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THE SHOUTING (and near shooting) has died away in the San Francisco Bay area, where two winter tour tournaments are scheduled instead of last year's three, and where it appeared for a time there would be no tournaments at all.

Ultimate result of irate statements and cries of anguish is that the "on again, off again" tournaments are on in San Francisco and off in Oakland.

The San Francisco tourney, abandoned, by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was resurrected with the aid of San Francisco golf writers and Bill Kyne, race track operator, who guarantees $15,000 in track operator, who guarantees $15,000 in War Bonds (maturity value) for prize plus an additional $5,000 as door prize, providing the event is held as a benefit for the California Veterans' Rehabilitation Program, which Kyne heads.

The sports writers will stage the event with the American Women's Volunteer Service unit in San Francisco, which includes many prominent women golfers. The betting is that for the first time in its history, the San Francisco Open will make money, come January 10th to 13th. The sports writers and the AWVS are working at it, at any rate. The Veterans' Rehabilitation Program should benefit as well as San Francisco golfers, who once again will have an opportunity to witness the Nation's talent.

The hubub started in Oakland when the Junior Chamber stated it was "tired of raising prize money for professionals whose only interest was money." In 1944 the Oakland tourney was underwritten by a lone individual, whose sole stipulation was that profits go to war relief.

The second annual Richmond Open, the Bay Area's second event (January 17th to 20th) was always on insofar as the El Camino property at Lomita Park will be subdivided after the San Mateo School Board takes the 22 acres it won in court. Dr. S. J. Leider, who held the controlling interest in El Camino, still remains in the golf business, however. He traded his El Camino interest for the 118 acres which comprise the La Rinconada course near Los Gatos. The approximate cash value of the property involved was $190,000.

La Rinconada, established in 1928 as a private course, will be operated on a fee basis, with Phil Jefferson and Bill Braun, pro and greenkeeper, respectively, remaining at their posts. Loss of El Camino will further congest both public and private courses in the Bay Area, where starting times already are practically by reservation only, and long delays at the tee are common week days and holidays alike.

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