

Aubrey Babson sends in this from the "OUT OF THE DITCH" La Rinconada C.C.  
July issue

THE ONLY WAY TO FLY - Everyone should ride in a golf cart when playing golf. Walking makes the blood circulate too fast, causes deep breathing and forces the lungs to expand, opening them up for T.B. germs, cancer and other pulmonary diseases. Walking also can cause hardening of the arteries, vericose veins, fallen arches and bunions. If you must exercise, jog four miles in the early morning and ride around the course later

Many golfers do not know how to use a golf cart properly. First of all, the golf cart paths should be used sparingly as excessive use will wear them out and repair and replacement is expensive. It won't hurt the grass to drive over it.

Car signs should be obeyed only when it is convenient to do so. You pay a lot of money to belong to the Club and should be entitled to break a rule now and then. Besides, what is so great about having good grass around the greens -- if you hit the shots right you should be on the putting surface anyway. You can play winter rules if necessary or bump the ball if no one is looking.

Golf is a companionship game and one should sit in the golf cart while his partner hits his shot, then both players ride to the other ball, discuss which club the shot calls for, then select the proper club for the shot to the green.

Although this procedure slows up the game and might cause some delay to the following foursomes, it is the right way to play the game. In this fast moving world, one should pause and observe the beauties or nature and you are doing a good deed when you allow the players behind you ample time to do so.

Always pull off the cart trail when parking next to a tree or green. Although this causes ruts and wears out the grass next to the trail, it has the advantage of allowing fire trucks, police cars and other emergency vehicles to pass by without undue delay.

Above all, remember you are out on the course to enjoy yourself and your personal comfort is more important than keeping the course in good playing condition. Let the other guy replace your divots, repair your ballmarks and rake out your footprints in the sand traps.

% % % % % % % % % % % % % % %

RIDING ALONG WITH "97" - Frank J. DeCarli, Pen-Gro Sales Company

Bob Dauterman has been appointed the new Superintendent at Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland. He was formerly a salesman for Pen-Gro Sales Co. in the Los Angles area.

Sandy Sandnu has been appointed the new Superintendent at Orinda Country Club in Orinda. He is replacing Ken Stohl who is retiring after many years as a salesman and a Superintendent.

At Incline Village, Earl Kukler, Superintendent reports that two of his greens on the Incline Course never fully recovered from the late freeze and late spring snow. He is now in the process of rebuilding them

Superintendent Ron Taborski reports that the townhouse models being built around the golf course at Half Moon Bay Golf Links are priced at \$75,000 to \$95,000. The first home has been finished and two more are started all within the reach of all retiring Superintendents starting at \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Richard Tokos at Tahoe Donner Golf Course reports that the front 9 was opened in July for play; the back 9 is scheduled for September opening. This course has to be the highest elevation in the Sierras. The course is located 3 miles from Truckee atop of Donner Summit. The shop area is one of the largest around. Its prime purpose is to keep the snow-blowing equipment in shape, keeping the roads open in winter - this is a full time job which can't afford a breakdown.

One of the most challenging golf course holes I have ever seen is the 15th hole at Lakeridge Golf Club, Reno, Nevada. Superintendent Jim Jackson, who built the course with Bill Hull, is to be complimented on such a fine golf course. The 15th hole tee is elevated on a side of rock hill nested between sage brush, 218 yards away sits a 11,000 sq. ft. green in the middle of a lake; the green is well sand trapped. There are three trees nicely placed in back of the green. Access to the green is by a well constructed bridge. The bridge was built large enough to accommodate a Greens Mower Triplex and also a Bank Triplex Mower. Jim has a network of streams running through the course. One stream is directed to the front of the pro shop where he has made a series of ponds and waterfalls. The next time you see Jim Jackson, ask him how many sticks of dynamite he had to use to make the back 9.

My last trip to Arizona was a real experience you should know about ---At Apache Wells Golf Course in Mesa, Arizona - Superintendent Gary Fox) has his own fertilizer plant. His course is surrounded by 400 house trailers, owned by retired people from all walks of life. All sewer lines lead to the golf course maintenance area where they have a sewage treatment plant. Can you imagine what it's like when it gets to 112° in the shop and a little breeze comes up!!!

After leaving Mesa, we took a back road to Tucson, Highway 89 out of Apache Junction and headed South. At a rest stop, we came across a statue of Tom Mix out in the middle of nowhere. (A memorium.) Brought back memories!!! Dark clouds were seen in a distance - shortly the wind came up to the point it was hard to see and control the truck; next came the lightning and thunder. A sand storm was moving fast and toward us and before we knew it, we were trapped! We found shelter behind a large apartment at Oro Valley Country Club and watched the golf course being

T H A N K S to these SUPPORTERS of the Newsletter

AUTOMATIC RAIN COMPANY  
3945 Bohannon Dr  
Menlo Park 94025

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION  
P. O. Box 1157  
Pebble Beach 93953

BRADY HOLMES COMPANY  
2344 Auburn Blvd  
Sacramento 95821

NORTHRUP, KING & COMPANY  
P. O. Box 12123  
Fresno 93776

H. V. CARTER COMPANY, INC.  
1700 East 14th Street  
Oakland 94606

OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CO. INSTITUTIONAL  
P. O. Box 198  
Lathrop 95330  
DIVISION

A.L. CASTLE OF STOCKTON, INC.  
5700 Cherokee Road  
Stockton 95205

PEN-GRO SALES COMPANY  
212 Ryan Way - Box 2326  
So. San Francisco 94080

EWING IRRIGATION PRODUCTS  
P. O. Box 2098  
San Leandro 94577

RAIN BIRD SPRINKLER MANUFACTURING CO.  
7045 N. Grand Ave  
Glendora 91740

GERMAIN'S INC.  
San Jose - Fresno  
Los Angeles

SCOTTS PROTURF  
244 Castillon Way  
San Jose 95119

GRANITE ROCK CO.  
Santa Cruz Sand Division  
Box 151 - 411 Walker St  
Watsonville 95076

TORO PACIFIC DIST. - S.F.  
1501 Adrian Rd  
Burlingame 94010

WESTERN LAWN EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
146 So. Blvd  
San Mateo 94402

---

destroyed in a matter of minutes! The trees were being up-rooted, branches ripped off, benches and ballwasher stands flying through the air. What a giant Top Dressing program? The next day I went back to Oro Valley and talked to Superintendent Otto Grieshaber. He said he lost from 35 to 40 trees blown right out of the ground and every tree suffered wind damage. Looked like a Battle Field after World War 2!!! The storm was a Hurricane with Winds at 75 mph. The temperature dropped from 100° to 70° in 4 minutes and did \$1,000,000.00 Plus - damage to Tucson in 90 minutes! What an experience for us going through this - - - and seeing it all happen!!!! This is something we have never seen before!!!