Two Interns Join Poppy Hills Staff

Wayne Lindelof

"Clay" Smith

Two Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo graduates joined the Poppy Hills Golf Course greens staff May 1.

William "Clay" Smith, 26, and Wayne S. Lindelof, 25, were the recipients of NCGA's internships. The intern program was reinstated this year after a five-year suspension during the construction of Poppy Hills.

Smith and Lindelof will be on the staff at Poppy Hills for one year. They then will move to other golf courses for one more year to enhance their knowledge in different environments.

The selections were made in cooperation with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California. The interns will be paid with funds budgeted from NCGA dues.

"After an extensive selection process, these two young men were selected from many outstanding applicants," said Bob Eirich, chairman of the NCGA's Green Section. "We hope they will continue a successful program and a couple of years from now we will have two well-trained green superintendent candidates."

Chief Executive Officer John Zoller reports Smith and Lindelof will work under the supervision of Poppy Hills Green Superintendent Paul Colleran.

Smith is a native of Pebble Beach. He attended Oak Grove High School in San Jose before matriculating to Cabarillo College in Aptos and then to Cal Poly.

Lindelof, who lives in Folsom, attended American River College in Sacramento prior to his schooling at Cal Poly.
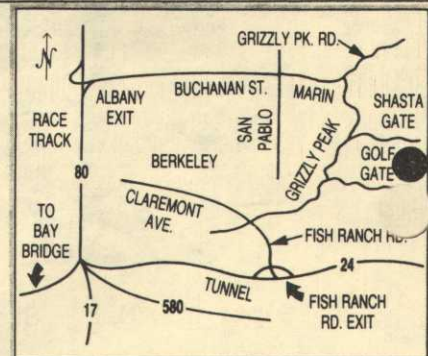
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