

CLUBHOUSE SECTION



Taking advantage of a hillside location, St. Clair clubhouse architects eliminated the basement, brought sunshine flooding into the clubhouse and provided inviting porch loafing spots.

St. Clair, Thru Side-Hill Site, Gets Clubhouse with Lots of Light

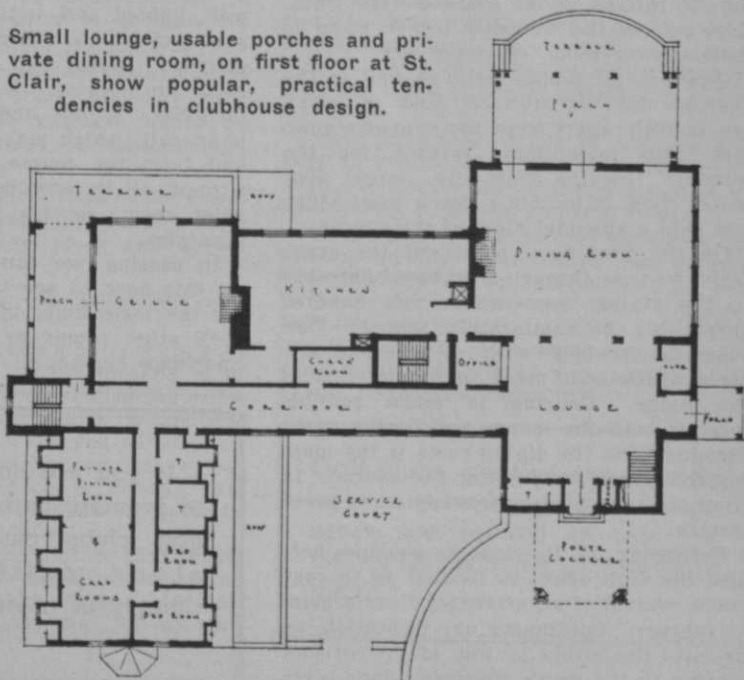
IN THE new clubhouse of the St. Clair C. C. (Pittsburgh district) there is a particular interest for GOLFDOM for some of the clubhouse construction ideas advocated by this magazine are being given sympathetic and capable treatment.

It has been GOLFDOM'S contention that not one golf clubhouse out of 50 takes advantage of its course picture. Given a

scenic location like most clubhouses have, even a any ordinarily smart summer resort owner would put an establishment with plenty of glass so business would be attracted by the combined delights of a good meal and a soul satisfying panorama. Golf clubs have consistently overlooked this architectural and business main point. In the new St. Clair clubhouse the architects, Lamont H. Button and P. Howard Sterling, have used plenty of

glass. The clubhouse commands an expansive view of pleasing valleys and hills. These captivating panoramas are seen from the dining room and from terraces off the grill. The clubhouse, being on several elevations, might be said to have no basement. The men's locker-room, which is located in this section, is entirely out of ground. Women's locker-room and

Small lounge, usable porches and private dining room, on first floor at St. Clair, show popular, practical tendencies in clubhouse design.



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ond floor.

Following the destruction of the former clubhouse by fire, the architects and J. M. Hopwood, chairman of the building committee, visited a number of the newer clubhouses in various metropolitan territories. During this tour of inspection they gathered design and operating ideas that they believe will make the new St. Clair establishment the last word in a golf clubhouse built for the special purposes of such a combined pleasure and service plant.

The building is of provincial French character; masonry construction with a red tile roof of irregular texture.

Below the men's locker-room there is the professionals' quarters, with the golf club storage, junior locker room, and caddies' room. Entrance to the clubhouse is under a porte cochere of exposed timber construction, so commonly found in the French farm house group, into a lounge, out of which leads a characteristic stair to the women golfers' quarters. A special effort has been made to have these quarters most attractive. From this lounge we go into their locker room. The ceiling of both rooms will carry up, exposing the rafters, giving a studio type room. Adjacent to the women's locker room is their shower room, of ample size.

Quarters for female help, as well as the quarters for the steward, both of which are entirely apart from the women's quarters, thus maintaining privacy for the women. Opening from the second floor locker room is located a porch from which one gets a splendid view of the course.

On the first floor, point out the architects, we pass through a timbered entrance to the dining room where one hundred guests can be comfortably seated. This room is provided with a generous fireplace which adds much to the interest of the room. Dancing is made possible through both the lounge and dining room. Opening from the dining room is the main covered porch overlooking the course. In front of the porch is a very generous paved terrace.

Returning to the lounge we find here also the club office, so located as to command control of all activities from a point of vantage. Continuing our inspection, let us leave the lounge by way of the corridor leading to the men's quarters. This corri-

dor is of ample size to allow of writing desks, and additional lounging space. It is well lighted and made interesting by the introduction of timbers and beams.

Outdoor Food Service

As we near the end of this corridor we find on the right a grill room, seating seventy-five persons, and designed in the true grill room spirit. The ceiling is formed by exposing the real construction, showing a rugged beam ceiling with the area between the beams of wood as well. In this room is another fireplace, this time an earlier design and less refined in detail, an inspiration coming from the old fireplaces found in the kitchens of the French farmer.

Opening off the grill is a covered porch, as well as a terrace, for the days when one finds it more desirable to eat out doors. Across the corridor from the grill we find the card rooms and private dining rooms, as well as the office for accounting. Before leaving this floor let us pause to see a large, well arranged kitchen, complete in every requirement and adequate in size, located advantageously between the dining room and grill.

Returning to the main corridor we find located at the end an ornamental stair, leading to the men's locker room on the next floor below. The area of this room is entirely free from all obstructions, is well lighted and well ventilated, the superior of which will not be found in this district. Along one side of the locker room are located the showers and toilet facilities. At one end of the locker room is an exit, which makes for easy access to and from the course. This room is not without all its auxiliary services, such as valet room, service room and drinking fountains.

In passing, we can pause long enough on this floor to see the sleeping quarters for the male help, the heating plant and such other rooms as are required in an up-to-date clubhouse.

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