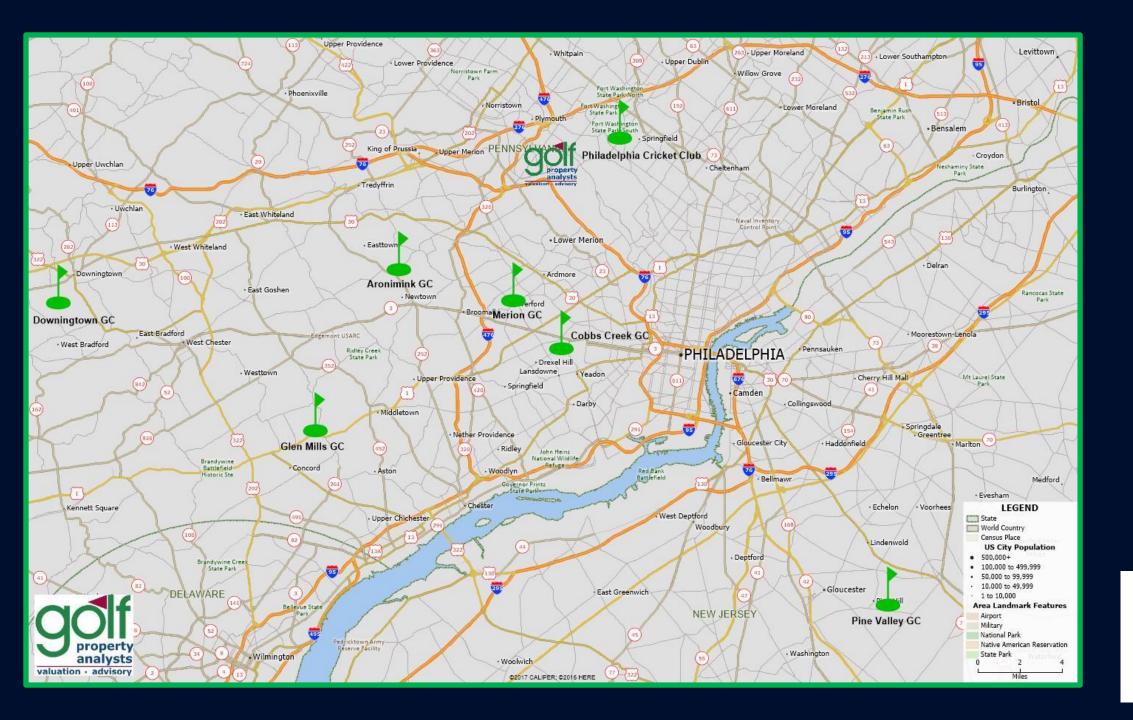
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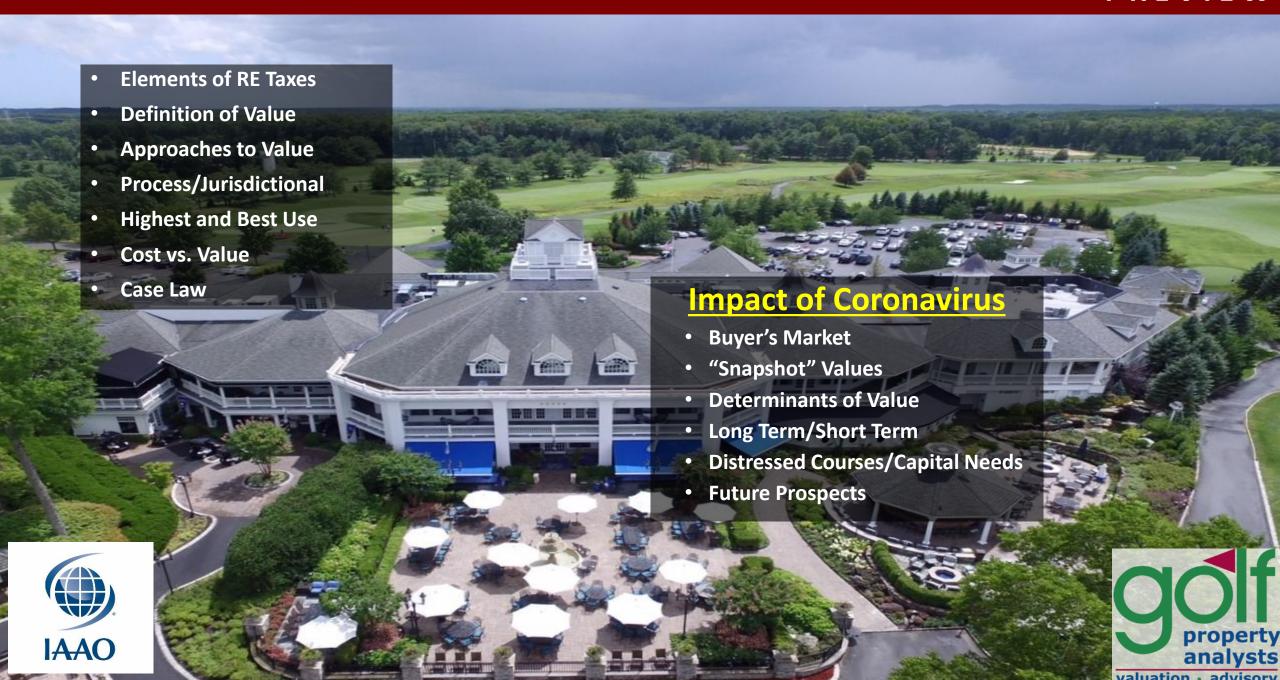


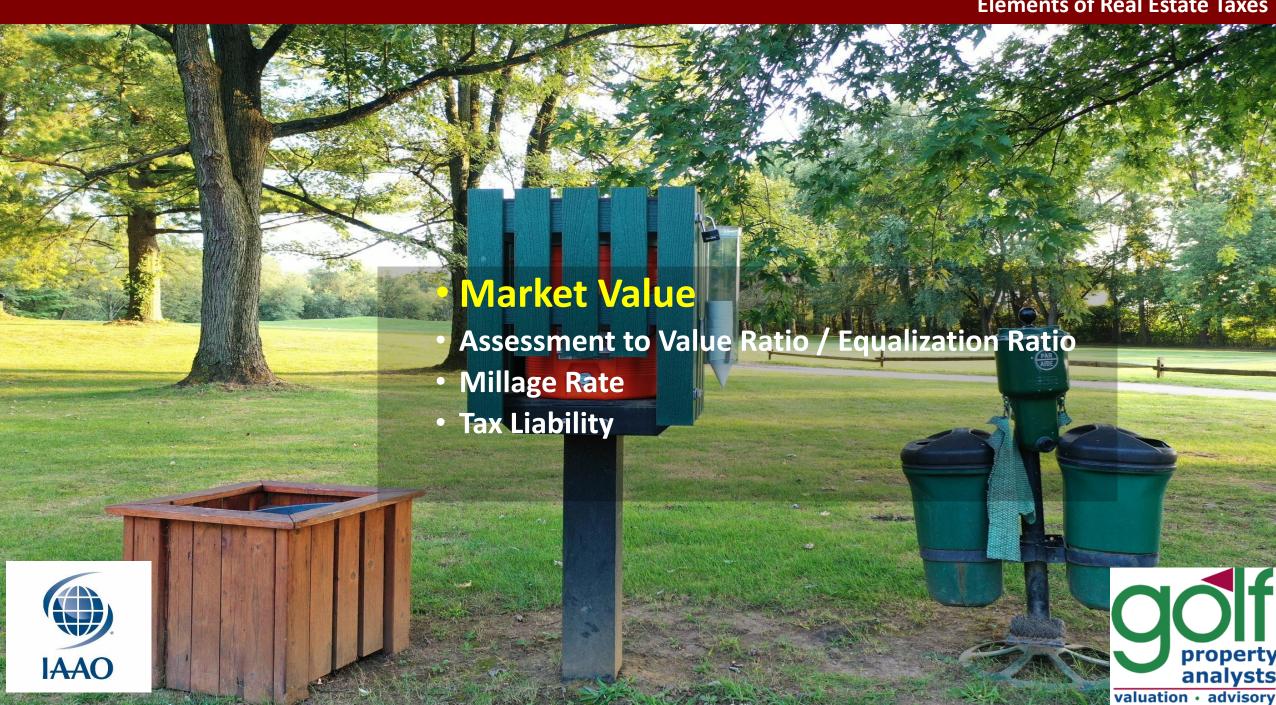


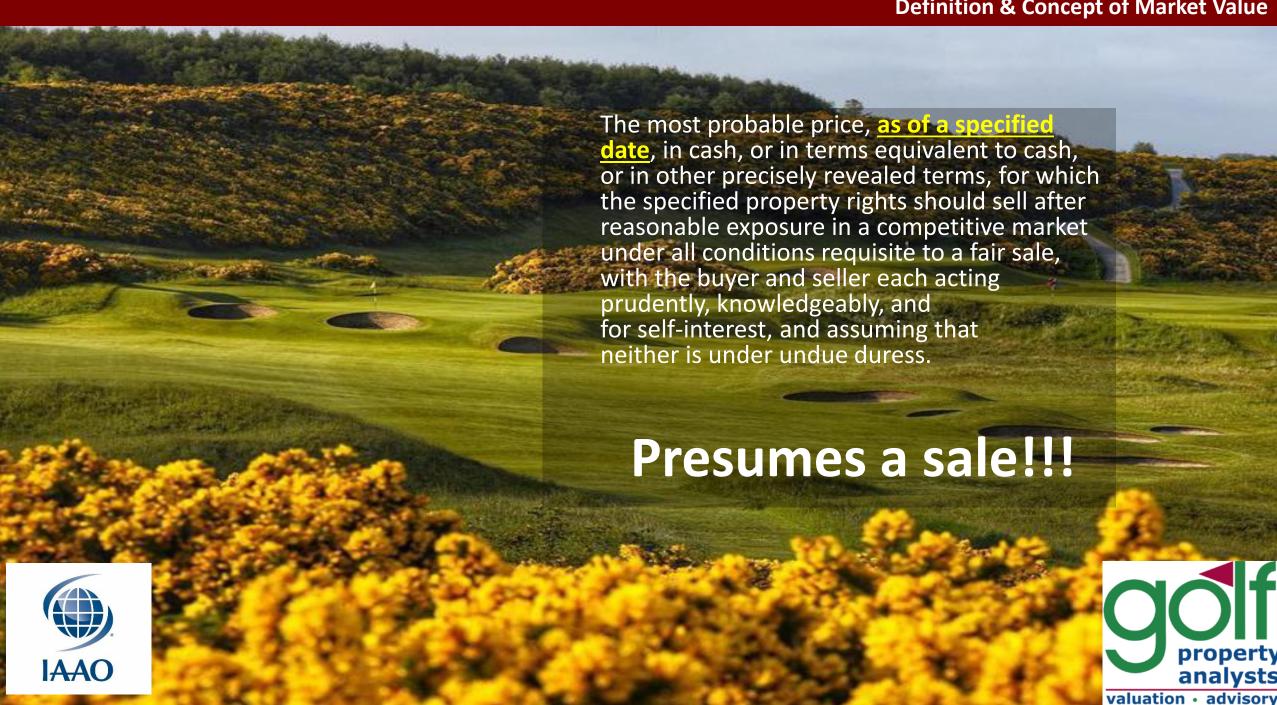






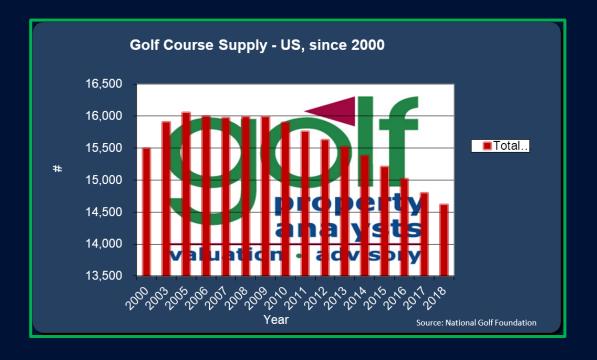




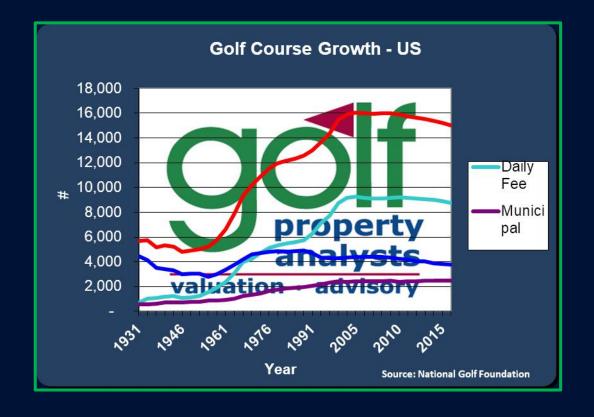




Indicators







Segmentation of US Golf Courses - 2018



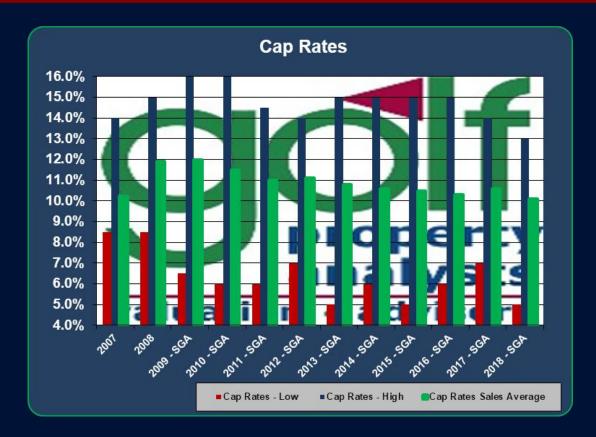
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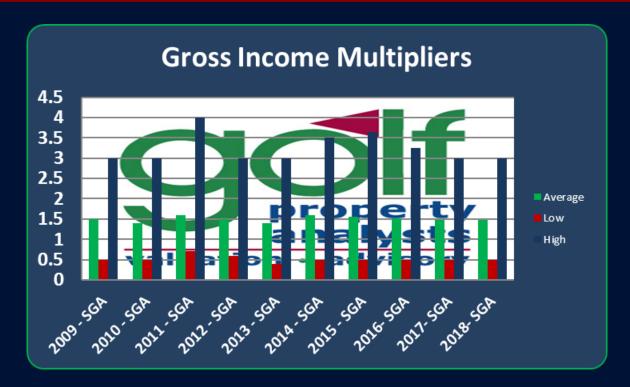


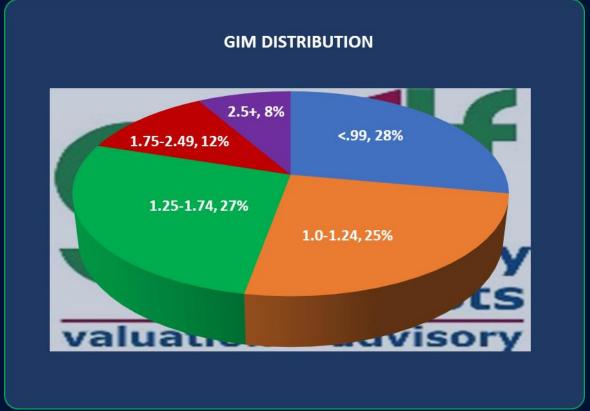
















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Exhibit 2.12 Golf Course Market/Marketability Study Process

- 1. What golf market segment(s) does the subject golf course property have the ability to serve? Some factors to consider include:
 - Course design and quality
- Facilities design and quality
- Legal
- Social/economic characteristics of the club and community
- · Location-How the golf course fits into the community growth structure

Note: If the work done in Step 1 identifies more than one segment, then the study would become a highest and best use study. This, among other factors, requires repeating the following steps for each segment studied.

- 2. What are the characteristics of the golf market segment that desires this type of golf course?
- · Market area concepts
 - Time-distance concepts
 - Area over which equally desirable substitute properties tend to compete
 - Location of current members\users
- · Geographic market delineation
- · Consumer profile of most likely users
- Type
- > Tourist
- > Second-home residence
- > White collar executives
- > Corporate outings
- > Local residence
- > Etc.
- Characteristics
- > Income
- > Age
- > Social
- > Employment categories (i.e., high-tech, service, etc.)
- 3. What is the golf course demand for this market segment?
- · Inferred methods
 - Current market conditions
- General growth trends of city and subject submarket
- Fundamental Methods
- Ratio methods by golf course type
- Ratio of current rounds\memberships to indicator proxies such as: population, age, income, employment, tourists, hotel rooms etc.
- Segmentation method (segmentation of golf course types, user types, participation rates, and average rounds played)
- 4. What is the competition in this market for this market segment?
 - · Current competitive courses
 - · Planned competitive courses
- What is the market condition for this market segment? (comparing supply with demand currently and for the future)
- 6. How much of this market segment can the subject golf property capture?
- · Current capture analysis methods
- · Competitive course rating methods
- 7. What are the financial implications to the property?
 - Is it a good investment? (investment value to individual or specific group)
- · Is the property's value more than its cost? (feasibility)
- Does this market segment produce a higher net income than another segment? (highest and best use)
- What is the golf course's market value? (appraisal)
- Can redirected management\marketing increase income? (management practices)

Source: Adapted from Stephen F. Fanning. "Segmentation of Golf Course Maintets." The Appraisar Journal IJlanuary 2003 J. 63.

Market Study

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Exhi	bit 2.7	Sample M	arket Surve	y Summary	y					
Course	Rounds	Weekday GF* 18	Weekend GF 18	Weekday GF 9	Weekend GF 9	Cart Fee 18	Cart Rounds	Annual- Single	Annual- Family	No. of Members
1	40,000	\$53.00	\$60.00	\$28.50	\$31.00	Included	61%	\$2,200		75
2	30,000	\$27.50	\$38.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	Included	50%	\$650		250
3	34,000	\$22.50	\$25.50	\$14.50	\$16.00	\$23.00	35%	\$900		240
4	20,000	\$52.00	\$57.00	\$28.00	\$30.00	Included	78%	\$2,500	\$4,400	50
5	50,000	\$39.00	\$43.00	\$19.50	\$23.00	\$16.00	65%	\$1,625		40
6	30,000	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	50%	\$2,000	\$2,850	50
7	21,000	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$14.00	57%	\$1,200		25
8	43,000	\$37.00	\$41.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$17.00	60%	\$1,400		150
9	30,000	\$41.00	\$44.00	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$13.00	65%	\$1,800		125
10	15,000	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$19.50	\$20.00	\$15.00	50%	\$1,507		20
11	31,000	\$69.00	\$79.00	\$38.00	\$48.00	Included	85%	\$3,150	\$1,650	45

^{*} GF = green fee

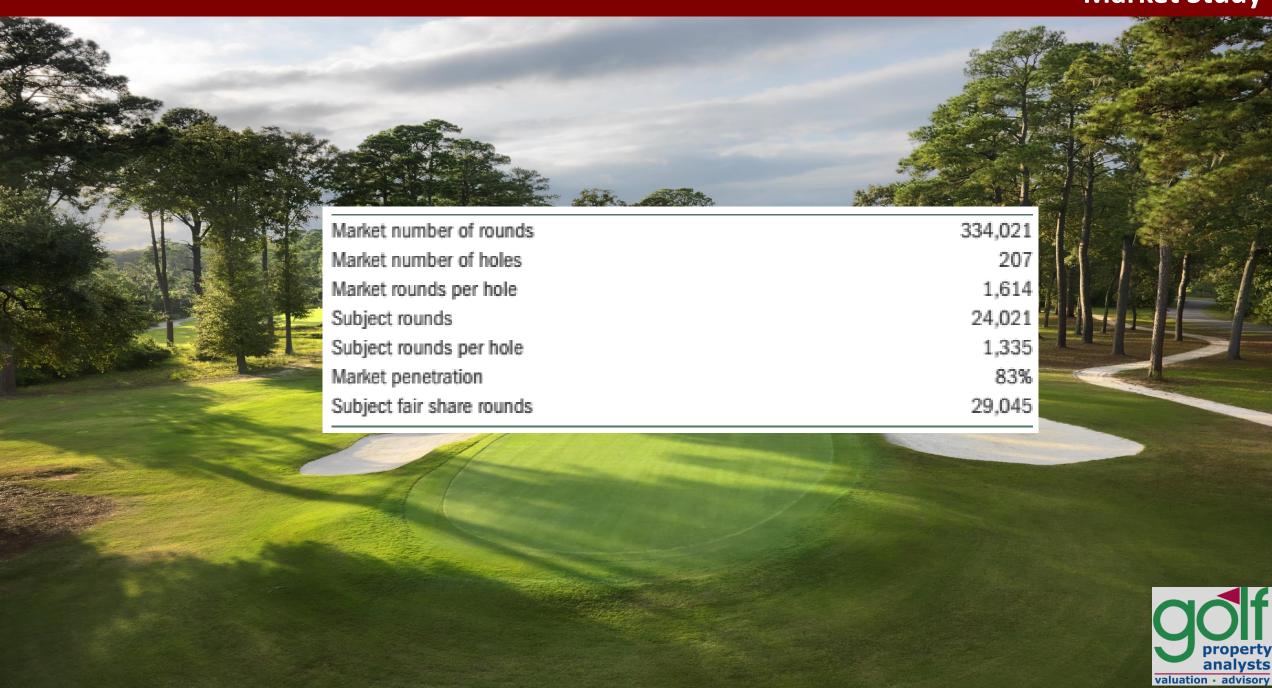
Evhibit 2.8	Sample Sensitive Market Information
107/01/11/19/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/10/	Sample Sensitive market information

				GF	Pro Shop	F&B*	Gross Annual	Expenses %
Name of		Gross	Maintenance	Revenue/	Revenue/	Revenue/	Revenue/	of Gross
Course	Rounds	Revenue	Budget	Round	Round	Round	Round	Revenue
1	40,000	\$2,196,462	\$635,493	\$34.63	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$54.91	91.7%
5	50,000	\$2,300,000	\$700,000	\$32.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$46.00	84.5%
6	30,000	\$1,200,000	\$250,000	\$28.00	\$6.00	\$2.50	\$40.00	87.4%
7	21,000	\$1,777,260	\$114,564	\$37.05	\$12.00	\$6.15	\$56.06	105.3%
8	43,000	\$1,050,060	\$345,000	\$15.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$24.42	78.4%
11	31,000	\$2,000,120	\$700,000	\$38.71	\$3.87	\$12.90	\$64.52	76.4%

^{*} F&B = food and beverage



Market Study



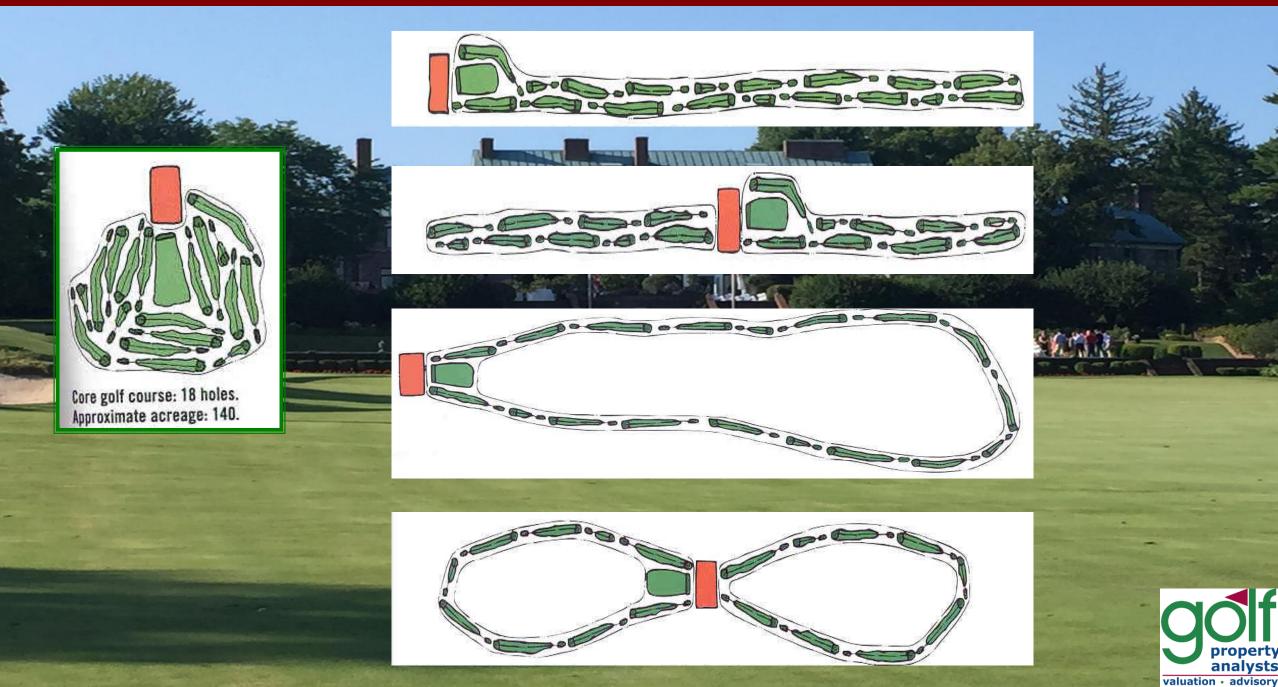
- **Regulation** 18+ holes, 5,200+ yds., 66+ par
- Nine-Hole 2,600+ yds., 33+ par
- **Executive** Shorter, compact version of regulation course, usually 4,000 5,200 yds and par of 58-66.
- Par 3 Par 3 holes with total length under 4,000 yds for 18 holes and par of <55.
- **Championship** not a defined term, however typically used to describe courses for tournament (or championship) play.
- **Signature** typically refers to course designed by "signature" architect.



Operations

CONTRACTOR AS	Golf Market Segments	
Market Segment Daily Fee	Demand Sources	Characteristics
Resident Based (incl. municipal)		4. 6.
Affordable Daily-Fee	Price conscious residents nearby	Limited maintenance and services
Value Daily-Fee	Value conscious residents nearby	Moderate maintenance & Services
Upscale Daily-Fee	Higher income, greater distance, corporate clientele	Upscale maintenance, services and design
Theme Course	Wider market area, tourists, corporate	Replica holes, themed atmosphere (NFL, College, Opryland)
Semi-Private	2300	
Includes all of the DF above, but ty	pically with some form of membership/an	nual pass option
Private		
Resident Based (incl. both stand-a	lone and community amenity clubs)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Affordable Country Club	Local residents seeking the "best deal"	Limited services, maintenance and amenities. Geared to individuals
Middle-Market Country Club	Local residents seeking lifestyle	Family friendly
Upscale Country Club	Local residents seeking family, social and business use – high income	Highest level of maintenance and service, more social activities
Specialty		
Destination Clubs - Residential	Non-resident, high income, usually a "second" club	Vacation/second home or "big-boy" clientele
Destination (Big-Boy) Clubs	Resident or non-resident, often corporate entertainment	Limited # of members or "national" membership, excellent facilities, maintenance and services, selective membership
Resort (w/ lodging) Urban Resort	Corporate and upscale tourist	Usually upscale and affiliated with
Leisure Resort (Non-Urban)	Families and corporate retreats	hotel Vacations and meetings





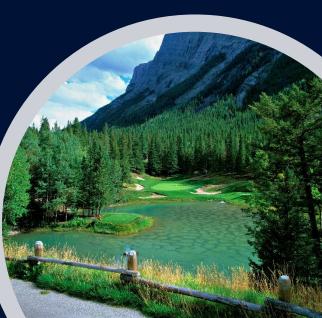
Styles

- Links Courses
- Parkland
- Heathland
- Mountain
- Desert











Design and Purpose

According to Golf Course Architecture: Design, Construction and Restoration by Michael J. Hurdzan, PhD, "A golf course is a spatial arrangement of holes on a tract of land with clearly designated starting points called tees and specific finishing points of 4¼-inch holes cut in the ground. Golf course design is the arrangement of these starting and ending points. If the landscape is not modified or changed, then the golf course is merely laid out. If the terrain is modified or changed, then the course is built."3

There are 11 basic criteria for golf course design:

- Safety
- Flexibility
- Shot value
- Fairness
- Progression
- Flow
- Balance
- Maintenance cost
- Construction planning
- Aesthetics
- Tournament qualities



There are three fundamental types of golf hole design:

Strategic

A strategic hole has at least one reasonable route for reaching the green in regulation with very little risk of incurring a severe penalty because of a misplayed shot. If there are several alternative routes, the route having the greatest distance generally has the least risk of incurring a severe penalty for a misplayed shot.

• Heroic

A heroic hole has at least two distinctly different alternatives for reaching the green in regulation. One lacks a severe penalty for a misplayed shot. In the other case, a misplay incurs a severe penalty. However, if successfully negotiated, the player will be rewarded with a far superior position and/or distance advantage. Thus, the player faces a heroic decision. This type of shot can also be called heroic.

Penal

A hole is considered to be penal if the only way to reach the green in regulation involves successfully executing at least one shot that will incur a severe penalty if misplayed. Often the severe penalty involves a ball lost in an escape-proof hazard such as water, a ravine, or out-of-bounds.

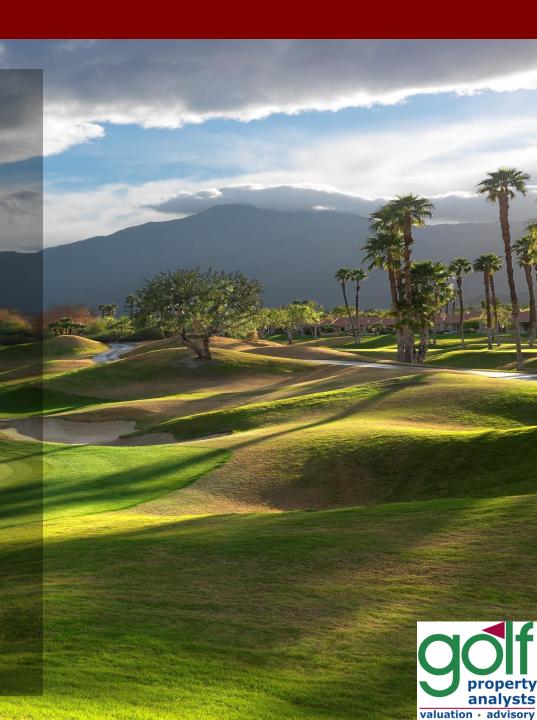


Exhibit 4.14 Facility Summary			
No. of holes	Course layout		

Facility Summary

	Physical Characteristics							
Туре	Golf Course	Amenities						
Daily Fee								
Resident Based (incl. municipal)								
Affordable Daily-Fee	Minimal hazards, wide open, expedite pace of play	Small clubhouses, snack bar						
Value Daily-Fee	Moderate hazards and interest	Clubhouse, pro shop, banquet facility						
Upscale Daily-Fee	Name architect, excellent maintenance, lots of features	Larger clubhouse, restaurant, banquet, lockers, pro shop						
Specialty								
Theme Course	Name architect, excellent maintenance, lots of features	Larger clubhouse, restaurant, banquet, lockers, pro shop						
Semi-Private								
Includes all of the DF above, but ty	pically with some form of member	ship/annual pass option						
Private								
Resident Based (incl. both stand-	alone and community amenity clul	os)						
Affordable Country Club	Moderate hazards and interest	Clubhouse, pro shop, banquet facility, swimming, tennis						
Middle-Market Country Club	Moderate hazards and interest, better conditions	Clubhouse, pro shop, banquet facility, swimming, tennis						
Upscale Country Club	Name architect, excellent maintenance, lots of features	Excellent facilities, dining, banquet, other sports, swimming, tennis, squash, paddle, fitness						
Specialty		A Professional Control of the Contro						
Destination Clubs - Residential	Name architect, excellent maintenance, lots of features	Good amenities but often limited locker space						
Destination (Big-Boy) Clubs	Name architect, excellent maintenance, lots of features, golf-centric, all-walking sometimes	Varies depending on membership, often large locker rooms, bars, limited dinner service						
Resort (w/ lodging)	The state of the s	the second of th						
Urban Resort	Name architect, excellent	Lodging, water parks, attractions						
	maintenance, lots of features, sometimes not walkable	11						
Leisure Resort (Non-Urban)	Name architect, excellent maintenance, lots of features, sometimes not walkable	Lodging, water parks, attractions						
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Criteria

Advantages of facilities? Competitive advantages? Resources, Assets, People? Membership/Customer Base? Financial reserves, likely returns? Marketing - reach, distribution, awareness? Innovative aspects? Location and geographical? Price, value, quality? Awards/Recognitions? Technology/Communications? Cultural, attitudinal, behavioral? Tools/Equipment? Reputation/Market Perception? Historical Performance? Depth of Market & Competition?

Strengths

Weaknesses

Criteria

Disadvantages of facilities? Competitive disadvantages? Resources, Assets, People? Membership/Customer Base? Financial reserves, likely returns? Marketing - reach, distribution, awareness? Innovative aspects? Location and geographical? Price, value, quality? Awards/Recognitions/Criticisms? Technology/Communications? Cultural, attitudinal, behavioral? Tools/Equipment? Reputation/Market Perception? Historical Performance? Depth of Market & Competition?

Criteria

Market developments?
Competitors' vulnerabilities?
Industry or lifestyle trends?
Technology development and innovation?
Global/Market influences?
New markets, vertical, horizontal?
Niche target markets?
Additions/Upgrades to
Facilities/Programs?
Marketing?
Information and research?
Partnerships, agencies, distribution?

Opportunities

Threats

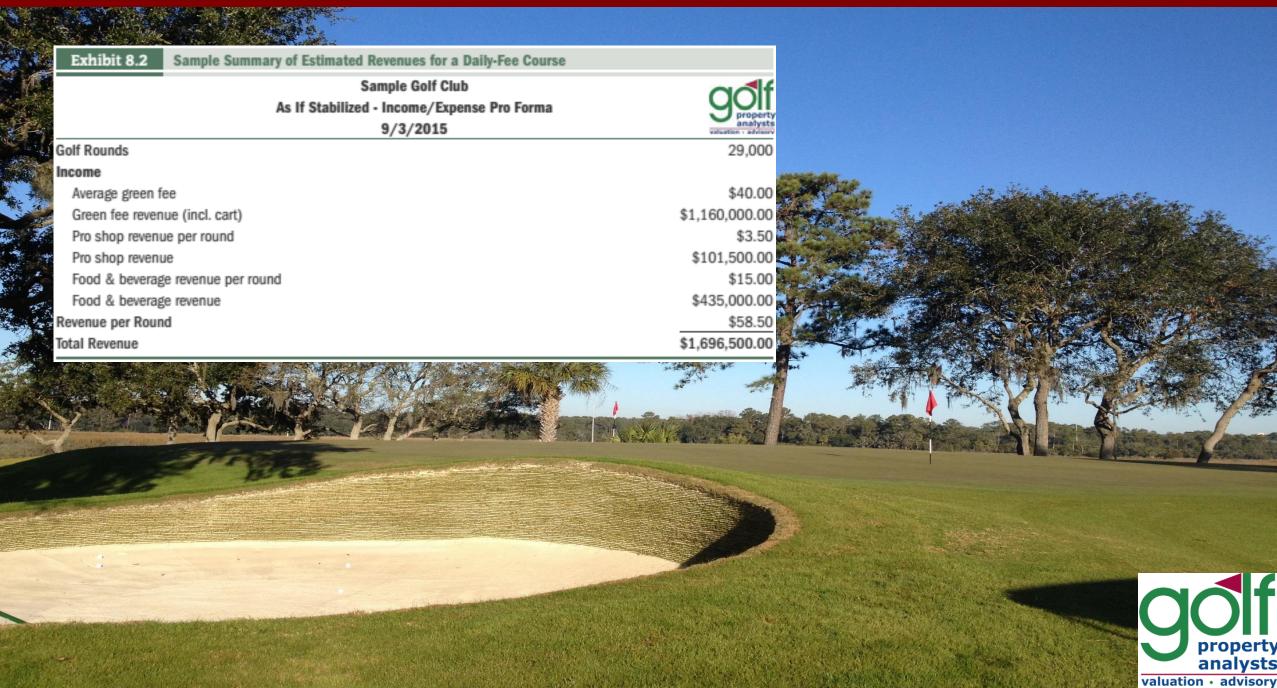
Criteria

Political effects?

Legislative effects? Environmental effects? IT developments? Competitor intentions various? Market demand? New technologies, services, ideas? Vital contracts and partners? Sustaining internal capabilities? Obstacles faced? Insurmountable weaknesses? Property Constraints? Loss of key staff? Sustainable financial backing? Economy - home, abroad? Seasonality, weather effects? Capital Needs?







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Exhibit 8.3 Sample Summar	ry of Estimated Revenues for a Private Club	
	Sample Private Club	adf
	Income/Expense Pro Forma	Property
	11/17/2015	analysts valuation - advisory
Golf Rounds		13,500
Rounds per Member	60	
Nonmember rounds	15%	2,025
% of cart rounds	80%	10,800
Memberships		225
Income		
Average green/guest fee		\$75.00
Green/guest fee revenue (incl. car	t)	151,875.00
Cart fee		25.00
Cart fee revenue Average membership dues		270,000.00
Average membership dues		9,500.00
Membership dues revenue		2,137,500.00
Revenue per member (pro shop)		1,250.00
Pro shop revenue		281,250.00
Revenue per member (F&B)		6,000.00
Food & beverage revenue		1,350,000.00
Revenue per member (other)		500.00
Other revenue		112,500.00
Revenue per member		19,125.00
Total Revenue		\$4,303,125.00



Exhibit 8.4 Operating Expense	Summary	
Departmental Costs and Expenses		
Golf maintenance (incl. payroll)		\$ 800,000
Golf cart expenses	60 @ \$850	51,000
Pro shop COGS and expenses	125%	351,563
F&B COGS and expenses	100%	1,350,000
Undistributed Expenses		
General and administrative	7%	\$ 285,469
Repairs and maintenance	4%	163,125
Management	3%	122,344
Marketing	2%	81,563
Professional fees	1%	40,781
Utilities	4%	163,125
Fixed Expenses		
Real estate taxes		\$ 151,389
Insurance	2%	80,000
Reserves/capital improvements	2%	81,563
Total Operating Expenses		\$3,721,920
		Section 1

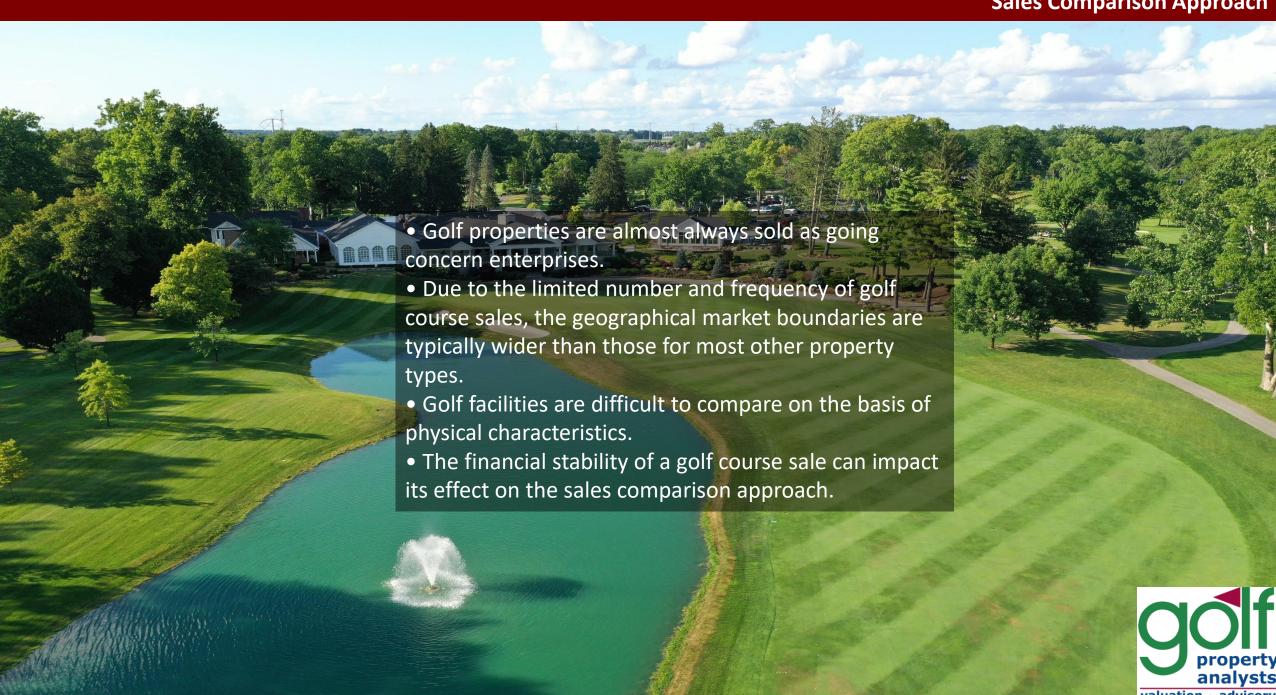






Exhibit 8.10	Sample Private Clu	b Income/Expense Pro Forma	
		Sample Private Club	adf
		Income/Expense Pro Forma	property
		11/17/2015	analysts
Golf rounds			13,500
Rounds per membe	er	60	
Nonmember rounds	3	15%	2,025
% of cart rounds		80%	10,800
Memberships			225
Income			
Average green/g			\$75.00
	revenue (incl. cart)		151,875.00
Cart fee			25.00
Cart fee revenue	-h:- f		270,000.00
Average member			8,500.00
Membership reve			1,912,500.00
Revenue per mer Pro shop revenue			1,250.00 281,250.00
Revenue per mer			6,000.00
Food & beverage			1,350,000.00
Revenue per mer			500.00
Other revenue	moer (outer)		112,500.00
Revenue per memb	er		18,125.00
Total Revenue			\$4,078,125.00
Expenses			
Departmental Cost	s & Expenses		
Golf maintenanc	e (incl. payroll)		800,000.00
Golf cart expense		60 @ \$850	51,000.00
Pro shop COGS 8		125.0%	351,563.00
F&B COGS & exp		100.0%	1,350,000.00
Undistributed Exper			
General & admir		7.0%	285,469.00
Repairs and mai	ntenance	4.0%	163,125.00
Management		3.0%	122,344.00
Marketing		2.0%	81,563.00
Professional fees	3	1.0%	40,781.00
Utilities		4.0%	163,125.00
Fixed Expenses Real estate taxes			151 280 00
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Insurance Reserves/capital	limnmuements	2.0%	81.563.00
Total Operating Exp	-	2.070	\$3,721,920.00
Expense ratio	-011303		91.3%
	me of Annual Operat	tions	\$356,205.00
	et Operating Incom		\$555,255.65
Overall capitaliza	-	-	10.50%
Indicated value		= \$356,205 ÷ 10.50%	= \$3,392,426.00
Rounded to			\$3,400,000.00
			(A)





Sales Comparison Approach

- Selection of Sales:
 - Type of club
 - Location
 - Gross revenue
 - Financing
 - Turnarounds
- Date of sale
- Demographics
- **UNITS OF COMPARISON**



Sales Comparison Approach



Ex	khibit 8.14 Comparable Sales	Summary									
	Comparable Sales Summary Sample Golf Club 9/3/2015										
No.	Club	City	State	Zip Code	Sale Date	Sale Price	Rounds of Golf	Туре	Holes	Gross Revenue	(GIM)
1	Harvest Hill Golf Center	Orchard Park	NY	14127	10/12	\$941,390	24,000	DF*	18	\$500,000	1.88
2	Radisson Greens Golf Club	Baldwinsville	NY	13027-1517	11/12	\$1,600,000	19,500	DF	18	\$725,000	2.21
3	Deerfield Golf and Country Club	Brockport	NY	14420	12/12	\$2,100,000	22,000	DF	27	\$1,900,000	1.11
4	Rothland Golf Course	Akron	NY	14001-9332	2012	\$795,000	18,000	DF	27	\$750,000	1.06
5	Wentworth Hills Golf Club	Plainville	MA	02762-1001	2013	\$2,100,000	25,000	DF	18	\$1,500,000	1.40
6	The Bay Pointe Club	Onset	MA	02558-1700	2/13	\$1,700,000	24,000	DF	18	\$1,600,000	1.06
7	Centerpointe Golf Club	Canandaigua	NY	14424	3/13	\$580,000	16,000	DF	18	\$1,200,000	0.48
8	Windham Golf Club (Formerly the University Club)	North Windham	CT	06256-1308	3/14	\$1,375,000	15,000	DF	18	\$725,000	1.90
9	Calverton Links Golf Course	Calverton	NY	11933	5/14	\$3,500,000	30,000	DF	18	\$2,300,000	1.52
10	North Ridge Golf Club (Formerly Pine Valley)	Southington	CT	06489-1013	4/14	\$7,000,000	26,000	DF	18	\$2,000,000	3.50
11	Chippanee Golf Club	Bristol	CT	06010	1/15	\$1,500,000	\$15,000	PR*	18	\$2,200,000	0.68
12	Pawtucket Country Club	Pawtucket	RI	02861	2/15	\$1,800,000	\$16,506	PR	18	\$1,300,000	1.38
* DI	F = dailly fee, PR = private										



Furthermore, the golf courses "are usually considered as special purpose properties; they are not so regularly sold or exchanged in the marketplace as most other properties." Karla L. Heuer, Golf Courses, a Guide to Analysis and Valuation²⁰ 28 (1980). The court is satisfied that semi-private golf courses like "private nonprofit and municipal courses . . . usually do not generate sufficient income for return on investment, [and, therefore, the] application of the income approach [to value] is often precluded." Id. at 102. "[T]he income approach is seldom appropriate in appraising a private nonprofit club or a municipal course" Id. at 107; this court finds no distinction with semi-private courses such as Bear Brook.²¹

While it is clear to the court that the Cost Approach is the most appropriate valuation method for Bear Brook, Fredon's Cost Approach must nevertheless be rejected for the deficiencies delineated hereinabove.



Cost Approach

Cost Approach

The 2003 text Analysis and Valuation of Golf Courses and Country Clubs states "The cost approach is uniquely applicable to the appraisal of golf facilities." However, there are few instances when the cost approach is relevant in the valuation of a golf course property, existing or not. The market has evolved to a point at which the cost of development of a golf facility is largely irrelevant in the analyses of buyers and sellers in the marketplace. This fact is attested to in the same publication, which states that "investors rarely use the cost approach to estimate an acquisition price; sellers of these properties rarely apply the approach either, although some may."15 It is unlikely at best that any seller would be successful in actually selling a property based on a cost approach valuation, and a buyer would not consider a cost approach analysis in his or her evaluation.

Functional obsolescence is evident from a variety of curable conditions, such as players and maintenance personnel having difficulty getting around the site and poor design or construction that results in a lack of functionality. Of course, there are instances when the building facilities are either poorly located or designed, resulting in a lack of visibility or ease of access between the golf course and its buildings. Incurable items include forced carry-over hazards that can't be reconfigured or the inability to modify terrain that is too steep or correct flooding issues near waterways.

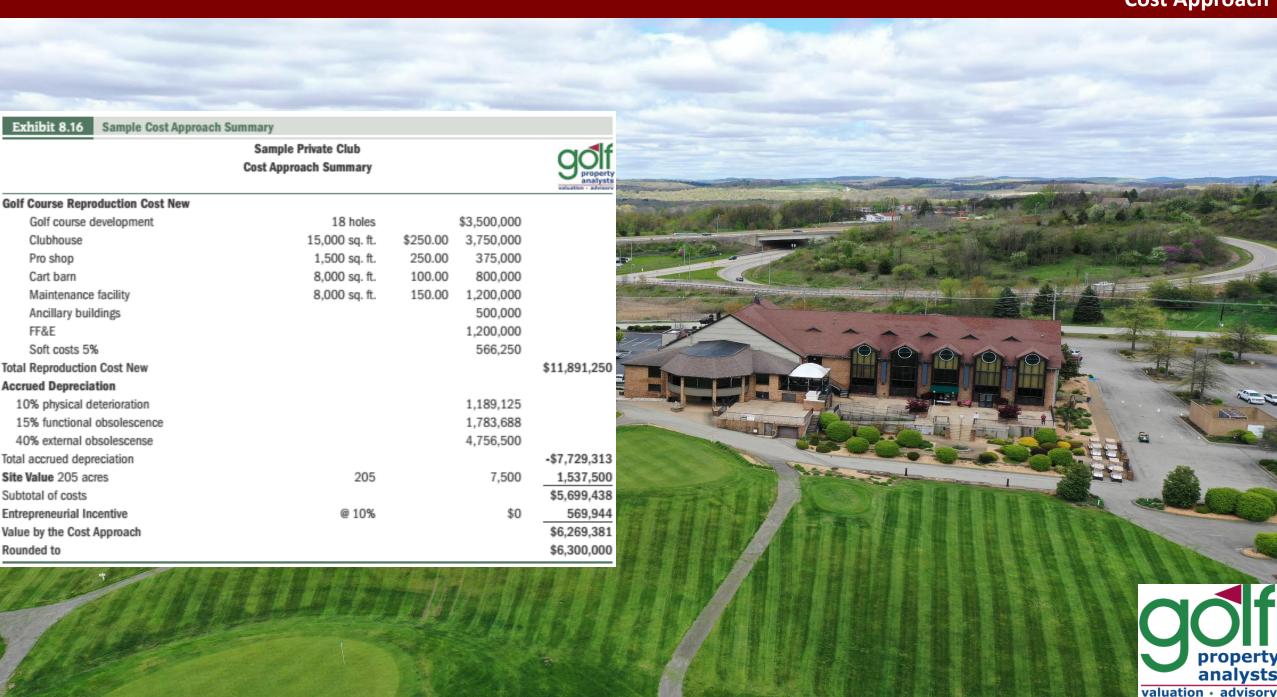
Economic obsolescence is often the largest source of depreciation in golf courses. Because of market conditions, the cost of developing most golf properties often far exceeds their resulting market value. Herein lies one of the great challenges in developing and relying on the cost approach. The estimate of economic obsolescence can be nothing more than a "finger in the wind" unless one employs the market extraction method, which considers the value estimates from the sales comparison approach and the income capitalization approach.15 The challenge is that instead of comparing value indications from the different approaches to one another, it becomes necessary for the cost approach to utilize the other approaches and rely on their accuracy.

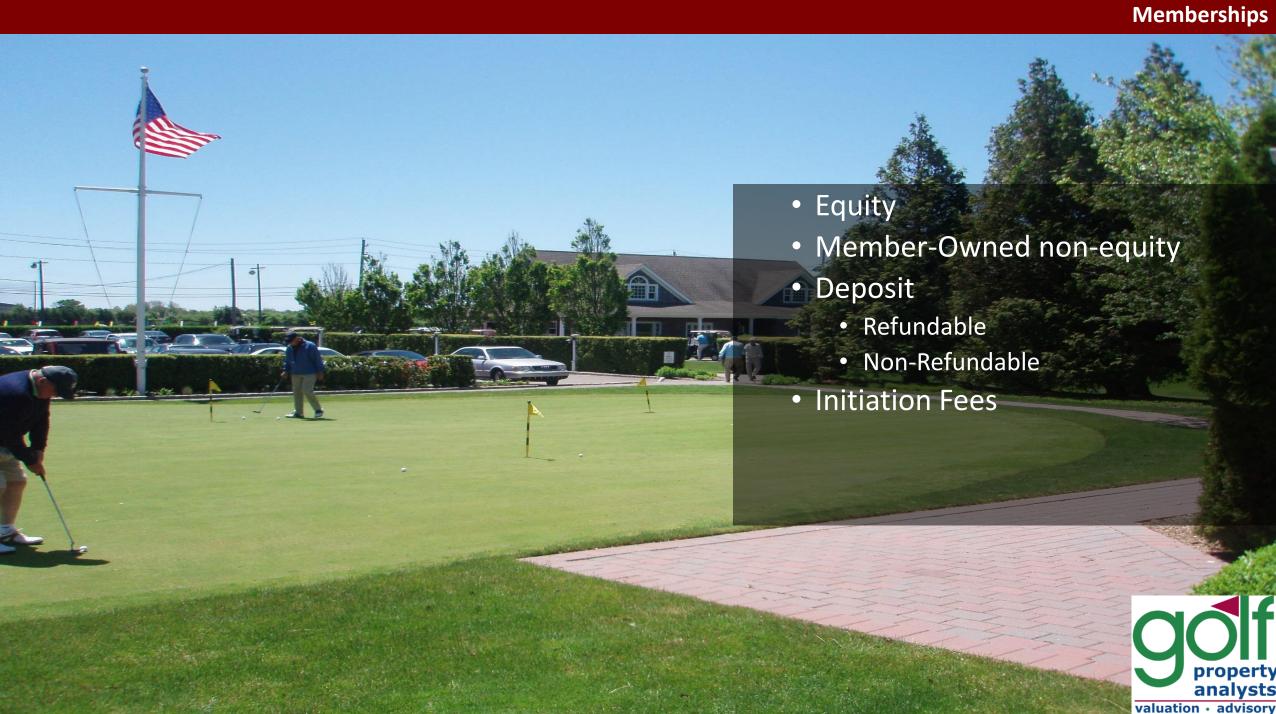
In cases when the course is an amenity to a residential development, often the economic obsolescence is a result of value that is transferred from the cost of the golf course development to the value of the development and its homes. This needs to be acknowledged.

The traditional age-life method of depreciation is often difficult to estimate for a variety of reasons, most notably that the estimate of economic obsolescence becomes a wild guess, unless a market extraction method is employed.

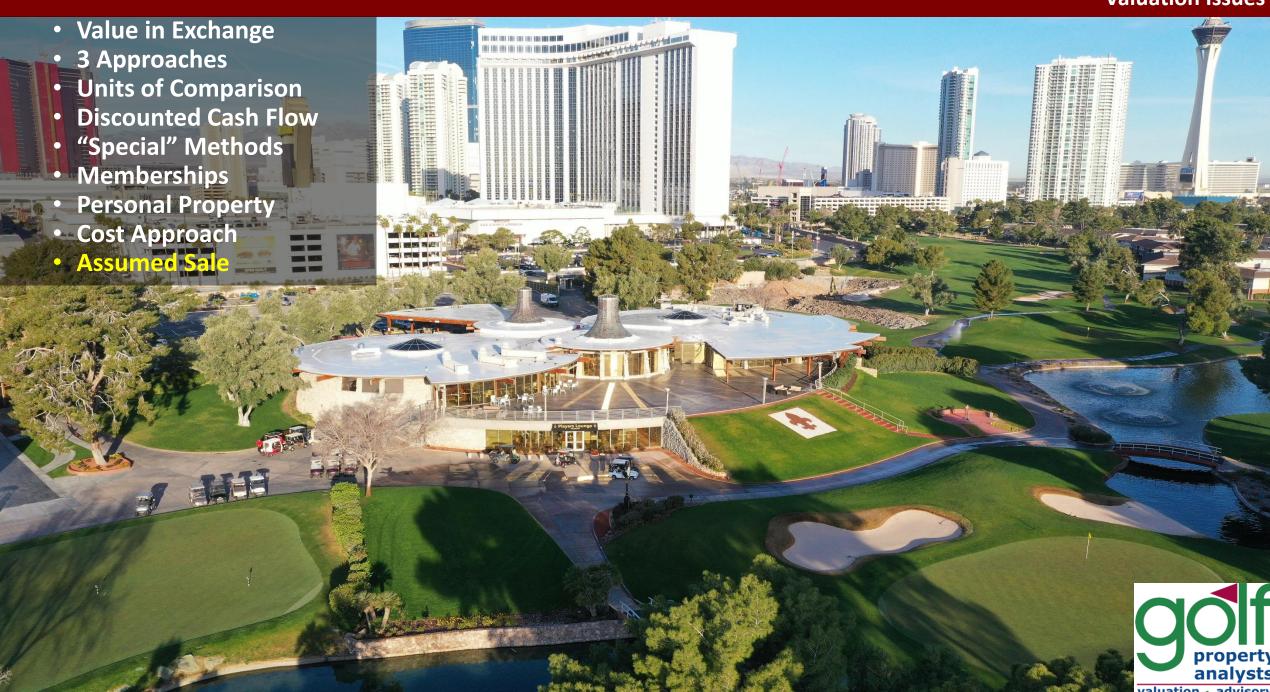


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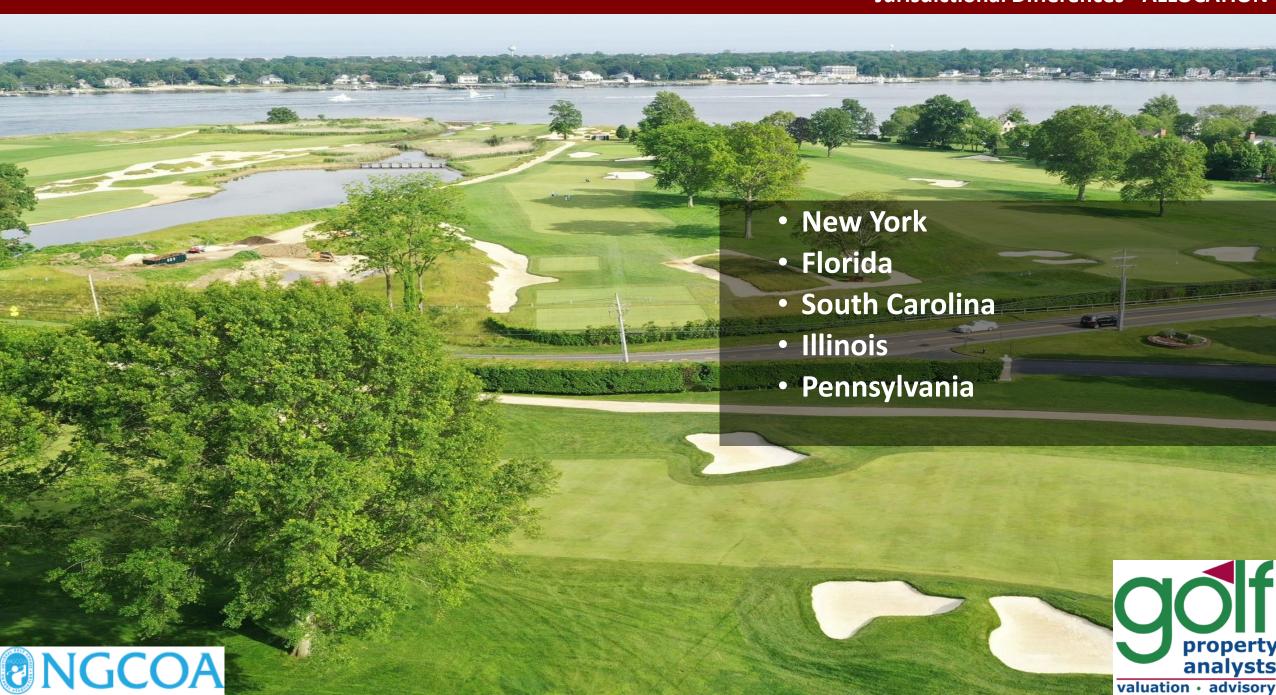




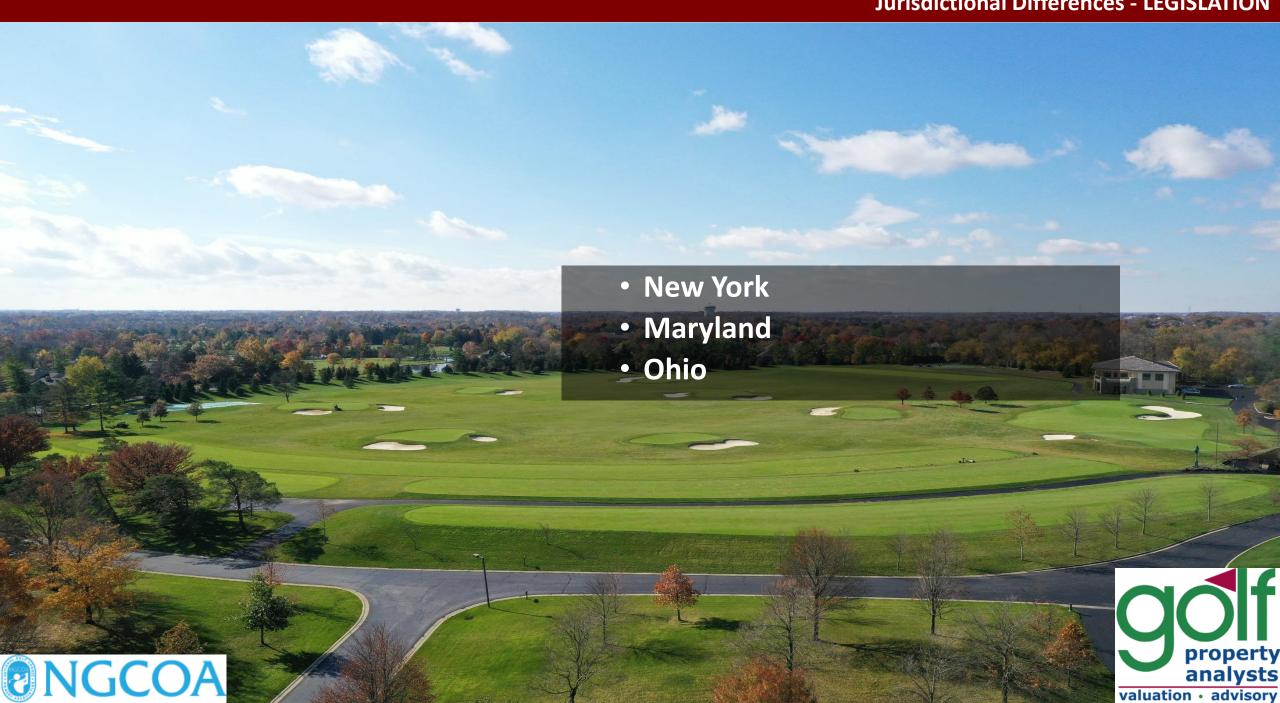
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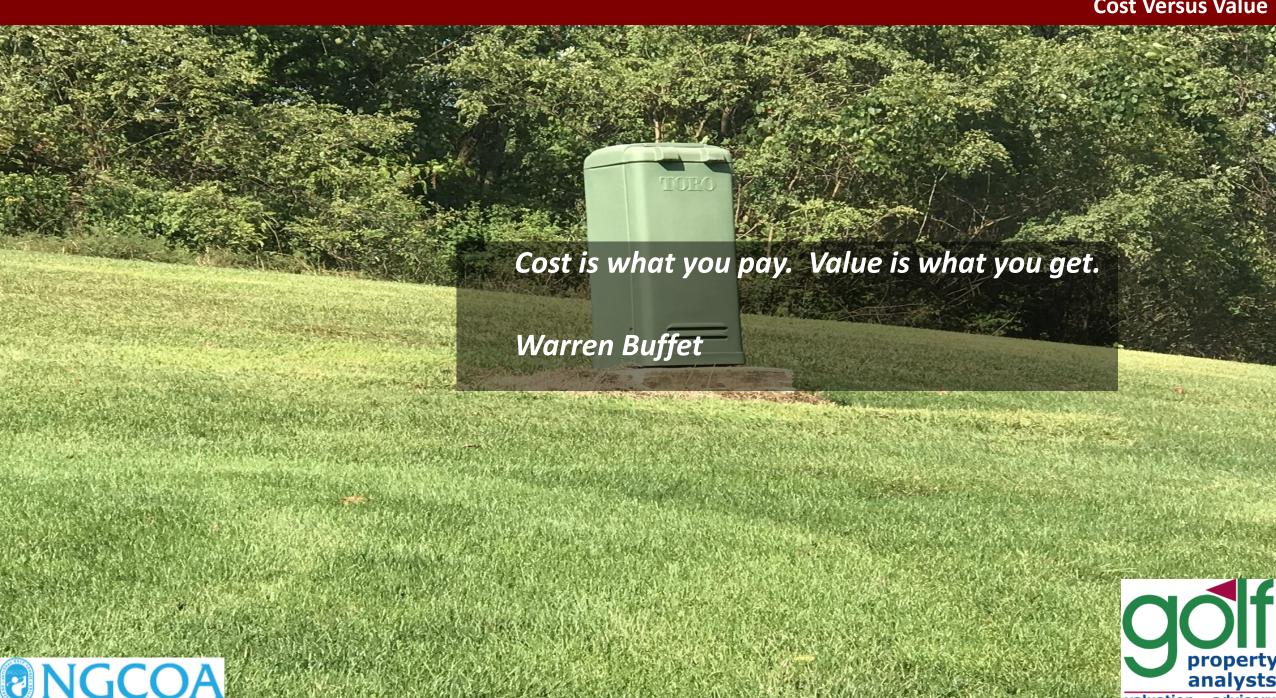


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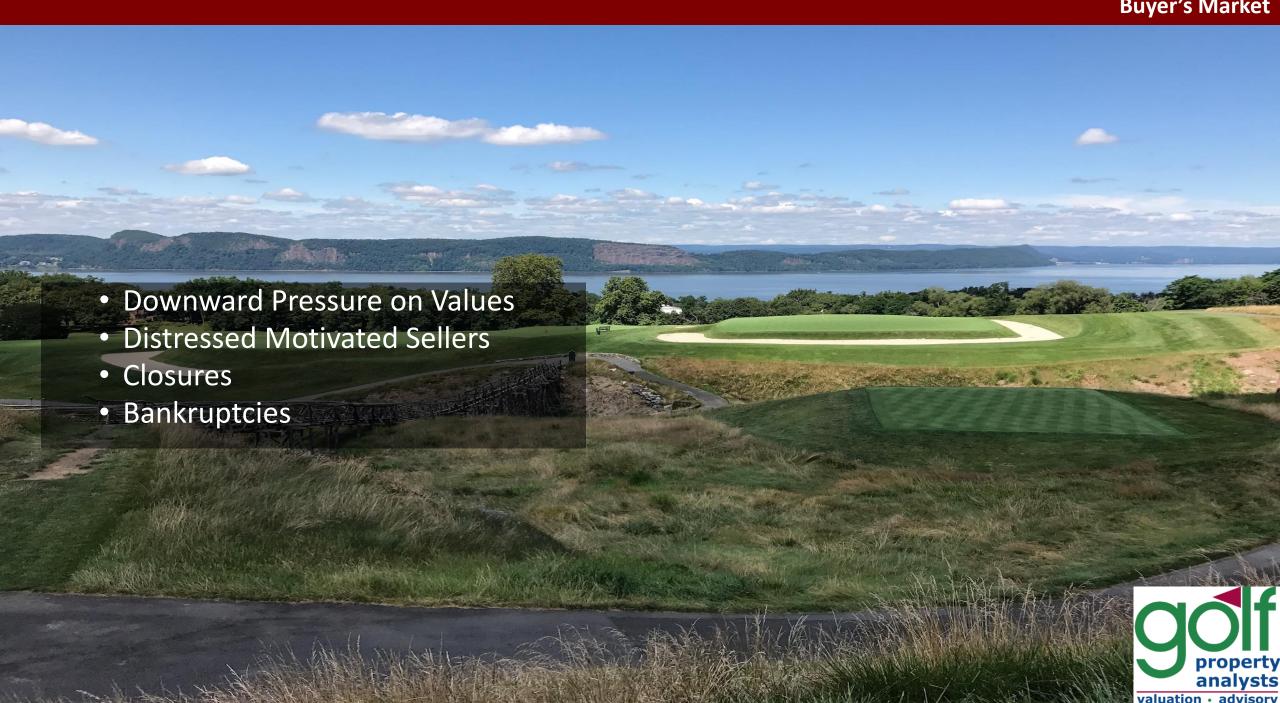






Coronavirus Impact





"Snapshot" Values



Determinants of Market Value



Time



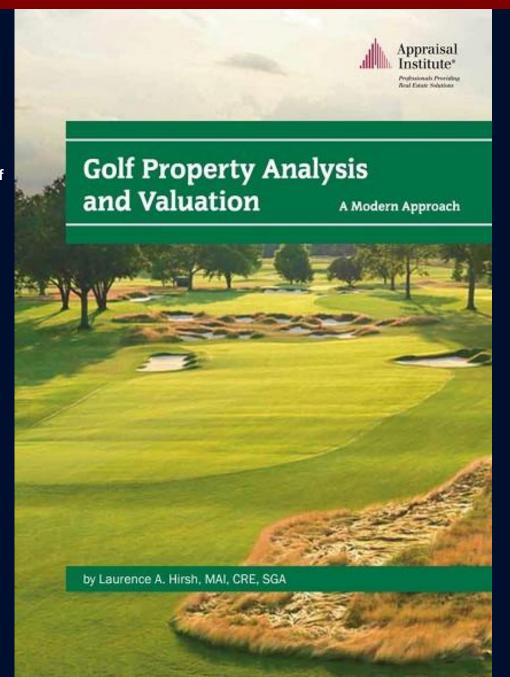






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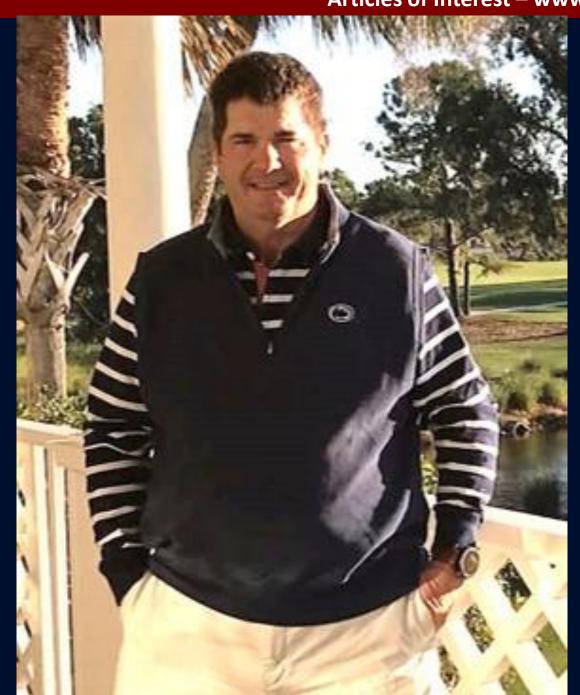
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