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The Main Course

Ridgemark Golf & Country Club

Our Host

Dave Lewellen knew as a young man that golf would be his career. Dave grew up around Almaden C C and worked in the pro shop at an early age. Dave thought of turning pro some day, but soon realized that the hours necessary indoors didn't suit him. Course maintenance was the next best choice, so, off to school he went.

Dave started school at West Valley College and soon transferred to San Jose City College where he played on the golf team and worked part time under Don Boyd at La Rinconada G & CC. Dave finished up with a Plant Science degree from Fresno State, worked with Joe Tompkins at Sunnyside G & CC and helped on the construction of Brighton Crest G & CC with Michael Leach.

While at Fresno State, Dave met his fiancee, Anna Marie. They will be married in October. In his spare time, Dave races sports cars and plays lots of golf. Dave has been at Ridgemark for four years, the first two as the assistant under Rick Key.

The Course

The first 18 holes of Ridgemark Golf & Country Club Resort were built on an old turkey farm by developer Sonny Paullus in the early 70's. The second 18 were built in the mid 80's. In 1990, stock was sold to mostly existing members and RG&CC, Inc. took over operation of the club.

The past few years have seen the addition of new cart paths and new practice greens. Projects planned for the future include a new driving range tee and practice greens, new tees at #6 & #11, and a new irrigation system for the original 18 holes.

The Gabilan course is 6,771 yards with a slope rating of 124.

The Diablo course is 6,603 yards with a slope rating of 123.

Mark Mahady - Guest Speaker At Ridgemark

Mark Mahady, principal and owner of Mark Mahady & Associates will be the featured speaker during the June 12th meeting at Ridgemark Golf Course. Mark, who's career spans 20 years in the Turfgrass and Horticulture profession, will share information on the use of Prograss and the newly registered Primo.

Mark has performed extensive studies at Pebble Beach Golf Links with Prograss, and has developed practical information on rates of application and application frequencies, for pre and post-emergent control of poa annua.

His work with Primo, a new generation growth regulator, has produced valuable information on its use on perennial ryegrass and tall fescue. Two potential benefits of Primo use are, reduced clippings, which results in less green waste, and a reduction in mowing frequencies.

Mark's work has been contracted by the manufacturers of these products, to establish label and efficacy information. The results of his work, and his knowledge of golf course turf is guaranteed to provide you with both practical and useful information. Take this opportunity to learn more about the effective and responsible use of these products.

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