

# GOVERNMENT UPDATE

## Privacy issue worries clubs across nation

The National Club Association, comprising of 1,000 private social, athletic and recreational clubs, is keeping a wary eye on efforts to deprive golf clubs of private status. The U.S. Supreme Court last year rebuffed the last threat to long-held privacy, New York City Local Law 63, which had been passed in 1984 and redefined all private clubs as public accommodations if they meet a three-pronged test.

The court held that NYC LL 63 was not unconstitutional on its face but stated that its three-pronged test is not exclusive and does not stand alone. The decision affirmed the constitutional right of free association and privacy of truly private clubs. NYC LL 63 affects only those clubs in New York City.

The NCA claims the premise of the law, is based on unsubstantiated, undocumented and false assumptions that clubs are marketplaces for making business deals and that those who want to join and can't are irreparably denied career opportunity.

Anti-club activists reportedly

### Pension bill to return

The new Congress is likely to revive a bill that would have made it simpler to transfer pension benefits when changing jobs.

The bill, which was killed at the end of the 1988 congressional session, would have lifted the prohibition on direct transfers of pension plan contributions to individual retirement accounts (IRAs). That would have allowed employees to take their pension contributions with them from one job to another.

The bill (H.R. 1961) also would have allowed some direct transfers from the former employer's pension fund to the new employer's fund.

## Moore

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Next post was Crestmont Country Club in West Orange, N.J. Moore served 10 years at Hollywood Golf Course in Deal, N.J., before a similar stint at Winged Foot GC, in Mamaroneck, N.Y. He presided over course operations for the 1959 U. S. Open won by Billy Casper.

The West Haven, Conn., native was back in the Nutmeg State for 12 years at Woodway Country Club in Darien, then returned to Winged Foot in 1980.

After course supervision for the inaugural USGA Senior Open in 1980 and the 1984 Open won by Fuzzy Zoeller, Moore "semi-retired" to Brewster, where he oversees operations at the Captains GC, an 18-hole municipal course designed by Geoffrey Cornish and Brian Silva.

He also has helped the USGA in its Green Section turf advisory service and, to keep his green thumb active, works in a nursery.

have said golf clubs are their next target.

The NCA asserts that "the right to be left alone and to freely choose those individuals with whom we wish to associate is fundamental to the freedom and independence of every individual and private group of individuals, including private golf club members."

# Golf college ups enrollment

The American Golf Corp.'s American Golf College, a one-week course of instruction that scored well in its November debut at corporate office headquarters in Santa Monica, Calif., will be expanded in an early-February session.

The college, created for introductory training of superintendents and general managers and continued training of present personnel, drew 20 AGC employees with a wide scope of ages and golf backgrounds.

AGC will enroll more people in its new session.

## Fran Adams of AGC foresees an increasing role for women in the sport.

Several in the predominantly male enrollment were golf professionals.

They gained further insight into shop management and sales technique.

AGC board Chairman David Price and President Bob Williams were keynote speakers.

While recognizing that men now are most prominent in the golf field, Fran Adams of AGC's Human Resources Department foresees an increasing role for women in the sport.

She cited the number of women entering the game and their expertise in the field of fashion.

Shop sales emphasis now is as much on clothing as on golf clubs and balls, she said.

American Golf, which owns or leases 109 private and public golf courses nationwide, includes many women in golf management roles.

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