

Addressi Is Consultant for Course Built in Israel



Paul J. Addressi

Paul J. Addressi, supt. at Tamarisk CC, Palm Springs, Calif., recently returned from Israel where he served as consultant at the 18-hole Caesara GC which is being built near Haifa on the Mediterranean Sea. The layout has been in the construction stage for about two years and is being developed as a tourist attraction.

Addressi was called in because some difficulty was encountered in the shaping and construction of greens, traps and tees. More advanced methods of aerating, top-dressing and fertilizing also weren't understood by the Haifa course builders and, as a result, turf development was practically negligible. Suggesting methods of construction and maintenance that he had learned after many years of supervisory work at desert courses, Addressi helped to get the project off the ground. It will be completed within the next year, during which time he expects to return to Haifa to oversee completion of the course.

The Tamarisk supt. earlier had suggested the use of common Bermuda for Caesara's fairways and Tifgreen for its

greens. These grasses proved suitable for the new course because climatic conditions are well suited for their growth. In the Haifa area there is virtually never any frost in the winter and summertime temperatures never go over 100 degs.

Paul reports that he had some difficulty overcoming the language barrier. Many of the workers at Haifa came from different European localities and there isn't any common tongue. There also was a rather serious lack of equipment which has been remedied to some degree by the shipment of both construction and maintenance pieces from Los Angeles.

The site of the course is on beautiful, rolling landscape which is heavily interspersed with ancient Karob trees. Much of Israel, Addressi discovered to his surprise, is not desert waste but contains large tracts of fertile, loamy soil. Rainfall there averages from 15 to 20 ins. a year.

Course Building Boom Continues in Far West

In the first six months of 1960, 22 regulation and 5 Par 3 courses were opened in the Far Western states with 50 more of both types under construction. Course development is showing little signs of slowing up and probably would be soaring to record figures if would-be builders in some localities weren't backing away from steep land prices. Here is the breakdown with figures for regulation courses (shown on top) and those for Par 3s (on the bottom):

	Planned	In Const.	Opened
Arizona	16 2	2 0	5 1
California	81 35	22 9	10 3
Idaho	6 1	2 1	1 0
Nevada	7 1	1 0	0 0
Oregon	7 2	2 0	1 1
Utah	8 0	7 0	2 0
Washington	12 8	3 1	3 0
Totals	137 49	39 11	22 5