

OUR HOST AND HIS COURSE FOR MAY

Your host Superintendent, Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS, started his Horticulture Career in Antioch, California, in 1959.

In 1969, he went to work for Contra Costa County in the Landscape Division. He progressed to the Chief Gardener position, where he was in charge of all landscaped and turf areas within the County's jurisdiction.

While with Contra costa County, Joe graduated from Diablo Valley College with a Degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He also attended Los Medanos College for two years and possesses a State contractor License for landscaping.

In 1986, Joe graduated from Saint Mary's College with a Bachelor's Degree in Management.

He has been the Superintendent at the Rossmoor Golf Courses since 1978.

Rossmoor is a planned adult community that was first opened in 1964. Presently there is a population of approximately 8,500 residents, whose age averages 75.5 years. The community has many advantages. Among them is a medical clinic and the Rossmoor security force. The maintenance and management of the Rossmoor community is administered by the Golden Rain Foundation.

The Rossmoor Golf Courses consist of the 18-hole South Course and the 9-hole North Course, and are private courses.

In 1975, a new 9 holes was designed by Robert Muir Graves, and put into play. the new 9 was worked into the old 9 for 18 holes. So, we have a combination of new and old on the South, and the North is the original front nine.

The South Course is rated at 67.3 from the white tees, and the course length is 5,765 yards. The cart paths extend from tee to green, and carts are restricted to the paths. There is also no rough. This is to facilitate play because of the age factor. We mow approximately 175 acres of fairway twice weekly.

In the past two years, we have averaged 90,000 rounds of play per year.

The Golf Pro at Rossmoor is Norm Oliver, with whom we have a very cooperative working relationship.



A LOOK AHEAD

- May 21, 22 Calif. State Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA
- June 8 Discovery Bay
- July 24 Jr. Golf Tournament-SantaClara
Golf and Tennis Club
- July 27 Sharon Heights G&CC-Supt.-Pro
Tourney
- Aug.25 Salinas Fairways Golf Club



Many thanks to Paul Dias, CGCS, and staff for the fine accomodations and food at last month's meeting at Palo Alto Muni.