

OUR HOST FOR MAY - "Jack" Jagur

Jack had always wanted to work on a golf course since a young boy. Born in the Fiji Islands, he watched fairways being mowed at a golf course about a half mile from the school he attended. Jack came to this country in 1962. In 1963 he got his chance to work on a golf course. His first course job was at El Dorado Royal CC under Sam Singh. After a short time he went to work for Bob Baldock on the construction of the Linwood Golf Course in Sacramento. The latter part of 1964 he moved to Valley Hi. There he worked under Dick Viergever and became the assistant. Four years passed and another move came. After a short time with Don Baker at the Meadow Club, Jack got his first position as a golf course superintendent. In 1968 he took over the maintenance operation at El Macero Country Club. You might say his boyhood dream came true.

El Macero Country Club was built in 1960 and opened the same year. The course is flat with lots of trees. The course measures about 6600 yds. The greens are well trapped, also there is out of bounds on every hole. Greens are Seaside and Poa, Fairways, Common Bermuda. In the past 10 years Jack has been installing drains in all of the greens. He says that it is one thing that has really helped. Also he has just completed installing automatic irrigation around all his greens. REL

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IS THERE JOB SECURITY? by Robert E. Livesey

In recent months there have been many comments from the members about job security. At the meeting at Menlo CC several approached me on this subject. Having just enough knowledge on this to get me in trouble, I had to look further, to come up with some information. There is very little on this as far as the superintendent is concerned.

The closest comparison that can be made of the golf course superintendents position, is that of management within the corporate structure of industry. When I say management, I am not talking about the top position, but the area called middle management. The middle manager is the one who sees that things get done. He is also the first one to be let go if top management sees fit. How does this fit the golf course superintendent? At most clubs you have a change in the board very year. The Board of Directors are by comparison, top management. You may say, "I am responsible to the Chairman of the Green Committee". Don't forget, he also works with the board. You have to do the job that pleases them, as well as the membership.

In comparison to middle management of industry the Golf Course Superintendent position is of a less secure nature. This is mainly due to the frequent change of the Board of Directors. Also the consideration of the membership that has to be pleased. All it takes is one person to