

September, 1995

The Main Course

Rossmoor Golf Course — Scholarship Tournament — September 18

The Course

Rossmoor is a planned adult community that was first opened in 1964. Presently there is a population of approximately 8,500 residents, whose average age is 75.5 years. The community has its own medical clinic and security force.

The maintenance and management of the Rossmoor community are administered by the Gold Rain Foundation.

Nine holes, designed by Robert Muir Graves, were added to the original 18 holes in 1975. The new nine was worked into what is now the South Course. The North Course is the original front nine. Both courses are private. The par 72 South Course is rated at 67.6 from the white tees with a slope rating of 115. The course measures 5,798 yards in length. There are cart paths from tee to green and carts are restricted to the paths. (Editor's note: Plan on walking the course because there are only 10 carts available for those truly in need.) The courses average 98,000 rounds of golf per year.

Our Host

Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS started his horticultural career in Antioch in 1959. In 1969, Joe went to work for Contra Costa County in the landscape division. He advanced to the Chief Gardener position, where he was in charge of all landscaped and turfed areas within the County. While with the County, Joe graduated from Diablo Valley College with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. Joe also attended Los Medanos College for two years, and possesses a State contractors license for landscaping. In 1986, Joe graduated from St. Mary's College with a Bachelor's Degree in management. Joe has been the superintendent at Rossmoor since 1978.

Joe has been very active in the Association. He has been a member of the Board of Directors and has served all the Officer positions before becoming President in 1990. Joe was given our Superintendent of the Year award in 1990.

GCSANC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The GCSANC provides scholarships to students having a permanent residence within Northern California, provided the following criteria are met:

1. The candidate must be attending an accredited college or university and have a permanent residence within Northern California.
2. The candidate must be enrolled, or plan to enroll (work in progress notice will be required prior to award) in a turfgrass, ornamental horticulture, or related degree or certificate program.
3. The candidate must demonstrate their financial need.
4. The candidate must demonstrate their scholastic ability.

The deadline for applications to be submitted to GCSANC Office is November 15, 1995. If you have any questions, or know of a qualified student, applications can be obtained from committee chairman Rogelio Martinez at (408) 758-7384.

Additionally, the GCSAA offers a number of scholarships on a national basis. For more information on GCSAA scholarships, contact Mr. Burke Beeler at (800) 472-7878.

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