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Joe Rodriguez, CGCS To Host Scholarship Event

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August 16 is the date set for the 1999 Scholarship and Research Tournament at Rossmoor GC. Our host for the event is the venerable Joseph A. Rodriguez, CGCS. Joe has been an active participant in the operation our association for years. He has been a member of the Board of Directors, served all of the Officers positions, and was President in 1990 and 1996. In addition, he was named Superintendent of the Year in 1990. Joe has played an integral part in molding the GCSANC into what it is today.

Joe began his horticultural career in Antioch in the 60's. In 1969 he went to work for Contra Costa County in the landscape division. He advanced through the CC County system until he was in charge of all the landscape and turfgrass areas within the County. While with the County, he attended Diablo Valley College and secured a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. Joe also possesses a State contractors license in landscaping. In 1986, he graduated from St. Mary's College with a Bachelor's degree in management. At Rossmoor, he is assisted by Superintendent Phil Laret. Joe has been at Rossmoor since 1978.

Rossmoor is a planned adult community that was first opened in 1964. Presently the community holds approximately 8,500 residents, most of whom are retired. The maintenance and management of the Rossmoor community are administered by the Gold Rain Foundation. The course consists of 27 holes, the last nine of which were added in 1975 by Robert Muir Graves. The new nine became a part of the South course which is now called The Stanley Dollar Ranch Golf Course. The par 72 course is rated at 67.6 from the white tees with a slope rating of 115.

The course measures 5,798 yards in length. The original back nine became the North course which is now called the Creekside Golf Course.

Joe, Phil, and staff have been busy of late. They have concluded construction of 16 new tees. The tees are a part of a 10 year Master Plan at Rossmoor. Thanks go out to Joe for hosting the GCSANC's Scholarship event. We're is looking forward to visiting with Joe and enjoying his fine course this month. /

Scholarship Event Needs Donations

The annual Scholarship Tournament is the primary source of funds for the association's scholarship and research programs. To be successful, the tournament must be supported by our members. This support must come from both participation and the donation of auction prizes. All support received will prove valuable in garnering scholarship and research dollars for our programs.

The GCSANC Board of Directors is currently deliberating a number of scholarship and research opportunities. One of the most exciting opportunities is to become a supporter of the research done by the Northwest Turfgrass Association. The NTA conducts research on cool season turf that benefits the Pacific northwest. It is currently funded by several golf associations and golf course superintendents associations in the Pacific northwest. This cooperative for turfgrass research opens up opportunities which could not be approached by chapters acting independently. But committing to this type of research takes funds.

Please bring a guest out to Rossmoor and support the cause. The event promises to be a great day of fun and camaraderie. And please ask your club or business to donate to this worthy cause. Just about anything can be auctioned off at the event. Hope to see you at Rossmoor! /