

PerformanceTrak News - September 2011 Results

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Executive Summary

September 2011 same store rounds were **down 3.4%** and days open were **down 1.9%.** For this month, aggregate rounds played at Resort facilities continue to climb with a **2.7%** increase over September 2010. Private, Daily Fee / Semi Private and Municipal / Military / University facilities showed decreases of **-2.0%**, **-3.6** and **-5.4%**, respectively for September 2011. Both September 2011 and September 2010 had 8 weekend days. The Year-To-Date (YTD) rounds played performance dropped slightly from **-2.1%** (in August) to **-2.2%** with YTD days open unchanged. Approximately 83% of annual rounds played have been played through September 2011 based on 2010 data. September results are based on responses from **2,687 facilities**.

September 2011 marked a decline in monthly golf fee revenue (-2.5%) compared to September 2010 and moved YTD golf fee revenue down slightly (-1.3%) compared to YTD September 2010 data. For monthly and YTD figures, the decline in days open explains a portion of the decreases here. For September and YTD, other Key Performance Indicators (revenue) continue to remain up. YTD F&B and Total revenue have each moved up slightly and YTD Merchandise has dropped slightly since August 2011 year-to-date was reported. The total facility revenue is comprised primarily of Golf, Merchandise, and F&B revenue but does include a variety of other facility revenues and membership fees.

The Performance Factor for September 2011 was **98.4** indicating that rounds played per days open were slightly down. The YTD Performance Factor of 99.7 has not changed much and indicates rounds played per days open are in step for the year.

PerformanceTrak At-a-Glance - September 2011							
September 2011 Highlights	September 2011 ^{1,2}	September 2010 ^{1,2}	Change	% Change	Sample Size ³		
Mean (Average) Rounds Played - September	2,437	2,524	1	-3.4%	2,687		
Mean (Average) Days Open - September	20.5	20.9	1	-1.9%	2,687		
YTD September 2011 Highlights							
Mean (Average) Rounds Played - YTD	19,489	19,937	1	-2.2%	2,634		
Mean (Average) Days Open - YTD	158.5	161.6	1	-1.9%	2,634		
September 2011 Median Gross Revenue Per Facility ⁴							
Median Golf Fee Revenue - September	\$79,400	\$81,419	1	-2.5%	1,121		
Median Merchandise Revenue - September	\$13,444	\$13,244	1	1.5%	1,001		
Median Food & Beverage Revenue - September	\$46,327	\$44,107	1	5.0%	713		
Median Total Revenue - September	\$180,105	\$178,136	1	1.1%	864		
YTD September 2011 Median Gross Revenue Per Facility							
Median Golf Fee Revenue - YTD	\$644,933	\$653,237	1	-1.3%	1,081		
Median Merchandise Revenue - YTD	\$111,757	\$106,887	1	4.6%	954		
Median Food & Beverage Revenue - YTD	\$341,174	\$337,650	1	1.0%	685		
Median Total Revenue - YTD	\$1,501,302	\$1,494,561	1	0.5%	821		
Performance Factor ⁵	Index						
September 2011	98.4						
YTD September 2011	99.7						

¹Rounds played, days open, and revenue data are as of October 22, 2011.

²Rounds played, days open, and revenue data are weighted by state and facility type.

³Sample size is the number of responses or average number of responses for the specified period.

⁴Median gross revenues exclude responses where one value of the paired data was missing (i.e., a \$0 value).

⁵Performance Factor is an index of rounds played per day open, where 100.00 represents consistent play on a per day basis.

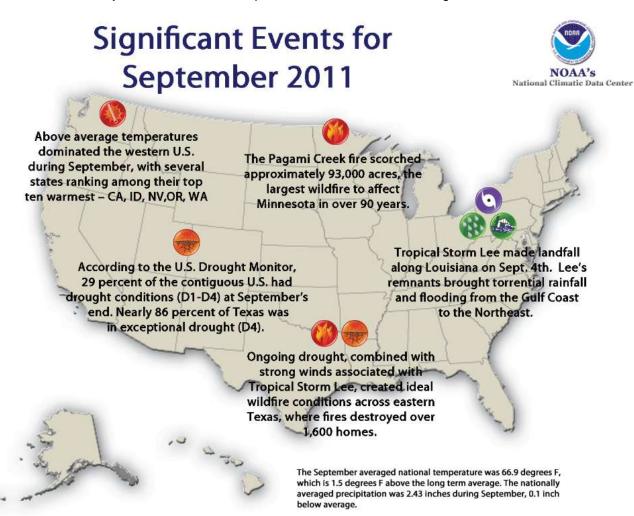
YTD September 2011 Rounds Played by Facility Type

The PerformanceTrak rounds played comparison report for YTD September 2011 is below with statistics by facility type including average rounds played, same month year-to-year comparison, days open, and days open change. Resort facility types continue to strengthen steadily compared to last year's figures in rounds played while their days open are slightly down. Again, the YTD days open decline explains a portion of the rounds played decreases for all other facility types.

Year-to-Date Average Rounds Played / Days Open Comparison							
Facility Type	YTD 2011 Rounds Played	YTD 2010 Rounds Played	% Change	YTD 2011 Days Open	YTD 2010 Days Open	% Change	
Private	14,974	15,029	-0.4%	166.2	167.8	-1.0%	
Daily Fee	20,602	21,147	-2.6%	158.8	163.0	-2.6%	
Muni/Mil/Univ	24,681	25,736	-4.1%	139.3	142.0	-1.9%	
Resort	18,019	17,587	2.5%	182.8	183.6	-0.4%	
All Facility Types	19,489	19,937	-2.2%	158.5	161.6	-1.9%	

September Weather Analysis

The Northeast had its second wettest September on record. The impact of Tropical Storm Lee affected many areas across the eastern half of the country especially for the states that also experienced Hurricane Irene. Multiple areas in the Northeast were declared disaster areas. In the Southeast region there were reports of flooding, severe weather, tornados and damage from TS Lee in Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. On the drier side of things, 97% of Texas (record) and 79% of Oklahoma were in extreme to exceptional drought. The area of eastern New Mexico into western Texas and southwest Oklahoma, and northwestern Louisiana into adjacent eastern Texas experienced the most severe drought on record.



YTD September 2011 State by State Performance

State-by-state results below are for YTD rounds played and YTD days open. Also reported is the *Performance Factor* which takes into consideration rounds changes compared to the days open changes. **20** states reflected rounds played increases and of these 17 were supported by a correlated increase in days open as well. Exceptions to this correlation were Alabama, Rhode Island and Idaho. **26** States reflect YTD rounds played declines compared to YTD September 2010. Based on the *Performance Factor*, the top 3 states are Mississippi, Rhode Island and Georgia. The bottom 3 states are West Virginia, Kentucky and Nebraska. For 2011, an average of 21 states showed rounds played increases and 23 states had rounds played decreases.

		nceTrak Year-to-D	ate State Res	sults by Rounds ⁽	% Change for Sep	tember 2011	
Rounds Played Days Open							
State	Current Year	Previous Year	% Change	Current Year	Previous Year	% Change	Performance Factor
All United States	19,489	19,937	-2.2%	158.5	161.6	-1.9%	99
Mississippi	13,582	12,501	8.6%	202.8	201.8	0.5%	108
Georgia	17,955	16,640	7.9%	185.9	181.9	2.2%	105
Oklahoma	19,666	18,295	7.5%	178.8	171.5	4.3%	103
Texas	24,015	22,406	7.2%	146.5	139.6	4.9%	102
Louisiana	16,823	15,859	6.1%	214.4	209.0	2.6%	103
Florida	24,163	23,012	5.0%	196.6	191.2	2.8%	102
North Carolina	19,349	18,528	4.4%	195.0	187.5	4.0%	100
Rhode Island	18,379	17,604	4.4%	168.6	173.6	-2.9%	107
Tennessee	17,662	17,100	3.3%	165.9	160.0	3.7%	99
South Carolina	20,708	20,148	2.8%	181.4	177.4	2.3%	100
Delaware	18,191	17,783	2.3%	176.5	162.8	8.4%	94
Colorado	21,786	21,329	2.1%	154.7	143.8	7.6%	94
Nevada	25,491	25,004	1.9%	161.2	160.2	0.6%	101
Alabama	15,354	15,097	1.7%	214.5	218.9	-2.0%	103
Hawaii	25,303	24,885	1.7%	199.7	196.3	1.7%	99
Virginia	18,414	18,180	1.3%	167.4	156.7	6.8%	94
Arizona	25,884	25,591	1.1%	172.2	170.2	1.2%	100
Idaho	17,732	17,577	0.9%	164.3	165.2	-0.5%	101
New Mexico	16,542	16,399	0.9%	201.9	193.2	4.5%	96
Nebraska	18,753	18,732	0.1%	185.6	174.0	6.7%	93
California	31,550	31,758	-0.7%	145.7	145.0	0.5%	98
lowa	16,830	17,018	-1.1%	160.8	161.0	-0.1%	99
Kansas	19,174	19,565	-2.0%	154.1	152.0	1.4%	96
Wyoming	14,345	14,705	-2.4%	167.1	173.8	-3.9%	101
Maryland	20,502	21,131	-3.0%	135.8	132.4	2.6%	94
Missouri	16,949	17,471	-3.0%	158.9	159.4	-0.3%	97
Oregon	20,378	21,117	-3.5%	191.4	198.9	-3.8%	100
Arkansas	14,871	15,430	-3.6%	181.0	177.2	2.1%	94
Arkarisas Utah	25,675	26,661	-3.0%	179.5	185.2	-3.1%	99
	23,993	25,048	4.2%	214.5	228.1	-5.1%	
Washington			4.2%	105.1	105.7	-0.0% -0.6%	101 95
Montana Illinois	15,405	16,148	-5.5%	120.9			
	17,815	18,861			123.9	-2.4%	96
Wisconsin	17,543	18,612	-5.7%	157.7	169.0	-6.7%	101
Massachusetts	19,256	20,609	-6.6%	149.9	160.1	-6.4%	99
Michigan	16,928	18,124	-6.6%	140.8	154.1	-8.6%	102
Minnesota	18,711	20,195	-7.3%	129.9	145.2	-10.5%	103
West Virginia	11,315	12,228	-7.5%	196.9	189.0	4.2%	88
New Hampshire	21,083	22,839	-7.7%	129.2	142.9	-9.6%	102
Vermont	15,899	17,405	-8.7%	143.8	159.6	-9.9%	101
Indiana	14,679	16,156	-9.1%	155.4	161.5	-3.8%	94
Pennsylvania	15,737	17,380	-9.5%	145.4	157.9	-7.9%	98
New York	16,376	18,113	-9.6%	130.8	147.7	-11.4%	102
Kentucky	13,649	15,109	-9.7%	182.0	188.9	-3.7%	93
Connecticut	17,979	19,934	-9.8%	126.3	137.3	-8.0%	98
New Jersey	17,089	19,114	-10.6%	122.5	136.5	-10.3%	99
Ohio	17,723	20,156	-12.1%	124.7	133.6	-6.7%	94

Note 1: States displayed are those that have sufficient sample size and sufficient days open for reporting. Regardless of display, all responses are included in the "All States" value for nationwide results.

Note 2: Results are based on weighting by facility type and state.

September 2011 Rounds Played Percent Change by State

The maps below have been revised to provide **monthly** results rather than YTD results presented earlier in 2011. For the month, the top 5 states with rounds played increases over last year are Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, Idaho and Nebraska. The bottom 5 states with the highest decreases are Pennsylvania (which had a record wettest month), Ohio, Connecticut, Maryland and Vermont. We believe the major decreases are due to the impact from the severe weather such as Tropical Storm Lee.

Rounds Played % Change By State-September 2011 vs. September 2010



September 2011 Golf Fee Revenue Percent Change by State

Again, these maps are revised and show **monthly** figures. The top three states with the largest increases in September Golf Fee Revenue are North Dakota, Utah and Montana.

Golf Fee Revenue % Change By State—September 2011 vs. September 2010



September 2011 Revenue per Round Summary

This information is from the rounds and golf fee revenue data set of responses where facilities provided both data points. The rounds sample here is different than the overall rounds sample from prior pages within the newsletter. The data below is for monthly median gross golf fee revenue and golf fee revenue per round played. Golf Fee Revenue includes green fees, guest fees, trail fees, cart fees and any pro-rata portion of golf pass/pre-paid greens fees for the period. September golf fee revenue per round (RevPur) is down for Private (-0.8%) and Daily Fee/Semi-private (-2.6%) facility types nationwide. And rates (RevPur) are up compared to last year for Municipal facility types (1.7%) and close to flat for Resorts (0.4%).

September 2011 Key Performance Indicators - Median Golf Fee Revenue							
Facility Type	Median 2011	Median 2010	% Change	Sample Size			
Private	\$55,284	\$55,847	-1.0%	248			
Daily Fee	\$84,047	\$87,395	-3.8%	404			
Muni/Mil/Univ	\$93,607	\$95,821	-2.3%	372			
Resort	\$152,368	\$147,481	3.3%	97			
All Facility Types	\$79,400	\$81,419	-2.5%	1,121			

September 2011 Monthly Golf Fee Revenue Per Round							
Facility Type	Median 2011	Median 2010	% Change	Sample Size			
Private	\$27.89	\$28.12	-0.8%	248			
Daily Fee	\$27.96	\$28.70	-2.6%	403			
Muni/Mil/Univ	\$23.38	\$23.00	1.7%	372			
Resort	\$49.29	\$49.10	0.4%	96			
All Facility Types	\$27.93	\$28.30	-1.3%	1,119			

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