



Guide to the Donald Welch Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Collector:	Welch, Don, 1933-2010
Title:	Donald Welch Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00420
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1961 to 1981
Physical Description:	1.02 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	2.50 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Donald Welch Photograph Collection (approximately 1961-1981) is comprised of photographs of various golf tournaments hosted at the Desert Inn Country Club in Las Vegas, Nevada collected by Welch throughout his career as the Desert Inn's head golf professional. In particular, the collection includes two photograph albums depicting the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Sealy golf tournament in the early 1970s and a 25th anniversary Desert Inn Country Club commemorative photograph book from 1981.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Donald R. "Don" Welch (1933-2010) was a golf professional in Las Vegas, Nevada whose career included working at the Desert Inn Country Club, the Dunes Hotel, and the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort. Don Welch was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and grew up in Whitefish, Montana and he later graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula. In 1961, Welch became a professional golfer and began his career at the Desert Inn Country Club in Las Vegas, Nevada where he was instrumental in running many successful golf tournaments. From 1976 to 1990, Welch served

as the director of golf at the Dunes Hotel. After a short retirement, Welch also worked at the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort bringing tournament groups to the development. In 2004, Welch was awarded the PGA Lifetime Achievement Award. Throughout his forty year career, Welch was involved in coordinating, hosting, and participating in most of the major golf tournaments in Las Vegas.

Sources:

"Donald Welch," *Las Vegas Review-Journal Obituaries*. Accessed October 20, 2020. <https://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?n=donald-welch&pid=142741421>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2019 by Miki Reid; accession number 2019-134.

Processing Note

In 2020, Tammi Kim minimally processed the collection and wrote the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Golf
- Desert Inn Country Club

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
LPGA Sealy golf tournament: photographic prints, proofs, and negatives, 1971 to 1972	box 01
Photograph albums of various golf tournaments at the Desert Inn Country Club, approximately 1961 to 1975	box 02
Desert Inn Country Club 25th anniversary photograph book, 1981	oversized box 03