

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Michael R. Clark

Mike started his career in 1962 at the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds, stayed there 9 months, left and went with the Coast Guard for 6 months. After disembarking from the Coast Guard, he went to college to study forestry. He met his future wife instead and gave up books for more serious things. At that time he figured it was about time to go to work, so took a job at Oakmont which was under construction. His title was Head Rock Picker Upper. Fred Mays was Superintendent on premises until January 1966 when he left to take the helm at Peninsula Country Club. Mike took over as Superintendent in January 1966 and has been picking up rocks at Oakmont ever since. Mike is married to a lovely girl named Gloria and they have 2 boys age 6 and 9.

ABOUT OAKMONT - Oakmont Golf Course consists of 18 holes, 6,400 yards Greens Seaside and Poa (quoted by Mike Clark). The front 9 greens average 5,500 square feet. The back 9 greens average 4,500 square feet. There are 9 lakes. #8 - par 4 - 400 yards - Watch this one, Mike says it's a little wet along the right side plus a lake in the center of the fairway. Something New at Oakmont - 18 hole Executive Course, first 9 open in June 1974. Second nine will be constructed in the future.

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Thank you - We again want to thank Jim Ross for his part in hosting our annual election meeting at his club; the food was great, the entire meeting was fantastic and the golf was enjoyed by all who participated. Thanks again Jim for a job well done last year.

As editor of this newsletter I have one comment to make "Let's have a larger turn out at our election meetings. As you know, those of you present, that after the count had been taken we were over just by two or three of having our quorum.

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O.S.H.A.--I am sure that all of you fellow Superintendents have heard of O.S.H.A., well I had my encounter with this group last month when they visited my course and checked out my equipment and shop area, then informed me that I was in violation on numerous counts. To begin with, as you all know, any equipment that is pulley, belt, chain or sprocket driven must be guarded to protect the operator. This is all well and good, but to put guards on an aerifier is something else, By the time I completed the project this unit looked like an armored tank being shipped over seas to some foreign country to do battle, to make a long story short when the safety engineer returned all the equipment passed the requirements for safety standards.