

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT

Clifford Wagoner, Golf Course Superintendent and Executive Manager began his experience in golf at Del Rio in 1946 during the construction of the course. He worked as Assistant to Ed Silva until 1950 when he went to Modesto Muni Course as Golf Course Superintendent. In 1952 he moved to Sunnyside CC in Fresno as Superintendent. He left Sunnyside in 1954 and returned to Del Rio to serve as Golf Course Superintendent and in 1974 took on the job of Executive Manager along with the Superintendent duties.

He joined GCSA of Northern California in 1951 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1953. He has served either on the Board or as an officer 26 years of that time. He was president for 3 terms in the years of 1959, 1965 and 1967. He was elected to the Executive Committee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1968 and was president in 1973. He was a member of the USGA Green Section Committee for 12 years. He has served on the TARP (Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program) committee since 1969 when the program began.

DEL RIO GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB was built in 1946. William Bell, Sr. was the architect. Ed Silva was the Golf Course Superintendent. Cliff Wagoner helped construct the course and remained on the crew as Assistant Superintendent. The course was opened for play in 1947. There are 461 proprietary members.

Only three greens have been rebuilt since its inception - No. 5, 12 and 15. The reason for rebuilding them was to improve the drainage. The native trees were the valley oaks all others were planted. The cedars were transplanted from the Sierras. Both the Coast Redwoods and Sequoia Redwoods do very well here. The Monterey Pines that were planted in the early fifties are giving up so they will be replaced with more desirable species.

The course length from regular tees is 6500 yards and can be lengthened to 6800 yards for championship play. The policy of the club is to maintain the course in its original physical condition as much as possible. Any changes must be approved by the Board of Directors. That eliminates the over anxious green chairman from taking out traps, adding new ones or any other personal idea he may have.

In 1961 work began on a new sprinkler system. The schedule was to do 3 holes per year so it could be done on a pay as we go basis. It was completed in 1967 at a cost to the club, including a third well, of \$120 000.00. Cliff designed the system and it was installed by the crew. The first year Moody valves and controllers were used with 1284 Buckner sprinklers. The balance was with Buckner valves controllers and 1360 Buckner cam driven sprinklers. Most of the original equipment with the exception of the Moody controllers is still being used and is working very good.

Three fairways are renovated each year and overseeded. The tees are renovated, seeded and topdressed each fall. Bermuda grass is beginning to invade the greens so we have begun a program of spraying the infested areas with round up, renovating and reseeding.

You will see the results of this work when you visit the club on November 6, 1981.

Dale Mead, PGA Professional at Del Rio is highly qualified to speak on "How to Negotiate with your Board of Directors" since he developed the National PGA employment program and has served as the committee chairman for several years.

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THE 1981 CALIFORNIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS' INSTITUTE held October 25-30, 1981 is co-sponsored by Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, Northern California Golf Association, Cooperative Extension, University Extension of University of California. William B. Davis, Environmental Horticulturist, University of California at Davis is directing the Institute. This is the se

This is the second year of a planned 5 year run. The topic is "Water Management!" Bill has assembled speakers who are not only capable of giving out some good information, but who have been in the business long enough to have experienced our problems. The list includes Dr. John Madison, Dr. J. D. Butler, Dr. Victor Gibeault, Dr. Victor Younger, Dr. Robert Hagan, Dr. William Wood, Dr. Ali Harivandi, Dr. Larry Costello, Dr. William E. Wildman, Dr. James Oster. Others include Fritz Howell, Jewell Meyer, Richard Snyder, W. H. Bengeyfield, Ralph Strohman Tim Ansett, Curtis Wasserman, Clifford Wagoner, and Dean Donaldson

By attending this Institute you get the opportunity to meet with these people in discussion groups and during breakfast lunch and dinner.

We hope that everyone has taken advantage of participating in this once in a life time educational experience.

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RETURN YOUR RESERVATION CARD FOR MEETING AT DEL RIO BEFORE NOVEMBER 1

TO SAVE THE EXTRA POSTAGE

Bruce Meadows, Santa Rosa Reporter says

"If you're a golf course superintendent and you come up against a guy who doesn't call ahead for a starting time, doesn't pay green fees and won't even replace his divots after making a pig of himself on the fairway, what are you going to do?

Well, if you're Oakmont's Mike Clark, Golf Course Superintendent, you get your deer rifle and shoot him.

Sound a little harsh? Hold on a minute. This guy was a real pig, the kind that snorts and roots in the earth

Oakmont has been plagued off and on with "wild pigs" since 1968, but since mid-August of this year the problem has become acute. While rooting for food they've virtually destroyed the 16th fairway on the new East Course and left their mark on four fairways.

The offenders are not native wild pigs. About 30 years ago, some domestic pigs broke loose and took residence in the hills of Annadel State Park. They're usually content to stay there, venturing into civilized areas only when a lack of food or water forces them to do so. Now is one of those times.

Before the pigs could be shot, Mike has to get permission from the State Fish and Game Dept and he notifies the Santa Rosa police. They have bagged 6 pigs including a big boar complete with tusks.

Bennett Valley Golf Course where John Flachman is has also experienced a few problems. But they just sat down and told the pigs that they only had 18 holes and Oakmont 36 holes and gave them the directions to get there.

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Heard from Ellis Van Gorder He and Ardath have just returned from a freighter trip to the Orient. Probably our last. All 12 passenger freighters - except American President Lines - have an age limit of around 65. C.P.L. will take up to 82. This leaves me a year which is hardly enough time to accumulate enough pesos. They are still in Guaymas, Mexico. He says to say "Hello" to the few left who remember me. He enjoys reading THRU THE GREEN. Many changes in the 40 odd years since our first meeting. Van was a CHARTER member of GCSA of Northern California.

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GRADY SIMRIL reports that he is doing well. We're glad.

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WALTER BOYSEN who is retired (and wife Maxine) stopped by on their way to Yosemite and a few days of vacation. Plays golf 3 days a week and looking very well.

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Anyone with any news, tidbit, or info on anyone let me know, and we will circulate it.

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