Wings at four angles assure daylight from at least two walls, and generally three, of every room to be used by the Pennhill members.

UNITE IN NEW HOME

Pennsylvania club incorporates latest ideas in new layout; to open this spring

The new Pennhills Club of Bradford, Penna., a consolidation of the former North Penn Golf club and the Country club, is erecting a building on the former site of the old golf club. Inclement weather has not deterred in any way the excavation and construction of this project, and the architect, Clifford C. Wendehack, famous for his club design throughout the world, says it will be ready this spring. The building is the last word in clubhouse design and provides all facilities, both golfing and social, previously enjoyed by the members of the consolidated clubs.

The building is situated at an elevation of 1,500 feet and is surrounded by hills to the north, east and west, affording an inspiration for a club setting seldom equalled in this country. The form of the plan is also unusual, and was adapted to the gentle slope of the property on the hillside. The various portions of the building form wings extending at four angles, and are so arranged to take advantage of the entire panorama of the valleys and hills, as well as the points of compass, prevailing breezes, and the maximum amount of sunshine obtainable for the pools and terraces during the summer months.

The arrangement of the plan has probably never been used before in clubhouse design. It is pertinent in every regard, to this location; but the relation of the various parts of the building is centralized so that it may at all times be controlled by the management.

The style and design of the building were selected as appropriate to fit into the surrounding scenery; the colorings of the walls and roofs were chosen to blend in with the hills and trees which form its natural background. Local materials have been employed throughout, in order to obtain this effect.

The main walls are constructed of brick, manufactured in the locality, and vary from a light buff to darker reds and browns. Walls are backed up with terra cotta and form a semi-fireproof shell of the structure. In certain portions of the exterior, such as the main entrance and terraces, stone is used to increase the interest of the brick. Some gables are formed of timber and stucco for a variation of texture and color. Roofs, of varicolored slate, are rather steep to shed snow and ice.

The central point of interest in the entire building is the turreted tower. Like its prototypes in the wind-swept mountain country of Northwestern England, it is built of brick, with stone quoins and...
Notice how skillfully the golf portion of the clubhouse has been separated from those areas designed for the social side of club life.

coping which rise in the center of the composition, against the background of the surrounding hills.

All the social, dining, and locker-rooms are arranged in a manner whereby cross ventilation and a view of the pool and the vistas may be had from all portions of these rooms. This produces an airy and cheerful atmosphere in all the club rooms.

From the main entrance of the club, which is approached from the drive and the turn-around, we enter through a vestibule into the lobby which contains all the facilities requisite for the club’s functioning. To the left is the office and registry for guests, telephone, switch board, etc., which controls the operation of the entire building. To the right, are coat room facilities for members and guests, powder and wash room facilities for women, and telephone booths. Beyond this vestibule through a high, wide, archway is an octagonal foyer through which a fine view is had of the dining terraces, the swimming pool terraces, and the pool proper; and beyond, a magnificent view of the entire valley.

To the right of this lobby we enter the lounge, at the end of which is a high stone mantel, with a porch beyond. To the left is the main dining room which opens upon the main dining terrace, and an end terrace where afternoon refreshments may be served, overlooking the pool and the golf course.

Opening out from this central lobby is a staircase which leads to a private dining room, the manager’s quarters, and the men’s billiard room on the second floor. There is also access from this main lobby to the women’s clubroom, which is about the same size as the main lounge; card parties and receptions may be held here without in any way interfering with the normal activity of the club.

This women’s room is so situated that it may be used in conjunction with the women’s locker-room, which is directly
above its separate entrance, adjacent to the driveway. There are contained in this women’s wing, complete shower and washroom facilities and space for coats and maid service, both on the first and second floor levels. These quarters are also directly connected with the main lounge and the telephone service.

The dining room and lounge, with their high-trussed ceilings, are arranged for dancing; and their connection with the music room and the main foyer, makes it possible to open these rooms into one large suite for club functions requiring the maximum area. Ceilings of these rooms are of insulating material which is also sound-deadening, and will be finished in neutral blue, offset by antiqued wood beams and trusses.

Situated between the dining room and lounge is a music room with vaulted ceiling, from which music may be heard in all main club rooms for either dancing or dining.

Grill Is Well Placed

Opening from the main foyer is a passage which leads to the men’s and women’s grill. This room is of medium size and contains a large brick and oak fireplace and is directly connected with the service from the kitchen. It will prove a very popular spot in the club’s activities for cocktail parties or informal gatherings after golf.

The bar opens into the grill and into the men’s locker-room. Equipment of the bar will be complete in every respect to take care of the needs and customs of the former clubs.

The men’s and women’s locker-rooms, both with high ceilings, will contain steel lockers set on closed enamel bases, with seven-foot aisles and wide benches between. They will have the most up to date and efficient equipment obtainable.

A unit heating system in the men’s locker-room will furnish heat in cold weather and re-circulation of air during the summer months. Shower rooms will be of marble and tile and there will be forced ventilation.

The swimming pool is of regulation championship size, 35’x75’, with a wide concrete walk around, and terraces and steps leading to it from the clubhouse. At each side of the pool are locker, toilet, and shower facilities for boys and girls.

Finds Drives of 1,000 Yards Are Easy —If You’re in Mexico!

PAUL HARGRAVE, representative of the L. A. Young Golf Co. in Georgia and the Carolinas, took $50 and a Texas friend and ventured into Mexico in early January for a 7-day vacation. In reporting on his trip, Paul says:

“They laughed when we departed from the United States with two sets of golf clubs, because it seems that tourists who enter Mexico seldom have time for golf. We decided that as exceptions we were going to prove no rules when notice was given us that the green-fee at the Mexico City CC was $10. Although this represents only $2.80 in American currency, it is still a startling figure.

“On one occasion, however, we paused long enough on the road between Mexico City and Monterrey to line out a few practice shots. Although we could not avail ourselves of the exact distances involved, our calculations aided by an elevation graph revealed that our drives came to rest after traveling 1,000 yards!

“Now, we are not claiming any records for these long distance clouts, because they were not entirely examples of skill, although I think my low, diving hook possessed more distance gaining qualities than a straight shot due to the possibility of the former getting in more carom shots off protruding rocks, etc., during the course of its trajectory. Moreover, it is only fair that some credit be given to the law of gravity. After all, this element did play some small part in the collection of such a large quantity of yardage.”