

Golf Course Maintenance

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In 1962 a survey was initiated because of the lack of available, accurate data on golf course maintenance costs, particularly in Westchester County, N. Y. In this survey, variables of any nature were eliminated if possible in an effort to achieve the greatest accuracy. Superintendents' salaries, new equipment, construction and improvements, trees, shrubs, and flowers, and clubhouse area maintenance costs are categories which vary from year to year and from club to club. Therefore, these items were not included in the Maintenance Cost section. These categories, with the exception of Superintendents' salaries, were included in the survey, however, because this information is desirable.

All the categories, with the exception of irrigation and electricity, have been totaled and an average cost for each item is listed to the right of Col-

1962 Golf Course Maintenance Cost Summary

CLUB:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Labor Cost	\$31056	\$47000	\$37489	\$26044	\$29000	\$36000	\$36647	\$33601
Supplies	2365	5000	1821	1438	800	2000	500	1202
Repairs & Parts	3403	—	4090	3341	1900	3500	375	3901
Gas, Oil, Grease	1350	1500	1416	819	1700	1400	824	1479
Irrigation	2628	1150	2461	—	4800	540	—	7143
Chemicals	1590	2500	2787	1500	1900	4000	1378	1976
Fertilizer, Lime	2200	5100	2101	3000	5600	5400	3930	2188
Soil, Topdressing	1226	600	518	1200	400	1000	400	707
Seed	1576	600	985	800	800	1500	216	372
Sand For Traps	1900	—	671	1545	800	450	245	486
Electricity	54	—	661	2108	—	1500	—	1245
Total	\$49348	\$63450	\$55000	\$41795	\$47700	\$57290	\$44515	\$54320
New Equipment	10035	7400	4841	2236	5600	4000	2259	5772
Construction	3000	—	11820	7251	—	2000	—	—
Trees, Shrubs	1000	2100	2998	1250	1000	2500	250	1000
Club Grounds	2300	1500	2923	4354	—	2000	—	6759
Total	\$16335	\$11000	\$22582	\$15091	\$ 6600	\$10500	\$ 2509	\$13531
Club Acreage	110	170	370	135	420	120	117	170

Finance Cost Survey

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umn Q in the chart. An average for irrigation and electricity costs could not be made fairly because some clubs have their own water supply or their electricity is recorded on one common club meter.

This survey is based on a private course of 18 holes with all except Ridgeway Country Club having watered fairways. Winged Foot Golf Club, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, and Old Oaks Country Club have more than 18 holes but their costs have been interpolated to that of a regulation 18 hole course.

Fifteen of the 16 participating clubs have unionized workers. The union wages for a greensman were \$1.71 per hour prior to June 1, 1962 and \$1.86 per hour after June 1, 1962. Club acreage is listed at the bottom of the chart and shows great variation.

Survey for Westchester County, N. Y.

	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	Average
01	\$39404	\$43005	\$32964	\$38490	\$41000	\$35709	\$45000	\$35000	\$36714
02	1821	200	—	5030	3842	775	350	500	1843
01	2189	3000	5419	933	4000	2805	1600	2500	2864
79	1672	2500	1318	1339	2555	1725	2000	2200	1612
43	2540	7546	5221	3850	120	1200	4000	—	—
76	1340	1000	1869	1800	2673	2484	2000	3200	2125
88	3554	4000	2874	3700	3782	3048	5000	5800	3830
07	1072	800	716	500	900	1750	1000	—	853
72	950	500	1468	800	600	500	1500	1600	923
26	830	500	464	550	600	507	400	585	702
15	462	1275	466	—	1726	—	—	—	—
10	\$55834	\$64326	\$52779	\$56992	\$61798	\$50503	\$62850	\$51385	\$51466
72	7277	4000	8519	5900	3700	3649	2000	9243	5402
—	3282	—	5626	—	—	10749	2000	23000	7636
00	600	—	139	3000	2700	3600	2500	2300	1796
59	5154	1720	—	3000	5200	3640	5000	4000	3657
31	\$16313	\$ 5720	\$14284	\$11900	\$11600	\$21638	\$11500	\$38543	\$18491
70	135	165	120	150	270	120	176	150	—