Scenic Railway Transports Spring Rock Golfers

A 300-foot-long scenic railway has been installed at Spring Rock CC in Spring Valley, N.Y., to transport golf and other guests to and from the clubhouse. The device is the latest addition to the $2.5-million country club nestled in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains, only 45 minutes from New York.

The scenic railway was conceived by managing director, Ed Kelmans, who notes with the pride of an ex-amusement park owner that the railway is the first he knows of to boast a reverse lift.

The clubhouse at Spring Rock, a central rotunda from which three wings radiate, commands the high point of the scenic, naturally unspoiled tract located at Brick Church and Hempstead Roads in Spring Valley, close to the Palisades Interstate Parkway.

Kelmans, who is a former managing director of The DeLido Hotel in Miami Beach, points out that the central Rotunda Room can be used as a convention hall. Some 500 people can gather for a banquet or 760 can attend a meeting here. All told, the facilities of Spring Rock Country Club can accommodate up to 1,200 people in the seven meeting rooms and the three banquet and ballrooms.

For the golfing set, there is a 27-hole championship course in addition to a driving range, pro shop and practice greens. There are 500 lockers for men and 300 for the women.

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