

weekends as I was out of town when this happened. They took the initiative to get the mower rolling again and everything turned out fine.

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BILL NIGH, Golf Course Superintendent at Pasatiempo promoted a golf tournament for the Harbor High School girls tract team. The Santa Cruz community attended and the donation made the girls and coach very happy.

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The following article was sent in by Robert Muir Graves, Golf Course Architect. "Los Altos Golf & Country Club Lake Renovation Program"

The lake on the fourth hole at the Los Altos Golf & Country Club presented some big problems for Aart de Vos, Golf Course Superintendent. The lake, located to the right-front of the green and extending partially down the fairway, was being fed primarily by a storm drain from the Junipero Serra Freeway. Subsurface drainage, also flowing into the lake, included seepage from several residential septic tanks located above the freeway. Besides holding stagnant water, the rather unattractive lake was hidden from the tee, presenting an unfair problem for the golfers to solve.

At the direction of the club's green committee, Mr. de Vos collaborated with the firm of Robert Muir Graves, Golf Course Architect of Walnut Creek, to come up with a solution to the situation. The Graves' firm suggested a two-level lake system, which fit the existing, natural topography. The two levels are connected by an earthen dam where water from the upper level will cascade down to the lower lake through a rocky waterfall. This served two purposes: 1. To circulate the water between lakes; and 2. To enable the golfer to visually identify the lake as a hazard from the tee.

The drainage from the freeway now bypasses the lakes by means of a 12-inch corrugated metal pipe connected to an existing storm drain down the fairway. Any surface runoff will be collected in a small silting pond before being allowed to enter the lakes. A small pump located at the bottom lake serves to circulate the water back up to the upper lake. All irrigation changes along with the new drainage facilities and waterfall were installed by the golf course crew.

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