



# COURSE COUNT

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All of the talk about golf's boom times has lead the instructor to plan a quiz that focuses on numbers.

No need to break into a sweat; there isn't any high level math here. No slide rules or calculators needed. All I want are facts.

How many of the following do you know?

1. How many golf courses are there in Wisconsin?
2. What percent (approximately) of Wisconsin's golf courses are private?
3. Nationwide, how does the percentage in Question #2 compare with Wisconsin?
4. What percent of the golf courses in Wisconsin are municipal?
5. What percent of Wisconsin's courses are daily fee?

## EXTRA CREDIT

For those who have botched up a previous QUIZ, here's a chance to get your grade for the semester back where you'd like it.

6. Nationwide, what is the ratio of public to private golf courses?

7. What percent of the 1990 rounds of golf were played at public facilities?
8. What percent of the golf courses opened in America in 1990 were accessible to the public?
9. Overall, what percent of the country's golf courses are 9-holers?

## ANSWERS

golf played in the U.S. were at public golf courses.  
 8. A full 70% of the golf courses opened in 1990 were accessible to the public, either as daily fee or muni. This is proof that golf remains primarily a public game.  
 9. 9-hole golf courses account for about 40% of the country's total of 13,951 courses.

1. 417.  
 2. 20%.  
 3. It's higher; 37.5% of the golf courses nationally are private.  
 4. 17%.  
 5. 63%. This was an obvious "gimme"; spring puts the instructor in an especially good mood.  
 6. Overall, public courses outnumber private courses nearly two to one.  
 7. In 1990, about 80% of all rounds of

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