

Mrs. Cici Winner at 238

By JOE LEE
OCEAN TOWNSHIP — For about nine holes yesterday there was some excitement around the well-manicured Hollywood Golf Club as Mrs. Michael Burke from neighboring Deal Golf & Country Club whittled four strokes off Mrs. Pat Cici's lead, but it all calmed down by the end of the 18 holes.

Mrs. Cici finished with a 79 for the par 37-37-74 layout that stretched to 5,925 yards for the ladies in the final round of the 34th Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Shore Stroke Play Championship.

That gave her a three-round

total of 238, two strokes under her winning total of 1965, and five shots ahead of the ever-dangerous Miss Charlotte DeCozen of Westchester, who shot a 78 with Mrs. Burke.

The latter, runner-up last year, had soared to 86 at her home course Wednesday, but her 78 yesterday — with a front-nine 36 — pulled her within hailing distance of the top and earned her a piece of glassware as one of the five gross leaders.

Mrs. William Tracy, Essex Fells, the 1966 titlist, settled for 81 and 247, then lost the draw to Mrs. Burke. Fifth went to Mrs. Lee Beard, Essex Fells, with 80 for 249.

The net crown, another piece of glassware, and a year's possession of the Charles A. Stillman Memorial plate, went to Mrs. M. Harold Higgins, Upper Montclair, with a 54-hole net of 221. That was three shots better than Mrs. Maurice Moore of Rockville, N.Y., and Mrs. John Sinnott of Rumson, who tied at 224. The 221 included a penalty shot Mrs. Higgins called on herself when her caddie touched

her line of putt with a club on the 11th hole.

"I know my playing partner didn't even see him do it," she said, "but I had to call it on myself."

Mrs. Cici had a little trouble with hooking off the tee, missing greens, and catching traps on her outgoing 40, but she putted better than the first two days and chipped exceptionally well.

Her card showed one birdie — on a 10-ft. chip at the 428-yard 12th. It was her third tourney title, having won also in 1959.

Miss DeCozen, with two three-putt greens on the first three holes, recovered well with 39 and after birdying the 345-yard 11th from 15 feet, was trapped twice and hit over a green to come back in 39.

Mrs. Burke switched back to reverse overlap from a cross-handed grip on her putter with startling results. "All of a sudden I was sinking putts," she exclaimed. "And I played with a new set of irons, so I'm real pleased."

She knocked in 20- and 12-ft.
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birdie putts at the 135-yard fourth and 330-yard fifth, and bogeyed the 343-yard 8th when she purposely laid up her second shot short of the green traps.

She continued the streak with an 8-ft. birdie at the 410-yard 10th, double bogied the 11th, bogied 13 and 14, and double bogied 17 when she hit over the green. That gave her 42, and left the issue settled.

"The front nine was one of the best I've ever had," she recalled.

THE TOP 10

Mrs. Pat Cici, Cedar Brook	80-79-79—238
Miss Charlotte DeCozen, Westchester	80-85-78—243
Mrs. Michael Burke, Deal	83-86-78—247
Mrs. William Tracy, Essex Fells	85-81-81—247
Mrs. Lee Beard, Essex Fells	84-85-80—249
Mrs. Maurice Moore, Rockville	84-81-86—251
Mrs. E. C. Kip Finch, New Canaan	86-88-82—256
Mrs. Henry Doubilet, Hollywood	84-86-87—257
Mrs. Henry Cross, Essex County	84-86-88—258
Mrs. Vincent Larkin, Nassau	89-87-82—258

OTHER SHORE SCORES

Mrs. Alfred A. King,		
Rumson	_____	87-94-89—270
Mrs. Hy Wink,		
Hollywood	_____	87-94-89—271
Mrs. Cesar Kimel,		
Hollywood	_____	91-87-94—272
Mrs. C. Roger Van Buren,		
Manasquan River	_____	93-93-94—280
Mrs. Ira Miller,		
Beacon Hill	_____	91-93-98—282
Mrs. Walter Gillette,		
Beacon Hill	_____	96-93-94—283
Mrs. Stanley Behrman,		
Hollywood	_____	96-99-91—286
Mrs. John Sinnott,		
Rumson	_____	101-94-95—290
Mrs. Austin Cushman,		
Beacon Hill	_____	97-99-97—293
Mrs. William Crowley,		
Manasquan River	_____	101-100-92—293
Mrs. Emmet Altschul,		
Hollywood	_____	98-101-97—296
Mrs. Norman Nathanson,		
Hollywood	_____	99-100-97—296
Mrs. John Spencer,		
Beacon Hill	_____	99-103-94—296
Mrs. Richard Seley,		
Hollywood	_____	99-102-97—298
Mrs. Howard Edwards,		
Manasquan River	_____	97-100-102—299
Mrs. Rowland, Fairlie,		
Deal	_____	97-107-92—300
Mrs. Baretts Benjamin,		
Hollywood	_____	101-106-99—306
Mrs. Gordon Van Horne,		
Beacon Hill	_____	104-103-100—307
Mrs. William Wichmann,		
Manasquan River	_____	99-102-106—307
Mrs. Alan Duke,		
Rumson	_____	108-104-95—307
Mrs. James Riesenberger,		
Beacon Hill	_____	101-118-107—326
Incomplete scores — Mrs. Walter Tepper, Hollywood, 100-no card-101; Mrs. Charlie Lewis 3d, Deal, 95-NC-93; Mrs. Thomas Harford, Manasquan River, 101-99-NC; Mrs. Thomas O'Callaghan, Deal, 118-111-withdrew; Miss Sue Burton, Manasquan River, 109-NC-WD; Mrs. Arthur Lynch, Beacon Hill, 113-NC-WD.		



Mrs. Pat Cici (right), Cedar Brook, N.Y., won her third Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Shore Stroke Play Championship yesterday, and received year's possession of trophy, presented by Mrs. Murray Gordon, Harbor Hills, N.Y. (Press Photo)