

# THRU THE GREEN

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## 1991 SUPERINTENDENT /PRO TOURNAMENT

This years prestigious Superintendent/Pro Golf Tournament was held at the very private and conservative San Francisco Golf Club.

The field for this years tournament was 144 strong, which meant two foursomes per tee and made for a 5 1/2 hour round of golf. The patient golfer would undoubtedly prevail.

The weather for this years event was typical for the San Francisco coastal area. We tee'd off around one o'clock into what promised to be a beautiful day, partly cloudy with mild temperatures. About halfway through the round, that old familiar San Francisco fog moved in with a blast of cool pacific ocean air that started the mercury dropping.

But the weather did not stop anyone. As a matter of fact, not even a canceled plane flight could stop the likes of Joe Tompkins and his party from Fresno's Sunnyside Golf Club. The Tournament coordinator received a phone message about an hour before the tournament start time stating that the

Sunnyside Golf Club contingent was delayed due to a flight cancellation. However, they had chartered a plane, rented a limousine and would make their appointed start—which they did. (Someone was heard wondering out loud what part of his course maintenance budget THAT was coming from....)

The San Francisco Golf Club has been maintained over the decades as a pure golf club, with no pools or tennis courts to dilute its purpose. It's pure golf, and, maybe, a game of dominoes. As one of the caddies was heard to reminisce, "the general saying here is, -fast play and dominoes, dominoes being an opportunity to win back what may have been lost on the course."

San Francisco Golf Club is the only California golf course designed by A.W. Tillinghast, who did most of his work in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The year was 1917 when the San Francisco Golf Club was constructed on the edge of a State Historic Landmark, the site of the Brodareck-Terry Duel. This was the last

official "duel to the death" in California, which settled an argument between a state senator and a circuit court judge over the Civil War.. The #7 hole that skirts the Landmark is aptly nicknamed "The Duel" and was the course designers favorite par three golf hole. In 1950 Harold Sampson, then pro at Burlingame Golf Club, did some remodeling of holes 13,14,& 15 to accommodate the freeway. However, the course remains predominately a "Terrible Tillie" design.

Another interesting aspect of this course is the requirement to employ a caddy, which is pure old-fashioned golf. I wasn't sure if having witness's along was such a good idea, but they did promise not to laugh. Actually, the caddies are an invaluable aid to golf at San Francisco Golf Club. They provide, among other things, yardage information from memory.

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**Ken Sakai**  
shire Trophy Winner

**Mike Garvale**  
GCSANC President

**Steve Good**  
Tournament Chairman

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This proved to be very helpful because nothing is marked with yardages, neither sprinkler heads nor yardage bushes, not even the tees. It is also interesting to note that several of the men caddying during our tournament have carried clubs at this site since it was built in 1917.

The host Superintendent Bob Klinestecker became a member of GCSANC in 1982 (Class A since 1983) and joined the staff of the San Francisco Golf Club in the same year. His most recent achievement was the design and installation of the all turf practice tee area that turned out top notch. Bob is his own toughest critic, and he is very proud of the maintenance improvements and numerous other subtle changes he has made to the course over the years. Bob considers his most important achievement to be his ability to convince the very conservative, tradition oriented membership to make progressive decisions about the course and equipment used, which have produced positive long term results.

The wonderful people in the clubhouse deserve a great big thanks for all they provided. The hors d'oeuvres were delicious, plentiful, served with style, and the main course was an epicureans delight.

Again, we would like to sincerely thank all the membership and staff of the San Francisco Golf Club for hosting this delightful event. It was one we won't forget.

Photos and article submitted by Carey Krefft

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# MEMBERSHIP FOR AUGUST

## 30 Day Wait Waived

- James Galvin, Harding Park GC Associate
- Kulwinder Dhaliwal, Sequoyah CC Associate
- Paul Johnson, Richmond CC Associate
- Ryan Wakayama, Parkway GC Associate
- Frank Hicks, Associated Chemicals, Inc. Affiliate
- Terry McGlynn, Norcal Turf Systems Affiliate

## Pending 30 Day Wait

- Bradford Langley, Poppy Hills Intern Associate
- Anthony Steers, Contra Costa CC Associate
- Mike Ligon, Westar Affiliate
- Matthew Schiller, KKW, Inc. Affiliate

## Pending Upgrade by Exam

- Michael McCoy, Oakmont GC, Associate to B
- Jeffrey Shafer, Sky Valley GC Associate to B

# !!! ATTENTION CLASS B AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS !!!

If you are eligible now or in the next few months for a classification upgrade to class A or B and you are worried about the dreaded "TEST" this is for you.

On October 28th the semi-annual study session to help prepare you for the upgrade exam will be held at the Meadow Club golf course by your membership chairman, David Sexton.

If you have met all the requirements the actual test for your classification will be available, or a practice exam can be taken to help you prepare for a future testing date.

In order to qualify for class A you must have completed 3 years as a Golf Course Superintendent. To qualify for class B you must have completed 1 year as a Golf Course Superintendent.

In addition you must submit an application for reclassification to the Board of Directors by the October 10th meeting at Bodega Harbour. The application does not need to be attested for reclassification and they are available from the Association office or by contacting David Sexton.

Depending upon the weather and aerification schedules the Meadow Club may be available for complimentary golf after the morning study session which will start at 8:30 am.

Any questions, please call David Sexton, (415) 457-2050 between 8:30-9:30 am Monday-Friday.



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# SUPERINTENDENT/PRO TOURNAMENT

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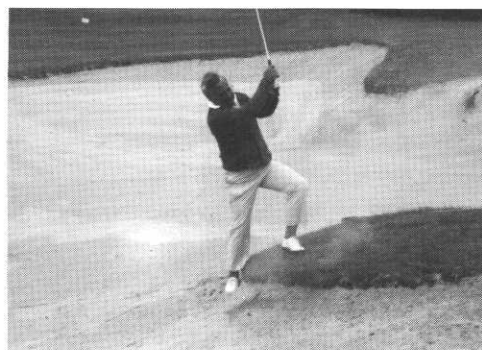
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## CLOSEST TO THE PIN

John Flachman
Larry Nelson