

HOST SUPERINTENDENT



Be There

Al was born and raised in a small farming community on the plains of Colorado. After spending two years at the University of Northern Colorado, Al entered the U.S. Army for a tour of about 20 months. Al moved to the west coast after leaving the Army and became the Assistant Superintendent of Almaden CC in 1974. After 4 years at Almaden Al became the Assistant Superintendent at the Villages G & CC in June of 1978. In September of 1981 Al was named the Superintendent.

His wife Valerie is the other proud parent of their two children, Danny 5 and Shannon 20 months.

THE VILLAGES



9 Tee - Entrance gates
old Wehner Mansion

The Villages is an adult community concept, resting on 1200 acres in the East San Jose foothills. The first residences were ready for occupancy in Village Cribari in 1967. Atkinson-MacKay were the developer/builder until 1976 when Terra California took over.

At present the 1455 units and 102 single homes house about 2700 residents. Three Villages are complete, with one being built currently, and four more scheduled. 574 acres will remain as open land.

The Villages has its own security force, medical facility, and 27 holes of golf. The golf course is 6,212 yards long from the white tees rated at 69.4 and 6,608 yards from the blue tees rated at 71.2. The golf course is relatively wide open, but just being on the green does not mean you are in the hole. The greens are mostly Penncross greens with Hyland bentgrass and bluegrass in the fairways and roughs.

Al Braga is the head Professional and has been at the Villages for the past 11 years.

We welcome you all and hope you have an enjoyable day.

Thank You, Walt Bray



8 par 4 - 375 yds.



6 par 3 - 184 yds.



Michael R. Bavier, CGCS

Mike Bavier, past director, vice-president, and president of GCSAA, will be our guest speaker at The Villages for our October meeting. Mike and his Green Chairman will be in California for a week of golf and relaxation. Last year they went to Scotland and England, which shows Mike enjoys both aspects of the game.

Mike started his career in 1962 at Olympia Fields cutting greens for Warren Bidwell; and later became the assistant superintendent. His educational background is

from Penn State.

At present, Mike is the golf course superintendent at Inverness Golf Course, Palatine, Illinois and has been for 15 years. Part of his presentation will be a slide show about some of the inovative things they do at his course plus some background on GCSAA. Here is an opportunity to ask a past national president some pertinent questions about the inner workings of our national association.

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