

Brookside's rain shelters shield, refresh

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two different rain-shelter designs — one as a stand-alone structure and the other an expansion of an existing building — have been incorporated at Brookside Golf and Country Club here.

"We took the drive-in restaurant theme onto the golf course," said superintendent Carl A. Wittenauer about his stand-alone shelter. It sits adjacent to a teeing area, in the natural traffic flow of golfers traveling from the previous green:

"Our rain shelter is used, rain or shine, to shield our players from the sun while offering refreshments from an electric drinking fountain and providing a ball washer, trash receptacle and bench for their enjoyment," he said, "all accomplished without ever leaving the golf cart path."

The other rain shelter was added to the building housing Brookside's irrigation well.

"We simply added a concrete floor, vertical support beams faced with similar stone to our clubhouse, added some interior benches and a telephone



Carl Wittenauer's "drive-in restaurant-type" rain shelter, above, and attached shelter provide all the protection and needs of Brookside Golf and Country Club golfers.

for convenience," Wittenauer said. "Golf cars can be driven underneath in several locations."

Both structures are protected with lightning rods at both ends.

"Our golfers are very happy about these amenities and how they have blended in with our other stone-faced structures to carry out our central theme of elegance throughout the club grounds," Wittenauer said.



ON THE GREEN



USGA names Parkes communications head

FARHILLS, N.J. — Marty Parkes, who served as manager of the Green Section communications for the last 18 months, has been named the director of communications for the United States Golf Association.

Parkes will lead the communications department in distributing authoritative information on the game of golf. He will oversee and have responsibility for media relations, the publication of Golf Journal, the USGA's official magazine, and the successful Members program. Nearly

700,000 golfers receive Golf Journal, which is published nine times a year.

Parkes is a 1981 graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and completed the graduate program in international relations at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences in London in 1983. Parkes joined the USGA in 1991 as manager of communications and staff writer for Golf Journal. In October 1993, he shifted roles to become manager of publications while continuing to contribute articles to the magazine.

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