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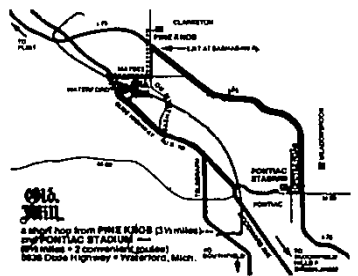
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PGA is 5th major Oakland tournament

By MARTY BUDNER

Oakland Hills' glorious history is captured architecturally in its diminutive pro shop.

Handsomely scrolled on the bronze, wooden support beams are five names and six dates.

They are: Cyril Walker, 1924; Ralph Guldahl, 1937; Ben Hogan, 1951; Gene Littler, 1961; and Gary Player, 1972. The open date, of course, is 1979.

The name destined for scripture alongside that last date will be the winner of this year's 61st PGA Championship. It will be played at the revered Oakland Hills South Course — nicknamed "The Monster" in 1951 by Hogan — starting this week through Aug. 5.

This will be the second PGA championship played at Oakland Hills. The first was seven years ago, when Gary Player charged back to beat Tommy Aaron and Jim Jamieson.

The previous four professional championships at Oakland Hills were U.S. Opens. And, it was the sensational play of Hogan at the 1951 Open that rocketed Oakland Hills into the limelight.

"The greatest event ever held at Oakland Hills was the 1951 Open," said Oakland Hills club professional Al Mengert. "That tournament established Oakland Hills as one of the great golf courses in America. It brought it into national prominence.

"Robert Trent Jones redesigned the course just before the Open, and it was

the toughest course ever played on. It was Ben Hogan's greatest win as a professional.

"The publicity that Hogan gave it (Oakland Hills) made that Open the most spectacular event ever held here."

There have been other major tournaments conducted at Oakland Hills, which was built when the PGA was born in 1916.

The 1964 Carling World Open, for instance, was played at Oakland Hills. The tournament was won by Bobby Nichols, whose 278, 72-hole total beat Arnold Palmer by a single stroke.

In 1922 the Western Open was won by Mike Brady, with a 291. Brady made history at that Open by becoming the only host pro to ever win the Western Open.

However, the prestigious national events have been the U.S. Opens and the PGA, both part of golf's "Big Four" tournaments (the others being the Masters and British Open).

Following is a brief history of each major tournament at Oakland Hills, starting with the 1972 PGA.

1972 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Jerry Heard led the last professional championship held at Oakland Hills through the first two rounds.

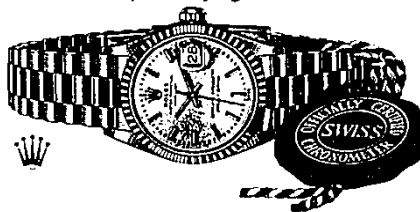
However, Player, who placed fourth at the 1971 PGA in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., shot an incredible third-round 67 to gain the lead. Jack Nicklaus briefly made

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