
Probably the busiest man at the gathering of the GCSAA clan was current national President Richard Malpass. The Oregon superintendent performed the master of ceremonies role well, from helping in the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, set in rock at the site of the founding of the association's birth, to cutting a ceremonial ribbon to mark the spot of the first informal banquet in the association's history.

Golf Course. Golden Hills offers four-season climate with occasional snow in winter and balmy, cool summers. Attractions for golfers — besides the clean mountain air — are swimming, tennis, hiking, fishing, elegant dining facilities, and a lounge with live entertainment on weekends. The club invites tournaments and group outings.

BEVERAGE SERVICE

Taylor switches to metric magnums

The Taylor Wine Co. has become one of the first to convert an existing wine package from the American standard to the international metric system of measurement, by switching from half-gallon bottles to metric magnums (1.5 liters) for its dinner and dessert wines.

"The change called for far more than a simple switch of containers," said Lloyd G. Magee, Taylor vice president and director of marketing, in commenting on the amount of paperwork involved in getting the new size approved by state agencies having jurisdiction over wine sales. The company began work on the change late in 1973 and allowed to mature some 27 months before its first informal opening.

"MountainGate is a club for the true golf enthusiast," said Club Manager Don Howell. Although the club has a cocktail lounge, snack bar, and dining area as well as a pro shop, the emphasis is on golf rather than social events. One comforting feature for those playing at MountainGate is that the temperature is often as much as 10 degrees cooler on the course than in the valley and other parts of the L.A. basin — thanks to the prevailing breeze from the ocean.

MountainGate is a development of Barclay Hollandier Corp. and is operated by California Golf.

Tough public course opens in So. Cal.

"This is not a typical public course. This is a championship course."

The man talking was superintendent John Miller. He was describing his course, the Mint Valley Municipal Golf Course, which opened in Southern California August 15. Designed by golf course architect Ron Fream, also of California, Mint Valley has four ponds and makes liberal use of traps. The par-71 course plays 5,600 yards from the championship tees, 6,100 from the regular men's markers, and 5,300 from the women's.

Scheduled to open later at Mint Valley is a par 72 pitch-and-putt course.

Golden Hills Club goes public

California Golf Inc. has purchased Golden Hills Country Club, an 18-hole course located in the Tehachapi Mountains of California, and opened it to the general public.

California Golf is a business management firm operating many recreational facilities throughout the state — including Yorba Linda Country Club, Camarillo Springs Golf Course, Lake Arrowhead Country Club, MountainGate Country Club, Westchester Golf Course, Santa Fe Springs Golf Course, and Berkeley's Tilden Country Club.

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