THRU THE GREEN

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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

The Main Course
Del Monte Golf Course

The Course

Del Monte Golf Course is an 18 hole public resort course located in Monterey. The course was designed in the late 1800's by Charles Maude. It was later redesigned to accommodate the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Highway 1, which passes to the west. The Oak studded layout, with its small greens, provides an excellent challenge for players of all skills.

Over the last several years the staff at Del Monte has undertaken a major Kikuyugrass renovation, installed a nursery, and rebuilt numerous bunkers and tees. These improvements, and the drainage work planned for 1996 have made the course one of the jewels of the Monterey Peninsula.

Under the guidance of course superintendent Pete Bibber, and Assistant Superintendent Kim Trainor, the staff at Del Monte has embarked on an environmental project to build bat houses. The project received local acclaim and was featured in an article in the Monterey Herald.

Del Monte has a rich past, playing host to the Pebble Beach Invitational which brought top pros from the LPGA and the PGA. Guests at the Old Del Monte Hotel included such personalities as president Roosevelt and Howard Hughes.

Our Host

Pete Bibber has a long history with the Pebble Beach Company starting as a greenskeeper at Spyglass Hill in 1968. Pete served as the assistant superintendent at Spyglass Hill before moving to Del Monte as the superintendent in 1972. A native of Brunswick, Maine, Pete notes that his relationships with Bill Spence and Ed Miller have been provided positive learning experiences in his career.

Pete's 22 years of service with the association were highlighted in 1979 when he served as GCSANC president. He has graciously played host to numerous GCSANC events, including two consecutive Christmas tournaments in 1992 and 1993.

1996-97 GCSANC Board of Directors

Pictured Left to Right: John Holmquist, Affiliate Representative, Dave Davies, CGCS, Secretary Treasurer, Blake Swint,Vice President, Richard Lavine, CGCS, Past President, Gary Carls, CGCS, Director, Mike Ligon, Affiliate Representative, Bob Costa, CGCS, Director, Wayne Lindeloff, Director

Important Note . . .

At the Board meeting on April 1, 1996, **Bob Costa**, CGCS was appointed **Editor of *Thru The Green***. Bob will assume the editor duties with the June issue. Please send all submissions to him, care of Laguna Seca Golf Club, 10520 York Road, Monterey, CA 93940. His FAX number is 408-373-3899. Remember, the deadline for submissions is the 12th of each month prior to publication.

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