

LINKS ON TOP OF OIL WELLS.

California Country Club May Sell its Property.

Midwick Women's Golf Tour- ney Set for May 16-20.

Fans Eager to See Cameron- Kavanagh Clash.

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An oil boom has struck Culver City, threatening to wipe the California Country Club out of existence in its present locality. According to a rumor which persisted in our local golf circles yesterday the club is said to have been offered the lumpy sum of \$350,000 and 12 per cent in royalties for permission to drill oil wells on the property.

The links of the club are declared to be resting atop a huge bed of oil, ready to spout forth streams of dollar-making fluid.

The California club is one of the newest clubs in the south. After an unfortunate start with its grass greens, due to the hiring of a man who had no previous experience except with sand greens, the club has been making splendid progress with its course and plans have been going forward for a grand opening tournament next fall.

A cool sum of \$350,000 in coffers and a nice royalty rolling in would put most any club on easy street, and so it is very possible that negotiations will be closed in the near future, the club moving to a new location. Officials of the club, however, refuse to talk about the proposition, the story having leaked out through members who learned of the impending deal.

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The tourney at Midwick, May 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 for the women's golf championship of Southern California should be one of the most interesting competitive affairs of the year.

For one thing it will bring together two champions—Miss Doreen Kavanagh of Los Angeles, State champion, and Miss Margaret Cameron of Pasadena, Northern California champion.

Their play will be watched with intense interest. Miss Kavanagh walked away with all the glory in the State meet, winning medal honors as well as the title and setting a new course; while Miss Cameron was put out in the first round by a comparative unknown.

While Miss Cameron has absolutely no allibi to offer, and no one expected her to have, her hosts of friends here in the south, and the north as well, know she was off color at Beresford. This is not in the way of belittling the splendid victory of Miss Kavanagh, for she earned her crown through consistent and brilliant play.

But those aware of the game Miss Cameron is capable of playing are mighty certain that Miss Cameron would have given Miss Kavanagh a sterner battle than did Mrs. Roos at Beresford in the finals. There is no doubt but that Miss Cameron and Miss Kavanagh are head and shoulders above all other woman players in the States, Mrs. Law and Mrs. Kennett, of course, being excepted, as they have gone into temporary retirement. A final match between Miss Cameron and Miss Kavanagh at Midwick would be of extraordinary interest.

It is interesting to note on the women's Southern California handicap rating which has just been received that Miss Kavanagh, who graced the "2" column last year, is now rated in the scratch division. Her lone companions in the division are Mrs. Kennett and Miss Cameron.

There are no "2" players this year, the handicap committee apparently feeling that the next best of the lady players deserved a "4" rating.

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Athletic Club players are getting all hopped up over their second annual tournament, to be staged at the Pasadena Golf Club next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Pat Higgins, Fred Rutledge, Ben Fahy and Clare Kemp are a few of the notables who put in their entry blanks yesterday. Kemp even went so far as to offer a sporty leather golf bag as a prize for some fortunate.

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The rain spoiled a nice, genteel foursome which Fred Rutledge and Pat Higgins were making up for Wilshire yesterday afternoon. The Wilshire course was closed, so Higgins assembled his cohorts, minus Rutledge, who deserted, and descended upon Flintridge, where the gang went nine holes in a combination hail and snowstorm. Higgins thought some of the hailstones were golf balls and, by playing them instead of the regulation pill, got his score all gummed up.

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