Top Golfing Experts Direct M.V. Club

Four of the nation’s leading golfing experts are in charge of the new Mission Viejo Golf Club.

GORDON BRINKWORTH, General Manager. Throughout construction of the course, Brinkworth helped supervise the implementation of the architect’s design and worked closely with construction crews to assure that the course would be built “on time” and according to Robert Trent Jones’ dictates.

As general manager, Brinkworth will oversee operation and maintenance of the course, and operation of the clubhouse facilities. A lifetime golf enthusiast, Brinkworth was a professional from 1936 to 1941. During those years he was head professional at Minikahda Club, Minneapolis; and head professional at Minikahda Club, Chicago. During World War II Brinkworth was an officer in an elite Canadian Airborne unit and saw extensive combat in Europe. He also served at the Canadian National Railways-owned Jasper Park Lodge as golf course manager. From 1946 to 1948, Brinkworth was associated with the golf course design firm of Stanley Thompson & Associates, Toronto, Canada.

ED WAMPLER, Golf Professional. Wampler starred in football and was a football star at the University of Virginia, and educated in Tennessee. He has also served at the Canadian National Railways-owned Jasper Park Lodge as golf course manager. From 1946 to 1948, Brinkworth was associated with the golf course design firm of Stanley Thompson & Associates, Toronto, Canada.

BOB HARRITT, assistant professional: Known to almost every Orange County golfer, Harritt will “double” as both a teaching pro and tournament coordinator.

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Course, Club to Open March 1

LUSH trees frame well-trapped 15th green on new Mission Viejo Golf Club course. Here two players hole out on the 170-yard, par 3 hole. The 15th tee is located on a hillside some 70 feet above the green.

ALREADY hailed as one of the finest facilities built in Southern California, the Mission Viejo Golf Club, with 18-hole championship course and luxurious clubhouse will open March 1.

Built and operated by the Mission Viejo Company, developers of Mission Viejo, the spectacular course and clubhouse facilities will be open to the general public.

“Designed by world famous golf course architect Robert Trent Jones, the lush course, which takes full advantage of the hillsides and valley upon which it is built, is of championship caliber and is fully capable of playing host to any major tournament, including the U. S. Open and the PGA,” said Donald L. Bren, president of Mission Viejo Company, “and we spared no expense to provide the best facility of its kind in Southern California.”

“This exciting course provides a challenge for all caliber of golfers. The lakes, traps, creeks and fairway designs will influence many shots,” he said. According to Jones, “the course will provide hard pars and easy bogies.

“The greens are large and undulating and are trapped in strategic places (there are 57 traps throughout the course). Most of the greens, averaging 10,000 square feet, have a (Continued on Page 6, Col. 3)

GORDON BRINKWORTH
General Manager

ED WAMPLER
Golf Professional

BOB HARRITT
Asst. Golf Professional

TOM ALBACH
Tournament Coordinator

SALENT FACTS
WHAT: Mission Viejo Golf Club opens to the public WHEN: Opening is set for March 1 WHERE: Opens March 1. FEES: $4.00 weekdays, $6.00 weekends. Reduced fees for card holders. WHEN: Opens March 1. LENGTH: 6,935 yards, 72 championship; 6,405 yards, par 72, men; 5,838 yards, par 72, regular. TENNIS: 2 hard courts, 2 clay courts for maximum challenge and fun. HOURS: 7 A.M. until sunset. FACILITIES: Restaurant, Bar, complete Golf Shop, banquet rooms, and dressing rooms.

PERSONNEL: Gordon Brinkworth, Club general manager; Ed Wampler, golf professional; Bob Harritt, assistant pro; Tom Albach, tournament coordinator.
Golf Shop Carries Top Lines of Equipment

The spacious Mission Viejo Golf Club golf shop, termed one of the largest of its kind anywhere, carries a complete line of golfing equipment, accessories and sports clothes for both men and women.

In addition, the shop will feature hats and other items with the Mission Viejo Golf Club logo.

Golf equipment and balls at the shop are by such major firms as Spaulding, MacGregor, Dunlap. A complete line of golf shoes also is carried. Clothing in stock includes alpaca sweaters, jackets, pants and socks for men; top name lines of women's sportswear including blouses, sport coats, capri pants, skirts and hats.

The golf shop will be open from 6:30 A.M. to one hour after sunset.

Clubhouse Has Finest Restaurant, Facilities

Golfers and non-golfers alike will enjoy the luxury of the spacious and well-appointed two-story clubhouse that will open March 1.

The clubhouse follows the early California architectural theme used throughout Mission Viejo, and is highlighted by a red mission tile roof. The clubhouse is adjacent to the first tee, lounge area, 18th tee and 18th green.

One outstanding feature of the clubhouse is the Mission Viejo Inn, a restaurant and bar where adjoining patio large enough to accommodate banquets and the special outdoor services and parties is planned.

From the dining room and patio, panoramic views of the course are afforded all guests. Opposite the dining room, and architecturally divided by the wide entry and entryway, are the men's and women's locker rooms and dressing rooms, lounge area, office and golf shop.

The golf shop also overlooks the course giving golf personnel control of starting players.

The lower floor of the facility is presently used for cart storage and repair shop.

The Mission Viejo Inn will be managed by Tommy Mitchell, noted Los Angeles restaurateur. Mitchell for the past 17 years has operated successful restaurants in the Wilshire district in Los Angeles.

The restaurant will be open to the public from 6:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Monday to Thursday it will be open from 6:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. for breakfast and lunch only. The dinner menu will feature steak, roast beef, lobster and Mexican dishes. Special nights designated for Mission Viejo residents “cook outs” will feature outdoor bar-

TOMMY MITCHELL
Mission Viejo Inn manager

Many Groups Sign to Play Tournaments

Eight major Los Angeles and Orange County firms, fraternal organizations and associations have already signed to play their 1967 tournaments at Mission Viejo. They are:

- Electronics Specialty Co., Los Angeles, March 19, 40 players.
- Collins Radio Corp., Newport Beach, March 24, 40 players.
- Anaheim Elks, April 9, 40 players.
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 441, Los Angeles, April 15, 40 players.
- Antonietts, Anaheim, April 22, 40 players.
- TRW Systems, Inc., Los Angeles, April 30, 40 players.
- North American Aviation Group, Los Angeles, August 12, 40 players.

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VIEW of clubhouse, under construction and to be open to the public March 1, shows dining room and patio area, left, overlooking course. On right side is golf shop which also overlooks course and starting area. Easy access to and from the golf course is provided by large door, lower left.

BIRD’S-EYE view of Mission Viejo Golf Club, showing each tee, fairway and green, and position of clubhouse. Note heavy traying and abundance of lakes.

How to Get M.V. Golf Card

The Mission Viejo Golf Club is open to the general public at all times, anyone wishing to play may do so.

However, the Mission Viejo Co. has instituted a Membership Card program whereby avid golfers may play at reduced rates and reserve starting times.

There are two types of Membership Card arrangements:

1. Resident members of Mission Viejo (La Paz Homes, Deene Homes, Monterey Masterhomes and any future developments within Mission Viejo), membership is available for a flat fee of $25.00 per year.

2. For non-residents, membership is available for a one-time only initiation fee of $200.00 plus $5.00 per year.

Membership Card Holders may purchase Golf Play Discount Cards for 10 rounds of golf for $80.00 ($3.00 per round); or cards for 20 rounds of golf for $150.00 ($2.50 per round).

The cards must be used within a 6-month period and are good for only one player or member of his family.

Membership Card Holders also may purchase Electric Car rental Discount Cards for $50.00 which are good for ten 18-hole rounds.

Golfers (and non-golfers in the general public) will be charged $5.00 ($2.50 per round) for a pull-cart rental.

Other privileges which may be enjoyed by Membership Card Holders include entitlement to reserve starting times, credit in the clubhouse, bar, restaurant and golf shop and locker rental at $2.50 per month.

Residents and non-residents who wish to become Membership Card Holders may apply in writing or in person to Mr. Deane Homes, Mission Viejo Golf Club, Mission Viejo, California 92675.

Mission Viejo Golf Club

February, 1967
A Most Challenging, Scenic Course

BEAUTY and challenge of Mission Viejo course caught in photographs: Upper left: Teeing off on 15th hole to heavily trapped green. Above: Hoiling out on 5th. In background is majestic Saddleback. Center left: Putting on the 2nd green. In background are 9th and 18th greens. Bottom left: Players chip to 13th green as twosome (background) prepare to tee off on 17th. Center right: Putting on the 16th where the green is bordered by lake (foreground) and large traps (far side). Lower right: Blasting out of large trap on 11th onto narrow green.
Here is a hole-by-hole description of the Mission Viejo Golf Club course. First distances in parentheses are championship play, second are regular play and third are women's play.

1. Leaving the clubhouse, the hole demands two uphill, long, accurate shots to reach the elevated green (395, 366, 344, Par 4).

2. The narrow fairway dictates two accurate shots to reach the heavily trapped green (403, 381, 356, Par 4).

3. From an elevated tee, the golfer's drive must carry across Oso Creek. The hole is nestled in a beautiful canyon (419, 407, 347, Par 4).

4. Again from an elevated tee, the tee shot must carry grown trees and an open channel. The green is bordered on two sides by a large lake (217, 177, 159, Par 5).

10. Shielded by a large lake, this green offers little opportunity to a "hacker" to successfully negotiate its narrow approach (380, 368, 351, Par 5).

11. Located immediately adjacent to the freeway, this hole, although relatively short, demands two accurate shots to be "home" in two (320, 303, 283, Par 4).

12. This par 3 is one of the most scenic holes in Southern California. Nestled in a draw, the green is surrounded by a large lake, and proves a real challenge (199, 169, 119, Par 3).

13. This long par 4 finds the golfer hitting a second shot which must carry Oso Creek and another large lake. The green itself is elevated and guarded by trees (461, 431, 396, Par 4).
5. A long tee shot may find its way into a huge trap complex in the middle of the fairway. The golfer's second shot must be played with extreme accuracy, and his third must carry Oso Creek to an elevated and well-trapped narrow green (356, 328, 506, Par 5).

6. This is a long "dog leg" to the right and while appearing to be a "breather," it demands care, planning and accuracy. Behind the green is a deep canyon (391, 371, 356, Par 4).

7. The second, long par 5 on the front side parallels the Santa Ana Freeway. Its narrow fairway and distance again demand accuracy. The green itself is large but strategically trapped (499, 471, 450, Par 5).

8. A relatively short par 3, this hole takes full advantage of Mission Viejo's hills and canyons (221, 194, 182, Par 3).

9. From an elevated tee, this hole stretches through Oso Canyon. The green is elevated and large, but heavily trapped (419, 384, 304, Par 4).

10. Placed along a ridge line, a hooked tee shot will bring immediate disaster as it will place the golfer at the bottom of a cliff (375, 340, 344, Par 4).

11. From a very high tee, the golfer must accurately place his tee shot on a well-trapped green situated in a narrow canyon (584, 170, 139, Par 3).

12. This hole is played from an elevated tee, down a canyon of its own, to a green surrounded on the left by a large lake and on the right by an escarpment. Behind the green, one finds the Santa Ana Freeway (408, 368, 302, Par 4).

13. From a tee forty feet above the long fairway, the golfer can see a true test unfold. Long and narrow, this hole winds up the right side of historic Oso Canyon. Approach to the green is guarded by another lake (506, 448, 429, Par 5).

14. Continuing along the right side of Oso Canyon, the golfer is faced with a most demanding approach shot. The green, situated on a plateau, demands a well placed uphill, long iron shot for success (397, 379, 329, Par 4).
Design, Construction ‘Classic’

The famous Robert Trent Jones made a number of personal visits to Mission Viejo Golf Club while it was under construction, because of what he felt a “closer relationship” to it (Mission Viejo) than many other courses he has designed.

Jones himself has described the course as “truly classic,” one that places a premium on accuracy, but “yet comforts” the golfer because all greens are at least 10,000 square feet.

Among Jones’ many great course designs are Broadmoor, Pebble Beach, Ponte Verde, Maui Kea, Royal Kamapali, and the just-opened Spyglass Hill in Monterey.

Just as the course was outstandingly designed, so was it built. An example: The greens had to be contoured and the adjoining traps dug.

Finest Facilities

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becomes. Dates of the family-type gatherings will be announced.

The cocktail lounge is open from 11 A.M. to midnight every day. A specialty of the bar will be the sale of a “Pitche of Margaritas.” The bar is enhanced by a huge fireplace for utmost comfort and enjoyment.

The atmosphere of the restaurant and bar will change on weekends from that of a golf facility to a restaurant to cater to the dining needs of the general public in and around the Mission Viejo area.

Banquet facilities at the Inn are available for golf tournaments, the general public, as well as civic groups and others. Also, it is ideal for wedding receptions, Rotary and similar meetings and testimonial dinners.

To arrange banquets at the Mission Viejo Golf Club, interested persons may call Tom Albach or Tommy Mitchell at the club after March 1 at area code (714) 837-5433.

Then the greens were graded, and following that a four to six inch gravel blanket was put down. That was followed by 12 inches of concrete sand thoroughly mixed with lime and a roto tiller. Organic fertili-zer then was added, and then too was thoroughly mixed into the earth. Then each green was soaked and compacted to prepare them for seeding with bent grass stoolies. Another layer of fertilizer was then added as the stoolies were planted. Work on the tees and greens was completed last June 26. Since then they were alternately watered and fertilized to make them “puttable.”

What you play on March 1 was brought up with tender loving care.

Another example of construction excellence is the course’s irrigation system. The course has 12 miles of irrigation pipe from eight to one and one-half inches in diameter. They are buried underground, as is the 75 miles of electrical wire that is used to control the sprinkler system. This pipe-and-wire system services 665 sprinkler heads either automatically or manually, as desired.

The control stations on the course turn the sprinklers on or off at predetermined times. Additional sprinkler heads can be installed as needed to keep the course in the best possible playing condition at all times.

To immediately enhance the course’s landscape, 93 fully grown trees were transplanted onto the course from Rancho Mission Viejo. And over the next five years more than 1000 small, medium and large trees will be planted each year.

GOLF COURSE RULES

1. U. S. G. A. Golf Rules prevail unless modified by local rules. A knowledge of these rules, plus the use of country, will make your game much more enjoyable.

2. Members and patrons must register before “tee-off” on the course; members may write or call Gor- don Brinkworth or Tom Albach. Address correspondence to Mission Viejo Golf Club, Mission Viejo, California 92675; or phone area code 714-837-2412. After March 1, please phone area code 714-837-5604 or 837-5433.

3. All golf practice must be conducted in the direction of play.

4. Children under 15 will not be permitted to play on the course unless they are accompanied by an adult and have signed a handling of not more than 24.

5. No more than four persons will constitute a match or playing group. (Any infraction of this rule may result in eviction of player(s).

6. No bashing articles will be permitted on the golf course. Men are not permitted to remove shorts on the course. It is cautioned that the removal of these may result in skin rash from chemicals used in the maintenance of the turf.

8. Private hand golf cart is not allowed on the Golf Course.

9. Members and patrons using power carts or land carts are requested to drive them according to directions outlined on the course.

10. All matches will initiate play at the time for any reason.

11. The course must be kept in the practice range and putting green. Parking by any vehicle or cart on the Golf Course is not permitted.

12. No wading is permitted in any of the water hazards on the course.

13. To maintain a proper flow of play, all players are requested to move on to the next tee immediately after holing out. All flag sticks must be properly re-placed.

15. High heels, ripped soles, bag type clogs shoes are not permitted on the course.

16. The use of profane or obscen- eswearing language is not in good taste and players are requested to refrain from such expressions.

17. Local Rules of the Game applicable to the course will be displayed on the Golf Club Bulletin Board.

18. Certain Golf Outing and Indus- trial tournaments will be ac- cepted for play on the course on week days only.

19. Range balls are property of the Mission Viejo Golf Club. Any one taking balls from range will be reported to the security personnel.

20. The Mission Viejo Company reserves the right to make any adjustments of fees and prices within the structure of the golf operation without prior notice.
Junior Golf Program Announced

There is little doubt that almost all the great golfers in the world began playing when they were very young. So, to encourage the youngsters of Mission Viejo and nearby communities and to develop fine young players, Mission Viejo Golf Club is going to institute an extensive junior golf program. Included in the program, to be directed by Bob Harritt, assistant golf professional, are group lessons at very nominal costs, and tourneys. Any boy or girl between the ages of 00 and 00 may join the program. Interested persons should contact Bob Harritt or Ed Wampler at the club office, area code 714 837-5604 (after Mar. 1).

Private, Group Lessons Planned

Private and group lessons in the great game of golf are available at Mission Viejo Golf Club. Both head professional Ed Wampler and his assistant Bob Harritt are scheduling times for these lessons. Interested persons are invited to contact Wampler or Harritt at the club after March 1.

Club Has Best of Golf Carts

Mission Viejo Golf Club is “sporting” the latest and finest in electric golf carts. Because of the contour of the course (plenty of hills!), the club purchased four-wheel Toro carts. To insure the protection of the beauty of the course and the safety of those using the carts, Mission Viejo Golf Club asks each player to carefully abide by the golf cart rules. They include: keep off the paved cart paths as much as possible, only two players and two bags to a cart, do not drive into traps, on greens or on fringe areas, in general, use good judgement and drive carefully!

Want More Reporters?

Extra copies of the Mission Viejo Reporter are available to residents of Mission Viejo, visitors and others desiring copies to read or send to friends. Just visit the La Paz Homes sales office, the Deane Homes sales office, Monterey Masterhomes office or write to the Mission Viejo Reporter, Box X, Mission Viejo, Calif., and ask for extra copies. They will be available for a limited time.

Need Practice?

Two excellent practice facilities are provided at Mission Viejo Golf Club. There is a large practice range for driving, chipping, etc., adjacent to the golf shop. A ball machine dispenses half or full packs of balls at the drop of a coin. In front of the golf shop, near the 18th green, is a large practice green where putters may practice while awaiting to tee off on the first hole.

HOW TO GET TO NEW MISSION VIEJO GOLF CLUB

THE NEW Mission Viejo Golf Club may be reached by driving the San Diego Freeway to the La Paz Road turnoff. At La Paz Road, proceed east into Mission Viejo to Chrisanta Drive. At Chrisanta Drive, turn right (south) and proceed to Via Viento. Follow Via Viento to Montanoso. Turn right on Montanoso and proceed to the clubhouse which can be seen from Montanoso.

COMPLETING the unusualness of the Mission Viejo Golf Club is the “Refreshment Wagon,” an unique idea in servicing hungry and thirsty players. The wagon, a converted bakery truck, “rolls around” the course selling soft drinks, beer, hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet rolls and candy. Here, players pause to enjoy refreshments during a lull in play.

SECURITY is of prime importance at Mission Viejo Golf Club which provides 12 off-duty sheriff's deputies to augment County protection. Men patrol the community of Mission Viejo and course. Shown is one of new patrol cars, purchased by Mission Viejo Co., with officer making rounds. Car has two-way radio for contact with headquarters. Deputies can issue citations.
F. 11. No employee shall be reprimanded on the Santa Ana-San Diego freeways to the La Paz cutoff, turn west on La Paz to Mission Viejo.

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The Golf Club business office shall accommodate of members and guests in the Golf Club House or on the course to provide a majestic view of the valley and the course itself.

The clubhouse, which follows our basic architectural theme, is two stories. On the upper level we installed a golf shop complete in every detail, including women’s golf and sports fashions. It is one of the best in the country.

And in the clubhouse is the most modern dressing and locker room facilities and golf club lounge.

Since the clubhouse also will be open to the public, there is the Mission Viejo Inn, a dining patio, the patio, which has a spectacular view of the country, will become the entertainment center for parties and barbecues.