

Bill Nigh sent the following about Pasatiempo Country Club

In the late 1920's, Miss Marian Hollins of New York, winner of the 1921 National Women's Championship, had a dream--a dream of building the finest golf course in the world. After searching for a suitable location she found the site where the dream could materialize; in the rolling foothills north of Santa Cruz, overlooking the sunny side of Monterey Bay. It was on these 650 acres that Miss Hollins built the Pasatiempo Country Club with its championship golf course; well equipped stables, polo field, mile upon mile of trails, tennis and badminton courts, a swimming pool, and only minutes away, a private beach.

The finest golf course in the world deserved the finest golf architect in the world. Accordingly, she commissioned Dr. Alistair MacKenzie to design what is now Pasatiempo. At the time, courses designed by Dr. MacKenzie included the Royal and St. Andrew's Golf Club in Scotland, and the Toon, and Royal St. George Golf Clubs in Great Britain. Upon completing Pasatiempo Dr. MacKenzie went on to design and build other courses in America, among them Cypress Point on the Monterey Peninsula, the Valley in Santa Barbara and the Augusta National.

On September 8th, 1929 Miss Hollins' dream became a reality. With three thousand guests watching, a huge gallery for those days, Miss Hollins, Miss Glenna Collet, Robert Tyre "Bobby" Jones, and Cyril Tolley played an informal match to dedicate the new course.

Pasatiempo, named for its Spanish heritage, excelled even during the depression of the 1930's and the wartime restrictions of the 1940's. It has matured into a golf course which offers a challenge to the skill of any player.

Though many of the facilities have been closed during the years, the golf remains as a championship course. During the last few years there have been many changes. An automatic irrigation system has been installed, a tree planting program is currently being followed, four tees have been rebuilt, and bunkers and drainage are being modified and expanded.

Maintenance is carried on by a crew of six during the winter months, and nine during summer - - with three additional boys hired for project work. Taking a lead from Edgewood Tahoe, we have three girls working on the course - operating the mechanical trap rake, the fairway mower and the rough mower. They are also planting small gardens throughout the course.

We have not hosted the Superintendents group since 1969, and Pasatiempo is looking forward to having you here and showing off the "new" old Hollins Clubhouse.