Guide to the Palos Verdes Golf Club Collection 003

**Language of Material:** English

**Contributing Institution:** Palos Verdes Library District, Peninsula Center Library. Local History Center.

**Title:** Palos Verdes Golf Club Collection

**Source:** Morris, Robert

**Identifier/Call Number:** 003

**Physical Description:** 1 Cubic Feet2 letter document boxes, 1 oversize folder

**Date (inclusive):** 1948 - 2000

**Physical Location:** Local History Center

**Abstract:** Collection of newsletters, yearbooks, plans and redesigns for the golf course and hole #4, correspondence, and sales reports.

**Language of Material:** Materials entirely in English.

**Conditions Governing Access**

Open for research. Advance notice required for access. Contact the Local History Center for access information.

**Conditions Governing Use**

The collection is open for research use.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Biographical / Historical**

The Palos Verdes Golf Club was one of the amenities created by the Palos Verdes Project. It was an essential part of the Project’s strategy to attract buyers to the developing community of Palos Verdes Estates. The course opened for play on November 15, 1924 and was used primarily by residents of Palos Verdes Estates. The Club however was made available to property owners and non-residents during its early years.

The golf course was designed and built by noted California golf course architects, George Clifford Thomas, Jr and William P. Bell. The course overlooks Santa Monica Bay and has ocean views from several holes. The 213 acres of the course were landscaped by the well-known landscape architectural firm, Olmsted Brothers.

The two story, eleven room Mediterranean style clubhouse was designed by architect C.E. Howard. The clubhouse had locker rooms and showers for both men and women.

The Palos Verdes Golf Club was well-known among Los Angeles’ celebrities and elites of the 1920s and 1930s. The Golf Club hosted the Palos Verdes Open Invitational Golf Tournament in 1928.

The Palos Verdes Golf Club was originally the property of the Palos Verdes Homes Association. When the City of Palos Verdes Estates was established in 1939, the property and management of the Club was turned over to the City.

During World War II, the Palos Verdes Golf Club had difficulties with labor shortages and overcrowding. To address these difficulties, the Palos Verdes Estates City Council changed membership to a dues-based limited membership. The course remains semi-private with membership privileges extended to residents of Palos Verdes Estates first.

Bob Morris is a former Palos Verdes Golf Club Board Member and member of several committees including the Planning Committee, the Greens Committee and the Rules Committee.

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by folder title; thereunder chronologically, with undated materials filed after dated materials.

**Scope and Contents**


Collection also includes Master Improvement plans from 1989-1998; redesign plans for hole #4; Palos Verdes Golf Club Year Books from 1960-1985; Greens Committee charter, minutes, long range plans and reports; Clippings and histories; and Sales Department Reports from 1999-2000.

Correspondence includes letters and memos to and from Bob Morris from 1976-2008 about several iterations of a master plan regarding the development and maintenance of the golf course, memos to the Greens Committee, course changes, rules and game speed issues. Correspondence also includes maintenance evaluations, historical research and reading suggestions on golf.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
Donated by Bob Morris to the Palos Verdes Library District Local History Center in December 2009.

**Processing Information**
Processing and description by Stella Castillo.

**Accruals**
No further accrivals are expected.

**Related Materials**
Palos Verdes Bulletin https://www.palosverdeshistory.org/islandora/object/pvld:4048
Subject and Biographical Files, folder: Palos Verdes Golf Club.
Palos Verdes Homes Association Photo Collection Boxes 19 - 24

**Bibliography**
Dreizler, Carl and Prose, P.R. “Palos Verdes Golf Club: Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, 1924-1999.” Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. 1999. PVLD Call Number 796.35206 PALOS

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Courses, Golf
Golf
Golfing
Palos Verdes Golf Club (Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.)
Country Clubs--California--Palos Verdes Estates
Country clubs
Morris, Robert

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| Box 1 | The 1st Tee 1948 Feb 14 - 1948 May 22 |
| Box 1 | Barranca Newsletter 1956-1988; 1991; 1995 |
|       | Physical Description: 8 Folders |
| Box 2 | Bull-E-Ten 1952-1955 |
| Box 2 | Clippings and Histories 1924-1933; undated |
| Box 2 | Construction Schedule and Budget 2000 June - 2000 July |
| Box 2 | Correspondence 1976-2000; undated |
| Box 2 | Greens Committee 1996-1998 |
| Box 2 | Master Improvement Plan 1989-1998 |
| Box 2 | Palos Verdes Golf Club Yearbooks 1960-1985 |
|       | Physical Description: 4 Folders |
| Box 2 | Redesign hole #4 planning with maps 1992 March 06 |
| Box 2 | Sales Department Reports 1999 Nov - 2000 July |