Bylaws Changes Rationale
(July 2010)

Preamble added to indicate addition of operating procedures for the implementation of rules set out in the bylaws. In general the proposed bylaws changes reflect current operating policies, delete obsolete rules, simplify and move procedural matters to a companion document, "Operating Procedures Manual".

Articles cited below refer to the proposed bylaws

**Article III**

Section 2  Reflects current usage, better describes activity

Section 4(a)  Addresses problem of voting vs. non-voting members

Section 4(b)  Formerly Section 6, Article III

Section 5  Removed title, consistent with all other sections in bylaws

Section 5(b)  Gives nominating committee option when more than one nominee considered qualified and willing to serve

Section 5(f)  The portion in the current (f) dealing with implementing the secret ballot which also includes the current (g) and (h) are placed in the Operating Procedures Manual

**Article IV**

Section 1  Expanded introduction to recognize President's overall responsibilities and leadership role in club operations. Includes (a) and (c) of current bylaws.

Section 1(e)  Board approved contracts includes "greenskeepers" annual contract

Section 2  Rewed to emphasize duties when acting as President. Membership and Visitation Committees are listed under Article IX, Standing Committees and Chairpersons are appointed by the president and approved by the Board. In this way Chairpersons are not limited by the election process and can continue from year to year for a smoother Club operating process. The Vice-President can be assigned these duties by the approval of the Board if they so wish.

Section 3(b)  "Post" notices is the current policy in advising members of upcoming meetings. "Members" added to differentiate from other meeting types.

Section 3(c)  Condensed with additional info detailed in the operating procedures.

Section 3(d)  Condensed with additional info detailed in the operating procedures
Section 4(c) Changing $2000 to "an amount to be determined by the Board of Governors" gives the Board flexibility in being able to change the amount from year to year.

Section 4(d) New (d) added. Provides for oversight by the Board of Governors

Section 4(e) Reworked with no change in content.

Section 5(a) New paragraph (a). It is the responsibility of the Board to review and approve all Club activities.

New paragraph (b). This is a major contract negotiated yearly and requires the Board's approval, and is therefore highlighted.

Current paragraph (c) deleted. Board action has been a formality in the past and often overlooked. The process of inducting new members is covered under the Membership committee guidelines.

Section 5(f) It is believed that five voting members are needed when actions are presented to the Board for vote.

Article V
Section 1 Statements pertaining to member application, waiting list and reserving membership are obsolete and deleted. Reworked to include other membership categories

Current Section 3, Policy regarding visitors' fees moved to Article VIII, Dues-Green Fees

Article VII
Section 1 Current Sections 1, 2, 3 combined into new Section 1. Reflects actual method of notification used by the club. Mailing or personal notification are options for the Board to consider.

Article VIII
Section 1 "Regular" members is changed to membership "categories" to account for different categories of membership including associate members.

Section 5 More appropriately falls under Dues-Green Fees

Article IX
In the past failure to fill committee chairs has caused the President and the Board to be in non compliance with the bylaws. This change lists committees, but allows for the President and Board of governors to determine those committees needed to support the operation of the club and allow then time to fill the positions as best they can. Detailed description of committee duties is included in the operating procedures manual.
Article X
   Same as Article XI of current bylaws with the clarification that only authorized members can vote
   The current Article X is moved to the operating procedures manual.
   Bowling days, bowling times, blind draw, make up games, tournaments, visitation teams and play are subject to frequent changes as the club evolves. They are best dealt with by the Board as they presently are although not specifically authorized be the current bylaws.

Article XI
   Rather than specify a particular edition, the "latest version" covers future changes to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article XII
   This article is added to make clear that when conflicts between club documents arise the bylaws take precedence