Eaton eats ’em
Greeley golfer gets hot; defends CGA seniors title

Larry Eaton turned on the heat Friday afternoon, and burned away the competition.

Eaton, of the Greeley Country Club, defended his Colorado Golf Association Senior Stroke Play Championship, held at Loveland Municipal Golf Course, with third-round, 3-under-par-69 and a three-round total of 216.

His round Friday pulled him out of a three-way tie for third after two rounds, two strokes behind then-leader Buzz Bolas, who did not play.

Eaton won by five strokes over Les Fowler, from Boulder Country Club, who carded a final round 71 for a tournament total of 221. Dale Einspahr, of The Ranch Country Club, shot a 75 Friday and took third, one stroke behind Fowler for the tourney. Ed Sweeney, of Hiwasee Country Club, took fourth with a 223 after shooting a 73 Friday.

Only Eaton and Einspahr were among the top five after Thursday’s second round.

One of Friday’s highlights was in the 75-and-over division, where Frank Dille, 79, whose first two rounds read 83 and 92, shot an 85 on his final 18, putting the Collindale Country Club golfer well ahead of his only competition, Ernest Snell. Snell, from Applewood Country Club, closed with a 94 and a total of 234.

In the 65-69 division, Stan Stenvig overcame a two-stroke deficit with a 77 to tie Vic Reholtz, of Twin Peaks, after three rounds, each carding a 217. Stevig, from Foxhill Country Club, then won the first hole of the playoff to take the title. Frank Tallman, Pueblo Country Club, placed third.

Loveland’s Warren Nash was the low net winner in the 50-64 division, totaling 241 for the tournament. Sterling’s Lee Gentry gained three strokes on Homer Dunn, of Overland Country Club, winning the division 231-234. The two had been tied after two rounds.

In the 50-54 division, Loveland’s Walt Walkowics won the low net competition with a total of 225. Ray Gilmore, also of Loveland, tied for second, one stroke behind Walkowics.

Bill Waggner, of the Denver Country Club, won the 75-80 division title with a 237, edging Bob Towery of Fort Collins, who shot a 238, one stroke better than Waggner. Loveland’s Bill Craig was eighth with a 252.

Greeley’s Larry Eaton, far right, scans the horizon for his tee shot on hole No. 6. Eaton carded a 69 during Friday’s final round to close the three-round tournament with a 216, pulling him to a successful defense of his Colorado Golf Association Senior Stroke Play title. Below, Towery lines up a putt on the No. 5 green.