

## Coastal Comm. appeals Pebble Beach tee time policy

*Pact with Monterey's Board of Supervisors brought into doubt*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Pebble Beach GolfLinks owners and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors thought they had reached pleasant agreement over starting time policy for the general public, but they reckoned without the California Coastal Commission.

The Coastal Commission has stepped to the tee with an appeal of that agreement, on behalf of a Monterey resident who claims the

reservations pact will hinder public access on the golf course.

Three coastal commissioners have joined in the appeal.

Branding the appeal "frivolous," the Ben Hogan group Aug. 7 requested a Writ of Prohibition against the Coastal Commission. The writ asks the Court to enjoin the commission from proceeding with the appeal. Hogan attorney Joseph E. Petrillo said the commission clearly had no jurisdiction in this matter.

The appeal claims the plan constitutes a change in the land use and should be considered "development."

Countered Petrillo, "The county's decision was thoroughly studied and debated. The

County has the authority to determine whether the advance reservation policy has an impact on coastal development permit requirements under the California Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program. They determined it did not. The agreement provides for the continued availability of starting times at Pebble Beach for the general public, and includes the future members of the Pebble Beach National club within advance reservations policies.

"Although anyone can continue to book a tee time at any time 24 hours in advance, based on availability, the new plan sets aside a guaranteed one-hour block of time for public reservations," Petrillo noted.

## Earth First! group vandalizes course

TELLURIDE, Colo. — Vandals operating as members of the Earth First! environmentalist group switched sabotage tactics to a new golf course here.

They used a chemical to write messages on 11 greens and several tees. The course, now closed indefinitely, was built on wetlands and opened in June as part of a development on a mountain above Telluride.

Tree-spiking has been the principal destructive target of the "earth destroyers."

## Monte Carlo draws scrutiny of resort industry

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Golf and resort industry authorities from three continents will highlight the Monte Carlo Golf Developers and Investors Conference at this French Riviera resort retreat Nov. 5-6.

Experts from the U. S., Japan and Europe will address conference delegates on every aspect of golf development, from course design and construction to golf property marketing and sales — resort or golf hotels. Designed to provide Europeans an opportunity to join the growing worldwide golf industry, the conference has been booked at the International Conference Centre.

Key speakers include Yukuo Takenaka, chairman, The Takenaka Group, Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert von Hagge, president, Von Hagge Design Associates, Spring, Tex.; Michael Redd, Team Plan, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Dennis Hillier, Hillier, Wanless & Cherry, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Michael Hurdzan, president, Hurdzan Golf Course Design Inc., Columbus, Ohio; Mike Stein, Arthur Anderson & Co., Miami, Fla.; Jim Fazio, president, Jim Fazio Golf Design Inc., Juno Beach, Fla., and Joe O'Brien, senior developer, Marriott Golf, Washington, D. C.

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## Palm Springs takes move toward new \$1 billion resort

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — After an 18-month struggle involving developers, Palm Springs mayor and proponent Sonny Bono and City Council member and critic Deyna Hodges, council members have taken the first step toward approving a \$1-billion country club resort.

In addition to an 18-hole golf course designed by Jack Nicklaus, there would be a 350-room all-suites hotel, 50-room health spa and tennis complex.

Last April, the council approved a \$500-million, 35-year tax rebate on the Canyon project. Hodges threatened a law suit, but councilors approved the rebate a second time on a 4-1 vote. Hodges again opposed.

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