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Dick Fassio, De Laveaga Golf Course, Santa Cruz, is having two new greens and two new tees constructed on his golf course. Ron Freem did the design and John Lamrock is doing the construction

Last month I mentioned about Fountain Grove Golf Course in Santa Rosa. Ted Robinson is the architect. Sorry, Ted.

The University of California Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a Weed Control Short Course. Topics include Weed ID, Control and Herbicides and Residues. The courses will be offered on three consecutive weeks, onehalf day each week. One series will be offered in the cities of San Jose, San Mateo and Napa. Nine hours PCA credit will be given and there is no charge For more information please call 415 881-6341 Ali Harivandi.

Paul Dias is in the process of renovating his fairways at Palo Alto Muni. Paul has extremely high salt and high ph. Through test plots throughout the golf course Seaside Creeping Bentgrass and Puccinellia Distaus have been chosen as the appropriate grasses. Part of Pauls problems can be attributed to the below sea level of the golf course, some locations even receive sea water through canals during high tide.

According to Weeds Trees & Turf 7-82 AMERICAN GOLFERS NUMBER 17,050,000 According to the National Golf Foundation, there are more than 17 million golfers in the United States. In its annual statistical summary, "Golf Facilities in the United States," NGF noted that an estimated 13.65 million golfers play over 15 rounds of golf annually. An additional 3.4 million play 1-14 rounds per year.

"This year's report depicts golf as growing in 1981," said Research Director Sandra Eriksson. "With continued and combined efforts by course operator/ owners and the industry, golf will quite possibly further expand its recreational market through this decade."

The report analyzes in depth the number of golf courses, number of golfers and number of rounds played. There are currently 12,894 golf courses in the U.S., with a 13% growth in the number of new courses opened in 1981. Golfers played some 395 million rounds last year, an increase of 10%.

Deepest sympathy to Gurmit Sandhu and Chuck Mangold in the loss of their wifes.

<u>R E M I N D E R</u> Save the date December 3, for the Christmas meeting at Rancho Canada Golf Course, Carmel. Detailed information will follow.