

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT  
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FRANK SILVA - Sunset Whitney CC  
Frank started in golf course work in 1959 at Pebble Beach under Leonard Feliciano. After a short period of time he decided that this type of endeavor was better than the dairy business and decided to stay with it. In 1967 Frank was promoted to Superintendent of the Pebble Beach Golf Course. He stayed with the Pebble Beach Corporation until 1977. Then it was off to the Massacre Canyon Inn at Hemet, California for a year and a half. In March of 1979 he went with Sierra Sunset Corporation and moved to his present position as Superintendent of Sunset Whitney Country Club.

Frank, his wife Agnes, Frank Jr. and daughter Karen, live in Rockland.

Sunset Whitney C.C. was built about sixteen years ago on 150 acres of rolling foothill land that was part of the old Whitney Ranch. The golf course wanders through a housing development; and the area being known for its rock formations, it is not uncommon to have a large boulder or rock formation on the edge of the fairway. The mixture of bending and titling fairways around hills to medium sized green makes for a challenging round of golf. The close cropped greens are penn cross and the fairways are a mixture of blue grasses.

Frank maintains the course with six people in the winter months and twelve during the spring and summer. One of the projects he is looking forward to with mixed feelings is installing drainage throughout the course and rebuilding most of the sand traps.