

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - by Norm Stewart, Palo Alto Hills G & C.C.

Robert Leas of Monterey Peninsula - Robert was born in San Diego, California in 1943. He is married to Reita Leas; they have 3 children, sons Pieter 6½ years, Wendell 5 years, and daughter Jenah 3 years.

Robert spent 4 years in the U.S. Air Force. After the service he attended the University of California, Davis where he received his degree in Horticulture and Park Administration.

He took the job as assistant superintendent at Monterey Peninsula in January 1971 and became superintendent in July 1971.

Don't forget the date of January 10, 1974--that's on Thursday--See you.

MONTEREY PENINSULA COUNTRY CLUB - The original concept of the land on which the course now covers was to sell lots. The late Samuel F. B. Morse of Del Monte Properties, built the Dunes Course in 1926. Lots were then sold around the course for \$100.00 and a Club membership was included. The Dunes Course was designed by Jack Neville, California Amateur Champion. The Dunes Course was automated in 1965, with Thompson Commander heads, Buckner valves and Telsco controllers. The Dunes Course is a heavily wooded 5894 yards, par 72.8, with approximately 65 acres. The greens average 5000 sq ft, with 50 medium size sandtraps and no lakes.

In 1958, the members "bought" the golf course from Del Monte Properties. The Shore Course was then drawn up by Bob Baldock, completed in 1965, and installed with quick coupler semi-automatic irrigation. The Shore Course is the "Home of the California State Seniors Tournament". The Shore Course is a wide open 5882 yards, par 73.0, with approximately 85 acres. The greens average 6000 sq ft, with 46 large sandtraps.

There are several spectacular view holes - in particular is the 10th of the Dunes, and the panoramic view on the 14th of the Dunes. The view from the 1st tee of the Shore is especially beautiful on a summer afternoon, with the light variations (shadows). Memberships are over 1000, of which 700 are avid golfers averaging around 6000 rounds of golf per month.

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Our MANY THANKS this year goes to our Host Superintendent Larry Lloyd for a Christmas meeting well done. Thanks Larry.

Talking with many people at the party there were many words used to describe the affair. Stupendous, great, wonderful, fantastic, good to be back were just a few of the comments made on the scene.

The food, the drink, the service were outstanding, not to mention the atmosphere. By the look on everyones face they all seemed to be having a wonderful time. Speaking for my wife and myself, I don't believe that we have had a nicer time anywhere for a long time.

Our thanks also goes to the management of Rancho Canada for allowing us the privilege of holding our part at your club, the members of the G.C.S.A.N.C. and their wives THANK YOU for your hospitality.