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OPINION

Two Numbers: Knowing Your Customer's Lifestyle Can Dictate Your Golf Operation

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How many Starbucks stores are within a 10-mile radius of your golf course? If the answer is zero, our belief is your golf course might be financially challenged unless you are a destination resort. In the numerous geographic local market studies performed for clients throughout the U.S., we have observed the number of Starbucks stores located within 10 miles is an accurate predictor of prosperity for a golf course. These include places like the south of I-20 and inside the I-285 loop in Atlanta, GA., or even in a rural area like Morganton, NC. There are no Starbucks in those locations, and we usually find that the golf courses are low-end, entrylevel facilities where generating enough revenue to fund capital improvements is a challenge. Starbucks selects locations based on the attitudinal behavior of consumers within a defined geographic radius. Known as the MOSAIC profile, Experian classifies all individuals within ten designated groups... READ MORE >>

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By Scott Kauffman, Contributor, Golf Business®

Most Northern golf facilities are still in hibernation mode this time of year and slowly coming back to life for business. Sure, some operations are able to sneak in rounds during these early spring days when it's nice enough to play outside, but courses are mostly quiet and eagerly awaiting Memorial Day weekend when business begins to take off with peak summer traffic. This winter and shoulder season, however, a number of Northern courses reported unusual signs of increased business activity and strange-looking things positioned around their property. And it had nothing to do with golf... READ MORE







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