Golfing Press Lauds Course

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"The Mission Viejo Golf Club will become one of the landmarks of the area. The setting alone should be worth the trip even to non-golfers." — Jack Walker, Coastline Dispatch

"It is an extremely rugged course, sure to attract champions and championships." — Don Watson, San Clemente Sun-Post

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Facility Hailed Among Finest; Termed 'Classic'

Already hailed as one of the finest facilities built in Southern California in the past 25 years, the Mission Viejo Golf Club, with 18-hole championship course and luxurious clubhouse, has achieved remarkable success in its first months.

Built and operated by the Mission Viejo Company, developers of Mission Viejo, the spectacular course and clubhouse facilities are 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 hosting play to any major tournament, including the U. S. Open and the PGA.

"We wanted to build the finest golf course possible," said Philip J. Reilly, president of Mission Viejo Company, "and we spared no expense to produce the best facility of its kind in Southern California.

"This exciting course provides a challenge for all calibers of golfers. The lakes, creeks and fairway designs will influence many shots," he said.

According to Jones, "the course provides hard pars and easy bogies. The greens are large and undulating and are trapped in strategic places (there are 57 traps, or bunkers, on the course). Most of the greens, averaging 10,000 square feet, have a small opening which will provide a way for the 'less bold' players to avoid traps, lakes and other natural hazards.

Seven lakes are strategically placed throughout the course to provide interesting shot values. They also will be of great importance in the closing holes of any tournament, said Jones. In addition to the lakes, creeks which winds through the course, influences many shot decisions.

The course measures 6935 yards (Par 72) for championship play; 6405 yards (Par 71) for regular play, and 5838 yards (Par 71) for women's play.

Mission Viejo Golf Club facilities also include the beautifully designed and appointed clubhouse, complete with restaurant, bar, banquet facilities and complete golf shop. All open to the public, there is also complete cart storage and bag storage. A large practice range and putting green are adjacent to the first tee and golf shop.
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 large (none is less than 10,000 square feet).

Among Jones' many great course designs are Brae Moor, Peachtree, Ponte Verde, Mauna Kea, Royal Kauanapali, and the just-opened Spyglass Hill in Monterey.

Just as the course was outstandingly designed, so was it built. As an example: The greens had to be contoured and the adjoining traps dug. 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. It is buried, as is the 75 miles of electrical wire used to control the sprinkler system. This pipe-and-wire system services 661 sprinkler heads, either automatically or manually, as desired.

The control stations on the course turn the sprinklers on or off according to a pre-determined time. 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 landscaping, 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.

Golfing Experts Direct Club

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

ED WAMPLER, golf professional. Known to almost every Orange County golfer, Wampler came to Mission Viejo last year after serving as head pro at Mesa Verde Country Club. His experience also includes associate professional at Santa Ana Country Club, a position he held from 1960 to 1965.

Wampler started his pro training in 1954 after spending 13 years in the Marines as a fighter pilot. At Athens Navy Pre-Flight school, Wampler "paid" for his training playing with and against Gene Littler, Billy Casper, Bud Holscher and other top touring pros at various stations including nearby El Toro Marine Base.

Wampler was born in Virginia and educated in Tennessee where he was graduated from King's College. At King's Wampler starred in football.

BOB HARRITT, assistant golf professional. As assistant head pro, Harritt "doubles" as both a teaching pro and junior golf leader. An amateur and professional golfer for the past 25 years, Harritt is well known in Orange County golf circles, especially in the Huntington Beach area. He came to Mission Viejo from Mesa Verde where he was assistant to Wampler. Harritt has spent much time teaching golf to high school and college students. He has a complete junior golf program lined up for children and teenagers at Mission Viejo.

BYRON TETER, assistant golf professional, has both teaching and administrative responsibilities. A native of Texas, Teter graduated in 1961 from the University of Arizona, where he was a varsity halfback. A golfer since high school days, he turned professional in Arizona in 1965, becoming the assistant pro at Yuma Golf and Country Club. Teter came to California in mid-1966 as assistant professional at Willowick Golf Course in Santa Ana. He joined the Mission Viejo staff shortly after the course opened in March, 1967.

Mission Viejo Hosts 80 Top Amateurs

The Mission Viejo Amateur Invitational, an annual tournament limited to a select field of 80 finest amateur golfers in Southern California, has been established by Ed Wampler, head professional at Mission Viejo Golf Club.

The first annual tournament, will be held Oct. 6, 7 and 8, 1967. The Invitational is a 36-hole medal play for 80 entrants with 0 to 6 handicaps at scratch.

Entry fee of $35 includes green fees and the awards dinner, this year on Sunday, Oct. 8. More than $1000 in merchandise prizes is awarded annually. A perpetual trophy for championship and handicap flights and award trophies for first and second places in each flight also are given winners.

Invitations to the 80 best amateur golfers are mailed each year in Sept.
How to Join

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. For residents of Mission Viejo, La Paz Homes, Eldorado Homes, Monterey Master Homes, 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 flat fee of $100.00 per year.

For residents, green fees are $3.00 any day. For non-residents, the green fees are $5.00 on weekdays and $5.00 on weekends for the general public, they are $4.00 and $6.00. Electric cart rental is $7.00 and pull-cart rental is $1.00.

Ed's Program

Junior Golf

To encourage the youngsters of Mission Viejo and nearby communities to become fine young golfers, Mission Viejo Golf Club is instituting an extensive junior golf program with group lessons at nominal cost and tourneys. Interested persons should contact Bob Harritt or Ed Wampler at the club office, 837-9064.

Lessons Offered

Private lessons in the great game of golf are available at Mission Viejo Golf Club. Head professional Ed Wampler and his assistant, Bob Harritt, are scheduling times for these lessons. Interested players are invited to call the club office about arranging lessons.

Need Practice?

Two excellent practice facilities are provided at Mission Viejo Golf Club. There is a large practice range for driving, chipping, putting and approach shots, and a course demonstration. Program is open to youths 10 to 17.

LEARNING — Bob Harritt, assistant pro, left, explains fundamentals of golf as Byron Teter, right, demonstrates. It is part of annual junior golf program held during Summer Sessions cover use of clubs; grip, stance and swing; approach shots, putting and a course demonstration. Program is open to youths 10 to 17.

Magazine Devotes Issue To Mission Viejo Golf Club

A special 16-page section of the March issue of Orange County Illustrated, liberally decorated with both color and black-and-white photographs, was devoted to the rapidly-becoming-famous Mission Viejo Golf Club.

A spectacular colored photograph of the celebrated 18th green introduced the section to the magazine's readers. Below the picture was the headline: "Robert Trent Jones Designs Spectacular New Course To Exacting Standards of U. S. Open and PGA Play."

The publication called the Mission Viejo Golf Club an instant success "in the tradition of the 11,000-acre Mission Viejo planned community development."

National recognition was accorded the course in August, 1967, when Golf Digest featured the 18th hole in its "Spectacular Holes You Can Play" series.
Historic Moments in the Young Life of the M.V.G.C.

MISSION VIEJO GOLF CLUB

HOW TO GET TO MISSION VIEJO GOLF CLUB

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 clubhouse which can be seen from Montanoso.

1. COURSE OPENING — Mrs. Waldo Avery cuts the ribbon with the assistance of (from left) Tony Moiso, Waldo Avery, and Head Pro Ed Wampler.
2. FIRST FOURSOME — First golfer to tee off on opening day, March 1, 1967, was Elmo Moore of Orange, an employee of the Townsend Co. Playing along with him were (from left) two Navy men, Bill Ferrell and Doug Redman, and a fellow Townsend employee, Bill Laughlin.
3. FIRST TOURNAMENT — The first tournament was a press preview. Among the winners was Hayden Reece, who captured first place in the handicap division, received trophy from Assistant Pro Bob Harriott.
4. FIRST RESIDENTS' EVENT — Mission Viejo residents also received a free buffet provided by Mission Viejo Company.