YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - John Grant - San Mateo Golf Course

Your Host Professional Jake Montez, succeeded Tom Fry last October when Tom retired after 36 years at San Mateo GC.

Your Host Superintendent John Grant attended Notre Dame and graduated from the University of Minnesota. He has been Superintendent of San Mateo GC since January 1981. Previously he was Golf Director of the City of San Francisco. He characterizes the difference between the two as government by crisis/publicity in San Francisco, and by the city manager system in San Mateo. John earlier served with William Sherman Co., Golf Management Consultants in San Rafael as Western Rep for the National Golf Foundation and began with the San Francisco Examiner. In the service he was a Navy pilot and still is affiliated with the Navy Air Reserve at Alameda. He and his wife and 5 children live in San Rafael.

The City of San Mateo Golf Course was built by the San Mateo Relief Committee. The City was to operate the course and pay rent to the County. During the depression the City couldn't pay the rent so they passed more bonds, bought out the County's interest and operated in the black ever since, averaging 100,000 rounds a year. The County still operates the park, beach, restaurant, yacht basins and museum directly across the street. Both the golf course and the park use water reclaimed from the city treatment plant, and both have backup sources.

The course was constructed of mud dredged from the bay. Drainage falls to a canal from where it is force pumped through a dike under the surface of the bay. The saturated mud soil and high winds caused 59 trees to go down last year and 22 this year--so far. The automatic irrigation system is by Rainbird and the greens are of Penncross transitioning to Poa.

There is a crew of 2 part time, 5 full time, plus Assistant Superintendent Dulbag Dubria, doubling as a mechanic. Dulbag has been at San Mateo 15 years and previously worked constructing golf courses for J. D. Chastain.

Recent projects completed under a master plan in progress by Golf Course Architect Robert Muir Graves include the rebuilding of number 5 green, re-routing the order of play to eliminate a bottle neck, construction of 2 new practice greens and remodeling the restaurant and bar.

100,000rounds a year means the course plays friendly, but it can be set up--the County Championship last year was won with 10 over par.

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CONTACT Ken Schwark or Ed Watson between 7:00 and 3:00 p.m.
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