

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.

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 onslaught 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.

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GEORGE BELL, speaker at Contra Costa Country Club displayed and explained various types of equipment used in drip irrigation. He said drip irrigation has very little application for turf, but can be very useful for irrigating club house ground areas. The advantages are that areas adjacent to walks and parking can be watered without the usual spray which is objectionable. Also drip irrigation can be adapted to plantings in roughs not under other irrigation. The low volume required does not effect the other watering schedules. The established trees would require a greater number of emitters than new plantings.

It was obvious from Geroge's presentation that drip irrigation can be a tool for the future, but like everthing else it will require a considerable amount of investigation before it should be installed.

Thanks to George Bell for sharing this information with us.

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Dorothy and I are back from vacation but wished we could have stayed longer. I had almost forgotten how nice it was to play off of Bent or Bluegrass fairways.

Stopped in at the Continental in Flagstaff, Arizona. The fellows sent their best to Glen Welsh. The course was in excellent shape. Played any sand greens lately? If you ever go through Central Kansas you will have a chance. Stopped in at a little 9 hole just north of Pratt. Thought they were sand traps at first.

Stopped in at National for a quick chat with Palmer Maples. Took up President Ted Worhrle's invitation to paly Oakland Hills CC when we got into the Detroit area. The course was in excellent shape. Ron Brondon sent his regards to his California friends from the Warwick Hills G & CC at Grand Blonc, Michigan. He is hoping the Buick open will be held there this coming year.

We didn't have all that much time on our return trip with visiting old friends in Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas and Southern California. The last night out we spent with Frank and Agnes Silva in Hemit. Played 9 with Frank and had a ball. I don't think he knows what end of the club to use. Frank and Agnes just moved into their new home. He said anyone from up North, come on down. I would suggest that you check with Agnes first.

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An update on who is where.

Olie Sights to Kings River CC, Kingsburg.

Bert Sinclair to Eugene, Oregon.

Bill Nigh to H. V. Carter Co., Inc. Oakland.

David Porter to Spring Creek CC, Ripon.

Scott Lawrence to Table Mountain Golf Course, Oroville

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Meeting at Valley Hi was in advertently left out of last Newsletter, but Bob Uhland, Jim Collart, Professional and the club need to be thanked. Fire safety and first aid on the golf course was the topic and handled very well by Richard Staff, Inspector from the fire prevention bureau at Davis

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