Pro Installs Indoor School in Basement of Home

Golf is a year around proposition for John Lombardy, pro at Ekwanok CC in Manchester, Vt., even if he operates in a clime where the weather permits outdoor play no more than about seven months a year.

Lombardy recently completed a new ranch type home and every golfer in the country, both pro and amateur, will be envious to know that he has a driving range and putting green in the basement. The basement foundation was dug deep enough so that even the tallest swinger has plenty of room to go all the way to the top without flinching. The ceiling is 10 ft. high.

Felt is used for the putting green surface which has nine regulation cups. When the house was under construction, Lombardy had the mason pour cement around regulation golf cups. In the range area, Lombardy has a full size net and a tee mat.

When Manchester players are driven indoors for good around the first of Nov., Lombardy plans to continue to give them lessons and permit them to keep their games in shape by working out on the basement range.

Probably the nicest thing about the arrangement is that the Ekwanok pro won’t have to walk very far to get to work.

English Club Costs

The London Economist says it cost about $30 to join a “smart” English golf club while annual dues run from $45 to $75. In England, emphasis is on golf at a club and not social activity.

Distribute Exhibitors Brochure for 1961 GCSA Conference

An “Exhibitors Brochure” for the 32nd International Turfgrass conference and show of the GCSA has been distributed by the Royal York Hotel, Toronto 1, Ont., site of the annual show which will be held from Jan. 29 through Feb. 3, 1961.

The brochure lists rules and regulations for exhibiting, clearance through customs and shipping instructions. It also includes floor plans of the exhibition halls and gives information as to their dimensions, booth numbering system, traffic pattern through the exhibits and cost of exhibiting in various locations.

Blanks covering exhibitors’ advance registration, a space contract and a post conference tour proposal for a New York City weekend also are included in the brochure.

The Royal York, largest hotel in the British Commonwealth, has 1,600 outside rooms, 100 suites, two dining rooms, a 300-seat coffee shop and a 400 car garage.

Copies of the brochure can be obtained from the Royal York Hotel at the above address or from Conference, GCSA, PO Box 1385, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

USGA Senior Amateur

A record 512 entries have been received for sixth Senior Amateur of the USGA. These will be reduced to 120 through 18-hole qualifying tests in 32 locations. The championship proper will be played at Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Mass. Sept. 19-24.