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I take classes at Skyline College, one class a semester since 1994. Keeps the gray matter stirred up. Anyway, this spring I took San Francisco history. Of course, we had a term project to write. Because I knew very little about Sharp Park Golf Course history, I thought that would be a good topic, what with the trust, the clubhouse, and the course all being historic items. I stopped in at Kathleen Manning's Prints Old and Rare at Crespi Center to see if there were any old maps of the area. Kathleen asked me if I knew about the internment camp back there (click image above to enlarge). I had no idea that existed. I used to shoot back there at the range and I've shot at the archery range out there many times when my son was younger. Never a clue. I decided to add that to my report. Well, there is not much info out there so I knew it was going to take longer than I had for the class so I turned in a traditional report on the history of the area and the buildings. The internment camp intrigued me so I kept digging. Little by little, information would come up. Soon I started seeing the same info repeated, which usually means that what's out there, you have already, so write the report. I know there is more research to be done and I'm pushing to get more people on board. More people, more time, more information. Congresswoman Jackie Speier's office contacted the San Mateo Historical Society and introduced me to the director. I'm trying to connect with the chair to be placed on their agenda in September to make a small presentation and to ask them to write an official letter to the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department to let them know, if they

aren't already aware, that there is a historical site of interest to San Mateo County out there. I hope that at some point I can help secure a grant for someone to really study the site, map it, and catalog what's out there.

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