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**Swedish-American Archives of Greater Chicago
Manuscript Collection #6
Nordic Country Club Records, 1924-1931**

Boxes: 1

HISTORY

On May 10, 1925, at a 120 acre wooded site in Itasca, Illinois, ground breaking ceremonies were held for the construction of the Nordic Country Club. The club finally opened on Memorial Day, 1926.

The decision to develop the club came as a result of two movements: the great suburban migration and the growth in the popularity of country clubs. Both of these movements were considered by the founders when they made their investments in the club.

The charter membership consisted of 125 people. The officers were selected from the founders of the club. Chas H. Roseberg was the first president.

The name of the club was changed to Nordic Hills Country Club during the 1930's. All land, clubhouse, and facilities were bought by Carson Pirie Scott and Company, Chicago, ca. 1968-69 and developed as Nordic Hills Resort. They also built a hotel on the grounds.

Carson's Company sold the resort and property to BMS Realty in January, 1985, but they retained management of facilities for 10 years.

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS

The records of the Nordic Country Club occupy one half-box and document only the beginning of the club. This box contains ten folders with material on bylaws and legal documents, financial records, memberships, correspondence, publications, publicity, and miscellaneous items.

The first two folders contain pamphlets with bylaws from 1925 to 1931 and contracts pertaining to the purchase of the Itasca property for the years 1925 to 1929. There are also membership agreements covering the years 1924 to 1927.

The financial records in folder 3 are primarily records of money spent on the building of the club. There are a few receipts of donations as well.

The fourth folder contains membership material which includes information on potential members and a list of members for 1925. A list of members is located in the folder containing the two scrapbooks.

Folder five contains correspondence, dated from September 1924 to December 1930, and

consists primarily of letters between club organizers.

The sixth folder contains the club's periodical, "The Nordic Fairway", spanning the years 1925 to 1929.

Two folders contain material on publicity: the first one contains programs, 1925 to 1926, and announcements and invitations. The second folder contains two scrapbooks from the club.

The ninth folder contains maps and blueprints of the club.

The last folder contains miscellaneous items. The material ranges from newspaper clippings to information on the possible purchase of machines for the club.

PROVENANCE: The records of the Nordic Country Club were donated to the Swedish American Archives of Greater Chicago by Mr. Carl Hjalmar Lundquist, date unknown.

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PROCESSOR: Steve Jones, January 1985

SEPARATION RECORD: None

CONTAINER LIST

BOX	FOLDER	FOLDER TITLES	SPAN DATES
1	1	Bylaws	1925,1930, 1931
1	2	Contracts Charter Membership Club Construction Land Purchases	1924 1925 1925,1926 1927,1929
1	3	Finance: Land Purchase Payment Receipts Itasca Property Financial Information Financial Reports	1927,1929 n.d. n.d.
1	4	Membership: List Applications Recommendations	1925 1925 n.d.
1	5	Correspondence	1924-1936
1	6	Newsletter, <i>The Nordic Fairway</i>	1925-1929
1	7	Programs, Announcements, and Invitations	1925-1926, n.d.
1	8	Scrapbooks	ca. 1924-1943

1	9	Maps and Blueprints	n.d.
1	10	Miscellaneous	n.d.
1	11	<i>The Nordic Country Club</i> , Promotional Booklet	n.d.