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# When It Comes To Greens Fees, The Golfer Decides If The Price Is Right

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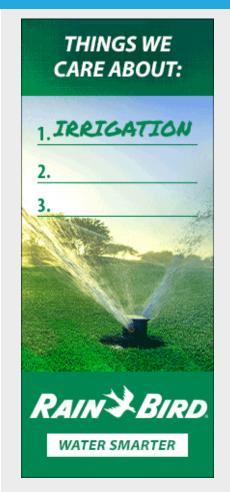
I got started in golf operating the National Park Service courses in Washington, DC. Our mission there was to provide affordable, accessible golf to the public. When I began my first season in 2002, you could get 18 holes and a cart for a weekday round for less than \$40. I fully admit that the courses were far from Tour quality; after all, we were playing over 100,000 rounds on some of our courses and the courses were conditioned to withstand that beating. It wasn't fancy, but it was a decent playable level of golf... **READ MORE** >>

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# Demand and Development: A Glance at the Golf Course Market Landscape for 2024

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Four years after the coronavirus pandemic sparked a rejuvenation in the golf industry, the 2024 golf season is shaping up to be another strong business year for course owners nationwide. And based on two golf properties that sold within days of each other last December, courses of all types continue to be in high demand from an investment perspective. Indeed, whether it's well-known private clubs or modest public courses, institutional capital and/or high-



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Like many of these stories, it starts with a third owner, although there have certainly been more than that.

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