

Gerald (Bud) Turner moves from Royal Kaanapali CC at Maui, Hawaii, to manager-supt. post at Curtis Creek CC, Rensselaer, Ind. . . . Rebuilding second 9 at El Caballero CC, Tarzana, Calif., to plans of Robert Trent Jones . . . Elmer Border is supt. at El Caballero . . . First 9 was rebuilt last year . . . El Caballero is very much on the way up again . . . It was one of Southern California's best when it was built in 1925 . . . Went broke in 1931 . . . Revived in 1956 . . . Has a waiting list now.

Never have heard at a supts. convention so much practical discussion in those little lobby sessions, and under the auspices of room service, as there was at the GCSA show this year . . . Several supts. said their clubs now have by-law rules prohibiting alteration of the course unless with experienced architectural advice . . . Cost of alterations by green committees, then additional cost of correcting errors, take a bale of money in addition to producing some curious travesties of golf architecture.

An interesting point of the informal discussions was control of play during thawing period in spring . . . Consensus was public courses can and do close and escape ruinous traffic at this critical period . . . But comparatively few private course green chairmen back up the supt. when he warns that packing the wet greens in the spring is going to mean trouble.

Talk about performance of Bermudas being better in areas where it gets plenty of sun prompted supts. of courses farther north to comment that recovery from winter damage is quicker on sunny slopes . . . They wonder if lack of sunshine shouldn't be considered instead of blaming prevailing winds for the damage and delay of recovery.

Problems of water system design and modernization came in for considerable after-hours talk at Cleveland . . . The talk confirmed wisdom of the USGA green section in accenting water system design in its conference in New York and in its road shows.



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Front Cover

Fog seems to be getting ready to creep in as Tony Lema drives across the lake on the spectacular 18th hole at Harding Park in San Francisco in recent Lucky International Open. He is playing with Al Balding (center, white sweater) and Bill Casper (at extreme right). Tony, pre-tournament favorite and local area resident, surprised everyone by not making the cut.