Sign Informs and Adorns at Kenwood’s First Tee

J. P. TROUCHAUD, prominent architect who’s a member of the Kenwood G&CC at Washington, D. C., designed a sign holder used alongside the club’s first tee that answers questions usually asked at the tee and which reminds players of their responsibility in course care.

Many of Kenwood’s guests ask members about the sign and get from their hosts confirmation of the hunch it would be of value to other clubs.

The sign holder is made of wrought iron ¾ in. square rods. Into its slots are inserted redwood boards on which are painted in white letters: Replace divots, Repair ball scars on greens, Give way to faster players, Summer rules, Winter rules, ¾ Handicap, ¾ Handicap, Full handicap, Course closed, Alternate drive, Selective drive. Selection of the signs to be displayed in the five slots of the holder gives information on type of competition being played as well as information to be heeded at all times.

George Diffenbaugh, Kenwood’s pro, says the sign saves much time in answering questions about the weekend competitions and is bound to be noticed as it faces each player as he tees up.

The legs of the sign end in pointed prongs which make the device easily removed for mowing and for relocation.

Cost of the sign was about $60, of which $40 was for lettering the boards. The lettering is spaced to line up at both ends of all sign lines used.

Tells Club Range Plan of Operation

Geoffrey M. Field, a director of Northmoor CC (Chicago dist.) where Ed Vines is pro, tells of the operation of the club’s range. This has been a highly pleasing feature for members of that excellent club and many other clubs have inquired about the Northmoor plan. Here it is, in Jeff’s words:

“Our manner of operation is to turn everything over to the golf professional; that is, club cleaning, sales, lessons, and driving range.

“We have a space about 70 yds. long by 45 yds. wide which is somewhat elevated and used as the driving range tee. Our supt. sods and plants in repairing every Spring as it is very well torn up by the end of the season. We spread out two ropes the width of the tee (along the ground) and the players must stay within those two ropes. In this way we are able to keep the tee in better shape and also avoid accidents. We do not mark off distances between the players but we can accommodate 10 to 12 at a time and it rarely is that crowded.

We charge 75¢ for a large bucket of balls and 50¢ for a smaller one. The large bucket contains about 60 balls. We use second-hand balls. Leading ball manufacturers make very good range balls which are livelier and more like the ball you would play than the regular driving range ball. The professional gives one new ball for every 10 satisfactory used balls turned in by members.

“We paint a stripe or an ‘X’ on the range balls.

“Most of the members seem to want to contribute their old balls. We do not allow any shagging by caddies on the driving range as we had numerous accidents from members using caddies for shagging their own practice balls.

“One man runs the range. We keep a table and a charge book on the range with a sign for members to sign as the man spends a great deal of his time picking up balls. Our range is about 240 yds. long