

# OUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS COURSE FOR FEBRUARY

Rick Key, host superintendent, began employment at Ridgemark in June 1971 working summer and after school while attending a local junior college. He graduated from Gavilan Junior College in 1973 with an Associate of Science degree.

Rick attended California State University at Chico and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Biological Science degree in 1976. After college Rick traveled throughout Europe with a college buddy until 1978.

Rick began full-time at Ridgemark in 1978 as assistant superintendent to Ray Sabbatini. With the addition of the second 18 holes in 1986 he became co-superintendent with Ray Sabbatini. August 1990 the membership purchased Ridgemark from the original developers, Ray Sabbatini left and Rick became the superintendent.

David Lewellen, assistant superintendent, graduated from Fresno State University in May 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science and emphasis in Turf Management. He has worked at such courses as La Rinconada G & CC, Sunnyside G& CC as the first assistant. After one year with Brighton Crest he was able to upgrade himself to a 36 hole facility under the direction of Rick Key.

Ridgemark G& CC consist of 36 hole. The first 18 holes were developed on the site of an old turkey ranch in the early 1970's. The second 18 holes were developed in the mid 1980's. The 36 holes can be played in four different ways:

- Gabilan Course consists of 9 new holes and 9 original holes
- Diablo Course consists of 9 new holes and 9 original holes
- North Course is the original 18 holes
- south Course is the new 18 holes.

North and south are set-up and used mostly just for special tournaments.


# A LOOK AHEAD

- February 25 Ridgemark G&CC
- March 26 USGA/NCGA
- April 27 Palo Alto Hills CC
- May 4,5 CGCSA Annual Meeting  
Ojai Valley Inn
- June 19 U.S. Open-Pebble Beach
- July 13 Lake Merced-Supt/Pro
- August open
- September open
- October 8 Sierra Nevada Chapter  
joint meeting
- November 11,12 GCSANC /UC  
Cooperative Extension  
Golf Course Institute
- December 4 Christmas Party

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