

Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (day and night), \$1.00.

No complaint has been registered against the charges and from the volume of play it seems that the customers agree that the charges are correct. Possibly one reason why the folks have put their O.K. on the prices is the thoughtful distribution of an explanatory card to all players registering at the course. Under the heading, "What would you charge?" some figures on the operation are given. The data run:

INVESTMENT

<i>Land value</i> .....	\$100,000.00
<i>Course construction</i> .....	10,000.00
<i>Bent grass</i> .....	2,000.00
<i>Electrical installation</i> .....	32,000.00
<i>House, equipment and hedge</i> ...	8,000.00
<i>Underground water system</i> .....	2,000.00
<i>Mowing equipment, etc.</i> .....	2,000.00
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	\$156,000.00

YEARLY MAINTENANCE

<i>Course labor and material</i> .....	\$ 10,000.00
<i>Electricity</i> .....	3,000.00
<i>Lamp replacements</i> .....	600.00
<i>House labor</i> .....	2,500.00
<i>Insurance and taxes</i> .....	1,200.00
<i>Water</i> .....	300.00
<i>4% interest on investment</i> .....	6,240.00
<i>10% depreciation on equipment</i> ..	4,260.00
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	\$ 28,100.00

<i>Maximum capacity players per hour</i> ...	36
<i>Possible players per day, average</i> .....	200
<i>Maximum number playing days</i> .....	150
<i>This course was built for golf players who wish to improve their "game" and lower their scores. It is not a cheap novelty amusement park.</i>	

Figures Show Big Field for Golf Competitive Events

RECENT SURVEY of municipal playground activities made by the National Recreation association reported 241,766 players in baseball teams competing in reported playground league games during 1930. A gross participation of 7,520,000 was recorded at the reporting municipal golf courses during the same period. Baseball was foremost in popularity among municipal league sports, with playground ball coming second. All sports reported showed an increase over 1929.

The figures necessarily were far short of indicating the vast use of municipal sport facilities due to the usual failure of municipalities to report. However, the

data show a field for more competitive events on the municipal golf course schedules. The baseball leagues indicate that league matches between various golf teams would contribute further zest to the use of the public courses.

Unfortunately many of the municipal golf courses do not have pro services although the cost of competent pro service, when shop concessions are granted, would not mean an expense to the community other than some nominal guarantee that would be fully warranted by the pro's work as a member of the staff of the municipal playground director. Get live pros on these municipal courses and tournament schedules will spring up in a way that is certain to give the tax-paying golfers more interest and pleasure from their pastiming.

In the majority of cases the municipal golf courses not only are self-supporting but return surpluses that may go for improvements or justify the removal of the public property from the tax lists. In some cases the surplus has served to rather speedily amortize the cost of the land and course construction costs. Just why golf should be the one municipal play activity expected to support itself is a question that has not been satisfactorily answered.

The National Recreation association has done excellent work in advancing municipal golf and it is to be hoped that the association will extend its efforts to see what substantial benefits a competent and active professional brings to a public course and its players. The association issues a helpful book on municipal golf course operation which may be secured by writing the organization at 315 Fourth avenue, New York City, and enclosing 50 cents.

U. S. G. A. Pushes Play by Rules with New Book

RULES of golf as approved by the R. & A. and amended by the U. S. G. A., together with special rules for various competitions and interpretations of the rules by the U. S. G. A. and R. & A. have been issued in 1931 form by the United States Golf Association, 110 E. 42nd St., New York. The booklet consists of 80 pages and a substantial cover and is bound in small size for convenient carrying in the pocket or golf bag. The price of the booklet in quantities of 1 to 25 is 10c each, with the prices scaled down to sell at 8½c each.