HOST SUPERINTENDENT



TOM THATCHER has a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the College of San Mateo. He has Served in the U.S. Army in Europe for 2 years. Ten years he was in the landscape and design business with his brother. He has been at the Stanford University Golf Course for the last 20 years, starting in 1963 as the course mechanic.

He became Superintendnet in 1965 and remained in this position until 1974 when he gook over as Superintendent of Golf. In addition to this he took over as comanager of all golf facilities and operations with the golf Pro in 1981.

Tom is a Class A member of GCSA of Northern California which he joined in 1975. He has served on the Board of Directors. Tom is also a Class A member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Stanford Golf Course has a par 71 with a course rating of 72.3. The Golf Pro is Larry O'Neill. The course is private. It has a membership of over 500. It also is open for play to all faculty and staff that are connected with the University.

The golf course is 18 holes of championship designed by Billy Bell in 1929. There has been a number of improvements in the last few years - holes No. 5, No. 9, No. 11 No. 16 and No. 15, added a total of 6 new traps and some mound areas. They are now in the redesign stage of replacing a number of greens with No. 8 and No. 15 greens being the first two.

The golf course attracts approximately 65,000 rounds per year.

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