

### Know Your Host Superintendent . . . by Lee Huang

Fred Mays is a native Californian who was born not very far from the place where he is now superintendent. Fred saw the light of day in San Jose. However, by the age of 6 his family moved to Sebastopol where he grew up and went through high school. After school he did a stint with the US Marines, then he returned to California. This time he was at the other end of the State, Palm Springs to be exact, where he found work on the O'Donnell Golf Course under the supervision of superintendent Kilpatrick. With that much Irish and blarney, you can be assured that golf course was green. Anyway, this first experience with a golf course must have left a good impression on Fred since he stayed with golf courses ever since, even though he did move around a bit. Around 1959 about 2 years after he first started working for O'Donnell Golf Course he got a hankering to go back to good old Sebastopol, and was lucky enough to get a job with Aubrey (Doc) Babson, who was at the helm of the Marin Golf & C.C. Fred stayed with Doc for about 2 years. During that time he got an all-around training in golf maintenance. His wife, however, was from the Southland, and she had a hankering for the good old orange blossoms, so down South Fred went again. This time he ended up in the Indio region on the Indian Wells Golf Course. He stayed there only a year, then came back up North, this time to the Santa Rosa Golf Course. Fred got his chance to become a superintendent with the building of Oakmont Golf Course. He came on as the construction superintendent during the building of the second nine. He remained at Oakmont as the superintendent for about 2 years, and then moved to his present job at the Peninsula Golf & C.C. in San Mateo. Apparently Fred has done enough travelling for awhile. He has been with this club now for 6 years. The Mays family resides on the grounds of the Peninsula C.C. and consists of wife Sandra, and their two boys Trent 7 and Troy 2

THE PENINSULA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB is one of the older ones in the bay area. Originally it was started in 1912. It was then known as the Bearsfert Country Club. The name changed to the present one around the 30's. The original lay-out has been modified many times, and changes are still being made. Fred has been reshaping many of the tees and traps, and has renovated and remodelled several greens. Since 1968 the courses irrigation system has been modernized to a full automatic system, utilizing Febco heads and Griswold valves and controllers. Water for this system is purchased at great expense from the California Water Service. This is potable water. This water comes to a 10,000 gallon tank located in the service yard. From here two booster pumps pump it into two redwood holding tanks with a combined capacity of 550,000 gals. These tanks are located on a hill to give the system the advantage of gravity flow. Even then there are still booster pumps to give the system the required performance for which it is designed. Fred complains

about the one thing which a lot of superintendents around the Bay area have to contend with--heavy adobe soils and subsequent poor drainage. I guess we all have a cross to bear, Fred. Just don't give up. For you who don't know Fred, make it a point to look him up and chat with him. I found him a joy to talk to, I am sure you will too.

ROSSMOOR  ~~/~~ GOLF CART PATHS  
by George C. Dye, Sr. Superintendent

To begin with let me give you some statistics  
Number of rounds in 1970 91,600  
Number of golf cart rounds 28,080 - 80% Private carts  
Picture in your mind if you can a golf course created for this many old people. People all over 50 years of age, some that have heart problems others with physical defects that won't permit them to walk any distance and you can begin to imagine some of the other than normal maintenance problems that can be created in this situation.

The majority of the older golfers slice rather than hook the ball, for this reason I had to design the cart paths so they would be able to reach the ball with the least amount of walking possible--to benefit them physically and speed up play.

Most of the paths are centered between the center of the fairway and the right rough. Each hole had to be designed individually, so as to keep the golfers as close to the prime hitting areas as possible, and still not interfere with their golf game. I had to study the play patterns on each hole, so as to determine which areas of the fairway got the most play, then design cart paths accordingly--some cross in front of the tee, others cross 75 to 100 yards in front of the green, this only on the 5 pars or long four pars.

None of the paths are straight, to make them more pleasing to the eye.

The spec's for the paths are fairly simple for economic reasons. They are--Removal and disposal of the sod and soil. To construct cart paths rototill lime into the top 6" of subgrade to the width of 6 feet 6 inches - compacted to 90 to 95% the same as street construction spec's for compaction. Fill with asphalt 4 to 6 inches deep. The cement spec's are--gravel and lime rototilled into the top 6" of the subgrade compacted 90 to 95% with 2x4 forms. Bids were:

	ASPHALT	CEMENT
Maximun bid approximately	\$24,000	\$55,000
Minimun bid approximately	\$16,500	\$43,500

This is for 12,000 lineal feet

I hope this helps someone keep them on the paths.

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GOOD WORDS FALL ON DEAF EARS BECAUSE THEY OFTEN ENTER EMPTY HEADS

## THINGS by Lee

Last month your editor did not have a chance to get all the necessary information on the host superintendent of Rancho Canada, Larry Lloyd. But in order not to overlook him, we made a promise to catch him later. Well, we are glad we did, since Larry, for those who don't know him, is a very interesting person with quite a story to tell.

Larry is a native of the Napa Valley. He was born and raised there, and took his first golf course job on the famous Silverado Golf Course, under no other than the equally famous or infamous Walter Collins. Somehow, he managed to stick it out for 4 years, and even Walt's jokes could not drive him off sooner. When he did leave, it was to take on the job as Superintendent of Pajaro Valley Golf Course in Watsonville. Larry at that time was only 21 years old, which must have been an indication of things to come. All this happened in 1962. In 1965 he went to work for Nick Lombardo at the Del Monte Country Club as their superintendent. After having worked as a superintendent for 3 years at Del Monte, Nick Lombardo added the Fig Garden Golf Course in Fresno to his courses and put Larry in charge of both courses. This arrangement must have gone well, because shortly afterwards Pajaro Valley Golf Course was added to the chain as a lease property, again under Larry. By this time Larry became a junior partner in the enterprise. The firm now decided to build a new course in Carmel Valley; the course which is presently known as Rancho Canada. Larry became the contractor on this project, and oversaw the entire operation personally. Building was started in February 1969, and the course opened for play in April 1970.

Larry is not the only Lloyd in the golf game. His Dad, Paul Sr. is his assistant in charge of Pajaro Golf Course, while his younger brother Paul Jr. used to be his assistant at Del Monte. Presently Paul Jr. is a superintendent in his own right at Aptos.

The rest of the Larry Lloyd family is made up of his good-looking wife Barbara, and their 3 children Rickie - 15, Julie - 13, and Lauri 11. They presently live in Pacific Grove.

RANCHO CANADA - This course is a 36 hole lay-out, designed by golf course architect Robert Dean Putnam of Fresno. The 'West' course is rated the third toughest course on the Peninsula. Rated 72.3 The length is 6835 yards.

Larry Lloyd was the contractor on this project, and he gave me these statistics--All equipment was rented by the hours. Three-quarter million cubic yards of dirt were moved. The sprinkler system is completely automatic. For the system Larry chose a Toro Moist-O-Matic system, consisting of hydraulic controllers, and all valve-in head gear-driven heads. The system includes 72 satellite controllers and 8 master controllers. Fifty-two miles of pipe were laid underground to

service 2300 heads. Five hundred and forty thousand lineal feet of hydraulic tubing was used to activate the heads. The system is capable of irrigating 230 acres of turf in one night, throwing out 1,000,000 gallons of water. To supply this water, there are 4 wells, capable of delivering 650 gpm. at 100 psi. The main pump is equipped with a variable speed turbine to meet fluctuating demands.

In order to build the greens and save money in the process, a local sand was used which was found in an old sandbar right in the middle of the course. The sand had all the gradations in the world including some awfully big rocks. The greens were made out of 100% of this sand without any amendments or drainage. The cover was Seaside Bent. In all, there is about 300,000 sq. ft. of greens surface. Two of the greens, however, are 22,000 sq. ft. monsters. "After all, you have to be unique" said Larry.

Fairways are a mixture of Chewings Fescue, Creeping Red Fescue, Highland Bent, and Common Kentucky Blue.

Since the course lays in the main drain channel of the canyons beyond, 5 bridges were constructed; the longest one 275 ft. long, and strong enough to support a load of trucks parked end-to-end across the whole bridge. Each bridge is designed to withstand the onslaughts of bad weather and washouts, and will not collapse. This is important, since in 1969 the devastating rains swept through that area and washed away 7 acres of land, which had to be brought back in by mechanical means. Three hundred tons of rocks in nylon netting now protect the riverbanks from wash-outs.

As you can see then, this course has quite a story to tell. It is a big success, and for a large part this is due to the great efforts of Larry Lloyd, who has now reached the ripe old age of 32. Larry is a great guy, a wonderful and congenial host, and a very interesting fellow to talk to. It certainly was my pleasure to get to know a little about him and share it with you.

----Those of you who were unfortunate enough to miss the meeting at Rancho Canada this year should feel sorry. It was a very nice party that was well attended, but could stand even more people. Many of the people I know were not there.

The weather was a little wet, but that was no fault of the host club. The food was marvelous, the crab abundant, and the prime roast absolutely out of this world--the meat just melted in your mouth.

Entertainment was provided by Joe Garland and his wife Donna, who did musical comedies, and the dance music was again provided by that excellent group of Mike Marotta and his band. Those who liked to dance surely got their moneys worth.

Prizes were awarded for the golf tournament which was held in the morning in spite of the rain. Winners were

Low Gross - Mike Clark, Oakmont C.C.  
 Low net - Paul Lloyd, Sr., Pajaro Valley G.C.  
 Hole-in-one - Ken Stohl, Orinda C.C.  
 Long Drive - Howard Fisher, Calistoga  
 Putting Contest - Larry Lloyd, Rancho Canada Golf Club  
 First Flight - Dwight Denno, Lone Star Industries  
 Second Flight - Pete Mari, Mike Clark's Guest  
NOW GET THIS - L A D I E S F L I G H T - C L I F F W A G O N E R  
 who won a pair of ladies socks! Talk about sandbaggers

DOOR PRIZES

Ed Watson - Walnut Creek G.C.  
 Myrtle Wagoner - our beloved secretary  
 Frank Liebert - Western Turf, Burlingame  
 Paul Lloyd - Aptos Beach G.C.  
 (There must be a conspiracy amongst the Lloyds. Did you notice they all won something?)  
 Bob Wright - Scotts Co.  
 Karen Watson - Wife of Ed Watson--not fair  
 Mrs. Chet Sarsfield - Technical Irrigation Consultants, Lafayette

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Cambrian Golf Course - Nick Bakanoff, superintendent 415 456-2472  
1 Ransome 5-gang mower unit - \$800.00 as is

Alameda Golf Course - Chris Garcia Superintendent  
415 521-5411 before 2:30 p.m.  
415 521-5595 after 3:00 p.m.

Five 21" Toro Greensmaster, approximately 3 yrs old \$100.00 each  
Ryan Spreadright topdressers (2) Very seldom used, like new \$200.00 each  
A-5 Ryan Aerifier with core catcher, approximately 5 yrs old \$300.00  
100 gallon Spraytank \$50.00  
Ryan Tractaire \$25.00

\* \* \* \* Lee Huang, Superintendent  
Walnut Creek Golf Course

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TURFGRASS VARIETY EVALUATION IN THE BAY AREA

Kenneth D. Gowans and Ed Johnson, University of California Agriculture Extension Environmental Horticulture Advisors in San Francisco Bay Area

A turfgrass variety evaluation trial was established at the new San Leandro Golf Course in the Fall of 1970 when the number 18 fairway was seeded. This is part of a statewide program of the U.C. Agriculture Extension to determine the best adapted turfgrasses for the various plant climates in California. Dr. Victor Gibeault, Extension Horticulture Specialist at U. C. Riverside, is coordinating the program.

The San Leandro trial includes 30 varieties of cool season grasses. Within the last couple of months seven more similar trials have been established in other climatic zones in the San Francisco Bay Area.

During the past year considerable changes have been noted in the condition of grass in the San Leandro trial. Rate of establishment, disease resistance, uniformity, color, cutting quality and other minor characteristics have differed quite widely at times between plots. It is really too soon to make any firm recommendations from the information gathered to date. Changes in adaptability of the grasses are continuing.

A summary of the results to date indicate that new perennial ryegrasses, such as Mannhatten, have been the most outstanding from the very beginning. Of the Kentucky bluegrasses, Pennstar and Fylking have been leading a group of eleven. Reptans and Ruby have topped the list of red fescues with Chewings at the bottom. Mener meadow fescue appears better than Common but neither are really outstanding mainly because of non-uniformity. The Colonial bentgrass had a very difficult time establishing themselves. In fact nearly three fourths of the plots were lost to disease.

The trial has been included in three turfgrass field days during the