(per cent of response, all course types combined)



#### ANNUAL MANAGERS' SALARIES

Salary ranges	Private				Semi-private			Hotel/Resort			Public		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	
Under \$7,500	6.6%	12.4%	6.0%	31.7%	28.3%	32.4%		16.7%	25.0%	57.1%	48.6%	14.3%	
\$7,501-\$10,000	8.1%	4.3%	4.8%	22.2%	20.0%	11.7%	44.4%	25.0%	12.5%		5.4%	14.3%	
\$10,001-\$12,500	12.3%	11.6%	8.0%	19.0%	11.7%	18.2%	11.1%	16.7%	12.5%	42.9%	24.3%	25.7%	
\$12,501-\$15,000	19.0%	12.5%	14.8%	9.5%	15.0%	13.0%	33.3%	16.7%	0%		8.1%	20.0%	
\$15,501-\$20,000	29.4%	27.0%	24.4%	11.1%	18.3%	13.0%		25.0%	25.0%	_*	8.1%	17.1%	
\$20,001-\$25,000	17.5%	20.2%	20.0%	3.2%	5.0%	5.2%			12.5%	_*	5.4%	5.7%	
\$25,000 plus	7.1%	12.0%	22.0%	3.2%	1.7%	6.5%	11.1%		12.5%			2.9%	

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For example, in 1973 the national total revenue from golf car rentals jumped 62.5 per cent over last year's percentage, to almost \$697 million from \$428.7 million, while the average fleet size increased from 33 cars in 1972 to 35 cars in 1973—a 6.1 per cent increase. Considering the investment represented by this fleet growth versus the total income, golf clubs again came out ahead in 1973.

Only semi-private courses noted a slight decrease in average revenue from golf car rentals. The other course types registered hefty increases. Private and public courses in 1973 more than doubled their average takes over 1972; hotel/resort courses almost doubled their average.

With the exception of public courses, all course types increased their fleet sizes in 1973 and without exception predict further increases in 1974. The growth estimate averages 40 cars per fleet. This figure, if past experience holds true, may be slightly exaggerated. The actual average in 1974 is likely to be 37 or 38 golf cars.

Some 90 per cent of the managers in 1973 said their courses operated golf car fleets, as opposed to a little more than 86 per cent in 1972.

Projecting the 1973 percentage to the approximately 9,640 regulation facilities in the country, it may be estimated that 8,676 maintain golf car fleets. An average of 35 cars per fleet brings the total number of golf cars at regulation facilities in the United States to 303,660. On top of the predicted buildup in 1974 of existing fleets, some 35 per cent of the managers



whose courses did not have fleets, reported that their clubs planned to acquire golf cars in the near future.

What was the golf professional's share of the golf car prosperity in 1973? Over-all, about the same percentage of professionals in 1973 (77.7 per cent) participated in golf car revenue as in 1972 (76.2 per cent). There was little change also in the percentage of revenue retained by the professional. The greatest percentage of professionals retain under 25 per cent and the next largest group (21 per cent) take 100 per cent of the golf car revenue. That means, as far as most professionals are concerned, golf car revenue has become an "all or almost nothing at all" proposition.

#### **GOLF CAR TABLES AND GRAPHS**

#### Gross revenue from car rentals

		professionals	
Average	 	 	 44

Pros par	ticipating in car revenue46	
Sizes of	golf car fleets	
Average		
Over-all	average	
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#### AVERAGE GROSS REVENUE FROM GOLF CAR RENTALS\*

Type of course	Average per facility
Private	
1971	\$ 42,800
1972	\$ 62,800
1973	\$117,200
Semi-private	
1971	\$ 27,800
1972	\$ 56,500
1973	\$ 55,700
Hotel/Resort	
1971	\$ 65,700
1972	\$ 31,400
1973	\$ 61,800
Public	
1971	\$ 9,500
1972	\$ 19,700
1973	\$ 43,300



PERCENTAGE OF PRO RESPONDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN GOLF CAR REVENUE\*





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#### PERCENTAGE OF GROSS GOLF CAR REVENUE RETAINED BY PROS WHO PARTICIPATE\*

Retain 100% of revenue		Retain 75%-99% of revenue		Retain 50%-74% of revenue		Retain 25%-49% of revenue		Retain under 25% of revenue	
1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
28%	18%	6%	13%	6%	11%	15%	15%	45%	43%
18%	22%	2%	4%	7%	16%	15%	8%	58%	49%
10%	0%	0%	0%	20%	25%	10%	0%	60%	75%
34%	30%	11%	20%	22%	7%	11%	13%	22%	30%
25%	21%	5%	12%	8%	12%	15%	13%	47%	43%
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\*Figures entered indicate percentage of respondents for each course type

#### AVERAGE SIZES OF GOLF CAR FLEETS

Type of course	Average per facility
Private	
1971	33
1972	36
1973	37
Estimate 1974	42
Semi-private	
1971	24
1972	27
1973	30
Estimate 1974	34
Hotel/Resort	¥
1971	45
1972	36
1973	54
Estimate 1974	59
Public	
1971	20
1972	21
1973	20
Estimate 1974	25

\*Variance from the average in the case of an individual fleet could be accounted for by two factors: number of holes and size of the membership or amount of player traffic.



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# AFTER THE ROUND ...

the golfer likes to slip into a sport jacket or blazer that has color and style. For golf shops that do a volume slack business, the sport jacket is a natural. One complements the other in building sales. Golf professionals who do not carry sport jackets should take a hard look at this big ticket profit area. And the view is good for '74, with a great selection of imaginative designs that permits the golfer to display his individuality.

by DICK FARLEY FASHION DIRECTOR



Bill's navy leisure jacket (left) is 100% polyester, about \$36 by E.J. MANLEY. Mac's patch madras jacket (right) of 100% cotton is by CRICKETEER, about \$75. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JERRY ABRAMOWITZ

Bill (left) wears a yellow and white houndstooth sport jacket of 100% texturized polyester, about \$100 by IZOD. Suzanne is attired in a lemon/ orange/white giant plaid blazer of 100% Dacron polyester doubleknit, about \$56 by HAYMAKER. Mac's sport jacket (right) is a red and blue plaid on white ground of 100% texturized polyester, about \$90 from John Weitz by PALM BEACH.

# AFTER THE ROUND ...

Mac (left) is wearing pink and white Mac (left) is wearing pink and white pincord safari suit of 65% polyester/35% cotton, about \$90 by BARACUTA. Susanne's white cord blazer with patch pockets is Trevira polyester knit, about \$70 by HADLEY. Bill's claret plaid sport coat (right) is 100% polyester, about \$100 by Bernhard Altmann for SPAL DINC SPALDING.

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Mac's flag red sport jacket (left) is 100% polyester gabardine, by JANTZEN, about \$70. Susanne's blazer is a tan batik print of 100% cotton, about \$56 by EVAN-PICONE. Bill's California look (right) by VARELA in blue and white is 100% virgin wool, about \$225.

Bill (left) wears a burgundy and gray plaid linen weave sport jacket of 100% texturized polyester, about \$115 by ESQUIRE. Mac (right) has a solid green traditional blazer in 50% polyester-50% cotton, about \$65 by AUSTIN HILL.



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#### GET READY FOR THE '74 SEASON

I can't think of a better use for February than as a time of preparation for the upcoming golf season, now, more than ever, necessary because of the present inflation and the possibility of a recession.

The most reliable way of getting ready for anything is to plan for it thoroughly. I know we've beaten this subject into the ground, but there is no way to overemphasize the necessity of performing this vital management function. Planning doesn't have to be a tiresome, burdensome task. You can make it simple or complex, as long as your method is logical. Make sure the plan fits. Make sure to change when change is necessary.

Sort out the more specific functions of the golf shop and concentrate on one function at a time.

Start with fundamentals. What are your plans for the 1974 teaching program? Any new thoughts? Or are you going to "do what you did last year?" You know that your ability to teach golf is the major criterion upon which your professionalism is based. If your teaching skills deteriorate, nothing separates you from the crowd. Think of teaching golf as a product. It is sold like anything else in the shop. People get tired of the same old thing year in and year out. Do some thinking and revitalize your teaching program, eliminating that arch-villain called "sameness."

Next, look at the general operation of the golf shop. Ask yourself how you can make it click better this year than last. Study all its functions, from taking starting times to selling merchandise. See if there are any holes in the operation and patch them up with solid foundation-type planning.

A million words have been written on planning for your merchandise program. People far more qualified than I have given you countless merchandising tips, ideas and plans. The only comment pertinent to this discussion is continued on page 76



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"So far I am happy with the clubs as they seem to help you keep the ball in play better. Club pro suggested I try them." W. H. Sorrells, Jacksonville, Florida

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"Clubs hit farther and straighter than old clubs. Offset helps put hands in front of ball." F. Owen Parks, San Saba, Texas

F. Owen Parks, San Saba, Texas "I have played 36 holes with my new clubs and already my scores are coming down by as much as 10 strokes (mid to low 80's). I find that the club head really moves through the ball and I am getting more distance than before using the same numbered iron. They were the best feeling clubs of the three to four sets I tried out on the practice tee. They gave me more confidence with my shots, especially on the tee." John L. Thornburgh, Ft. Pierce, Florida "I enjoy using these clubs and I can hit the ball better with them than any set of clubs I have used in the past, also scoring better. I believe they are different and better than any clubs I have seen in any golf shop around here." I. C. Schorr, Bluefield, West Virginia

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John W. Harris, Burley, Idaho ''I have only been using your product for a short while and have dropped several strokes off my game. I don't know if it's the clubs but things seem a little simpler now. Thanks.'' Merrill Warner, Sumter, South Carolina ''I immediately went to the practice range with the new clubs. The most striking difference from my old clubs was that I got 10 to 20 yards more distance over my old weapons of the same club number when the swing was right. For any sport I want the best equipment. I looked at just about every make of top grade irons and picked FTD because of offset heads and stainless steel.'' James O. Covington, New Smyrna Beach, Florida

"Great clubs because my long iron slice seems to have disappeared." Fred H. Lindstrom, Bradenton, Florida

Fred H. Lindstrom, Bradenton, Florida "Great set of clubs. Best on the market." Phil Losito, Auburn, New York "I am a 12 handicapper. My first round with new clubs I scored an 82, second round an 80. Really am pleased with the set. Certain I will break below 80 before long. Tried several and found that First Flight worked the best for me. The irons are especially to my liking. They really have helped my short game. P.S.: Since my original note above, I've had a 78-79-76 at my course." Elmer Bertossa, Bettendorf, Iowa

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Pro shop sales recovered from the sluggishness caused by uncooperative weather conditions at the start of the 1973 season, rallying sufficiently to score a 6.5 per cent increase over 1972. The long period of ideal fall weather throughout most of the country saved the season for professionals. Sales totaled \$290.5 million, the highest level since GOLFDOM began surveying the industry six years ago.

However, it should be noted that a portion of the increase in retail dollar volume reflects the higher prices professionals paid for much of their merchandise in 1973.

As was forecast last year, the "equipment revolution," with all its new ideas and innovations, brought renewed consumer interest that showed up in tallies of 1973 pro shop sales. Sales of irons jumped to \$48.5 million for a 25.3 per cent gain over 1972, and sales of woods increased 17 per cent to \$31 million. In the other club categories, sales of utility clubs had a hefty 31 per cent gain and putters followed the 1973 pattern with a 23.4 per cent increase. Nationally, there was a 22.4 per cent increase in sales of all four club categories combined, establishing a new high of more than \$89 million.

The significant increase in sales of irons was predictable. As reported last year, clubs with investment cast heads accounted for 26.5 per cent of iron sales in 1972 —and this was with relatively few on the market at that time. In 1973, with the majority of the manufacturers offering investment cast heads, these clubs took almost 44 per cent of the total iron sales.

Of course, the innovation that everyone will be watching in 1974 is graphite. There was only a smattering of these clubs on the market in 1973. These accounted for only 1.7 per cent of the total club sales. But with new graphite offerings and greater production slated, 1974 will be the year that determines graphite's place in the market.

Among individual merchandise categories, golf balls continued to lead the pack, accounting for more



than 21 per cent of the total pro shop dollar volume, with \$61.4 million in sales.

In the soft goods area, men's wear moved far better than women's, bearing out reports from professionals last summer of a sluggish women's market. Sales of men's apparel increased a little more than 16 per cent to \$34.5 million. Whereas, on the distaff side, sales went up nationally only 1 per cent to \$29.4 million, and very likely this modest gain was negated by the higher wholesale prices for many apparael items.

Professionals made a significant gain on the teaching side of their business—more than a 52 per cent increase to \$18.1 million. The extended season that many professionals got from the mild fall weather may have accounted for some of this. But another portion of the gain probably should be credited to the drastic changes many professionals have made in their teaching programs. Basically, the emphasis has been on how to give a more valuable lesson in a shorter period of time. In addition, many professionals have been trying to take the monotony out of a lesson and make it a more exhilarating experience for the student. It is apparent that this re-thinking is paying off.

There was some upward mobility in net income noted in 1974. Modest gains were made in the net income ranges between \$12,501 and \$25,000. (See page 63 for statistics on pro income from tennis merchandise and page 44 for information on pro income from golf car rentals.)  $\Box$ 

#### PROFESSIONALS' TABLES AND GRAPHS

#### Professionals' net income

Each course type 50	)
All course types 50	)
Gross pro shop sales	
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Income from golf lessons	
Average and national totals 58	3
National grand totals58	3

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Average and national totals	59
National grand totals	59
Income from driving ranges	
Average and national totals	59
National grand totals	59

#### ESTIMATE OF NET PRO INCOME\* (per cent of response in each course type)

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Income ranges	Private		Semi-	Semi-private		Hotel/Resort		blic
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
Under \$5,000	17.1%	9.3%	26.4%	17.8%	5.9%	9.1%	11.4%	18.9%
\$5,001-\$7,500	6.1%	6.3%	16.7%	12.3%	41.1%	9.1%	8.6%	1.9%
\$7,501-\$10,000	11.0%	10.7%	18.0%	9.6%	0%	18.2%	22.8%	18.9%
\$10,001-\$12,500	22.7%	13.7%	5.6%	12.3%	11.8%	18.2%	25.7%	18.9%
\$12,501-\$15,000	12.7%	17.6%	11.1%	15.0%	0%	0%	14.3%	15.1%
\$15,001-\$20,000	14.4%	20.9%	11.1%	19.2%	11.8%	9.1%	11.4%	11.3%
\$20,001-\$25,000	6.6%	12.2%	4.2%	6.9%	5.9%	27.2%	2.9%	7.5%
\$25,000 plus	9.4%	9.3%	6.9%	6.9%	23.5%	9.1%	2.9%	7.5%
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\*After cost, payroll and other operational expenses



Notes: This golf professional study club facilities. does not include non-regulation facilities (par-three, executive, etc.), because the number of such facilities with complete pro shop operations, handling all categories of merchandise and carrying out all functions covered here, are few. Therefore, when the article refers to pro shops at United States golf facilities, we mean pro shops at regulation golf facilities only.

entire golf establishment. A club with two or more courses is considered to be one golf facility, because the courses are under the same management and ity owned and operated by a hotel or with national grand totals as these are share pro shop, clubhouse and other resort and public as a municipal course the sums of unrounded figures.

Not all regulation golf facilities have pro shops. Based on its own figures and those of the major golf equipment manufacturers, GOLFDOM estimates that there are more than 8,500 pro shops at regulation golf facilities. This figure, for purposes of giving national totals, has been broken down by type of course as follows: private club pro shops; semiprivate club pro shops; hotel/resort The term golf facility refers to an course pro shops and public pro shops.

For the survey, GOLFDOM has defined semi-private as a privately-owned, dollars. Therefore, rounded national daily fee facility; hotel/resort as a facil- totals, when added, may not agree

or any other facility that does not represent private interests.

In some cases averages for 1971 and 1972 and 1972 and 1973 are the same. but national projections are different. This is indicative of the growth in the number of golf facilities.

Figures in the millions have been rounded to the nearest hundred thousand dollars; figures in the thousands have been rounded to the nearest hundred dollars and figures in the hundreds have been rounded to the nearest ten