Barker repeats Dad's feat: wins GCSAA championship

By PETER BLAIS

MONTEREY, Calif. - "Just play good," was the advice Vaughn Barker offered his son, Todd, prior to the 1995 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Golf Championship held recently here.

The younger Barker had reason to listen to his father, who won the annual event when it was played here in 1977. And he listened well.

The head superintendent at Fore Lakes Golf Course (GC) in Taylorsville, Utah, Todd put together a two-day total of 144 over the Bayonet and Poppy Hills golf courses to win the overall championship by a resounding seven strokes over his nearest competitor, Paul Jett of Duke University Golf Course in Durham,

"I was only two shots ahead after the first day," recalled Barker, who used his 3-wood off the tee over the tight Bayonet course to fashion a two-under 70 on the opening day. "Paul shot a 72, but had some problems the second day on the first few holes at Poppy Hills. I just played very steady after that and ended up with a 74 at Poppy Hills.'

Barker, a top amateur in Utah, was one of 400 members and affiliates in 11 flights competing in the warm-up event to the annual International Golf Course Conference and Show held two hours north in San Francisco. The Golf Club at Quail Lodge, Old Del Monte Forest GC and Rancho Canada GC's West Course were the other tourney locales.

Barker was also part of a Utah team that captured third place in the Chapter Team Gross competition behind Jett's Carolinas A team. Joining Jett on the winning team were Andy Campbell of Brook Valley Country Club (CC) in Greenville, N.C.; Chuck Green of Florence (S.C.) CC; and Chandler Masters of Talamore at Pinehurst in Southern Pines.

Winning the Lamphier Trophy as net team champion was Midwest AGCS No. 4 which included four Illinois superintendents -Alan Fierst of Oak Park CC in Elmwood Park; Robert Maibusch of Hinsdale Golf Course (GC); John Stephenson of Potawotomi GC in St. Charles; and Roger Stewart Jr. of Stonebridge CC in Napierville.

The winners in the other divisions, gross listed first and net second, were:

• Division B (3.0-5.7 handicap)— Greg Hall, Renton Washington,

Greg Hall, Renton Washington, Fairwood G&CC; Dennis Vogt, Cherry Hills, Colo., Glenmoor CC.

1st Flight (5.8-7.8) — Scott Wagner, Silver Springs, Md., Leisure World; Fritz McMullen West Bloomfield, Mich., Forest Lake CC.

2nd Flight (7.9-10) — Sean Remington, Chevy Chase, Md.

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 3rd Flight (10.1-12.7) — Paul Jamrog, Belchertown, Mass., The Orchards (CV)

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• 4th Flight (12.8-16.5) — Den-

nis Flynn, Katonah, N.Y., Brae Burn CC; Tim Powers, Pound Ridge, N.Y., Pound Ridge CC.
• 5th Flight (16.6-22) — Ron

Garrison, Center Valley, Pa., The Center Valley Club; R. Scott Woodhead, Belgrade, Mont., Valley View GC.
• 6th Flight (22.1-29.8) — Roger

Stewart Jr.; Trevor Oxtoby, Vienna, Austria, Colony Club. • Senior I (age 50-56) — Alan

Andreasan, Mission Viejo, Calif., El Niguel CC; Mike Bavier, Palatine, Inverness GC • Senior II (age 57-64) — Will-

iam Johnson, Plymouth, Minn., Edina CC; Ken Goodman, Wheeling III., Bull Valley GC.

• Super Senior (age 65+) — Clete Idoux, Granite City, III., retired; John Grant, San Rafael, Calif., San Mateo

• Affiliates — Dave Bingham, Fresno, Calif., B&B Associates; Jim Davis, San Diego, EcoSoil.

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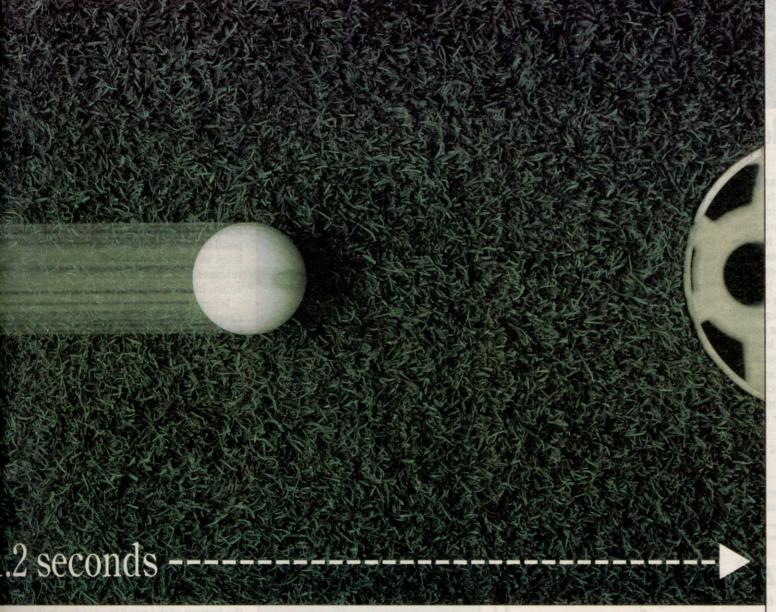
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