

Club Benchmarking Background

- Company Founder was a private club Board member for 10 years and President for three.
 Club Benchmarking is based in Boston, MA and has a team of 40 people.
- Providing data analytics and financial analysis to the private club industry since 2009
- Data from +/- 1,000 clubs per year in 49 states, 5 Canadian Provinces, ranging in revenue from \$300,000 to \$125 Million. Residential Community Clubs comprise 20% of the database and 20% is clubs without golf (Yacht, City/Athletic, Tennis/Sports).
- Continuous study of what drives financial sustainability and success in private clubs
- Nationally recognized experts in club finance and business intelligence
 - Benchmarking platforms for annual finance & operations, compensation & benefits, policies & procedures and the Strategic Monthly Dashboard
 - o Integration of real estate and demographic data
 - Industry leaders in capital reserve studies
 - Capital Strategies Modeling platform
 - Member Motivation, Attachment & Loyalty Benchmarking
 - Employee Engagement Benchmarking

Context

- The club industry is a **fragmented**, **cottage industry** where best practices disseminate slowly, if at all
- It would be impossible to understand the industry by studying only one or a few clubs
- We are all trying to LEARN from each other

CONTEXT is REQUIRED





Shun Change - Stagnant



Evolving Slowly



Embrace Change - Dynamic

25% Growing Purposefully

25% Shrinking

- 1.Too few members as a result of weak member experience
- 2. Narrow breadth of lackluster services and amenities
- 3. Weak Balance Sheet
 - a. Declining Net Worth
 - b. Significant deferred capital investment
 - c. Lack of adequate cash reserves
- 4. Operational Governance over Strategic Governance
- 5. Members think like Customers, not like Owners

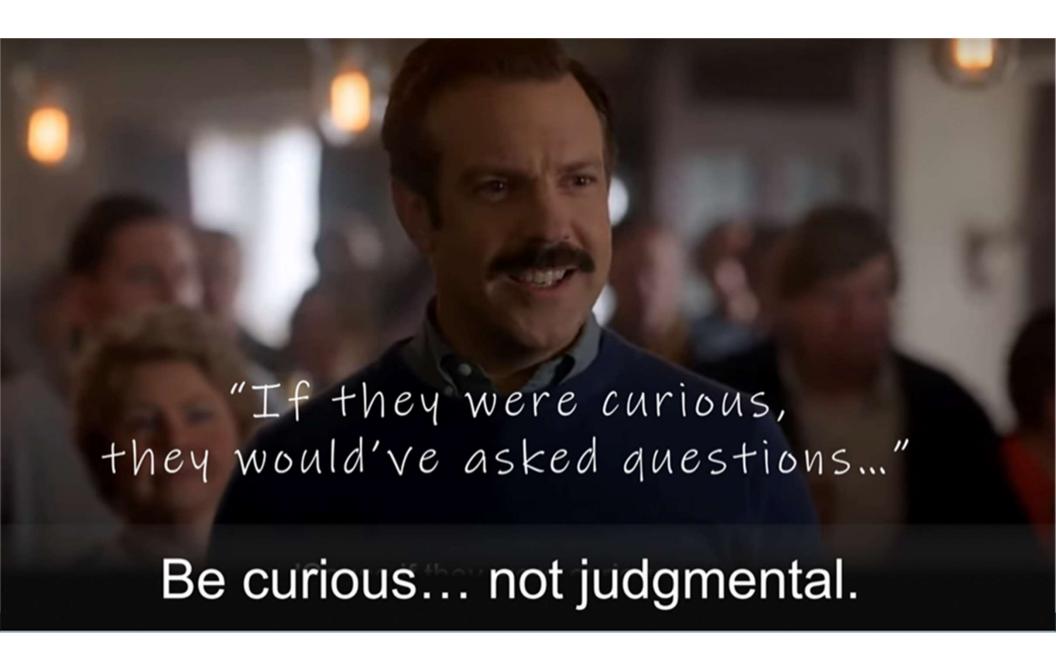
50% Sideways - Moderate Growth

- 1.Barely adequate to adequate number of members.
- 2. Lackluster to above average services and amenities.
- 3. Average Balance Sheet
 - a.Net Worth flat to slight growth in real dollars
 - b. Significant to slightly deferred capital investment
 - c. Some cash reserved
- 4. Bounce between Operational and Strategic Governance
- 5. Mix of members who think like Customers and like Owners

- 1.Full Membership Roster
- 2. Compelling member experience with broad array of services and amenities
- 3. Strong Balance Sheet
 - a.Net Worth growing > 5% CAGR
 - b. Fresh and up to date asset base
 - c. Adequate cash reserves
- 4. Focus of Governance is on making the club better (can still be stuck in Operational Governance at times)
- 5. Most members think like Owners and take pride

Why?

- Misunderstanding of the drivers of financial success.
- Overemphasis of focus on the financial outcome resulting from the Operating Ledger and
 Operations. Lack of emphasis and focus on the Capital Ledger and Balance Sheet.
 Lack of forward-looking capital planning combined with inadequate organic capital
 generation.
- Confusion about competitive market dynamics....do clubs compete on <u>the price they</u> <u>charge or the experience they offer?</u>
- Club culture that veers towards members <u>acting as customers</u> instead of acting as <u>Owners and Stewards</u>





"Without data you're just another person with an opinion."

> W. Edwards Deming, Data Scientist

The Two Prevailing Perspectives The Tension of Opposites

Efficiency View

- Don't raise dues if the club is too expensive, we won't get members.
- 2. We need to be "efficient."
- 3. Don't lose money in F&B.
- 4. Ultimately a price over value view.

Make This Place Great View

- 1. Let's make this club great.
- 2. I am willing to pay for the services and amenities I want and the quality of service I would like.
- Don't go crazy and double the cost of belonging over night but I will invest to make the club stronger.
- 4. Ultimately a <u>value over price view</u>.



The Framework: Club Benchmarking Financial Insight Model

Operating Ledger

Income Statement Capital Ledger

Revenue

(Dues, F&B, Ancillary Departments)

Gross Profit

(Net of Direct Cost to Produce Revenue including COGS and Labor)

Fixed Operating Expenses

- General & Administrative
- Buildings Maintenance & Operation
- Fixed Charges
- Golf Operations Labor
- Course Maintenance Expense
- Sports, Recreation, Youth

Net Operating Result

Total Capital Income (Initiation, Capital Dues/Assessments, Investment Income) Adjust for Net Operating Result Subtract Lease Expenses **Net Available Capital Net Available Capital = EBTDA** Amount available for Capital Investment, Debt Reduction and Increasing Reserves **Subtract Depreciation Change in Net Worth**

Net Worth should increase at least 3.5% per year

Business Model Context

- The sources and uses of money are common – independent of location, scale or quality
- The Key Performance Indicators don't vary based on location, scale or quality
- Circumstances may have an effect, but CHOICES are the primary DRIVER of Financial Outcomes
- Your culture may be unique, but your financial model and financial drivers are NOT UNIQUE

Sources of Mor

Uses of Money

Operating

Operating Dues

Ancillary Fees (F&B, Rooms, User Fees, Guest Fees, Minimums, etc.) Overhead (G&A, Buildings Operation, Fixed Charges)

Services & Amenities (Golf and/or Yachting, Non-Golf Sports & Recreation, Education, Spa & Wellness, Other)

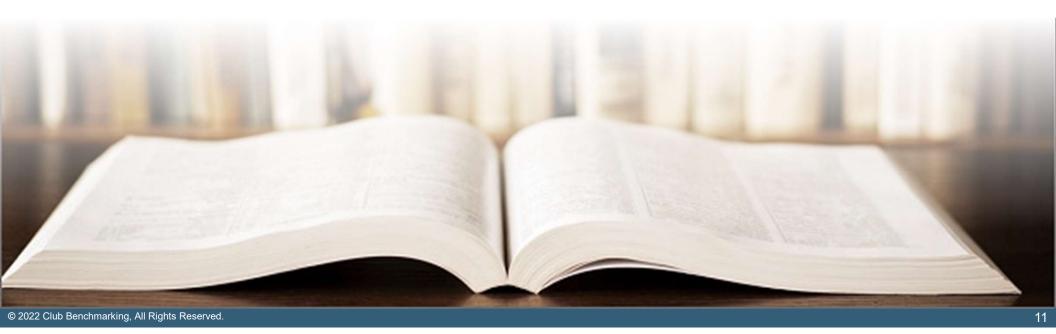
Capital

Initiation Fees, Recurring Capital Dues, Assessments, Sale of Assets, Other Asset Maintenance and Replacement

Asset Expansion - Increased Capacity, Services & Amenities



The Critical Concepts



The Critical Financial and Business Model Concepts

- 1. Clubs compete on the experience they offer, not the price they charge. Members of every club are responsible for properly funding the club so that it can compete successfully over time.
- 2. Clubs are high fixed cost businesses expenses are not "bad." The operating expenses reflect the scale of a club's footprint and the breadth and quality of the member experience.
- 3. The purpose of the Operating Ledger is to deliver services and amenities to the membership...it is consumed year-in and year-out by members enjoying the club. It is not the financial driver. The financial driver is the Capital Ledger.
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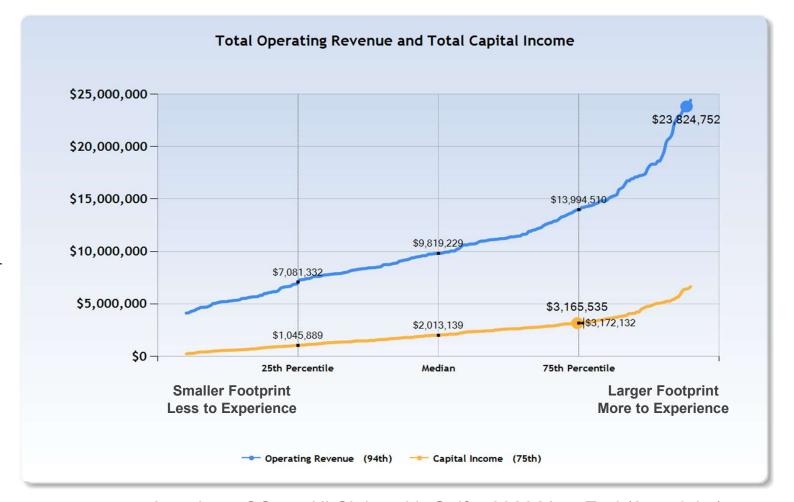
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The Private Club Financial and Business Model

- Larger clubs tend to be Green Bucket clubs, smaller clubs tend to be Red Bucket clubs.
- Smaller clubs are "golf-centric," and haven't evolved their offerings of services and amenities to the extent of large clubs – Fitness/Wellness, Casual Dining, Resort Style Pools, etc.

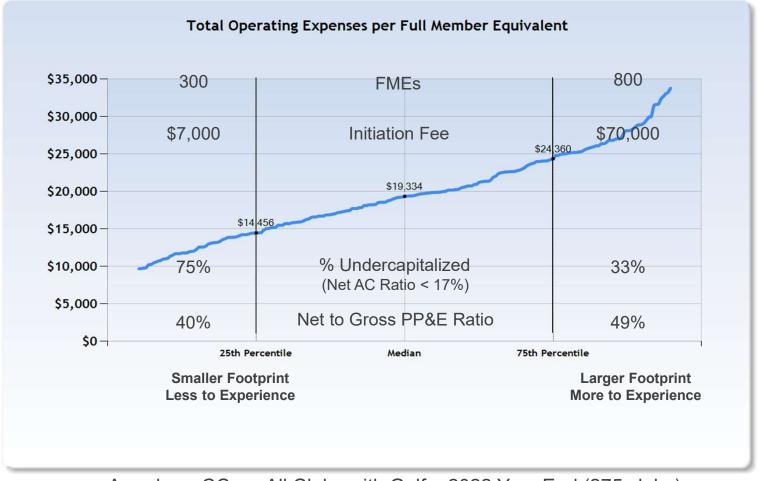




Anywhere CC vs. All Clubs with Golf – 2022 Year End (275 clubs)

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- Clubs with higher expenses are healthier overall and lower expense clubs are weaker overall.
- Expenses scale with the footprint and service standards.





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The Never-Ending Debate



- Does not mean Waste is OK
- Does not mean spend without abandon
- Does not mean don't ask questions...
- Does mean Success over Time isn't about Efficiency as a strategic driver
- Does mean the club business model isn't built on Efficiency – who joins a club because it is efficient?



- Does not mean double the Dues overnight
- Does mean every club should STRIVE to be the best version of itself it can be
- Does mean we don't let the Experience or our Assets decay over time in an attempt to "keep dues low"
- Does mean clubs succeed or fail based on the Experience they offer (or don't)

Perspective

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The Tension of Opposites....

Does our Vision drive our budget?

Or

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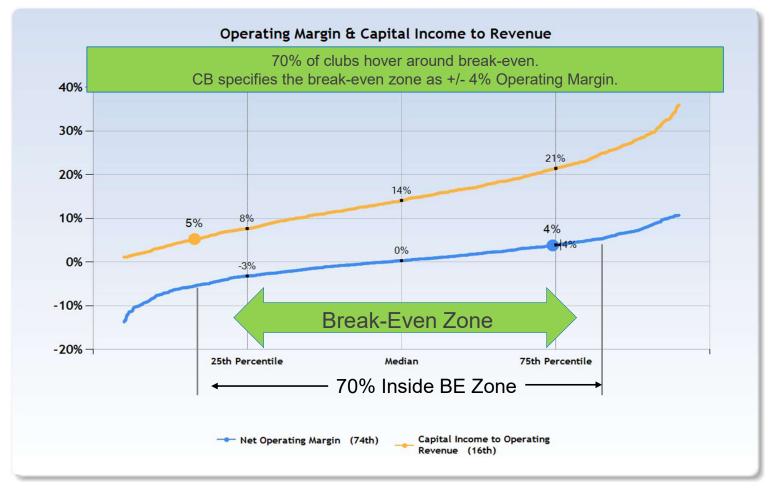
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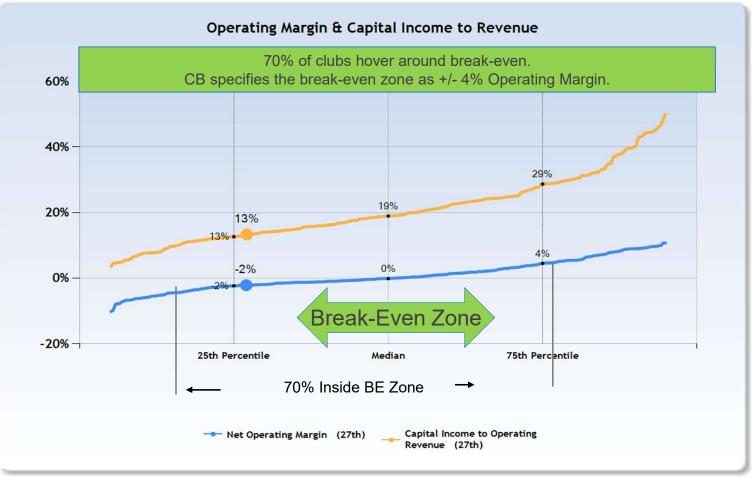
All Clubs with Golf (893 clubs) Pre-Pandemic

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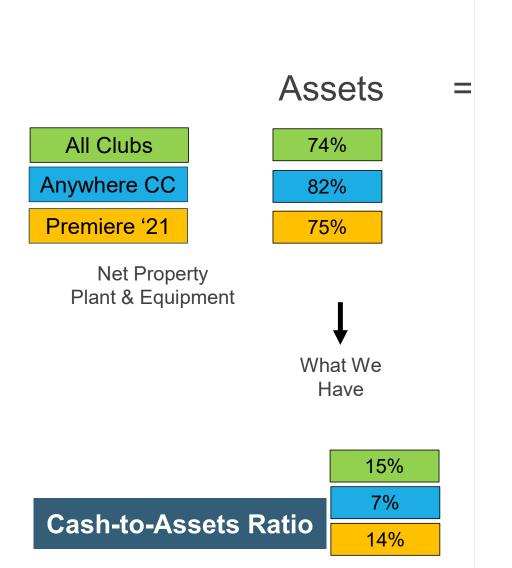
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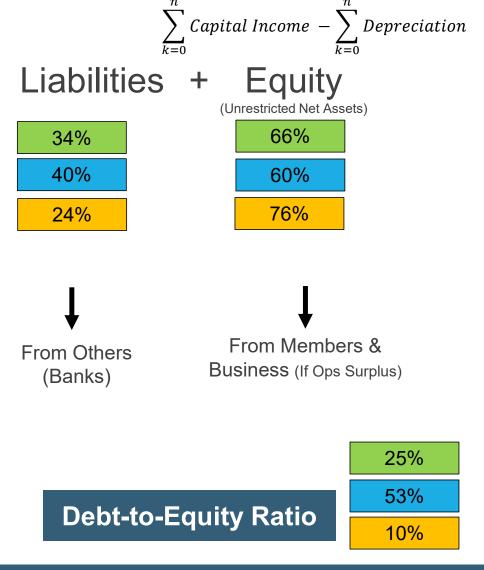
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- Unrestricted Net Assets = Net Worth or Book Value of the Club
- Club operating ledgers are typically set to break-even. In that scenario, Capital Income must be greater than depreciation in order for net worth to increase

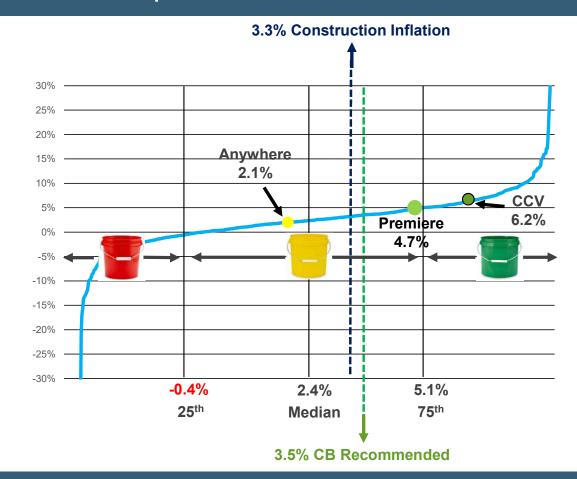


Net Worth growth requires incoming members **AND** existing members to contribute to capital

Net Worth Over Time: The Most Important Financial Metric

Growth of Members' Equity Drives the following:

- Balance Sheet Strength
- Investment in Property, Plant & Equipment
- Initiation Fee Growth
- Amazon since 2006 = +52.5%
- Macy's since 2006 = -7.8%
- Net Worth Over Time reflects market relevance and competitive standing

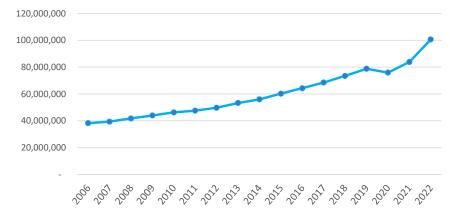


The Capital Ledger is the engine that drives Net Worth Over Time

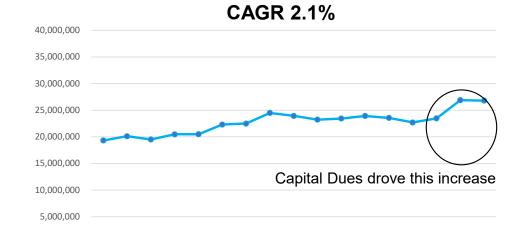
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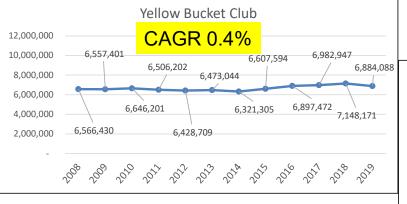


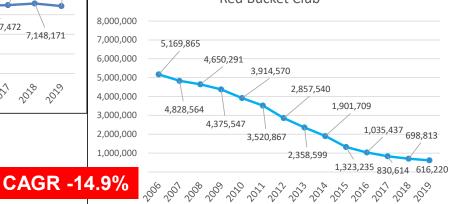




Net Worth Over Time The Most Important Financial Metric



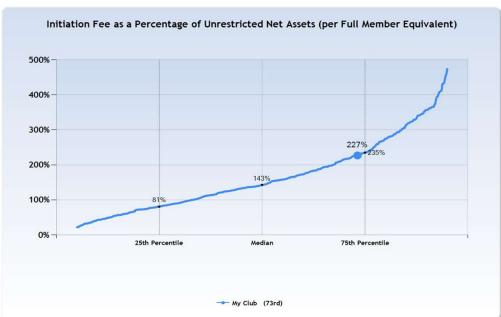




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Club Built 50 Years Ago



Total Cost to Build = \$3 Million Zero Reinvestment Over Time

Gross PPE = \$3M (ex. Land)
Accumulated Depreciation = \$3M
Net PPE = \$0
Net-to-Gross-PPE Ratio = 0%

Condition: Worn and Depleted

Property, Plant & Equipment

Net to Gross PPE Ratio

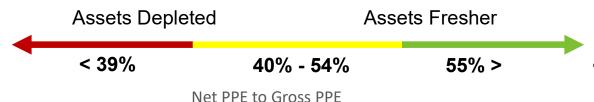
Club Built Yesterday

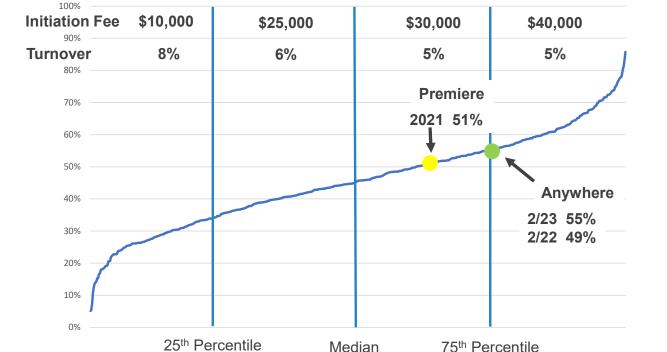


Total Cost to Build = \$30 Million

Gross PPE = \$30M (ex. Land)
Accumulated Depreciation = \$0
Net PPE = \$30M
Net to Gross PPE Ratio = 100%

Condition: Brand New





46%

55% (CB Target)

Net to Gross PPE Ratio

- Net PPE is where a club's money ends up
- Very accurate and simple test of physical plant condition
- Ratio above median indicates physical assets fresher & more up to date
- Ratio below median indicates physical assets are older and more worn
- The most important and precise assessment of your club's physical plant available is a capital reserve study which should be conducted by an objective 3rd party professional well-versed in clubs

36%

The Asset Base Capital Planning

Net Property, Plant, & Equipment

Gross Assets (91st)

66,100,000

36,500,000





Obligatory Capital (Maintenance)

- Repair and Replacement of existing assets.
- Depreciation = past cost "matching depreciation" is not enough because...
 - Assets cost more to replace than when originally acquired, and fully depreciated assets in use will need to be replaced.
- Past and existing members are obligated. Not future members.

The Source of Obligatory Capital is Recurring Capital Dues

Aspirational Capital (Growth)

- Expand existing assets (clubhouse expansion)
- Add new Assets (entire new clubhouse, pool or fitness when none existed)
- Adding new amenities Croquet, Pickle Ball
- Current and future Members are responsible.
 Future members more so
- Aspirational Capital should have a Return on Investment – Capital Income is the Return

The Source of Aspirational Capital is Initiation Fee Income and Debt

Club Benchmarking recommends minimum growth in Net Worth of 3.5% per year to meet obligatory capital needs

Capital income for aspirational capital will grow Net Worth on top of the 3.5%

Hierarchy of Capital Priorities

Debt Service

Debt Service comes first and must be covered entirely.
 Very common for clubs to do a project using debt and come up with a debt service "assessment" that does not account for the remaining capital needs.

Obligatory Capital

• Obligatory Capital <u>must</u> also be covered. Many clubs are "rationing" capital as a result of inadequate income resulting in deferred maintenance.

Aspirational Capital

 Aspirational Capital is the capital to Evolve and Grow the club. It is the investment that keeps clubs relevant (think casual dining, fitness/wellness, resort style pools).

Increasing Cash Reserves Clubs wishing to increase reserves must satiate the capital needs that come first. It is a long way to reserves increasing.



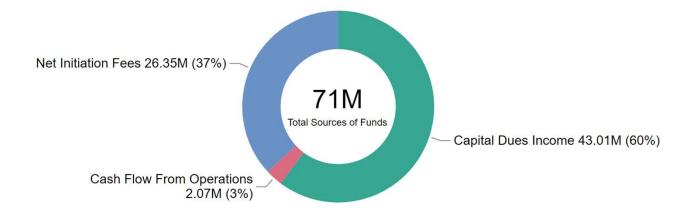
The Forward-Looking Capital Plan

- 1. The Capital Reserve Study forms the basis of forward-looking obligatory capital needs
- 2. The Strategic Plan (Strategic Thinking) and Vision form the basis of forward-looking aspirational needs
- 3. The current debt service schedule plus any future debt form the basis of principal and interest payments due during the planning period.
- 4. The complete, bottoms-up, plan regarding member churn forms the basis of projected initiation fee income and any recurring capital dues income based on projected member counts.
- 5. The forward-looking Capital Plan (Capital Strategies Model) is the detailed planning surrounding items 1 4. The objective is to proactively determine capital needs and resources and close the gap between the two. The task is to evaluate and balance timing of needs, amount of money members will need to contribute, debt load while assuring all capital needs are met proactively.

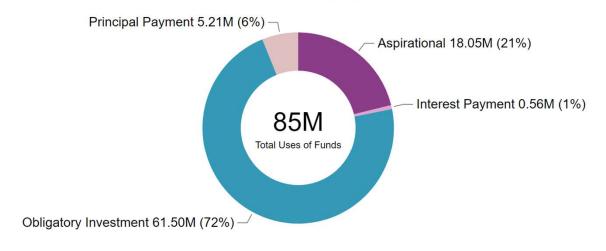




Sources of Funds



Uses of Funds

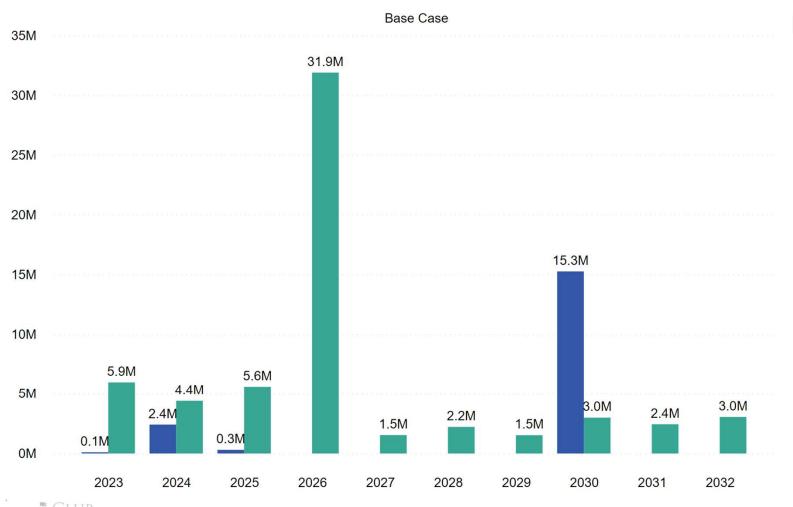




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Capital Investment

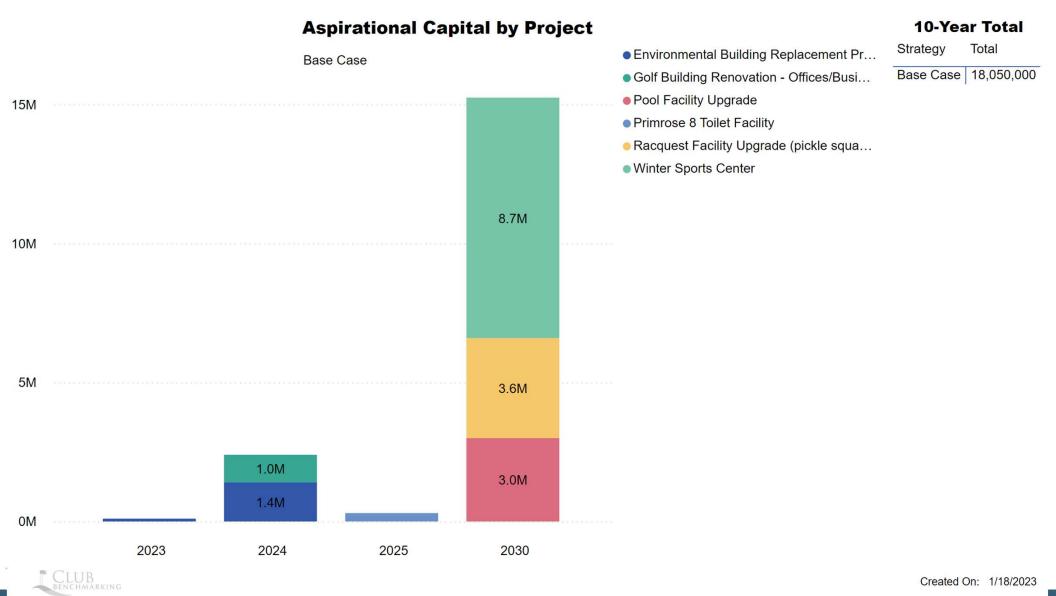
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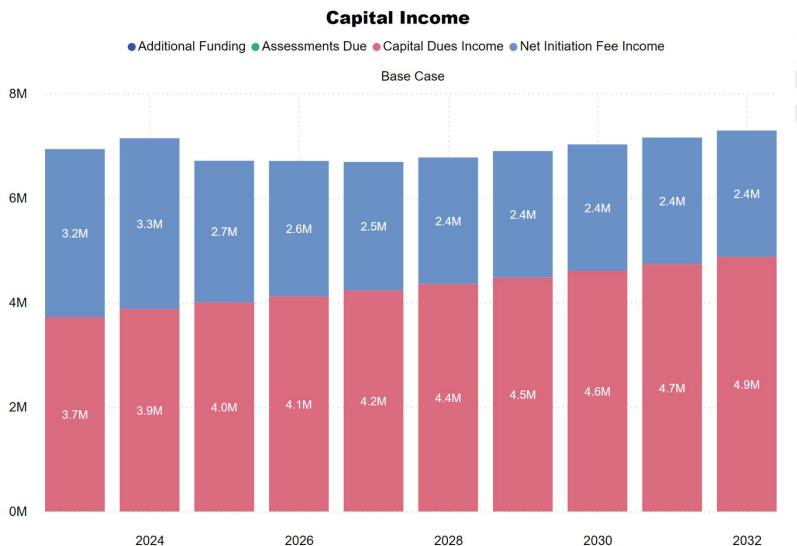


10-Year Total

Strategy	Amount Sum	
☐ Base Case	79,554,819	
Aspirational	18,050,000	
Obligatory Investment	61,504,819	

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10-Year Total

Capital Income	Amount Sum			
Additional Funding	0.00			
Assessments Due	0.00			
Capital Dues Income	43,009,742.52			
Net Initiation Fee Income	26,346,754.00			
Total	69,356,496.52			

Prior to 2019 planning

Capital Dues income was ~ \$1 Million/Year

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Capital Cash Flow Projection	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total
Beginning Balance - Capital Cash	\$6,500,000	\$6,714,186	\$6,364,657	\$6,499,732	(\$19,380,333)	(\$14,888,761)	(\$10,850,255)	(\$5,620,500)	(\$16,797,920)	(\$11,867,139)	**
Net Operating Result	\$265.000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$2,065,000
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Capital Income											
Net Initiation Fee Income	\$3,216,984	\$3,268,920	\$2,708,454	\$2,591,596	\$2,455,800	\$2,421,000	\$2,421,000	\$2,421,000	\$2,421,000	\$2,421,000	\$26,346,754
Capital Dues Income	\$3,720,877	\$3,876,601	\$4,005,827	\$4,119,019	\$4,235,510	\$4,355,578	\$4,479,211	\$4,606,548	\$4,737,754	\$4,872,817	\$43,009,743
Capital Assessment Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Capital Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Capital Income	\$6,937,861	\$7,145,521	\$6,714,281	\$6,710,615	\$6,691,310	\$6,776,578	\$6,900,211	\$7,027,548	\$7,158,754	\$7,293,817	\$69,356,497
Net Available Capital (before interest expense and lease payments)	\$7,202,861	\$7,345,521	\$6,914,281	\$6,910,615	\$6,891,310	\$6,976,578	\$7,100,211	\$7,227,548	\$7,358,754	\$7,493,817	\$71,421,497
Capital Expenditures											
Obligatory	\$5,949,022	\$4,379,334	\$5,577,678	\$31,903,765	\$1,527,870	\$2,206,291	\$1,518,668	\$2,979,153	\$2,427,973	\$3,035,065	\$61,504,819
Aspirational	\$100,000	\$2,400,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,050,000
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Additional Uses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt											
Proceeds From New Loans	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service-Principal	\$779,919	\$789,153	\$798,692	\$808,546	\$818,725	\$704,321	\$340,109	\$174,160	\$0	\$0	\$5,213,625
Debt Service-Interest	\$159,734	\$126,562	\$102,835	\$78,370	\$53,142	\$27,460	\$11,680	\$1,655	\$0	\$0	\$561,439
Additional Principal Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cash Flow From Debt Activity	(\$939,653)	(\$915,715)	(\$901,528)	(\$886,916)	(\$871,867)	(\$731,782)	(\$351,789)	(\$175,815)	\$0	\$0	(\$5,775,064)
Net Capital Cash Flow	\$214,186	(\$349,529)	\$135,075	(\$25,880,065)	\$4,491,573	\$4,038,506	\$5,229,754	(\$11,177,420)	\$4,930,781	\$4,458,752	(\$13,908,387)
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The Comprehensive Capital Asset Plan (COMPASS)

- 1. Is the financial manifestation of the Strategic Plan and the Vision
- 2. Can be precisely quantified
- 3. Should be known to all stakeholders
- 4. Should be the "thread" that provides <u>continuity</u> between one Chair/President/Board/Fincom and the next
- 5. Must be a dynamic plan, updated continuously it is as (more) important from a financial perspective than the operating plan . *No longer episodic, but continuous*
- 6. Is the way to proactively assure a sustainable financial future
- 7. Proactive planning reduces (eliminates) the need for assessments and the need for <u>reactive</u> debt



The Critical Concepts

A view of the Operating Ledger



The Financial Model of Clubs

- Expense "cutting" or management that happens "Above the Line" doesn't benefit the club.
- The last step in the process of setting a breakeven budget is to determine how much the dues should be.
- Expense cuts or management above the line, reduces operating expenses, which, given the break-even posture, benefits the members with lower dues.
- <u>The club</u> doesn't benefit from "expense reductions."

Palms and Beaches Statement of Activities	
For the Period Ending 2021	
Operating Revenue	
Total Membership Dues Revenue	\$2,975,000
Food & Beverage Revenue	\$2,978,254
Golf Operations and Golf Shop Revenue	\$1,037,483
Yachting and Yacht Related Revenue	
Sports Recreation and Youth Program Revenue	\$68,196
Overnight Rooms Revenue	
All Other Operating Revenue	\$159,616
Total Club Operating Revenue	\$7,218,549
Operating Expenses	
Food & Beverage Expenses	\$2,925,830
Golf Course Maintenance Expense	\$1,139,853
Golf Operations Labor	\$526,772
Golf Operations and Golf Shop Expense	\$594,031
Yachting and Yacht Related Expenses	
Sports Recreation and Youth Program Expenses	\$297,315
Overnight Rooms Expense	
General & Administrative Expense	\$784,810
Buildings Maintenance and Operation Expense	\$728,641
Fixed Charges	
Real Estate and Property Taxes and/or Rent	\$220,293
Property and Liability Insurance	\$171,212
Interest Expenses	\$192,673
All Other Operating Expenses	\$0
Total Operating Expenses	\$7,581,430
Change in Net Assets as a Result of Operations	(\$362,881)
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 "Above the Line" impacts the member's dues <u>and</u> the member's experience.

Above the Line

 "Below the Line" impacts the club and the member experience as a result of state of physical assets.

Oth	er Activities	
	Depreciation Expense	(\$561,488)
	Total Lease Payments	(\$150,353)
	Net Initiation Fees	\$329,850
	Capital Dues Income	\$299,400
	Capital Assessment Income	\$0
	Investment Income	\$927
	Other Capital Income	\$16,306
	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(\$428,239)

Below the Line



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The Tension of Opposites....

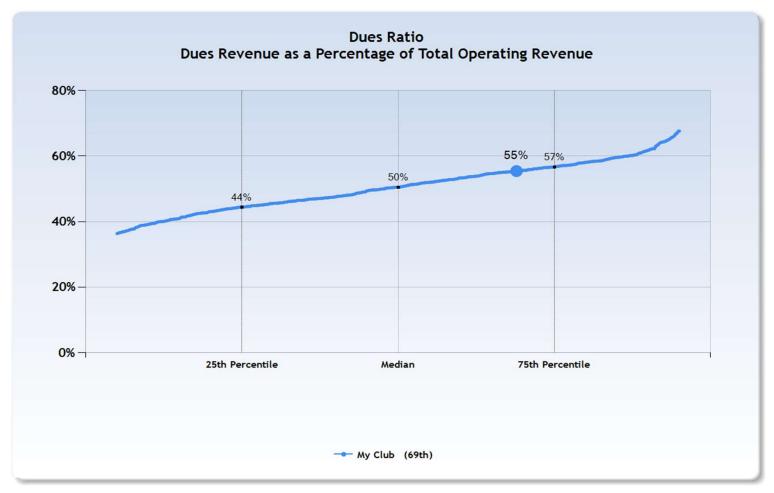
Does our Vision drive our budget?

Or

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The Member Experience Model





Anywhere CC vs. All Clubs with Golf – 2022 Year End (275 clubs)

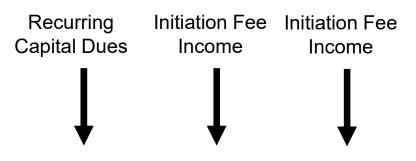
- Operating monies are consumed and do not drive the financial outcome over time.
- Capital income flows in increasing Member's Equity.
- That money is destined for investment in Property, Plant & Equipment, to pay down debt and to increase cash reserves (resulting in the strength or weakness of the Balance Sheet).

Revenue Dues Non-Dues

Operating
Expenses are
consumed
providing the
member
experience

Little to no money persists

The Flow of Money Over Time



Flows in as in increase to Net Worth

Invest in Obligatory Capital
Invest in Aspirational Capital
Cash Reserves
Pay Down Debt

State of Physical Plant

Strength of the Balance Sheet



The Ongoing Impact of the Pandemic

- Member-Centric Experience
- Member-Centric Funding
- Dues Revenue vs. Non-Dues Revenue is a fairness issue.



The Critical Financial and Business Model Concepts

- 1. Members should understand the key drivers of success in the club industry and avoid imprinting the knowledge of their own business on the club industry. Members should understand the difference between an opinion and a fact.
- 2. Clubs compete on the experience they offer, not the price they charge. Members of every club are responsible for properly funding the club so that it can compete successfully over time.
- 3. Clubs are high fixed cost businesses expenses are not "bad." The operating expenses reflect the scale of a club's footprint and the breadth and quality of the member experience.
- 4. The purpose of the Operating Ledger is to deliver services and amenities to the membership...it is consumed year-in and year-out by members enjoying the club. It is not the financial driver. The financial driver is the Capital Ledger.
- 5. Every club stakeholder should understand the concepts reflected in the most important financial metric Net Worth Over Time.
- 6. Every club stakeholder should understand the story told by the balance sheet and the impact of Net Worth Over Time on the balance sheet.

Anywhere Country Club Conclusions

- Treating Operating Ledger mainly as the vehicle for member experience.
- Net Worth Growth over last two years as a result of recurring Capital Dues being instituted.
- Forward-looking capital plan, as always, mission critical.
- NWOT, Capital Income and Debt are likely signals more capital income is needed.

Thank You!



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