Our Host and His Course for February

Mike McCraw began his career in golf course management as assistant superintendent to Al Glaze at San Luis Obispo CC in 1975. In 1978 Mike accepted the superintendent job at Santa Maria CC and received his Ornamental Horticulture degree from Allan Hancock College in 1980. In 1986 Mike joined American Golf Corporation and relocated to Aptos Seascape in Santa Cruz. Since moving to Santa Cruz his new hobbies include mountain bike riding, people watching, wood chopping and surfing.

Aptos Seascape (formerly Rio del Mar CC) was opened for play about 1930. Located approximately 1/2 mile from the beach, the club owned clubhouses on the sand and above the surf on the cliffs overlooking the ocean. Riding stables, swimming pools, and hunting made this a getaway place for people from the city. Although now surrounded by residential development, the course maintains an “open” feel. Huge trees line the 6100 yards of fairways keeping the golf challenging and scenic.

BROCHURE DISCUSSES ORIGIN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREENS

The most delicate playing surface in sports today — the golf course putting green — is the topic of a 24-page brochure now available from the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

The Evolution of the Modern Green is a reprint of the fascinating four-part series, written by Michael J. Hurdzan, past president of the ASGCA. Dr. Hurdzan discusses all aspects of engineering, design, construction, and maintenance in the full-color brochure that covers the following topics:

Section One: the historical development of golf greens in the U.S. and how turf managers keep them in top playing shape.

Section Two: the research and development of various methods of green construction.

Section Three: how and when to rebuild greens and how to avoid the most common construction errors.

Section Four: the turfgrass art and science of establishing and maintaining a delicate living playing surface.

The Evolution of the Modern Green is available for $5.00 by sending a check or money order to:

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A LOOK AHEAD

February 27
Seascape GC, Aptos

March 28
Joint Meeting with USGA, NCGA

April 8
GCSANC Annual Meeting, Rossmoor

May 2
Oakhurst CC, Clayton

June 13
Open

July 15
Supt./Pro Tournament, San Francisco Golf Club

August 14
Oakland A’s Baseball Game, Oakland Coliseum

September 19
Richmond CC

October 10
Bodega Harbour GC