

Baldock-Designed Courses Change Landscape of Nevada, Northern California

Keeping up with Bob Baldock, the ubiquitous architect who draws up golf course plans in Fresno, Calif. for the whole state of Nevada and much of Northern California, requires a combination of helicopter, earth moving machine and possibly, in some cases, pack animal. With upwards of a dozen courses on the drawing boards, under construction or newly completed, Baldock, in the last six months or so, has been making a one-man project of changing the face of the landscape between the Utah-Nevada border and the Pacific ocean.

In Nevada alone, Bob, since late last summer, has had a hand in the construction or planning of nine courses. At Wine-mucca, Carson City and Las Vegas he has completed either 9- or 18-hole courses in recent months and, at the present moment, is working on layouts in Ely, Henderson, Fallon and Lawton Springs besides two others in Las Vegas.

Busy in California

His Northern California activities take in planning or construction work on courses in Bakersfield, Tulare, Humboldt, Santa Rosa, Delano and his native Fresno. In addition to this, Restless Robert as he is known among fellow architects, has bids in on at least a half dozen more projects.

A former pro who got into the architectural end of golf 30 years ago, Baldock is a jet-age operator who puts 100,000 air miles behind him each year in making the rounds of his far-flung working sites. If more proof is needed to show that practically all of Bob's waking moments for the last three decades have been taken up with golf, he was until lately owner of the 9-hole Sky Ranch course in Fresno.

Michigan Pro Dates

Michigan Section, PGA, has released the following state tournament dates: July 28—Pro-Am Championship, Battle Creek CC; Aug. 23-25, Michigan Open, Edgewood GC; Sept 22—PGA Championship, Birmingham CC.

Makes Early Bid

Officials of Putnam CC, Mahopac, N. Y., the new million dollar club that will open in May, have instructed its pro, Doug Ford, to start negotiating for the 1960 PGA championship. The course is 6,750 yards long.

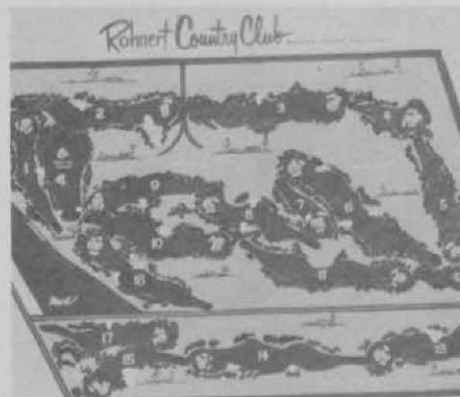
Three of a Dozen



Humboldt Country Club



Lawton Springs Country Club



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College Tournament

University of Houston will stage its third annual Southwestern Invitational tournament Apr. 18-20 at Pine Forest CC in Houston. Golfers from 16 colleges and universities will participate in the tourney.