

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - - - - - By Norm Stewart

The upcoming meeting on June 8 will have us attending this occasion at Edgewood Tahoe, Remember this is on the SOUTH END of the Lake, and our gracious and handsome host will be John Williams.

John graduated from the University of California at Davis in Agricultural Economics and Agronomy. John started in this battle of fighting and trying to outwit mother nature in the field of growing grass at Carmel Valley under the thumb of Doc Babson. From there to La Rinconada again working for Doc. Then John struck out on his own for his own course and he landed at Edgewood Tahoe.

Edgewood Tahoe started its initial ground breaking in 1966 and was opened for play in the spring of 1967. It is a privately owned public course. It plays 6,821 yards from the regular tees and 7,411 yards from the chapionship tees. This long yardage will comfort those who will undertake the course during the meeting, but John puts a word of caution into those who finish that the last couple of holes finish near a large water hazard called Lake Tahoe, so stay in the middle because the right rough is wet and cold.

After talking with John at El Macero, I learned that he has a couple of entirely new concepts in golf course maintenance.

1. He has 3 young girls on his summer crew. Because he is a strong believer in women's lib, these young girls are mowing greens, running sand pro's and miscellaneous chores. -- There is one stipulation for employment that the application form be filled out completely, that is vital statistics and all extra blank areas -- this must be some sort of special application form.
2. His Sunday operation is somewhat unique, because he runs it by the use of a citizens band radio, that is he contacts his assistant while he is out in his boat fishing, He told me that he tells his assistant that he has 2 sprinklers that are not turning on in a certain area on the fairways or dry spots that show up. In my mind this is the only way to run a golf course.

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Gurmit Sandhu, Sequoyah C.C., Oakland, is teaching a class on Turf Management at Chabot College, Hayward every Thursday night from April 5 to June 16.

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Steve Kilmer is superintendent at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, Rodeo since May 1.