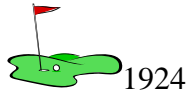


## Lincoln Park Golf Course History

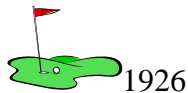
The first golf course in Grand Junction area was the Grand Junction Country Club, a private Golf Course on the Redlands. It was located West of town where the Redlands Community Club Building is now located, with dirt fairway and sand greens. The layout was South of the Community Club Building and down the gully and on ridges of the hills.



1924



A few local citizens went to the City Council to ask the City to build a golf course. Stating that there were many people that wanted to play golf, but could not afford the private golf course on the Redlands.



1926



May 4, The city purchased 40 acres for the golf course.



June 25, Construction begins on the golf course. Montrose and Gunnison courses were also under construction.



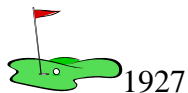
September 1, All nine holes completed and ready for play. Course will open after the first rain settles the dust. Course had dirt fairways, sand tee boxed and greens. #1 hole shared common ground with the racetrack and ball field.



September 30, Course opened for play. No green fees charged until after the grand opening. Any ball in the fairway could be moved one club length and placed on a rubber tee. These rules applied until grass fairways were planted in 1935.



October 10, Grand opening with Mayor J.E. Bell driving the first ball. Annual golf memberships are \$25.00 and daily green fees .50¢



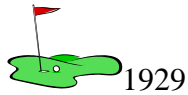
1927



March 5, First official golf tournament held.



- May 17, Cottonseed hulls shipped in from the East to put on all greens. Olathe and Montrose are also changing their greens to cottonseed hulls. Some of the fairways are being planted to grass and might be playable by July. This planting is of an experimental nature and the success will determine the extent of planting on the remaining portions of the course.



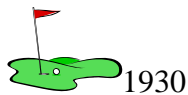
- The large stones along the number one fairway and Gunnison Avenue come from the original Fifth Street Bridge that was replaced in 1928.

- May 17, New clubhouse opens complete with lockers and showers. This clubhouse was a wooden structure, which stood on the site of the present clubhouse. From 1926 till now there was only a starter shack at number 1 which stood about where the concessions stand for the football and baseball fields are today. When this clubhouse opened, all the golf holes were re-numbered.

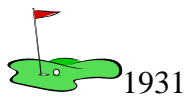
- Number four hole became number one holes and all the remaining holes were re-numbered in a counter clockwise direction. Old maps verify these changes.

- October 27, Joe Kirkwood, nationally known exhibitor of trick golf shots, put on an exhibition for a large crowd.

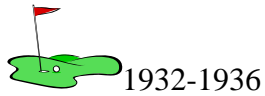
- Large stones from the original Fifth Street Bridge were laid and spaced along Gunnison Avenue to the right side of number four fairway to keep the balls from crossing over the street.



- April 3, First club professional hired.
- April 9, All golf lessons are free to women.



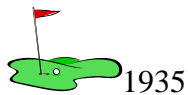
- April 19, the 7th tee box "original number one" is moved away from the ball field. Until this change was made, you could not tee off if a ball game was being played.
- April 21, More seeding is done on other fairways.



- Many of the golfers at the Grand Junction Country Club started to play their golf at Lincoln Park. This was the start of the closing of the private golf course on the Redlands.



- City purchases the "Teller 40" property for future construction of new fairways and greens. These holes are presently number two, three, and four and part of five.
- September 9, Babe Didrickson Zaharias and her husband George, play in the Rocky Mountain Open.



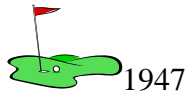
- April 3, All fairways now planted to grass. Greens are now being seeded to grass.
- Temporary fairways and greens were used during planting.
- CCC's start work on the new clubhouse and rock wall along the right side of number one fairway. This clubhouse is the present structure.



- WPA approved funds and constructs a new clubhouse.

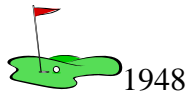


- First day of play on all new grass greens.
- September 6,7,8, First Western Slope Tournament on grass greens.



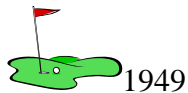
1947

- City lets the Veterans Administration excavate and build an artificial lake on the Teller property. They wanted the dirt for fill under the hospital foundation, which was started this same year. The lake was filled from the Mesa County Ditch and immediately stocked with fish. Fishing was permitted for VA patients and for youngster's Huck Finn days and fishing derbies. A wooden platform was built on the North side of the lake for wheelchair patients. The VA Hospital was completed in December 1948 and its first patients were admitted in May 1949.



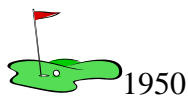
1948

- During the winter the city gathered up coal clinker from around the community to be used on the new putting greens two, three, and four behind the VA Hospital. These greens were raised about two feet with dirt from the new lake being made. A layer of coal clinkers were then installed over the base. With the topsoil put on top, this was to get a better water drainage through the greens. This method worked very well.



1949

- April 3, Construction starts on three new fairways and greens, which will become holes number two, three, and four. The Mesa County Ditch, which paralleled the North side of the new number four fairway is filled and relocated along the East side of number three and the South side of number two. Due to this relocation, they were able to fill the abandoned Mesa County Ditch, which ran beside the number nine fairway.



1950

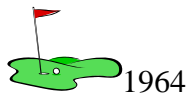
- April, New holes number two, three, and four opened for play.
- September 7-10, Rocky Mountain Open Field, which again included Babe and George Zaharias, played the new course layout. Players nicknamed the three new holes the "Golfers Despair". The three new holes all had the lake on the left and holes two and three had the Mesa County Ditch on the right. They also reported that the 4th fairway was very hard, and that food tee shots often – bounced out of bounds. There were no chain link fences along these holes until the early 60's.



- 🏌️ Six-foot chain link fences are installed in the early 60's along the right side of number one through six holes.



- 🏌️ Due to the rising water table in the housing development South of the golf course lake.
- 🏌️ The Mesa County Ditch is relocated away from the golf course.



- 🏌️ Still trying to lower the water table, the lake is pumped dry. The fish were seined and moved and the fishing platform was removed.



- 🏌️ The abandoned ditch along number two and three fairways is filled and planted to grass.



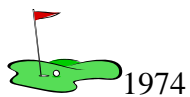
- 🏌️ Still trying to lower the water table, a deep well and pump is installed in the vicinity of 24<sup>th</sup> street and Belford Avenue. This pump still operated 24 hours everyday.



- 🏌️ Installed carpeting throughout the clubhouse



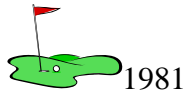
- 🏌️ The City Council allowed advertising on benches at tee boxes.



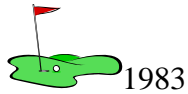
- 🏌️ Started automatic irrigation system installation



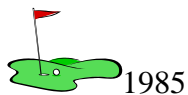
Number one, two, five, and nine tee boxes are rebuilt.



Number seven green is rebuilt.



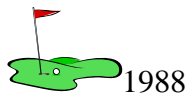
The practice putting greens are rebuilt.



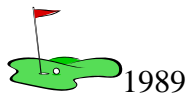
A six-foot chain link fence is erected along the right side of number seven fairway.



Number five tee box is rebuilt.



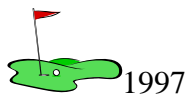
Twenty-foot high fences are erected along portions of number two, three, four, and six fairways in an attempt to stop errant golf shots.



Liner installed in lake and clubhouse design awarded for both Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado Golf Courses.

Restrooms were replaced.

Converted from domestic to raw water.



Irrigation was computerized at both Lincoln Park and Tiara Rado Golf courses.