

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - TOM UNRUH

Tom went to college at the University of California at Davis. He served as a turf technician for the Co-operative Extension Service and was a Golf Course Supervisor for the City of Davis. He began work as a Golf Course Superintendent at Del Paso in 1975.

DEL PASO COUNTRY CLUB was established in 1916 on 160 acres of the old Haggin horse ranch. The course was originally laid out by British architect, Herbert Fowler, and the first nine layout has never been altered.

During 1964 through 1966, the greens were rebuilt under the design of Billy Bell. Del Paso has hosted several national events including the USGA Women's Amateur Championship twice and the National Women's Senior Championship. The irrigation system is quick coupler with an automatic system for the greens. There are over 3500 trees on the course with 99 different varieties.

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A SPECIAL THANKS to the trio of Bill Menear, Dennis Mattos and Chuck Weatherton for setting up the meeting at Lake Chabot. Even though they are not accustomed to meeting and food arrangements for groups they did a very good job.

The program also featured a trio - Robert Muir Graves talked on routing of cart paths and emphasized the need to put them where they will be used, conceal them as much as possible and keep them out of the play area. They should be placed in the area where they will be the most convenient because it is difficult to make the golfers walk any distances.

Louis Geranio, Public Works Supervisor from the City of Oakland told of their experience using reclaimed asphalt for paths which is taken from the streets. The area for paths is excavated about six inches deep; this reclaimed material is layed and then treated with a solution to soften it and then rolled. The paths at Chabot have recently been done with this process and look good at a very reasonable figure.

Stan Burgess is using concrete for paths at Claremont. He is very careful when removing the sod so he can use the outer edges to hold the cement without needing forms. This saves time, money and the finished paths are following the contours of the turf.

Thanks to all for an enjoyable and informative meeting.

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