

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Lawrence L. Lloyd - Larry is a native of the Napa Valley. He was born and raised there. His first golf course job was on the famous Silverado Golf Course under Walter Collins. After 4 years he became superintendent of Pajaro Valley Golf Course in Watsonville at the age of 21. All this happened in 1962. In 1965 he went to work for Nick Lombardo at the Del Monte Country Club as their superintendent. After working as superintendent for 3 years at Del Monte, Nick Lombardo added the Fig Garden Golf Course in Fresno to his courses and put Larry in charge of both courses. This arrangement must have gone well, because shortly afterwards Pajaro Valley Golf Course was added to the chain as a lease property, again under Larry. By this time Larry became a junior partner in the enterprise. The firm now decided to build a new course in Carmel Valley, the course which is presently known as Rancho Canada. Larry became the contractor on this project and oversaw the entire operation personally. Building was started in February 1969, and the course opened for play in April 1970.

Larry is not the only Lloyd in the golf game. His Dad, Paul Sr. is his assistant in charge of Pajaro Golf Course, while his younger brother Paul Jr. used to be his assistant at Del Monte. Presently Paul Jr. is a superintendent in his own right at Aptos. Jimmy, the youngest and last brother, is now at Pajaro Valley Golf Course learning the business under his Dad Paul Sr.

The rest of the Larry Lloyd family is made up of his goof-looking wife Barbara, and their 3 children Rickie, Julie and Lauri. They presently live in Pacific Grove.

R A N C H O C A N A D A - This course is a 36 hole lay-out, designed by golf course architect Robert Dean Putnam of Fresno. The 'West' course is rated the third toughest course on the Peninsula. Rated 72.3. The length is 6,835 yards.

Larry Lloyd was the contractor on this project, and he states all equipment was rented by the hour. Three-quarter million cubic yards of dirt were moved. The sprinkler system is completely automatic. For the system Larry chose a Toro Moist-O-Matic system, consisting of hydraulic controllers, and all valve-in head gear-driven heads. The system includes 72 satellite controllers and 8 master controllers. Fifty-two miles of pipe were laid underground to service 2300 heads. Five hundred and forty thousand lineal feet of hydraulic tubing was used to activate the heads. The system is capable of irrigating 230 acres of turf in one night, throwing out 1,000,000 gallons of water. To supply this water, there are 4 wells, capable of delivering 650 gpm at 100 psi. The main pump is equipped with a variable speed turbine to meet fluctuating demands.

In order to build the greens and save money in the process, a local sand was used which was found in an old sandbar right in the middle of the course. The sand had all the graduations in the world including some awfully big rocks. The greens were made out of 100% of this sand without any amendments or drainage. The cover was Seaside Bent. In all, there

is about 300,000 sq. ft. of greens surface. Two of the greens, however, are 22,000 sq. ft. monsters. "After all, you have to be unique" said Larry.

Fairways are a mixture of Chewings Fescue, Creeping Red Fescue, Highland Bent, and Common Kentucky Blue.

Since the course lays in the main drain channel of the canyons beyond, 5 bridges were constructed; the longest one 275 ft. long, and strong enough to support a load of carts parked end-to-end across the whole bridge. Each bridge is designed to withstand the onslaughts of bad weather and washouts, and will not collapse. This is important, since in 1969 the devastating rains swept through that area and washed away 7 acres of land, which had to be brought back in by mechanical means. Three hundred tons of rocks in nylon netting now protect the riverbanks from washouts.

As you can see this course has quite a story to tell. It is a big success, and for a large part this is due to the great efforts of Larry Lloyd.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Michael R. Clark, CGCS

At the October meeting we had 102 members attending and only 80 reservations were sent in. It was necessary to mention this to those attending because this makes it very difficult for the Host Superintendent to plan a meeting.

Our November response was excellent with 99 cards being sent in and 99 came. My thanks to the membership for being both punctual and accurate.

Our Christams meeting is upon us again and I would hope everyone is planning to attend. It is a fun day that is full of activity. Let's see if we can break past attendance records and make this the best Christmas party of all. Your reservations should be made by December 3rd.

M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S T O A L L

Mike

BILL NIGH, Chairman of the Christmas Party, wants to remind all about the Christams party that the total price includes the seafood feed for all and a tournament for the ladies. And as an added attraction, David Griffiths has stated he will attend. See you there and please get your cards in.

K E N S T O H L D A Y

- by Bob Ford

What happens to a retiring superintendent? Does the membership appreciate what he has done for the club? In the case of Ken Stohl, the membership at Orinda Country Club turned out in great numbers on October 25, for Ken Stohl Day. The festivities started with brunch and a two-man team