

# 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 of value 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		Lodging	12
Living Increase	22	Contract	15

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

High: \$14,352

Low: \$ 6,000

### 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 Only 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: \$66,000.00

Oldest Irrigation System: 28 years

Newest Irrigation System: 2 years (5 courses)