

No Putting on The Greens

That's because these are bowling greens.

The top men and women lawn bowlers in the country will converge on Rossmoor September 18th through the 24th for the United States Singles and Pairs Championship Tournament.

For the past year, Rossmoor, a retirement community in Walnut Creek, has been gearing up for the American Lawn Bowling Association Championships. Rossmoor has three bowling greens and a 27-hole golf course which are under the direction of Joseph A. Rodriguez, CGCS. Two of the bowling greens are hybrid Bermuda (Tifgreen) and the

other is Pencross Bent.

Bowling greens and golf course greens require different methods of maintenance. For one, you don't have to worry about a bowling green holding your shot. Bowling greens are each 14,400 square feet and, from one end to the other, level - not more than 1/4 inch off.

Bowling greens require extensive maintenance in order to maintain the level and firmness for play. One man is assigned full time to the three Rossmoor bowling greens. The greens are normally mowed between 1/8 of an inch to 5/32" with a Scott Bonnar mower, which is built in Aus-

tralia. This mower differs from the golf green mower because it has a 30 inch wide cut and an oversize roller to the rear. Other specialized equipment needed for bowling green maintenance is a planer which is used weekly to eliminate any high spots. A Smithco Tournament roller is another tool we use in our quest for the perfect green.

In the past year, the golf course crew and the bowling greens keeper have become more involved in the bowling greens. Assuring they are in excellent condition for the tournament has become a top priority. This effort has brought the crew together with

a common goal and has been of benefit to the bowling greens and the golf course.

The Rossmoor greens were selected from over 200 clubs that bid for the event; its selection was based on the club's willingness to make the sacrifices to host a tournament of this magnitude, the conditions of the greens, the weather, and the overall facility.

The U.S. Bowling Championships is referred to as the jewel in the crown of the American Lawn Bowling Association and, as such, is the most prestigious event of the year. Only one club has the honor of hosting it.

Moonstruck

Even the moon has pinch-hit temporarily as a golf course, and astronaut Alan Shepard traveled farther than any golfer in history to tee up there. At the end of his walk on the moon during a 1971 lunar mission, Shepard assembled a makeshift golf club he had smuggled aboard the spacecraft and whacked two balls into a crater.

SCORECARD

September 13 Meeting
Windsor Golf Club

Format was Low Net and Low Gross

<u>Low Net Winners</u>		<u>Low Gross Winners</u>	
Bill Maeder	69	Dave Bingham	76
Rob DiPietro	70	LeRoy Bowser	78
Len Tallo	70	George Claus	78
Bill Stevens	71	Scott Pajak	80

Ties were decided by matching cards



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