

Recently completed clubhouse at Ekwanok preserves old time charm of original building, and at the same time, includes all proved modern features.

Ekwanok in New Clubhouse

A YEAR ago the clubhouse at the famous Aold Ekwanok CC at Manchester, Vt. burned. Along with the blazes went happy and historic memories, for the old place in the Green Mountains had been the club of many notables in national business and political life, the scene of the 1914 National Amateur championship, and a golf shrine for good fellows.

How to preserve the atmosphere of hallowed memories in the rebuilding job was a delicate clubhouse architectural problem. However, the finished job is a delight to the veteran members and gives the visitor who's making an initial appearance at Ekwanok a feeling that here history in golf and good fellowship is made. Ekwanok's president is Shirley W. Morgan, professor of architecture at Princeton university, so the club had a great advantage in handling its new clubhouse job. Architect Magill Smith and Manager Frank Pearson teamed with Prof. Morgan in designing a clubhouse that's an outstanding combination of charm and utility.

Despite the hard winter in Vermont the new clubhouse was opened in full operation July 1 with Bartlett Arkell's famous "Burgoo party" celebrating the 25th anniversary of Francis Ouimet's National Amateur championship triumph on the course.

The building of stucco follows the characteristic Vermont outlines. The big livingroom, with its old timbers exposed in the
ceiling, and its old pine floors, is panelled
with murals taken from old lithographs
of various cities and towns of Vermont as
they appeared about 1850.

Over the living-room is the women's locker-room, attractively decorated in blue and chintz. The men's locker-room occupies the north wing and is a full two stories high, the lockers extending around the walls, leaving the balance of the room open for the chairs and tables in front of the large fireplace. An interesting feature is that the Lyon metal lockers are set about 14 inches above floor level. This permits a bench directly in front of the locker, under which is a separate shoelocker.

The pro-shop is apart from the main clubhouse, partly because of an important saving in fire-insurance rates. Between the shop and the locker-room is an enclosure for caddies. Jack Patroni presides over the well-equipped pro-shop layout.

The service idea was planned carefully at Ekwanok, with pro-shop, bar service, and club storage facilities immediately adjacent to men's locker-room.

