

Architect's drawing of new \$100,000 clubhouse that will be available within six months for New Orleans' City Park golfers.

\$100,000 Clubhouse for New Orleans

A NEW municipal golf clubhouse, to be one of the finest and best-equipped in the United States, will be built in New Orleans' City Park, according to an announcement by Superintendent Marcel G. Montreuil.

Montreuil, who designed the structure in cooperation with the architect and local golfing enthusiasts, and his assistants have worked on the plans for more than a year, carrying out suggestions by New Orleans golfers, to provide a clubhouse of which all players would approve.

Mayor Robert S. Maestri bought the property adjacent to the present clubhouse with municipal funds; he also contributed the city's share of the building cost, the balance to be furnished by the federal government, through the W.P.A., which funds were obtained through J. H. Crutcher, administrator for Louisiana. The cost of the new clubhouse, when completed, will be approximately \$100,000.

The clubhouse will be ready for the New Orleans \$10,000 Open tournament, held annually just prior to the Mardi Gras. To the present building will be added another building like it, and a two-story structure has been designed to match the smaller buildings and will be situated between them.

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The present clubhouse (shown directly below) forms the left wing of the new building. Grille has been enlarged, and women's locker-room and lounge greatly improved. Second floor (plan shown right) will be used chiefly as ballroom, for meetings and lectures.



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The present clubhouse will form the left wing of the new structure. It will contain quarters for women and an enlarged grille. The central section will be two stories, and the right wing will contain men's lockers, which will be increased from the present 75 to 250, and of a larger type. The extreme end of the right wing will be used for storing bags and cleaning clubs.

Montreuil says of the new building:

"The proposed additions are made necessary by the ever-increasing number of players on the course. The present building is to be remodelled for use of women players, with locker-rooms, showers, maid service, etc.

The grille is to be enlarged into a room $24' \times 40'$, and service bar and storage rooms connected thereto are to be increased greatly to accomodate increased patronage. The additions to the present building consist of a two-story central

section to match the present building in appearance. This central section has porte cochere entrance leading to a $22' \times 40'$ general lounge, off of which is a wide staircase to second floor, consisting of stair hall and a large room, $38' \times 44'$, to be used as lecture room, for dancing and other meetings.

"Beyond general lounge is a one-story wing. This wing will house the pro-shop, 250 men's lockers (built of a design to give perfect ventilation), all necessary showers, toilets, boiler room, storage space for 450 golf bags, and golf repair and cleaning shop. Other facilities include valet

Right wing of new clubhouse will house locker and shower rooms for juniors and seniors, porter's room and pro's quarters. Plan for rooms for bag racks, repairs, and cleaning, shown lower right, joins orter's Note room. display room for 's equipment right off main lounge.

service and constant hot and cold running water.

"The materials and finish of additions are to match the present building and the same type of architecture is to be followed. The building is so planned that the central portico overlooks the course in a direct line from the starter's station.

"We had at the time of the first Robert S. Maestri \$10,000 tournament in 1937, one 18-hole golf course and one 9-hole course. To be able to take care of the phenomenal increase in players, we had to extend nine more holes to our present No. 2 course, which will give us by the first of the summer, two 18-hole courses.

Construction on the new clubhouse is to begin immediately; the project is expected to be finished within six months.

Golf Associations Watch Junior Results in Chicago District

A JUNIOR golf promotion enterprise is being organized by the Chicago District Golf Assn. The plan worked out by the CDGA is one being watched with keen interest by other regional golf associations because, if the CDGA plan clicks, it marks a milepost in golf association work.

Appointment of Mel Keim, a veteran amateur of the Chicago district, as chairman of the junior golf committee, was the first step in the plan of the CDGA president Allan Hale, the directors, and member clubs of the organization in getting youngsters encouraged in taking up golf.

Keim's plan, as approved by the CDGA board, involves the following primary action:

Creation of an advisory and cooperative board consisting of representatives of the Chicago Park district, Chicago and suburban high schools and parochial schools, Illinois PGA, daily-fee courses, sectarian athletic organizations, newspaper sports departments and golf goods manufacturing companies.

Issuance of Cards First Step

An initial step in the operation of the plan is issuance of cards in the Chicago Junior Golf Assn., to which youngsters are eligible when properly accredited by the school officials or athletic organization

New Jersey course supts, have a mimeographed bulletin on lawn care which is displayed on bulletin boards of clubs at which members of the N. J. greenkeepers' organization work. Copies are available for club members. officials. The purpose of this detail is to focus responsibility.

Arrangements are being worked out with fee and public courses to grant holders of the Chicago Junior cards special rates at hours when play at the courses normally is light, but which are convenient to the youngsters. Private club cooperation is being arranged for kid tournament play at off-times for members, and under supervision of the youngsters' school or athletic association sponsors.

Many Courses Plan Classes

Private, public and daily-fee courses, due to Illinois PGA strong interest in junior promotion, are planning junior class lessons on a routine schedule and are at work on kids' tourney programs.

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Back of the CDGA action in junior golf there is not the primary idea of building up the replacement battalions of youngsters for golf club memberships, although that is hoped to be an inevitable development. The CDGA clubs' interest is fundamentally that of community service. The rap of selfishness and utter detachment from the affairs of those not financially qualified for private club membership has been agitated to the point that the CDGA believes interest in kid welfare beyond the point of caddie matters, is urgently needed.

Energetic action is being taken in the initial stages of what is recognized to be a tedious, long, and experimental affair.

200 at Midwest Greenkeepers' Party— Approximately 100 couples attended the third annual dinner-dance of the Midwest Greenkeepers' Assn., held at Mohawk CC (Chicago district). The party was the merriest one of the successful series of affairs with which the Midwest greenkeepers bid farewell to social life and plunge deep into the season.

Peter Stewart was chairman of the entertainment committee, and had as coworkers, William Stupple and Fred Ingwerson. Music and entertainment was provided by a Scottish band, kilts and all. Most of the greenkeepers present turned 'speaker' for a few minutes following the dinner, which brought out a lot of good laughs and plenty of words for real thought.