

CALIFORNIA CLIPS AND CUTS

Grass Carp Dead in the Water

Use of Grass Carp is currently legal in this state only on a selected, approved basis. Jim Husting, CGCS, of Woodbridge Golf & CC has been working with his local government officials to stress the need for the fish in golf course lakes and waterways.

At this time, Jim has been

told, the issue is dead until 1995. The committee has not changed since the issue was brought before Parks and Wildlife the last time, when it was defeated. It is felt that if we begin to pursue a strong lobbying and letter writing campaign at this time, we will be able to positively influence the next set of elected officials. Anyone interested in assisting Jim in this effort

should contact him at (209)368-9040.

Hospitality Suite at Conference a Hit

The California Hospitality Suite at the GCSAA Conference in Dallas was once again the "place to be." Members of local chapters and their

guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar for three nights at the Loew's Anatole, the headquarters hotel. Although a large suite was reserved for the event, guests packed the room to overflowing. The suite on the 9th floor overlooked one of the hotel's atrium piano bars, allowing many to escape the hustle and bustle inside and

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California Choices Make the Grade

The candidates for the GCSAA Board of Directors and officers met with the California GCSA Board of Directors prior to the vote at the conference in Dallas.

All those candidates chosen to receive the support of California chapter were elected. They are:

- President: Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS
- Vice President: Gary T. Grigg, CGCS
- Secretary/Treasurer: Bruce R. Williams, CGCS
- Director: Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS
- Director: R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS
- Director: Tommy Witt (appointed to fill Grigg's unexpired director term)

Continuing on the board and completing their terms are:

- Immediate Past President: Randy Nichols, CGCS
- Director: Dave Fearis, CGCS
- Director: George Renault III, CGCS

GCSAA voters say "yes" to 13 amendments

At the annual meeting in Dallas, GCSAA members were asked to consider 15 proposed amendments to the organization's bylaws and articles of incorporation. All but two of the 15 issues received the two-thirds majority required for adoption.

The first amendment approved revised the association's mission statement. Voters adopted the following wording for both the preamble of the bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation:

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are:

- (a) to provide for and enhance the recognition of the golf course superintendent as a professional.
- (b) to advance the art of greenkeeping and the science of turfgrass management; to collect and disseminate information concerning efficient and economical management of golf courses and related environmental issues.

(c) in general, to have all the powers conferred upon a

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find a more relaxing place to socialize.

The association would like to express it's sincere thanks to all those Northern California vendors who so generously donated money to make this event such a huge success again this year. Gracious thanks also go to Jim Davis for coordinating the event and to Don Naumann for his assistance in acquiring sponsorships.

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corporation by the laws of the State of Delaware which are consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this corporation.

The bylaws amendments also redefined the golf course superintendent as "one who is entrusted with the management and operation of the tract of land defined as a golf course, including involvement in construction and maintenance of golf courses and

related equipment."

The two bylaws amendments that failed involved the establishment of separate, non-voting membership classifications for golf course maintenance staff, club officials, and golf association staff members.

Ballot 5 would have added six new classes for staff members such as equipment managers and irrigation specialists. Ballot 6 would have enacted a separate Class F for club officials and golf association staff members.

Voters did approve other changes to the bylaws dealing with membership classification:

- Authorizing the board of directors to establish qualifications and levels of privilege for all membership classes except AA, A, B and C (Changes to AA, A, B and C still require a bylaws amendment.)

- Simplifying the definitions of Class B and C. Now, superintendent with fewer than three years of experience are Class B members, and all assistants are Class C mem-

bers. Voting and other golf-card privileges are now extended to Class C.

- Creating a new Class E for educators and extension officers

- Opening retired membership to all classes and authorizing the board to set retired dues at or below one-half the dues of the individuals prior classification,

- Authorizing the board to set Standing Rules regarding the level of privileges for Affiliate membership

- Making honorary membership permanent unless revoked by the board.

Voters delegated some specific authority to the board of directors, but also demanded increased accountability from the board and the chapter voting delegates.

For example, voters granted the board authority to set dues structures for non-superintendent membership classes. However, dues for Classes AA, A, B and C will be set by voting members casting ballots individually, by proxy or through their chapter.

Beginning next year in San Francisco, official voting records for GCSAA elections will be published in a membership publication. Dallas voters approved the publication of a chapter-by-chapter report to help chapter members hold their voting delegates accountable as their representatives.

Voters also restricted board members power by requiring a two-thirds majority of the board to approve the execution of any mortgage or loan that would incur debts for future boards.

The new bylaws also make some changes in the officers and directors. Most significantly, the secretary/treasurer position will become an elected office instead of a presidential appointment. Voters also amended the duties of the secretary/treasurer, making them more like an officer than an operations administrator.

In addition, all officers and directors will be elected by plurality votes, eliminating the potential need for run-off elections.

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