December 5, 1994
Christmas Tournament
Meadow Club
Host Superintendent: David Sexton, CGCS

The Course: The Meadow Club, originally the Meadow Club of Mt. Tamalpais, was designed in 1925 by Dr. Alister MacKenzie and constructed by Robert Hunter. The course was laid out on 150 acres of hills and meadows that were incorporated into the design of the Meadow Club giving it a very natural feel as it flowed through the valleys and crested on the hills. The natural seasonal creeks were used to their full potential as the greens and fairways were strategically placed in areas that would get full shot value from their location. The course has but one small lake, but a full ten holes have water hazards along or across that must be considered when playing a ball to the narrow fairways.

Playing to a par 71, this course seems to stretch its 6,600 yards well beyond what a quick glance at the score card would suggest. Sixty bunkers protecting the small greens and challenging tree-lined roughs offer most golfers a chance to use every club in their bag, for better or worse.

The goal of the 350 members has always been to keep their club and course in top condition, but the job was difficult in the 60s and 70s with an inadequate irrigation system and a drainage nightmare from winters that averaged over 50 inches of rain.

In 1984, a Toro VT3 irrigation system, designed by Roger Gordon and installed by Robert McCallum of Phoenix, signaled the beginning of a new standard of maintenance for the Meadow Club. When the members saw the tremendous improvement in the quality of the turf with an adequate and uniform application of irrigation, they began to fully appreciate the potential of their club.

Since 1984, the course improvement program has been continuous and many of the goals have been met. Accomplished over the last ten years have been: a complete rebuild of all sixty bunkers; the installation of several miles of drain lines; fifteen of the tees have been leveled, realigned and lengthened; two-thirds of the cart paths have been replaced with concrete paths; and the entire Driving Range area has been reconstructed.

The Meadow Club is currently in the middle of replacing the Pro Shop, cart...