

# Bylaw break in '95

In contrast to stormy '93 election, no amendments offered

By PETER BLAIS

SAN FRANCISCO — Controversial bylaw amendments made for good news copy the past two years. But the news in 1995 is that *no* bylaw amendments are on the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America agenda at this month's International Conference and Show.

"So much has been added and so many changes have occurred in the last year, the board of directors decided to sit back for awhile and prove it could do what it's talked about," said GCSAA spokesman Scott Smith.

Two years ago, the membership surprised the board by overwhelmingly rejecting proposed amendments dealing with dues increases, delegate voting, membership classification restructuring and requirements for a simple rather than two-thirds majority to pass association proposals.

The main objection seemed to be that members were never consulted or sufficiently informed about the proposals. The board responded by holding a chapter relations meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, in September 1993, to explain to chapter presidents the reasoning behind the proposed 1994 bylaw amendments.

The result last year was passage of all the proposed measures, with the exception of creating new membership classifica-

tions for non-superintendents. Rejecting membership restructuring for a second time indicated that members wanted to keep the association focused on superintendents.

"The members felt," incoming GCSAA President Gary Grigg said, "that creating classifications for non-superintendents [i.e. irrigation technicians, spray technicians, equipment managers] would di-

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The championship flight will be staged at Poppy Hills Golf Course on the Monterey Peninsula.

## Georgia team looks to repeat

By PETER BLAIS

MONTEREY, Calif. — With so much emphasis on the singles title, the team competition is often overlooked at the annual GCSAA golf championship to be played here Feb. 20-21. But the team award is important to the competitors and a source of pride to the local chapters they represent, according to participants and organizers.

"It's always a big deal when the trophy is given out," said Mike Wilson of Cannongate at White Oak GC, a member of the Georgia No. 1 team that has won two of the past three team titles. Wilson's teammates are Jim Dusch of Atlanta National GC in Alpharetta, Randy Nichols of Cherokee Town & CC in Dunwoody and Randy Waldron of the GC of Georgia in Alpharetta.

This foursome has been together several years, winning the 1992 (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.) and 1994 (Austin, Texas) titles sandwiched around a second-place finish in 1993 (San Diego). Southeastern U.S. entries have dominated the team championship since the early 1980s, taking 12 of the last 15 titles. During the last decade and a half, Carolina teams have taken seven championships, Florida three and Georgia two. Rocky Mountain, Midwest and California associations have one apiece.

"The Southern states have a distinct advantage because they get to play year-round," said Tommy Witt, head superintendent at Wynstone GC and chairman of the tournament committee.

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1995 Show Me!

The diversity of San Francisco is born out in the city's architecture which features, side by side, the modernist, skyskewering Transamerica Pyramid (1972) and the furbelowed, flatiron Columbus Tower (1907).

### WHERE TO GO IN SAN FRANCISCO

## Vistas & victuals make San Francisco a city worth exploring and savoring

By STEVE SCHROEDER

SAN FRANCISCO — From the edge of the Embarcadero, a grayish fog can be seen lurking over the span of the Golden Gate Bridge. The distinct chime of the Cable Car completing its turnaround at Powell or Hyde Street gives you a sense. The faint sound of a foghorn heard in the distance confirms you've arrived in the City by the Bay, San Francisco. And, while widely acknowledged as one of the great tourist cities in the world, what should you do when passing through this bustling metropolis? Here are a few thoughts to consider.

A good place to start your adventure would be a visit to Union Square, located in the heart of town. Shopping abounds around the Square, with everything from smaller boutiques to retail outlets. A lot of territory can be covered in just a few blocks, but bring your check-

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*A trip to the Cliff House at the North End of the Great Highway can provide relaxation, where a sumptuous brunch is served while taking in dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean.*

book and credit cards to this portion of town. A special feature in this area is the Union Square ticket office, where you can get half-price seats during the day for many of the shows around the city, including the current sensation, Phantom of the Opera.

For those who want to try a different shopping atmosphere, Ghiradelli Square near Fisherman's Wharf offers a specialized array of stores and is famous for its outstanding varieties of chocolate. And, for you hard-core retail shoppers, Stonestown, situated along 19th Avenue on the city's West Side, provides the more traditional "shopping mall" experience where you can bounce quickly from store to store.

Finally, the truly adventurous shopper, weather permitting, should head for the Red and White Fleet Ferry

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# From plays to pasta, shopping to site-seeing, San Francisco has it all

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Boats at Pier 43-1/2, and take the 30-minute ride across the Bay to Sausalito, where art galleries, shopping and gourmet dining along the Waterfront can offer captivating views of the city.

If sightseeing is your gig, the choices are numerous. No trip to San Francisco would be complete without a visit to Coit Tower. For those with a sense of golfing history, the Memorial at Lincoln Park Golf Course on 34th

and Clement streets is worth a look, and don't miss the breathtaking scenery of the golden Gate Bridge and the entrance to the Bay from this locale.

The true golfing connoisseur might consider a stop at Harding Park Golf Course, which brings a wealth of nostalgia with stories about West coast legends such as Ken Venturi and "Champagne" Tony Lema. You may even want to enjoy a libation at the clubhouse or the

boathouse, as the barstool or chair you sit in may have been occupied by one of these great champions.

Other places of note include the Embarcadero, where a major reconstruction project of the Boulevard gives the observer a sense of the damage that occurred during the 1989 earthquake. The Museum of Modern Art, within easy walking distance from the Moscone Center, is a good call for

browsers.

If a view is your thing, a stop at the Golden Gate Bridge lookout on the bridge's north side will afford you a spectacular panorama of the city on a clear day. Fisherman's Wharf and the Waterfront are certainly worth a look to capture that old-city charm and character.

Additionally, a trip to the Cliff House at the North End of the Great Highway can provide relaxation, where a sumptuous

brunch is served while taking in dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean.

Um, that comment regarding brunch makes me think of food. And when it comes to cities known for dining, San Francisco ranks among the finest. The city is probably most famous for the cracked crab, sour dough French bread and white wine that you can indulge in at Fisherman's Wharf, but the following are some suggestions of places you might frequent according to price.

For those absolutely unconcerned with the bill, a dinner at Postrio near Union Square, Fleur de Lys on Sutter Street, or Stars near the Civic Center is the ticket. But a word of note: Make your reservations or call to check the availability for these spots well in advance, because they book up quickly.

Lunch-goers should hit Sam's, Taditch's or Le Central downtown for a meal not to be forgotten. A couple of other good options are Morten's Steak House on Post Street near Union Square, Washington Street Bar and Grill and One Market Restaurant.

On the moderate side, if you are looking for that great pasta for which the city is well known, Venticelo on Taylor Street offers a superb selection of dishes in an intimate setting. Two other hot spots for pasta are Marina Joe's, where you have your choice of table service or the counter as they prepare mouth-watering creations directly in front of you, or Bocci in North Beach, which contains a special atmosphere for couples and small groups.

For those who crave for a fabulous assortment of entrees in an active, open setting, Lulu's, south of Market Street and not far from Moscone Center, features terrific food with plenty of action.

Closer to the Moscone Center, for those who prefer Mexican cuisine, the Cadillac Bar and Grill is a destination sure to be enjoyed, and the Chevy's Bar and Grill south of Market Street fashions fajitas, tostadas, quesadillas and other Mexican delights.

If you are looking for great value, North Beach boasts a few establishments that will tickle your fancy. Tomasu's on Kearny Street is an old, family-run restaurant rich in pasta, pizza and antipasto. The food is excellent and the tariff is reasonable. Another spot worth the price of admission is Basta Pasta, where the ravioli, spaghetti and other dishes will send you home happy, fulfilled and with money left in your wallet. True pizza lovers will enjoy North Beach Pizza, which also offers take-out service from

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## Eugene's third public on the way

EUGENE, Ore. — The Eugene area will get its third 18-hole golf course open to the public in Coburg Hills.

The developers, Coburg Hills Golf Corp., recently got wetland permits which cleared the way to build a 7,000-yard course with two lakes on a 260-acre site.

Mike Stark, a Springfield architect and president of Coburg Hills Golf Corp., says the project will be funded with \$1 million from unnamed investors and another estimated \$1.5 million worth of sweat equity from Stark, his two partners, and another half-dozen people. Starks and the group have already begun clearing for some fairways, done some grading and shaped some holes. The team plans to resume construction in the spring.

The course will have a modular building for a club house which will be replaced with a permanent clubhouse after the course turns a profit. Stark says the club needs to sell about 20,000 rounds of golf a year to break even.

## Getting to know host San Francisco

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various locations around the city.

The best late-morning breakfast or brunch can be found at Perry's in the Marina, where the home-style potatoes are out of this world and the Bloody Mary's aren't bad, either. And, if a mid-day burger is your thing, Original Joe's on Taylor Street sports one of the best in the business.

Libation lovers should rest easily knowing that the city offers a number of fine alternatives. The more formal gathering spots are Moose's near Washington Square, where you might run into a professional athlete or a politician; Harry Denton's near the Embarcadero, where the people-watching is usually first-class; and Gordon Biersch Brewery, a restaurant and bar famous for brewing its own beer.

For a late-evening pick-me-up, the "original" Irish coffee can be consumed at the Buena Vista, near the Cable Car turnaround at Fisherman's Wharf.

If you are looking for a more relaxed atmosphere where you can let your hair down, The Balboa Cafe or the Pierce Street Annex, both in the Marina, are certainly worth a trip. Finally, if you are of the torn blue jean or sweat pants type, the Bus Stop has draught beer and other beverages at reasonable prices.

## Hiers loaned to new Audubon Signature Program 'Team'

By MARK LESLIE

NAPLES, Fla. — Collier Enterprises, whose Collier's Reserve is the flagship golf course in the New York Audubon Society's Signature Program, has offered the society part-time services of superintendent Tim Hiers.

Hiers will be on the new Audubon Signature Team, organized "to offer advice and guidance directly to people who have signed their contract with our sustainability principle," said New York Audubon President Ron Dodson.

There are now two properties designated Signature facilities, and another 20 have signed

into the program, Dodson said. Hiers will visit those properties as facility design consultant. He will offer on-site guidance, moral support and recommendations for development of infrastructures of their facilities; open the doors of Collier's Reserve to visitors to educate them about the facility, construction design, maintenance; and help the Audubon with informational publications pertaining to sustainable development.

"If not for Jeff Burr [Collier Enterprises vice president], there wouldn't be a program here," Hiers said. "He and Collier have made all this possible."

"Tim is going to be treated as if he were a

regular staff member of New York Audubon. Collier's is our flagship property," Dodson said. "It's quite a donation on the part of Colliers Enterprises. They are paying his salary, while Signature members will cover the travel expenses."

The Sanctuary Program "essentially focuses on two major aspects — wildlife and water," Dodson said. "Wildlife, because we think the species of wildlife on land are great indicators of the quality of the environment of that land; water, because it's a very important, red-flag issue and is on the receiving end of everything we do when we manage properties."

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