

GOLF FOR ST. GEORGE?

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The idea of a golf course had been around since the 1930's when Heber J. Grant said, "What this town needs is a new hotel and a golf course". It had just never gone beyond the talking stages. Several sites of 120 acres were identified, but all were privately owned, and the costs to purchase and develop were beyond the promoters ability to fund.

The St. George Chamber of Commerce Golf Course Committee of 1964 was advised by a Club Pro from Coronado, California that the first golf course should be **9 holes** and **city owned**. A golf pro from Ogden said he could build it for **\$60,000.00** on the city owned watercress spring property if two building lots were thrown in to cover his fee. **Extra water** could be obtained from Ence and Bowler. A feasibility study showed what it would take to break even. The manager of the St. George Bank said his bank would buy **revenue bonds** of \$60,000.00 if the city would issue them. This eliminated the need to have the citizen's vote on a General Obligation Bond that might not pass.

The Chamber Committee had put together what they considered a feasible proposal for the Cities first golf course – and the City Council on August 3, 1964 voted approval for the development of what is now known as the “**DIXIE RED HILLS GOLF COURSE**”