

# Washoe Golf Course, Open Forty-Three Days, Brings County \$1342.40

In forty-three days of play on the new golf course collections have amounted to \$1342.40, while expenses during the same period have totaled \$1050 it was announced today by Kenneth F. Johnson, manager of the course.

The course opened on October 11, but play was permitted only three days each week for the first two weeks. Since then the eighteen holes have been open for daily play. Average play is fifty golfers on week days, seventy on Saturdays and 140 on Sundays and holidays.

Estimates place the number of golfers who have tried out the course at 500. Twenty per cent were transients, twenty per cent former members of the Reno Country Club and the remainder were new golfers or new residents who have played prior to coming to Reno. Approximately one hundred women have played the course.

Of the \$1342.40 received to date, \$26.75 has been for locker rentals, \$352 for daily tickets, \$799.50 for monthly tickets, \$59.50 for family and student tickets, \$96 for sun-down tickets and \$8.65 for specials. This does not include income from concessions.

During the same period expenses reaching \$1050 have been divided as follows: Salaries, \$540, heat and lights, \$60, new equipment and replacements, \$100, and power and water, \$350.

Since construction work started on the course the county has expended approximately \$25,000 for its share in emergency relief work. Maintenance work has been done by the WPA.

Weather permitting the course will be kept open all of this winter, it was announced. A search of weather records has revealed that on only ten week-ends in the last three years have storm conditions been so bad as to prevent golfers from playing.

Exceptionally favorable weather conditions have prevailed here so far this year and this in part is believed responsible for the fact that the Washoe course has received better support than any other course in the Inter-Mountain territory. Well known golfers and course engineers, who have visited here have said that the course

should be on a par with the best courses in the West.

Golfers who have been visiting the course steadily are continuing to show improvement, officials said. Several seventy-fives have been turned in and the course record of 71 for eighteen holes, one stroke under par was set last Sunday by Encos Arrieta. Only one hole-in-one has been made to date, and that was achieved today by Joseph W. Jensen, Ogden assemblyman.

The course remains under the supervision of the WPA and G. Ross, administrator for Nevada, and today that no time has yet been set for turning the course over to the county. The county maintains a staff consisting of a manager, a part-time starter and a night watchman. A crew of WPA workers is engaged in completing the finishing touches and the WPA plans to assist in re-seeding and covering the entire course with fertilizer before it is turned over, it is believed.

Sam Whiting of the San Francisco Olympic Club, who was the course architect, made his final inspection yesterday. Whiting reported to WPA officials that everything that can be done at the present time has been done. He said that he believes the course will be the equal of any on which he has worked or played.

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