

## OUR HOST FOR FEBRUARY AND HIS COURSE

**Ray Story** was born in and raised in Sonoma California. His golf career began in 1967 when he began working in the Pro-shop at Sonoma National Golf Course. Then in 1970 after High School Ray began working out on the golf course at Sonoma National for then Golf Course Superintendent John Flachman. Ray worked summer months and part-time at Sonoma National through his college days at Santa Rosa Junior College and California State University at Chico. After finishing school in 1975, and earning degrees in microbiology and chemistry, Ray began working full time as the assistant Superintendent at Sonoma National. Ray then became Golf Course Superintendent in 1976. In 1979 Ray took the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Green Valley Country Club.

Ray's hobbies are Golf, fishing and family camping with his wife Ann and two daughters.

The 600 Acre Sidney Jones Cherry Ranch was the original site of Green Valley Country Club. In 1949, the club began with the purchase of the property and E.G. Mover was hired to design the Golf Course which opened in 1950. Green Valley Country Club currently has 457 members which produce approximately 45,000 annual rounds of golf. Green Valley CC has been doing major projects on the golf course lately. Two of the most recent are concrete cart paths in 1988 and a new irrigation system on four holes this past December.

The General Manager is David Henderson and the golf professional is Fred Covey. The course rating and yardage: Champ 70.1, 6491; Reg. 69.2, 6281.



## SPANISH BAY RETROSPECTIVE

The Inn and Links at Spanish Bay was originally a rock quarry. The Links were built as a dune reclamation project. The dunes were the priority the golf links was a by-product as the result.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Education Committee who made the Institute a reality.

Paul Dias, CGCS

Rod Kilcoyne

Joe Rodriguez, CGCS

Alison Good

Dr. Ali Harivandi, Co-Chair

Many special thanks go to the staff at The Inn at Spanish Bay for fulfilling our every request and with a smile.

Special Thanks to **Carl Rygg**, CGCS and his staff for stopping the rain for an incredible round of golf.

Last of all, Thanks to all the participants who attended. It is with your support, the Institute will happen again. Watch this publication for details. If you would like to be a part in the planning of the next Golf Course Superintendent's Institute, please let me know.

Jean LaDuc, Co-Chair