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Lone Tree Golf Course

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uring the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt the Works Progress Administration (WPA) build the first nine hole golf course in Antioch. At the time, the 3000 inhabitants of the industrial town were mainly employed by a paper mill and two canneries. It wasn't until the early 60's that a second nine holes was added. The back nine was built for a cost of \$50,000. This bargain ce was attained by a great

many city workers and local golfers putting in volunteer

hours picking rocks, discing fairways, and raking out sand for the greens. Recently, several greens have been redesigned by Neal Meagher of Robert Muir Graves Ltd. adding a modern look to the course.

The course was operated by the City of Antioch until 1981. At this time the course needed to make major improvements to the water and sewer systems. Rather than take the money for the needed improvements from the voters, the city decided to turn over operation of the golf course to a nonprofit corporation made up of local golfers. The nonprofit corporation changed the name of the golf course to Lone Tree to distinguish itself from the city. The corporation had many lean years covering general golf course expenses and loan payments for the water and sewer lines. However, the nonprofit situation allowed the profits to stay in the golf course and when the population and business started booming in the mid 80's the

course had the opportunity to improve the course as the funds became available. In the last six years the course has added a Rain Bird Maxi Irrigation System, concrete cart paths, renovation of most tees, fairways and roughs, a remodeled driving range, and a new maintenance area. Lone Tree Golf Course is open to the public and does 90,000 rounds per year. The course measures 6,145 white and 6,481 blue with 119 and 122 the respective slopes.

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