Glass, Important Factor in Modern Clubhouse Design

A primary factor in the design of the modern day country club is a generous use of glass according to Oliver Sandquist, architect, Chicago, who undertook the work of redesigning the Tam O'Shanter Country club in suburban Chicago after making a study of the habits and preferences of the club members.

"Inherently," he points out, "country club members are outdoor people—lovers of nature as well as of sports. They like to enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings when inside the clubhouse as well as when they are on the golf course. Glass walls, which form murals of natural scenery, are the answer."

Consequently an expanse of window walls which afford full view of the outdoor scene, to be enjoyed by members whether they are dining or lounging in any of the club's many rooms, was included in the design.

The results, evident in the accompanying illustrations, show the transformation from English Tudor design to the clean-cut, functional lines of the present club building.

Floor-to-ceiling areas of glass on either side of all-glass entrance doors, virtually eliminate any demarcation line between the outdoors and the clubhouse lobby. The doors, made of Tuf-flex, an extra strong...
kind of plate glass, swing open by electric eye control.

The dining room, capable of seating 522 guests at one time, has enormous windows overlooking the golf course. Although these and all other large windows in the building are set in fixed sash, adequate ventilation is provided by smaller operating sash in panels between the large window openings.

An impressive feature in carrying out the architect's general theme for interior decoration is the mirrored wall at one end of the lounge and reception room. Virtually the entire room is reflected in the huge mirrored panels, making the lounge appear more spacious.

A plate glass partition between kitchen and informal grill room, enables members to view kitchen activities and facilitates service by permitting kitchen workers to see the diners and anticipate their needs.

The use of Vitrolite glass, specified for the walls, makes it possible to keep the kitchen in spotless condition. The highly polished surface reflects light and resists moisture, stains and grease. Besides facilitating cleanliness, the Vitrolite walls are an important factor in reducing maintenance costs.

Many golfers who have "made the swing" of country clubs have commented on the new clubhouse as one of outstanding design. This "open-plan" design leads the way in functional country club planning. George S. May, Tam's president, head of a Chicago engineering firm, is largely responsible for the club's successful history. In promoting the All-American tournaments he has made this club a meeting place for golfing celebrities. The club is located at Howard St. and Caldwell Ave., northwest of Chicago.

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