, a pig-tailed blonde from Great Barrington, Mass., and she was playing for the second year. She qualified in the fourth flight with a 113.

Girls who did not qualify for the Championship were drawn into four additional

flights for match play, and the results of the finals were:

Second flight: Miss Suzy Williams, Monessen, Pa., defeated Miss Jeanie Butler, Harlingen, Texas, 3 and 2.

Third flight: Miss Anne Trainor, Rochester, N. Y., defeated Miss Cynthia Liddell, Ypsilanti, Mich., 6 and 5.

Fourth flight: Miss Elizabeth Lyons, Ferry, N. Y., defeated Miss Katherine Wilson, Rochester, N. Y., 1 up.

Fifth flight: Miss Betsy Shirley, Bernardsville, N. J., defeated Miss Valerie Annison, Glen Cove, N. Y.

Thirty-five girls who lost in the first round took advantage of an invitation to play in an 18-hole consolation stroke play event and have a snack at the Columbia Country Club, in near-by Chevy Chase. They put on an attractive and interesting performance there. Miss Fladoos, a semi-finalist in the Championship in 1956, matched par with a 74 to win the gross prize and Susan Matthews, of Norbeck, Md., won the handicap prize with 103-34—69.

There is, probably, no club better suited for a junior competition than the Manor Country Club, which lies in the Maryland countryside about fifteen miles north of Washington. The course rambles past and around the homes of the members, and they are the kind of folk who thoroughly enjoy having kids around and like to take them into their homes. Many Manor families adopted girls for the week and not only housed and fed them but transported them around and rooted for them.

It was Manor's third experience with juniors. The Club entertained the USGA Junior Amateur Championship in 1957 and the Western Junior in 1956.

The course, itself, is ideal for juniors. It was cut back to 6,162 yards for the girls and from those tees has a course rating of 73. The first nine is cut through woods and requires accuracy.

William F. Banville, president of the Club, served as chairman for both USGA events at Manor, and with the aid of Burton M. Langhenry and Mrs. Vivian Curtis, offered up every facility the girls could want, plus the warmest of hospitality.

In this happy atmosphere, thirteen members of the USGA Girls' Junior Committee assembled from as many scattered points of the country to conduct the play.