THRU THE GREEN

Alameda Junior Golf Equipment Donation

You can make this holiday season even more enjoyable by donating your extra or used golf equipment to the "Alameda Junior Golf Shop." Simply bring it with you to Del Monte Golf Course December 10th or Palo Alto Municipal on January 18th. GCSANC Board Members will be available to gather the equipment for this worthwhile program.

Revised Membership List Available From the ASGCA

Where do you find the golf course architect best suited to design or remodel your golf course? Start with the American Society of Golf Course Architects' Membership List.

The updated and free listing of the Society's 139 member architects provides a valuable, easy to read reference of addresses, telephone and fax numbers. The list contains email and web site addresses as well.

To obtain a copy, send a self-addressed stamped business-sized envelope to: ASGCA, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601. Or e-mail the ASGCA at asgca@selz.com. Please provide your name, company and mailing address when sending an e-mail request for the listing.

Tom Wolff Submits Expense Report from Hiddenbrooke Joint Meeting

Not only was Tom Wolff from the TPC at Snoqualamie Ridge an entertaining speaker, he provided the board with a few laughs with his expense report. Now if we can get all our speakers to think this way!

Air Transportation	\$ 250.50
Limo	\$1,500.00
1st Class Lodging	\$1,500.00
Misc. Company	\$2,000.00
	\$5,250.50
Donation to GCSANC	
Research Program	\$5,000.00
Total Due	\$ 250.50

New Rules Relate to Course Conditions

The USGA and the R&A have announced several rules changes for 2000 that relate to golf course conditions. One of the most significant changes is that the Rules of Golf now permit a <u>local</u> rule regarding stones in bunkers.

With a goal of improving player safety, a new rule in Appendix I allows stones in bunkers to be labeled as moveable obstructions. "It is important to note that moving a stone in a bunker will still be a Rules violation unless a local committee elects to adopt the recommended language," said USGA Rules Committee Chairman Reed Mackenzie.

In addition, the definition of ground under repair has been amended to state that a ball off the ground but in a bush or tree rooted in ground under repair is in ground under repair.

Other changes of interest include a new definition of abnormal ground conditions and clarification that a Committee has authority to define a body of water that meets the definition of Lateral Water Hazard as a Water Hazard.

For a press release on other changes that will take effect Jan. 1, 2000, visit http://www.usga.org/press/1999 77.html

HOTEL ROOMS SELLING OUT FAST IN NEW ORLEANS

If you haven't yet made a hotel reservation, you need to act quickly! Call GCSAA Travel at 1-800-442-7220 to make your hotel reservations and other travel arrangements for the New Orleans Conference and Show. Although all of the official hotels are sold out, additional hotels are being added to accommodate all GCSAA conference and show attendees.

Real-time reservations are also available at GCSAA Travel (http://www.worldtek.com/gcsaaconv). Simply enter your arrival and departure dates, and the type of room you'd like, and the system will return all available options. (Keep in mind you may need to be flexible with your options in order to get the hotel of your choice.)

You can find detailed information on each of the hotels by visiting the show web site at:

http://www.gcsaa.org/2000confer/travel/hotels/newmap.html