

Cost of Maintaining a Golf Course

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There is much interest in the question "What is a reasonable sum on which to maintain a golf course?" To obtain data on this subject, inquiries were addressed to 100 clubs in all sections of the United States. The desired information was submitted by 62 of the clubs addressed. A tabulation of the data obtained from these 62 clubs is given below. Under "annual expenditure" is included cost of labor, supplies, and maintenance equipment.

| | 39 Courses 18-hole | 23 Courses 9-hole |
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| Total of annual expenditures reported by all clubs----- | \$806,476.00 | \$204,378.00 |
| Average annual expenditure for all clubs----- | 20,679.00 | 8,886.00 |
| Highest annual expenditure reported by any one club---- | 46,500.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Second highest annual expenditure reported by any one club----- | 44,759.00 | 16,340.00 |
| Second lowest annual expenditure reported by any one club----- | 8,500.00 | 1,225.00 |
| Lowest annual expenditure reported by any one club----- | 6,000.00 | 1,180.00 |
| Total of annual payments for greenkeepers' salaries----- | 80,532.00 | 31,312.00 |
| Average annual payment for greenkeeper's salary----- | 2,264.00 | 1,423.00 |
| Highest salary paid to a greenkeeper----- | 7,500.00 | 2,700.00 |
| Second highest salary paid to a greenkeeper----- | 3,300.00 | 1,925.00 |
| Lowest salary paid to a greenkeeper----- | 1,000.00 | 660.00 |
| Total of annual expenditures for seed and fertilizer----- | 41,246.00 | 7,612.00 |
| Highest annual expenditure for seed and fertilizer----- | 3,300.00 | 900.00 |
| Lowest annual expenditure for seed and fertilizer----- | 111.00 | 85.00 |
| Greatest number of men employed by any one club----- | 22 | 12 |
| Second greatest number of men employed by any one club----- | 15 | 10 |
| Least number of men employed by any one club----- | 5 | 2 |
| Highest rate paid per day----- | \$5.50 | \$5.00 |
| Average rate paid per day----- | 3.92 | 3.93 |
| Lowest rate paid per day----- | 2.25 | 3.00 |
| Annual expenditure of clubs: | | |
| Number of clubs expending between \$50,000 and \$40,000 | 2 | |
| Number of clubs expending between 40,000 and 30,000 | 6 | |
| Number of clubs expending between 30,000 and 20,000 | 11 | 1 |
| Number of clubs expending between 20,000 and 15,000 | 8 | 4 |
| Number of clubs expending between 15,000 and 10,000 | 10 | 3 |
| Number of clubs expending between 10,000 and 5,000 | 2 | 7 |
| Number of clubs expending between 5,000 and 3,000 | | 4 |
| Number of clubs expending below \$3,000 | | 4 |
| One club reports \$15,000 expended on the course only. | | |
| Number of clubs failing to report greenkeeper's salary----- | 3 | 1 |
| Number of clubs failing to report number of men employed | 2 | 1 |
| Number of clubs failing to report expenditure for seed and fertilizer----- | 3 | 4 |

Flag Pole Socket

By John Quail, Greenkeeper, Highland Country Club, Bellevue, Pa.

The accompanying sketch shows a flag pole socket which we made ourselves out of material we had on hand. It is very simple to make and promises to answer the purpose satisfactorily. It consists of a piece of 1-inch