

## Lindblad —

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Greens were planted similarly except the foundation or "soil" under the green was a mixture of true sand, 80 percent, and peat 20 percent. Greens, of course, had a finer Bermuda and they were planted with "Tift Dwarf" (a release from Tifton, Ga., experiment station). Greens were top-dressed with pure sand thereafter.

**The Makena Golf Course is not a rectangular plot** of real estate such as most of our Minnesota courses. Rather, it meanders along the slope of Haleakala volcano, avoiding recent magma, lava tubes and deep gullies. I guarantee you would not follow a ball hit into the rough among the Pandana roots, acacia, cactus and miserable sharp volcanic rock. At the very edge of the fairways are prickly pear or beaver tail type of cactus. As can be seen in one of the accompanying photos, Don Lindblad is standing at the edge of a fairway along side of what looks like a stone wall. The stone structure is actually an ancient Polynesian Temple called a *heiau*. These structures are not to be tampered with or molested in any way. The Polynesians believe that since these were sacred places, the spirits of their ancestors rest there.

Son Michael Kolb wrote his Ph.D. Thesis on the *heiaus* of Maui and, in all probability as a state archaeologist for Hawaii, he had to survey this structure to get its historical significance before the developer could proceed with the construction of the new golf course.

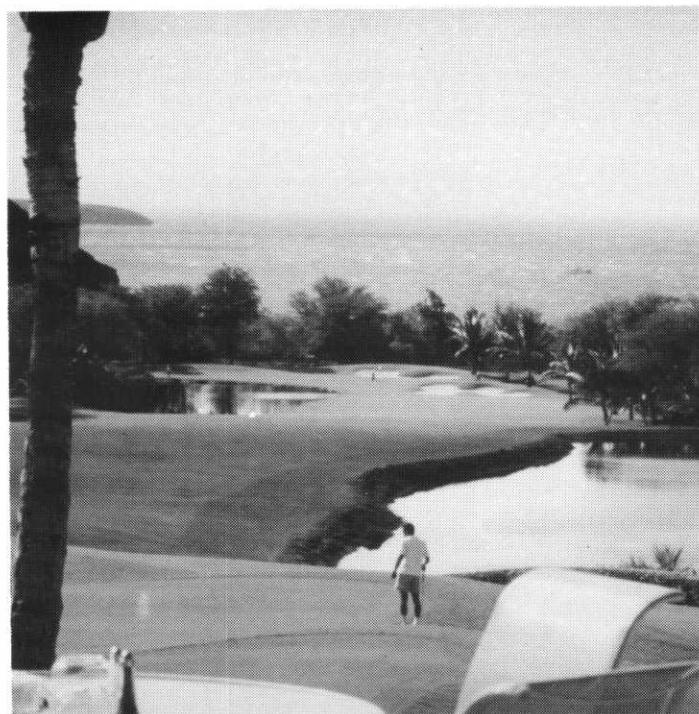
An interesting story about the owner of Makena Resort golf course is that the course does not open to the public until Mr. Tutsumi, a Japanese industrialist, plays it. For whatever reason, Don didn't know why. It was not until one year after completion that Mr. Tutsumi got around to playing the course and declared it open to the public. Another interesting aside during construction and probably still true today, the greatest hazard for injury and destruction to the golf courses on Maui were from "wild pigs." Actually they are domestic pigs that have escaped and become wild as opposed to the large tusk killer type.

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