

# 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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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, Ghirardelli 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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