1974 Course Maintenance Survey

Only a third of our A & B members completed this survey, and for the most part this third represented those most in need of a comprehensive area survey.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of our membership doesn't see fit to disclose any club information even when they do not sign their name or the name of the country club.

Undoubtedly a great many of us will still derive many bits of useful information from this survey — I only wish I were able to send the results to only those members who sent in their survey sheets. For those of you who did not return your survey and find value of some of this information, I hope you will be the first to return future surveys in the years to come.

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1. Type of Operation – 39 Responses
   - Private Club: 24
   - Military: 2
   - Semi Private: 7
   - County or Public: 6

2. Acres of Maintained Grounds
   - Average: 183 acres
   - Average with each 36-hole course (5) counting as two separate courses: 170 acres

3. Other Sports Facilities Under Supervision
   - Tennis Courts: 11 Clubs
   - Paddle Tennis: 6 Clubs
   - Picnic and Recreation Areas: 6 Clubs
   - Model Homes: 1 Club
   - No Other Responsibilities: 20 Clubs

4. Average Superintendent Salary: $19,180.00
   - This figure reflects value of house ($4,000 per year) and transportation ($1,500 per year) when these benefits are offered.

5. Benefits
   - Health Insurance: 33
   - GCSAA & Meeting Transportation: 30
   - Expenses: 34
   - Meals: 17
   - Family Insurance: 19
   - Pension: 19
   - Life Insurance: 21
   - Annual Cost of: 22
     - Lodging: 12
     - Contract: 15
   - Living Increase: Average 3 weeks
   - Vacation: Average 3 weeks

6. Average Years Superintendent Employed
   - Present Job: 7 years
   - Previous Job: 5½ years

7. To Whom Superintendent Responsible
   - Greens Committee: 15
   - Park Director: 5
   - Manager: 7
   - Other: 7
   - President or V.P.: 5

8. Assistant’s Salary – 27 Responses (2 with houses)
   - Average: $10,467
   - High: $15,000
   - Low: $7,200

9. Foreman’s Salary – 26 Responses (3 with houses)
   - Average: $9,671

10. Mechanic’s Salary – 27 Responses
    - Average: $10,172
    - High: $12,300
    - Low: $7,000
    (Value of house not figured in above three figures.)

11. Hourly Wage Scale
    - Average Starting Wage: $2.54 per hour
    - Average High Wage: $4.15 per hour

12. Number of Men Employed
    - Full Time Average: 6 men
    - Summer Average: 11 men

BUDGET FIGURES (Average)
- Golf Course Maintenance, minus labor: $62,369.00
- Labor Budget: 74,393.00
- New Equipment and Machinery Budget: 9,244.00
- Repair of Equipment: 6,698.00
- Flower and Landscaping: 1,233.00

TYPE OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM
- Automatic: 11
- Semi-Automatic: 7
- Manual: 21

SOURCE OF WATER
- City and Pond: 4
- City Only: 7
- Pond or Well: 28

Average Annual Cost of Repair Parts: $986.00
(27 Responses)

Average Annual Cost of Labor for Repairs: $1,680.00
(22 Responses)

Average Age Automatic: 4 years old
Average Cost: $114,000.00
Average Age Semi-Automatic: 7 years old
Average Cost: $90,000.00
Average Age Manual: 16 years old
Average Cost: $68,000.00
Oldest Irrigation System: 28 years
Newest Irrigation System: 2 years (5 courses)