

OUR HOST FOR JUNE - LEONARD WALSH, Boulder Creek G & CC

Leonard started in golf course work in 1957. He was on the construction of Riverside G & CC of Coyote. After construction, Leonard stayed on as a maintenance man. This is where he got hooked on this business. In 1959 he moved on as construction superintendent of Bay Meadows Golf Course at San Mateo. The next and last move was in 1963. Leonard took over the Boulder Creek G & CC as superintendent. Two years later he built the second nine, to make Boulder Creek and 18-hole course.

Leonard is a Class A member of GCSANC and GCSAA. He holds his Pest Control Operators License and also is a Certified Commercial Applicator.

Boulder Creek G & CC was built in 1960 as a 2100 yard, 9-hole course. The second nine was built in 1965 and measures 3500 yards for a total of 5600 yards. The irrigation on the first nine is quick couplers and automatic on the second nine. Leonard says he lost forty feet of main line that crossed the creek during this last storm and has just recently put it back together.

The front nine is tight with the fairways lined with trees. The back nine is open. The greens average 4000 sq. feet and are Poa Annua and Seaside Bent.

Leonard operates with six men and himself. The past couple of years, water has been at a premium at Boulder Creek.

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JOB SECURITY by President Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

Last month the statement was made that there is no job security in our profession. The first thing that one will say is I have, or I will have a contract with my club. This is good up to a point. But there has not been a contract made, as far as a superintendent is concerned, that is not open ended. What are we talking about? A clause that leaves the way open for the club to terminate your employment with a given amount of notice. Or the superintendent is required to do the same if he should decide to leave. The contract only stipulates what the club expects from you, what your salary will be, and what expenses will be covered. No club will get into a position with any one without having some control of the situation. Where does this leave you? All you have is a piece of paper that tells what is expected of each party who has signed it.

How can you improve your job security? You must maintain good rapport with your board and membership. Also, you must educate yourself as you go along. You will find that the same things which apply to middle management in industry also apply to the golf course superintendent. Whether your educational process is formal or informal, the