

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT -

by Norm Stewart

Jim Ross started his career in golf course management in 1956 at Fort Washington in Fresno, stayed until 1959 when he left to help Roy King build Corral de Tierra in Salinas. He stayed there until 1963 and left to take over as superintendent at La Rinconada. In 1967 he took over The Villages as superintendent and official overseer during the construction.

Jim is what one may call a self-educated man in his field; he has attended many short courses put on by the University of California Extension Service, attended 2 years at Asilomar and taught landscape courses at Ohlone College and has received his limited teaching credentials from the community college systems.

Jim is married, has a sweet wife named Barbara and 3 children, 1 girl 8, 1 boy 12, and 1 married daughter attesting to his part as playing grandfather.

Jim enjoys golf, fishing and hunting.

ABOUT THE VILLAGES - The Villages is built on 153 acres of old orchard in San Jose in the southeast part of town.

Two courses comprise the acreage 1 - 9 hole pitch and putt course 1 - 18 hole championship course. There are 8 man-made lakes on the course. It plays 6,266 yards from the regular tees and 6,596 from the championship, Par 72, Rated 69.2.

Greens average 6,000 square feet, trapped moderately.

Jim says beware of the Par 3 #6, there is a lake on the right, OB on the left, prevailing wind from the NW.

He also has something that very few of us or probably none of us have -- that is 300 private owned golf carts.

He has asked me to pass on this information to anyone playing golf on April 10 and using electric carts PLEASE obey all rules, please stay out of all roped off areas, stay away from all greens at least 50 feet and stay on paths as much as possible.

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