# Profit per Yard

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| 1940 | 1950 | 1967 | 1972       | 1985       | 2018 |
|------|------|------|------------|------------|------|
| 86g  | 75g  | 55g  | <b>35g</b> | <b>28g</b> | 13g  |

### A beer can today weighs 1/5 as much as it did in 1950... ...but is better in so many ways.



Today, less material and energy is used to produce more goods and services.

The ratio of mass used to produce 1 unit of GDP has been falling for 150 years.





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# What about golf?

Is it time to look beyond the 7,000 yard, par-72 course of 150 acres (60 hectares)?

# How Golf Courses Are Different

# REVENUE



# **MAINTENANCE COST**





## **MANAGED TURF AREA**











# LENGTH





# LENGTH may be the key to how we measure profit potential in golf

# Length

Property Cost Total Area of Course > Amount of Turf Use of Water Maintenance Cost  $\succ$  Time It Takes to Play Mass Used to Build





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### USGA rules govern all play except where modified **COURSE RULES** by the following:

Carts are to remain on paths at all times. A ball coming to rest on any non-turf area (except in a hazard) Observe friendly golf etiquette & play may be played as it lies or dropped to the nearest turfed area under penalty of one stroke (Desert Rule). with good pace.

Golfers are responsible for their miss-hit shots and any resulting damages.

Out-of-bounds are defined by white stakes and by all perimeter walls, fences and concrete paths bordering the course where stakes are not present.

Water hazards are defined by the outer edges of rock or concrete borders.

Drop areas must be used where established.











# Traditional 18-hole Course vs. Short Course

# LENGTH

Traditional 18-hole Course (7,000 yards)



Short Course (2,400 yards)



# **MANAGED TURF AREA**





Traditional 18-hole Course (90 acres/36 hectares)

Short Course (13.5 acres/5.5 hectares)



### TIME



Traditional 18-hole Course (4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours)

Short Course (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours)





# **REVENUE PER YARD**

|                    |                     |          |                | G           | REEN FEE MA     | TRIX / O              | COMPARIS     | ON              |           |                |                  |          |                  |               |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Dollars per Yard   |                     |          |                |             |                 |                       |              |                 | 6         | 5% fewer ya    | rds              |          |                  |               |
|                    | Competition         |          |                |             |                 | Short Course          |              |                 |           |                |                  |          |                  |               |
|                    |                     | Fee inc  | e inc          |             |                 | Fee inc Less          |              |                 | With Cart |                | W/O Cart         |          |                  |               |
|                    | (                   | Cart Fee | <u>Yards</u>   | <u>\$</u>   | / Yard          | (                     | Cart Fee     | <u>Cart Fee</u> |           | <u>Yards</u>   | <u>\$ / Yard</u> |          | <u>\$ / Yard</u> |               |
| Course A           | \$                  | 240.00   | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0353          | \$                    | 125.00       | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0541   | \$               | 0.0498        |
| Course B           | \$                  | 199.00   | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0293          | \$                    | 100.00       | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0433   | \$               | 0.0390        |
| Course C           | \$                  | 150.00   | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0221          | \$                    | 85.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0368   | \$               | 0.0325        |
| Course D           | \$                  | 139.00   | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0204          | \$                    | 80.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0346   | \$               | 0.0303        |
| Course E           | \$                  | 125.00   | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0184          | \$                    | 75.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0325   | \$               | 0.0281        |
| Course F           | \$                  | 100.00   | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0147          | \$                    | 60.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0260   | \$               | 0.0216        |
| Course G           | \$                  | 75.00    | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0110          | \$                    | 40.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0173   | \$               | 0.0130        |
| Course H           | \$                  | 50.00    | 6,800          | \$          | 0.0074          | \$                    | 30.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 2,310          | \$               | 0.0130   | \$               | 0.0087        |
| Dollars per Minute |                     |          |                |             |                 |                       |              |                 | Take      | s 44.4% Less   | time.            |          |                  |               |
| <u> </u>           | Competition         |          |                |             |                 |                       | Short Course |                 |           |                |                  |          |                  |               |
| -                  | 4.5 HOURS (2 turns) |          |                |             |                 | 2.5 hours (3.5 turns) |              |                 |           |                |                  |          |                  |               |
|                    |                     | Fee inc  |                |             |                 |                       | Fee inc      |                 |           |                | W                | ith Cart | W                | /O Cart       |
|                    |                     | Cart Fee | <u>Minutes</u> | <u>\$ /</u> | <u>' Minute</u> | (                     | Cart Fee     | <u>Ca</u>       | art Fee   | <u>Minutes</u> | <u>\$ /</u>      | Minute   | <u>\$ /</u>      | <u>Minute</u> |
| Course A           | \$                  | 240.00   | 270            | \$          | 0.89            | \$                    | 125.00       | \$              | 10.00     | 150            | \$               | 0.83     |                  | \$0.7         |
| Course B           | \$                  | 199.00   | 270            | \$          | 0.74            | \$                    | 100.00       | \$              | 10.00     | 150            | \$               | 0.67     |                  | \$0.60        |
| Course C           | \$                  | 150.00   | 270            | \$          | 0.56            | \$                    | 85.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 150            | \$               | 0.57     |                  | \$0.50        |
| Course D           | \$                  | 139.00   | 270            | \$          | 0.51            | \$                    | 80.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 150            | \$               | 0.53     |                  | \$0.4         |
| Course E           | \$                  | 125.00   | 270            | \$          | 0.46            | \$                    | 75.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 150            | \$               | 0.50     |                  | \$0.43        |
| Course F           | \$                  | 100.00   | 270            | \$          | 0.37            | \$                    | 60.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 150            | \$               | 0.40     |                  | \$0.33        |
| Course G           | \$                  | 75.00    | 270            | \$          | 0.28            | \$                    | 40.00        | \$              | 10.00     | 150            | \$               | 0.27     |                  | \$0.20        |
| Course H           | Ś                   | 55.00    | 270            | Ś           | 0.20            | Ś                     | 30.00        | Ś               | 10.00     | 150            | Ś                | 0.20     |                  | \$0.1         |



### **Maintenance Cost**





### Traditional 18-hole Course (\$600,000)

Short Course (\$350,000)



Using <u>LENGTH</u> as a way to Measure financial opportunity Revenue per Yard Cost per Yard Profit per Yard

# Revenue per Yard (Annual)

**Traditional 18-hole Course 30,000 rounds** x \$80 \$2,400,000 ÷ 7,000 yards

**Short Course** 40,000 rounds x \$40 \$1,600,000 2,400 yards \$667

# Cost per Yard (Annual)





# Profit per Yard (Annual)

|  | Profit per Yard <sup>1</sup>              | \$ <u>191</u>                 | \$ <u>375</u>   |  |
|--|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
|  | <b>Revenue per Yard<br/>Cost per Yard</b> | \$343<br>\$152                | \$667<br>\$292  |  |
|  | ,                                         | Traditional<br>18-Hole Course | Short<br>Course |  |

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted based on estimated maintenance/operation costs

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