

Members Today-30 day waiting period up

Class D

Daniel A. Giammona, Sharon Heights G&CC
A. Mick McBride, Jr. Spanish Bay

Class F

Donald D. Radford, Asst. Director of Parks, City of South Lake Tahoe, Ca

Craig Stenehjerm, R.V. Cloud Co. Campbell

Class A

D.J.(Donald) Pakkala, Pebble Beach Co.

Class F

Richard McAllister, Rancho Solano GC

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Fred Burns, Wilcox G&CC, Red Bluff

Gary Feliciano, Corral De Tierra CC, Salinas

John Castillou, Jr. Sequoia Woods CC, Arnold

Class B

Robert W. Leas, Supt. Hidden Valley CC, Middletown

Class F

Alex Rohoza, Turf Consultant

OUR HOST AND HIS COURSE FOR APRIL

Our host Superintendent, Paul Dias, CGCS, began his career while still in high school under the tutelage of George Santana. Many hours were spent behind walking mowers (unheard of by some maintenance staff members in the business), putting out sprinklers for a quick coupler irrigation, and working the golf shop. While in college, Paul partook of a maintenance position at Palo Alto Hills and from there went to Saratoga CC as Superintendent until 1980. After a brief hiatus from the golf business, and on the recommendations of Bob Ford, then of Los Altos Hills, Paul applied for and was accepted for the job at Palo Alto. His position includes the Golf Maintenance Operations and Vendor Contract Administration.

The Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course was constructed in 1956 by Billy Bell Jr. The course was built on a former marshland area, and little or no fill was incorporated. From the start, the facility was immensely successful and popular with the golfers. The most prevalent stories were of the wood chips spread in the areas between the fairways. This was done in the winter to keep the mud off the golfers shoes.

Today, these same wood chips are in their

original state below the soil surface, preserved and petrified due to the intense salt levels.

Despite the overwhelming obstacles, Mickey Haug, Paul's predecessor, had in constructing and growing in the course, the facility continues to pack them in, averaging 108,000 rounds a year. Other than a 30 year old irrigation system with just 60 pounds of water pressure, and the fact that the salt levels defy soil testing standards, the existing turf of seaside bentgrass thrives in the dense thatch that has accumulated over the years. The 10th and 18th fairways were completely reconstructed in 1976 utilizing sand dredged in from the Alameda side of and brought in on barges. The 3rd, 10th, 17th and 18th greens were rebuilt utilizing straight 10-70 sand. All of this new work was done by the Robert Trent Jones firm, and thus the character of old and new designs can be seen upon playing the course.

RIDGEMARK GOLF RESULTS

Gross

1st Dave Hayes	72	\$35
2nd Scott Lewis	73	\$25
3rd Mike Garvale	75	\$15
4th M. McBride	77	\$10

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1st Ron Rodgers	65	\$35
2nd Ibsen Dow	67	\$25
3rd Jim Ross	67	\$15
4th Dwight Denno	69	\$10

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SUMMER INTERNSHIP/JOBS 1989

The purpose for summer internships is to provide work experience opportunities in turfgrass managements; golf course development and maintenance to U.C. Davis students. College students with academic and/or career interests in golf course management will be seeking work experience opportunities for this summer-1989.

If you are interested in providing a position, please submit a position description to: (indicate pay rate)

Cliff Rourke

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Students will be placed on your payroll. Students may, depending on the educational opportunities of the work experience provided, persue academic credit for their experience.