Exterior and interior views of Point O' Woods.

Point O' Woods Golfers Move Into $200,000 Clubhouse

Point O' Woods G & CC, Benton Harbor, Mich., formally opened its clubhouse for members on Nov. 7, two days after sports and society editors from newspapers in a 35-mile radius and radio sportscasters got a preview of the $200,000 building. The clubhouse, built to the plans of Charles McKirashan of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., has a large lobby, main lounge, men's bar and lounge, dining room, cocktail room and men's and women's lockerrooms, offices for club personnel and kitchen with built-in coolers. The building is designed so that four wings can be added without destroying architectural continuity.

The building's exterior is of buff brick with exposed cedar roof construction. It has a massive focal point gable with glass extending from top to ground level, a distance of 35 ft. The interior has a ceiling of exposed cedar deck and cedar arches in natural wood finishes. Floors are carpeted throughout except in the lobby which leads to the three lounges and the dining room. The main lounge features a massive fireplace of masonry and copper construction.

Point O' Woods' course was designed by Robert Trent Jones and was opened last June. Its range is from 5,800 yds. (for women) to 7,230 yds. (championship). There are five water holes, an irrigation system spans the entire layout and exceptionally long tees give golfers the choice of three teeing areas.

The entire club area comprises 350 acres of land, much of it wooded. There remains sufficient land to form a real estate subdivision property of 100 or more one acre lots. Several homes already have been built in the subdivision.

Chicagoland Semi-Private Owners Form Association

Owners of semi-private clubs in the Chicago area have organized the Chicagoland Golf Assn., which is a combination of the original separate organizations of North, South and West club owners in the district. Twenty-six clubs are enrolled in the new association.

Ted Hammerschmidt, Woodridge, is pres. of the new group. Vp is Marty Walsh, Hickory Hills; Secy. is John Coghill, Silver Lake; and Harold Vial, Timber Trails is treas.

Purpose of the CGA is to study the tax situation, encroachment by real estate subdivisions and rising maintenance costs. The group also plans to conduct a golf etiquette campaign, make a drive to speed up play and establish a handicap system for semi-private players.

Send West Coast School Applications to Thompson

Applications for enrollment at the PGA West Coast Business School, to be held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Feb. 9-12, should be mailed to Jimmy Thompson, pro at Rancho GC in L.A. Special rates at the Ambassador have been arranged for those who plan to attend the school. There are no fees for the school. Completion of 95 per cent of this year's course counts as one year of apprenticeship toward a PGA Class A rating. Cochmn. of the Business School are George Lake and Guy Bellitt.