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Joseph Rodriguez started his horticulture career in Antioch, CA in 1959. In 1969 he went to work for Contra Costa County in the Landscape Division. He progressed to the Chief Gardener position where he was in charge of all landscaped and turf areas within the county's jurisdiction. While with Contra Costa County, Joe graduated from Diablo Valley College with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He also attended Los Medanos College for two years and possesses a State Contractor's license for Landscaping. Currently he is enrolled in St. Marys College and working toward his Bachelor's degree. Joe has been

Superintendent at the Rossmoor Golf Course since 1978.

ROSSMOOR is a planned adult community that was first opened in 1964. Presently there is a population of 8,400 residents whose age averages 74.5 years. The community has many advantages. Among them is a medical clinic and the Rossmoor Security force.

The maintenance and management of the Rossmoor community is administered by the Golden Rain Foundation.

The Rossmoor Golf Courses are private and consist of an 18 hole south course, and a 9 hole north course. In 1975 a new nine holes was designed by Robert Muir Graves, and put into play. The new nine was worked into the old nine for 18 holes. So we have a combination of new and old on the south course and the north is the original front nine.

The south course is rated at 67.3 from the white tees and the course length is 5,765 yards. The cart paths extend from tee to green and carts are restricted to the paths. There is also no rough. This is to facilitate play because of the age factor. We mow approximately 175 acres of fairway twice weekly. In the past two years we have averaged 88,000 rounds of play per year. Greens #8 and #11 have been rebuilt and new bunkers installed to the right side of #6 green south and #15 green south. We are currently in the bidding process for the installation of a computerized irrigation system for 18 holes.

The Golf Pro at Rossmoor is Norm Oliver, with whom we have a very cooperative working relationship.