-DATES TO REMEMBER-
MAY 10 (TUES) ALAMEDA
MAY 15-16 (S-M) SAN LUIS BAY
JUN 21 (TUES) SARATOGA
JULY 12 (TUES) GREEN HILLS
AUG 16 (TUES) FOUNTAIN GROVE
SEPT
OCT 3 (MON) ANCIL HOFFMAN

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hold their 2 Man Better Ball Tourney
for the '88 season.

Thanks to Pat Sullivan, writer for
the San Francisco Newspapers, for
attending our last meeting and giving
us some ink in the April 16th
Green Sheet.

**golf at santa clara**
**an scramble event**

* 62 *
Weatherton jr., Husting, M. Eastwood,
and Pedersen.

* 64 *
Phillips, Grant, Pitterini

* 65 *
Winskowicz, S. Singh, Ramas, Mal
Brownlie, Kilcoyne, Tsutsui, Sakai

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Specialists, Dublin

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Stockton
Carol Lozito, Bishop GC, Bishop
Edward Ferreira Jr., Royal Vista GC,
San Ramon
Darren Markus, Gilroy G&CC, Gilroy
Cliff Rourke, Riverside GC, Coyote

*Must take exam this month or
remain a Class D
James Mannion, Lincoln Park, S F
Sean Sweeney, Sharp Park, Pacifica

"One day someone will wake up and
make the greens playable. Putting on
tricked up greens like this is no fun
at all. Now you just tap the ball and
pray to God to get within 10 to 12
feet. If that's golf, I'm in the wrong
league."

-Fuzzy Zoeller

What they said about the
greens at Augusta

Masters Chairman Hord Hardin made
one brief statement: "The players on
the tour have been playing so many
courses not set up like this that they
are not used to it since the last
major."

Curtis Strange, 1987 player of the
year, "I have to question if Mr. Jones
would've wanted it this way. I just
wonder. I don't feel like I'm out of
line. I'm no greenskeeper, but the
greens are burn't up. Some have no
grass."

Tom Watson, twice a winner of this
tournament, is a staunch supporter
of Paul Latshaw, course
superintendent at the National.
"The greens are fair. This
man knows what he is
doing."

Watson said. "He's not gonna let the
greens get away from him."

Six time Masters champion Jack
Nicklaus agrees there is reason for
concern (con't next page)
but didn’t lash out at tournament officials. “When they changed the greens in ’81, they only rebuilt some of them,” Nicklaus said. “Because of the difference in substructures, it causes them to dry at different speeds. They went to bent grass in an effort for more consistent putting surfaces. Because of the substructures, they still aren’t consistent.

“They try to prepare a perfect golf course on every hole. The problem is they single cut one, double cut one, and triple cut another. That makes all the greens have different speeds. But they try to do the best job for us.”

“Every time you hear complaints on the first two days, they put a little water on the greens. They’ll be fine for Saturday.” (Thanks to Mike McCraw, Superintendent at Apts Seacon, for bringing back this information from Augusta.)

In answer to the charges that the attempts to make the course too tough only in the last couple of years, here is an excerpt from Jones book. Chapter 20. Jones died in 1971.

“Our overall aim at Augusta National has been to provide a golf course of considerable natural beauty, relatively easy for the average golfer to play, and at the same time testing for the expert player striving to better par figures….. Obviously, with a course as wide open as needed to accommodate the average golfer, we can only tighten it up by increasing the difficulty of play around the hole.

“This we attempt to do during the tournament by placing the flags in more difficult and exacting positions and by increasing the speed of the greens……. Additionally, we try to maintain our greens of such a firmness that they will only hold a well-played shot and not a ball that has been hit without the backspin reasonably to be expected, considering the length of the shot.” That pretty well debunks the theory that fast, hard greens are new.

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