

-DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 10 (TUES) ALAMEDA
MAY 15-16(S-M) SAN LUIS BAY
JUN 21 (TUES) SARATOGA
JULY 12 (TUES) GREEN HILLS
AUG 16 (TUES) FOUNTAIN GROVE
SEPT
OCT 3 (MON) ANCIL HOFFMAN

WE NEED A GOLF COURSE JULY 28th

for our GCSANC sponsored junior golf tournament. Contact Corey Eastwood, CGCS, at Green Hills if you can provide a place for the kids to hold thier 2 Man Better Ball Tourney for the '88 season.

Thanks to Pat Sullivan, writer for the San Francisco Newspapers, for attending our last meeting and giving us some ink in the April 16th Green Sheet.

golf at santa clara an scramble event

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Weather ton jr., Husting, M. Eastwood,
and Pedersen.

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Phillips, Grant, Pitterini

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Winskowicz, S. Singh, Ramas, Mal
Brownlie, Kilcoyne, Tsutsui, Sakai



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Milpitas

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Jerry Zella, Sprinkler Irrigation Specialists, Dublin

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Carol Lozito, Bishop GC, Bishop
Edward Ferreira Jr., Royal Vista GC, San Ramon

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Cliff Rourke, Riverside GC, Coyote

*Must take exam this month or remain a Class D

James Mannion, Lincoln Park, S F

Sean Sweeney, Sharp Park, Pacifica

"One day someone will wake up and make the greens playable. Putting on tricked up greens like this is no fun at all.. Now you just tap the ball and pray to God to get within 10 to 12 feet. If thats golf, I'm in the wrong league. -- Fuzzy Zoeller

What they said about the greens at Augusta_____

Masters Chairman Hord Hardin made one brief statement: "The players on the tour have been playing so many courses not set up like this that they are not used to it since the last major."

Curtis Strange, 1987 player of the year, "I have to question if Mr. Jones would've wanted it this way. I just wonder. I don't feel like I'm out of line. I'm no greenskeeper, but the greens are burn't up. Some have no grass."

Tom Watson, twice a winner of this tournament, is a staunch supporter of Paul Latshaw, course superintendent at the National.

"The greens are fair. This man knows what he is doing,"

Watson said. "He's not gonna let the greens get away from him..

Six time Masters champion Jack Nicklaus agrees there is reason for concern (con't next page)

Masters can't _____

but didn't lash out at tournament officials. "When they changed the greens in '81, they only rebuilt some of them," Nicklaus said. "Because of the difference in substructures, it causes them to dry at different speeds. They went to bent grass in an effort for more consistent putting surfaces. Because of the substructures, they still aren't consistent.

"They try to prepare a perfect golf course on every hole. The problem is they single cut one, double cut one, and triple cut another. That makes all the greens have different speeds. But they try to do the best job for us."

"Every time you hear complaints on the first two days, they put a little water on the greens. They'll be fine for Saturday." (Thanks to Mike McCraw, Superintendent at Aptos Seascapes, for bringing back this information from Augusta.)

In answer to the charges that the attempts to make the course too tough only in the last couple of years, here is an excerpt from Jones book. Chapter 20. Jones died in 1971.

"Our overall aim at Augusta National has been to provide a golf course of considerable natural beauty, relatively easy for the average golfer to play, and at the same time testing for the expert player striving to better par figures....Obviously, with a course as wide open as needed to accommodate the average golfer, we can only tighten it up by increasing the difficulty of play around the hole.

"This we attempt to do during the tournament by placing the flags in more difficult and exacting positions and by increasing the speed of the greens.....Additionally, we try to maintain our greens of such a firmness that they will only hold a well-played shot and not a ball that has been hit without the backspin reasonably to be expected, considering the length of the shot." That pretty well debunks the theory that fast, hard greens are new.

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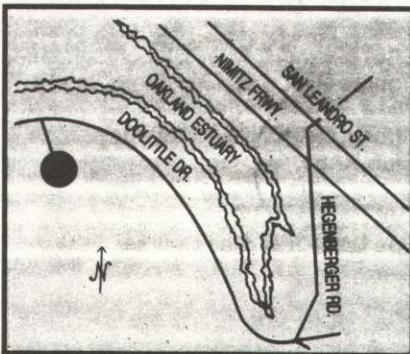


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