

# MUNI COURSE STATISTICS

**F**OLLOWING data on municipal course operations was secured by Harry F. O'Hare, Chicago Parks District, in response to a questionnaire. GOLF-DOM acknowledges with thanks this opportunity to pass along the information because it answers about 200 letters from municipal and privately-owned fee course officials that we receive every year.

Forest Preserve District of Cook Co., Ill. Jno. J. Crowe, Asst. Comptroller. Operates five courses—one 9-hole and four 18-hole. Billy Caldwell (9-hole) fee is 25c for 9-holes and 50c on Saturday, P. M., Sundays and holidays. The 18-hole courses 50c for 18-holes, 75c on Saturday, P. M., Sundays and holidays. No season memberships sold. Attendance, 1937: Edgebrook, 47,252; Caldwell, 67,347; Palos, 8,098; Northwestern, 29,298; Indian Boundary, 38,807—total, 190,802.

Alton (Ill.) Muni. Golf Course. R. J. Foval, Supt. of Recr. 25c for 9-holes and 50c for 18-holes. Season tickets: \$18 for one person; \$25, man and wife; \$10 ministers; \$10 juniors (12 to 16 years). Play last year was 27,309.

Bonnie Brook Golf Course, Waukegan, Ill. Rates: Week days: 25c for 9-holes; 50c for 18; 75c for all day. Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 50c for 9-holes; 75c for 18; \$1.00 all day. Control 9-hole play by selling 18-hole ticket and refunding a quarter if only 9-holes are played. Ticket is time stamped out and if brought back in a reasonable time (about 1½ hrs.) make the refund. Make reservations for Sunday mornings, one each 15 minutes. Reservations are taken any time after Wednesday noon. Last season played 30,000 rounds, running about 200 week-days and 350 on Sundays.

City of Detroit. Chas. V. McGrath, Supt. of Public Service Enterprises. 5 courses. 25c for each 9-holes played. All day rate of 75c at two of the courses, 18-hole layouts. 9-hole play not provided for at these two courses, the fees prevailing are 50c for 18-holes or less and an additional 25c for 19-holes or more. One of the remaining courses has 9-holes only; the other two being "divided nines." On latter, either 9- or 18-hole play is offered. No season or monthly rates. No reservations.

Starting periods 5 minutes apart. For 1937, 18-hole rounds, 203,262. Actually the 18-hole courses had 72,942 registrations, while the three others had 240,640, these being all for 9-hole rounds.

City of Cincinnati, Tam Deering, director. Season membership, Avon Field: men, resident, \$20, non-res., \$25; women, resident, \$15, non-res., \$18.75. Green-fees, 18-hole, Avon Field: week-day, 50c; Sat., Sun. and Hol., 75c; after 5 p. m. week-days, 35c; high-school students (limited hours), 15c. Green-fees, 18-hole, California: week-days, 35c; Sat., Sun. and Hol., 50c; high-school students, 15c. For 1937 season, 44,400 players at these 2 courses, of which 14,800 rented golf clubs.

Forest Park Golf Club, St. Louis, Mo. John Griffin, Secy-Treas. 2 muni courses in St. Louis—1-18 and 1-9. 18-hole course is 50c a round—9-hole is 25c a round. \$10 season permit good on either course on week-days only; on Saturday, Sunday and holidays fees charged. Fiscal year from April 1 to April 1. Thus far this year 26,730 have played the 18 holes at 50c and 54,000 played the 9-holes at 25c. 165 annual permit sales have been made at \$10. They played 75 times each, as an average. 1937 figures: 18-hole, 26,730 rounds; 9-hole, 54,000; annual, 12,375; total rounds, 93,105.

Toledo, Ohio, Harry L. Moffitt, Ottawa Park, 18-holes. Bay View, 15-holes (3 being constructed). Collins Park, 9-holes. 25c for 18-holes or less, no season rates. Reserve 48 hours in advance for Sat., Sun. and holidays at Ottawa Park, starting a foursome every 5 minutes. Save every 4th starting period, holding the time at the even hour, twenty after and twenty of the hour for players coming without reservations. Green-fees collected at time of reserving starting time; no refund for failure of players to show up, although player may play later same day. Do not limit reservations to foursomes, but fill in

reservations to complete the foursome. At Bay View course, phone reservations are accepted to induce players to play there; so far play at Collins Park has not justified reservations—it's a new course.

Rockford, Ill., H. E. Folgate, Secy. Operate three muni courses, two 18-holes and one nine. Charge 50c on 18-hole courses and 25c on 9. For residents of district provide a \$4 season permit for adults and \$1 permit for children under 15 years of age. Number of rounds played at each course in 1937: Ingersoll (18-hole), 30,714; Sandy Hollow (18-hole), 36,141; Smississippi (9-hole), 41,003; total rounds, 107,858.

Galloping Hill Golf Course, Elizabeth, N. J.; F. S. Mathewson, Sup. of Recr. 27-hole course. Season tickets at \$25 issued only to Union County residents. Fees for the day are: Weekdays: county players, 50c; out-of-county players, \$1; Sat., Sun. and holidays, \$1. Out of county players—Saturdays, \$2. Sundays and holidays (before 12 noon), \$3. Sun. and holidays (afternoon), \$2.

Grand Rapids, Mich.; Floyd L. Metcalf, Mgr. Muni Courses. Operating two 9 and two 18-hole golf courses. Fee at 9 is: 10c for one round (9 holes) or 15c for two rounds (18 holes). 18-hole course fee is: 9 holes, 35c; 18 holes, 50c; all day, 75c. Also special ticket for \$5 enabling player to play 15 18-hole rounds.

Joliet (Ill.) Park District; F. Heggie, Commissioner. Operate two 18-hole courses (Woodruff and Inwood). Do not have a 9-hole charge. Regular price is 50c on week-days; play as many holes as they like. On Sunday charge is 50c for 18 holes. Student rate of 25c, except Saturday, Sunday and holidays. People coming from outside district, charge is 75c on

It's now 'Grandma' Irene Blakeman at the national PGA office in Chicago. Mrs. Blakeman's daughter, Alberta, who was employed in the national office before her marriage, and her husband, Thomas Donald Robertson, proudly announce the arrival of Thomas, Jr., who made his initial appearance on the first day of September. Both mother and son are progressing nicely.

The Robertsons are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends in pro golf, and Mrs. Blakeman thinks it's just 'grand', because hereafter, by popular acclaim, she will be known as 'Grandma' Blakeman instead of 'Mamma' Blakeman.

Saturday and \$1.00 on Sunday. No season tickets. Courses jointly netted profit of \$680.08 for 1937 season. Woodruff course made money; Inwood lost money, as it does not get as much out-of-town play as the Woodruff side.

Pleasure Driveway & Park District, Springfield, Ill.; Edw. L. Conlon, Secy. Operates two 9-hole courses; one 18-hole course. Charge 25c for 9 holes on one course, 20c for 9 holes on the other. 40c on 18-hole course. No season tickets. Do not reserve time in advance. Last season receipts about 17% greater than previous year, because of favorable weather and a pro promoting tournaments and offering free instruction to groups 2 mornings each week.

Youngstown (Ohio) Township Park District; A. E. Davies, Supt., Mill Creek Park. 36-hole course. 9 holes, 45c; 18 holes, 80c; 36 holes, \$1.35; season ticket, \$35. There were 15,608 9-hole tickets, 10,635 18-hole tickets and 2,842 36-hole tickets sold in 1937. Send out a foursome every 5 minutes; reservations by telephone (if preferred) made one day in advance.

New Haven, Conn.; Harold Doheny, Supervisor. Fees are: 9 holes, 35c; 18 holes 75c. Season tickets, \$15, sold only to New Haven residents, entitling one to play unlimited during the season. No reservations made. In 1937, 227 men's season tickets sold, 23 ladies' tickets. Season ticket players numbered 15,043. 18-hole tickets, 4,376; 9-hole tickets, 3,344—total players, 52,763. Send out a foursome every five minutes when rush is on. Other times permit singles, 2-somes and 3-somes.

Pleasure Driveway & Park District, Peoria, Ill.; E. L. Peterson, Secy. 3 muni courses. Charge 35c per round for 18 holes at two of the courses and 25c round of 18 holes at one course. Madison Park received heaviest play, being an easy course and attracting beginners, ladies and older people. Also, the charge there is only 25c. 1937 play: Newman Park, 21,000; Madison Park, 41,000; North Moor, 30,000.

Lincoln Park Golf Club, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Jack Oliver, Book-keeper. 9-hole tickets issued after 4, 25c; 18-hole rates are 50c, entitling player to play all day. Monthly tickets, \$5; annual tickets, \$20; additional \$5 charge for locker service. No reservations. Total rounds last year, 10,207; played by approximately 250 members.



This is the eighth green of the new Du Pont CC at Wilmington, Del., designed by Emmet, Emmet and Tull for the employees of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. The course is 6,260 yds. with 72 par. Every foot of the ground was plowed, harrowed, fertilized and seeded so the after-business-hour golfers would have good turf everywhere on their course.

J. Edward Good Park Golf Course, Akron, Ohio; Charles A. Burns, Mgr. Rates: 75c, 18 holes. 45c, 9 holes. \$1 (unlimited play)—on week-days and Saturdays. Sundays and holidays: \$1, 18 holes; 60c, 9 holes; \$1.50, unlimited play. Season tickets, \$20.60 cash in advance, or \$25.50 on a deferred payment plan. Growing tendency toward season tickets due to attractive prices; expect to restrict them eventually. Also have a women's and children's ticket for \$17, with holiday and week-end restrictions. 14,643 green-fee tickets sold in 1937 for a total of \$9,474.76, and 120 season tickets produced \$2,647.35. Average green-fee is about 65c and average cost of season ticket holder's round of golf is less than 15c. Course operated on a self-sustaining basis; receives no tax monies whatsoever.

El Paso, Tex.; A. S. Valdespino, Mgr. Muni. Golf Course: Sell 25c tickets on Mondays and Fridays good for 18 holes, on Tuesdays 25c ticket to women likewise good for 18 holes. Sell 25c ticket good for 9 holes on all days except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before 8 a. m. and in late afternoon. Balance of time fee is 55c, good for all day. Issue no season tickets. 27-holes, all in grass. Yearly play around 30,000. Maintenance budget \$11,000 for the year; revenue exceeds expenditures. Item for water represents 30% of total expenditures. Course open year round.

Norfolk, Va.; F. G. Bingham, Supt., Ocean View Golf Course. Charges: Week-days: 18 holes, 60c; 9 holes, 30c; women, 18 holes, 50; 9 holes, 25. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: 18 holes, 75; 9 holes, 40c; women, same, except Saturday morning to 1 p. m., 25c, 9 holes. Sell 30-day ticket

for unlimited play any day, for \$5; not transferable.

Cobb's Creek Golf Course, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. T. Clegg, Supt. Season charge \$15—locker charge of \$5. Daily fee, 50c with privilege of playing all day on either course (Cobbs Creek and Karakung). No reservations. Had 66,813 players last season.

Pasadena, Calif.; Park Supt., W. Nicholas. 9-hole course, 35c for 9 holes, or 50c for the day. 18-hole course charge is \$1 per day, except before 8 a. m. weekdays and after 2:30 p. m. for 50c. Also have permit for \$5, which is not good after 11 a.m. on Sat. or before 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Opposes the ticket idea, but must operate in that manner because of competition. Make reservations two or three weeks in advance, reserving every five minutes. 80,000 rounds of golf played on the nine and 18-hole courses last year. Annual water bill, \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Lansing, Mich.; H. Lee Bancroft, Supt. Operate three golf courses: one 18-hole at 50c; 1937 attendance 17,929; one 9-hole at 25c; 1937 attendance 22,836; one 9-hole at 20c; 1937 attendance 10,066. Total rounds, 50,831. No reservations. Price on 18-hole course cut in half at twilight for those who cannot complete 18-holes before dark. Play was cut because of flood which covered two courses in month of June.

New York City Dept. of Parks; Victor J. Jenkins, Supervisor Park Operations. Operates 10 regulation golf courses. Season and daily permits sold. \$3 junior permit sold to boys or girls under 16 entitles them to play from Monday to Fridays, holidays excluded. \$5 permit sold to adults

for use on week days from Monday to Friday, holidays excluded. \$10 permit entitles holder to use it any day of the week. These permits may be used on any of the 10 golf courses under jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. Also issue daily permits for 75c on week days and \$1 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Foursome sent out every 5 minutes. Reservations permitted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for every 4th foursome. Reservation list is opened to public one week in advance, and a fee of \$1 per foursome is charged for this privilege.

Community Country Club, Dayton, Ohio. Operates three 18-hole municipal courses. 2 of them located at Community Country Club in Hills and Dales Park; other 18-hole course is at Fairmount Park, and known as Fairmount Golf Course. Week-day rates are 55c at Community and Fairmount. Sat., Sun. and holiday rate is 80c at Community C. C., at Fairmount \$1. These fees are for the entire day. Yearly season tickets for men at Community C. C. are \$12.40. At Fairmount \$20.65; Women's season tickets \$8.25 at Community and \$12.40 at Fairmount. Juvenile season tickets, includes 18 years or under, at Community are \$5.15; at Fairmount \$10.35. There were 18,598 daily tickets issued at the Community C. C., and 3,132 at Fairmount. There were 1,075 season tickets issued at Community and 428 at Fairmount. Roughly estimating, 75,000 to 80,000 rounds of golf played at Community and about 24,000 to 25,000 at Fairmount.

Board of Park Commissioners, Wichita, Kans.; Alfred MacDonald, Director. Sim Park Municipal Course—25c week days; 35c Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. These fees entitle player to play all day. Season tickets are \$15 for 12 months' play. Can be bought on installments. Reservations 15 minutes apart, one week in advance. Players started at 5 minute intervals, so between the 15 minute reservations, 2 groups may start. Play last year, 48,000.

San Francisco; Joseph Hickey, Mgr. Three 18-hole courses. Charge \$3 for monthly ticket which can be used for one round of golf on any day or every day. Daily ticket is 75c for one round of golf, while the charge is \$1 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. No season tickets issued. These rates are for Harding and Sharp Park golf courses. Charges on Lincoln Park course, \$2 for monthly ticket,

50c week-days, with 75c charge Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Have an advance sign-up, charging 25c per person for the service. Do not sell tickets for 9-holes and do not make concessions in case of tournaments. Holders of monthly tickets are charged a fee of 25c for an extra round of golf on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Sycamore, Ill., Park District; F. R. Henrekin, Secy-Treas. An 18-hole course. Charge 25c to persons living in Park District and 50c week-days, 75c Sundays and holidays to persons living outside Park District. Residents can secure season ticket for \$6; husband and wife, \$9. Persons living outside District: \$10 for season ticket, or husband and wife, \$15.

Bobby Jones Golf Club, Sarasota, Fla.; George R. Jacobus, Mgr. Charge \$1 green-fee per day. Player may play as many rounds as he wishes. No other rate. Do not sell season tickets, but yearly memberships. For man and wife, charge is \$55 for year; for man alone \$40; for woman alone \$25. May play as often during year as they wish. Winter visitors pay same amount for their memberships. No starting times. First come, first served. During the season, average about 200 players each day.

Tulsa, Okla.; O. A. Zeigler, Supt. Park Commissioners. Charges: 50c week-days, 75c Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Fee includes all day. Yearly membership sells for \$35, family membership \$50.

Board of Park Commissioners, Minneapolis.

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| Sat. (after 12M)                       |               |               |        |                  |               |
| Sun. and hol.                          | .50           | .60           | .60    | .75              | .75           |
| Week days<br>(after<br>8:30 a. m.)     | .40           | .45           | .50    | .50              | .50           |
| Week days<br>(to 8:30 a.m.)            | .35           | .35           | .40    | .40              | .40           |
| Evening rates                          | .30           | .30           | .35    | .35              | .35           |
| Tourney rate,<br>weekday<br>afternoons | .30           | .30           | .35    | .35              | .35           |
| Season tickets                         | \$16          | \$18          | \$20   | \$24             | \$24          |

Ten-round tickets 4.00 4.80 4.80 6.00 6.00

Saturday morning—same rates as on week-day afternoons. If any golf course for which season tickets have been purchased should be closed in mid-season, purchaser entitled to pro-rata refund of purchase price.