



Guide to the Las Vegas Founders Club Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Las Vegas Founders Club
Title:	Las Vegas Founders Club Records
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Date [inclusive]:	1983 to 2013
Physical Description:	19.75 Cubic Feet (40 boxes, 5 oversized boxes)
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Physical Description:	45066 Digital Files (80.341 GB) PDF/A, JPG, EPS, AI, DOC, PUB, PPT
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Las Vegas Founders Club Records (1983-2013) consist mainly of photographic prints of players, general operations, and events surrounding golf tournaments in Las Vegas, Nevada. The tournaments include the Invensys Classic, Las Vegas Senior Classic, men's and women's Collegiate Championships, and the Las Vegas Invitational. Materials also include media press reports, newspaper and press clippings, and scrapbooks created by the Founders Club. The collection also contains digital photographs from various tournaments in Las Vegas.

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Historical Background

The Las Vegas Founders Club was created by local Las Vegas, Nevada community members with three goals: to promote Las Vegas as a golf and tourism destination; to promote and facilitate the development of the game of golf in Southern Nevada; and to raise funds for local area charities.

The Las Vegas Founders Club was founded in 1981 by Dick Etter, Chuck Ruthe, Herb Jones, Tom Hartley, Tom Wiesner and James Cashman.

The Founders Club operated the PGA Tour stop in Las Vegas for twenty-five years. The Club had numerous sponsors for tournaments throughout the years, such as Panasonic Corporation, Invensys, Michelin, and Fry's Electronics. For many years, however, the Las Vegas Invitational flourished with the constant support of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. The Las Vegas Invitational became the first million-dollar professional tournament on the tour, and more than forty new golf courses were created in Las Vegas over the next twenty years, and many credit the exposure the city received from the nationally-televised professional golf tournaments as the main reason Las Vegas grew into the world's most exciting golf destination. F. The Founders Club also operated many other professional and amateur golf events, including the Las Vegas Senior Classic, the Rebel Golf Classic, and the Las Vegas Founders Junior Golf Championship. The Founders Club raised millions through tournament activities for its charitable giving arm, the Las Vegas Founders Golf Foundation, and contributed to local charities and national golf organizations.

Sources:

"Las Vegas Founders Club," Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame. Accessed January 25, 2021. <https://www.snsfh.com/hall-of-famers/las-vegas-founders-club>

"Las Vegas Founders Club," Las Vegas Golf Hall of Fame. Accessed January 25, 2021. <http://www.lasvegasgolffhof.com/-las-vegas-founders>

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in chronological order.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were transferred to Special Collections and Archives from the Las Vegas Visitors Authority in 2011; accession number 2011-039.

Processing Note

In 2021, Sarah Jones arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2022, Emily Lapworth ingested digital files off optical discs, some failed to transfer. In 2023, Sarah Jones made access copies for the majority of the files. Contact special.collections@unlv.edu for more information regarding the digital files.

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Names and Subjects

- Golf
- Golf -- Tournaments
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- photographs
- Las Vegas Founders Club
- Professional Golfers' Association of America

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Various Las Vegas, Nevada golf tournament photographs, newspaper clippings, and media reports, 1983 to 1990	box 01 box 02
Various Las Vegas, Nevada golf tournament photographs, newspaper clippings, and media reports, 1991 to 1996	box 03 box 04 box 05
Various Las Vegas, Nevada golf tournament photographs, newspaper clippings, and media reports, 1997 to 1998	box 06 box 07 box 08 box 08 box 09 box 10
Various Las Vegas, Nevada golf tournament photographs, newspaper clippings, and media reports, 1999 to 2007	box 11 box 12 box 13 box 14 box 15 box 16
Video clips of Las Vegas Invitationals, Senior Classics, and Invensys Classic at Las Vegas, 2001 to 2013 Physical Description: 1 Betacam SP Videotapes Physical Description: 27 VHS Tapes	box 16 box 17
1997 Las Vegas Invitational operations and player photographs, 1997	box 18
1998 Las Vegas Invitational awards and party photographs, 1998	box 19
1998 Las Vegas Senior Classic operations and player photographs, 1998	box 20
1999 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas event photographs, 1999	box 21 box 22
2000 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas player photographs, 2000	box 23 box 24
2001 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas operations and player photographs, 2001	box 25

	box 26
	box 27
2001 Las Vegas Senior Classic player photographs, 2001	box 28
2002 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas operations and special event photographs, 2002	box 29
	box 30
	box 31
2003 Las Vegas Invitational photographs, 2003	box 32
	box 33
2004 Michelin Championship at Las Vegas photographs, 2004	box 34
2004 Women's Collegiate Championship photographs, 2004	box 35
2004-2005 Southern Highlands Men's Collegiate Championship photographs, 2004 to 2005	box 35
Scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings and photographs of various golf tournaments in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 to 1997	oversized box 36
	oversized box 37
	oversized box 38
	oversized box 44
	oversized box 45
Digital files of photographs from various Las Vegas, Nevada golf tournaments, 1999 to 2007	box 39
Physical Description: 45066 Digital Files (80.341 GB) PDF/A, JPG, TIF, EPS, AI, DOC, PUB, PPT	box 40
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