ANAHEIM, Calif. — Don Lewis, a superintendent for 35 years, has retired from Anaheim Hills Golf Course. Lewis, who has been the golf course superintendent at Anaheim Hills for 20 years, served the city of Anaheim for more than 35 years.

"Don Lewis has treated both the Dad Miller and then the Anaheim Hills courses as if they were his family," said Jack Kodron, Anaheim superintendent of parks and golf. "It has been a 24-hour, on-call, seven-day-a-week commitment to him and all of us are extremely grateful that he has been a part of our family for the past 35 years. What an accomplishment."

That commitment meant making sure the 26-year-old, 225-acre Hills course was playable after enduring the weather disasters such as wind and rain or potential problems due to fungus on the greens. It also meant overseeing the interaction of the course which is nestled in the rolling hills of the Nohl Ranch landscape.

"This has been a terrific job," said Lewis. "But it has been a team effort, to be sure. There are 12 people who are responsible for the maintenance of the course and it's a team effort to build and maintain. Thinking back 26 years ago, we had an ugly chunk of coal. Now we have a diamond in the rough."