

# Local Pride Saves \$5,000 in Clubhouse Cost

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The Marquette (Mich.) G&CC new clubhouse, which stands on the crest of a small hill overlooking Lake Superior, had its grand opening in August, despite a lumber mill fire, a carpenters' strike and a flash flood—all of which threatened to postpone completion of the building indefinitely.

Ground for the building, described as one of the finest clubhouses in the northern midwest, was broken in mid-April. Shortly thereafter, fire consumed a local saw mill, destroying knotty pine planking that was earmarked for the clubhouse interior. Construction went ahead, however, the mill operators promising to replace lumber, which they donated to the club, without seriously delaying the work schedule.

In May, carpenters in the Marquette area walked off their jobs in a wage dispute. The tieup lasted four weeks, during which time all carpentry operations on the building were suspended. The union was awarded a pay increase, but the delay made it impossible to meet the July completion deadline for the clubhouse.

Shortly before the interior was completed, a flash flood accompanied one of the worst rainstorms ever experienced in

Marquette and vicinity and caused serious damage to the warehouse in which furniture for the club lounge was stored. Many storage items were swept away or ruined in the flood waters, but the equipment for the golf club somehow escaped undamaged.

Hampered by this series of unexpected developments, the formal opening of the building was delayed approximately one month, but was held in time for the annual women's club tournament. When the opening was staged on August 20, some 500 townspeople turned out for the event.

They saw an attractive building designed to reflect the rugged beauty of the northland. Perry L. Norton, of Brandt & Norton, Marquette, designers of the building, said the architectural scheme was designed to blend in with the particular natural setting of the building. Both the materials and the structural design itself were determined by the relation of the building to its surrounding landscape. A small second story, for instance, was placed above the east wing because that seemed to balance well with a grove of trees which runs behind the building.

In selecting the position of the building, consideration was also given to plans calling for an extension of the golf course and the building is so situated that it will



Workmen put finishing touches on Marquette's new clubhouse which faces the first tee and has the ninth green and Lake Superior in the background. Bar is in the corner at the right with men's lockerroom to the rear. Kitchen and women's lockerroom is in left room, below caretaker's apartment on second floor.

be ideally located when an additional nine holes have been installed.

The clubhouse exterior is constructed of quarry stone and concrete block relieved by white pine that has been stained a dark brown.

Built in the shape of an "H," the building's two wings are separated by a spacious main lounge. The east wing houses an ample-sized kitchen with the ladies' lockerroom located in the rear and separated from the kitchen by a small storage room that can double as a cloak room when the necessity arises. The women's lockerroom is finished in white and contains adequate shower and locker space. A comfortable three-room apartment for caretaker's quarters occupies the second story above the east wing.

The men's lockerroom, decorated in yellow and green, contains 85 lockers and is situated in the west wing, behind the bar. Flooring in the bar as well as in the lockerrooms and kitchen is of concrete with master plate finish. An intercommunication system for ordering golf clubs is installed between the pro shop and the clubhouse with loud speakers in each lockerroom.

Quarry stone used on the exterior forms one side of the bar, the other side being of concrete block and knotty pine, a design which achieves an unusual "outside-inside" effect. The effect is enhanced by drapery with a cherry branch pattern. Both the bar and bar stools are constructed of knotty pine. A liquor storage room lies between the bar and the men's lockerroom.

### Rustic Theme Emphasized

The main lounge affords a striking view of beautiful Lake Superior through large sliding-type picture windows or from sturdy log-type chairs on the plain front veranda. Measuring 53 by 30 feet, the lounge has knotty pine walls and ceiling and an oak floor. It is furnished with "sophisticated rustic" lounges, chairs and tables of smoky pine. The furnishings, manufactured by Habitant, have been grouped so as to form several separate "visiting units." The lighting scheme includes lamps hung from the ceiling and table and floor lamps, all of which have matching deep green shades. Emphasizing the general rustic theme is a large quarry stone fireplace built against the east side of the lounge.

Green, yellow and red comprise the color scheme in the lounge and throughout the building. The upholstery pattern in the lounge is deep green with a pheasant print. Drapes surrounding the windows have been cut from the same pattern. Grass type rugs are used for

carpeting. A feature of the lounge is an oversized coffee table in which has been sunken a bas-relief model of the course. There are seven entrances to the clubhouse: the main entrance, two rear entrances to the lounge, caretaker's entrance and separate entrances to the bar, men's lockerroom and ladies' lockerroom.

When the new building was opened, the small former clubhouse was converted into a pro shop and caddies' shelter. Pre-



Lounge that can be converted to dining room is central feature of Marquette (Mich.) G&CC new clubhouse.

viously, the pro shop and clubhouse were crowded into the single building.

A landscape project will put the finishing touches on the new clubhouse. Included in the plans is a terrace in front of the kitchen wing. At present the terrace extends the length of the main lounge only. Half-log steps will be set into the slope leading to the main entrance and a tanbark path will be laid through the small grove of trees along the incline leading down from the ninth green to the rear of the clubhouse.

### Local Firms Cut Costs

The club's cash outlay for the building, which would ordinarily run to something like \$33,000, amounted to only \$28,000, the low figure being made possible by the wholehearted generosity and interest of local merchants and individuals as well as club members. Several firms in Marquette and nearby Ishpeming made liberal donations of services or materials to the clubhouse. Contractors for the building were MacDonald & Kaake, of Marquette.

The large main lounge figures prominently in plans to defray operating expenses. Two hundred persons can be accommodated comfortably in the lounge, making it an ideal site for banquets and other social events. An oil heating system makes it possible to keep the building open during winter months for such

events and the club intends to rent the building for these special occasions. Proximity of the clubhouse to Marquette (it is located one mile southwest of the city) and its inviting setting increase its appeal for social gatherings.

Membership increased above 200 during 1949, the largest in the club's 21-year history, and club officials believe the new clubhouse played no little part in attracting new members, both in the playing and the social classifications. What's more, an even greater membership is anticipated next season, which is causing officials to focus their attention now on expansion of the course to 18 holes. If they get the same enthusiastic support they received on construction of the new clubhouse, theirs should be a readily realized goal.

### Jim Standish Named for USGA Presidency

James D. Standish, Jr., widely known veteran Michigan amateur, has been nominated to be president of the USGA. Nomination is tantamount to election at the association's annual meeting, Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, January 28. Standish as a Williams college student, was president of the Intercollegiate Golf Assn. in 1912. He was Michigan Golf Assn. president from 1937 to 1947. He has won the Michigan, North and South, and Austrian amateur championships. He was on the USGA Executive committee from 1927 through 1937 and again since 1946. He became first chairman of the Public Links committee in 1922 and donated the Amateur Public Links championship Cup. He has been a vp of the USGA since 1948 and is chairman of its Green committee. Standish was president of the U.S. Squash Racquets Assn. in 1938-39. He also was vp of Western GA in 1924-25 and is a director of the Michigan Seniors' GA. He was a quarter-finalist in the 1915 National Amateur and runner-up in Western Amateur championships of 1914 and 1915.

Isaac B. Grainger, former sec., USGA, has been nominated for a vice presidency. Totton P. Heffelfinger will be re-elected a vp. John D. Ames, sec. of the Ball and Implements committee, will become treasurer. Richard S. Tufts, chairman of the Championship committee, will become secretary.

New members of the Executive committee will be J. Frederick Byers, Jr., Sewickley, Pa.; Frederick L. Dold, Wichita, Ks.; T. R. Garlington, Atlanta, Ga., and Lewis A. Lapham, San Francisco. Fraser M. Horn, New York, will become General Counsel, succeeding James H. Douglas, New York, who has served in that capacity since 1942.

### Pinehurst's Frank Maples Dies



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Frank Maples, Pinehurst (N.C.) CC greenkeeper for nearly a half century, died at Pinehurst Nov. 9, following an extended illness. He was 63 years old. Regarded as the mid-south's foremost course maintenance expert, Pinehurst's famous courses and others in the Carolinas are living memorials to his ability as a golf architect and builder. Mr. Maples never left Pinehurst from the day, shortly after the turn of the century, when he walked from his home at Southern Pines and began construction of the Pinehurst courses. Richard S. Tufts, president of Pinehurst, Inc., paid the following tribute to the man who had given so freely to the advancement of golf turf throughout the mid-south district:

"The professions of greenkeeper and golf course architect call for a blend of many exceptional qualities; Frank Maples had them all to an unusual degree. These attainments made him a leader in this country in his chosen profession and, at the same time, a man of great personal character. Golfers the world over are indebted to him for the pleasure his work here has afforded them and his influence on greenkeeping and architectural work elsewhere."

Mr. Maples is survived by his wife, a son, Henson, now in charge of Pinehurst's courses, a son, Ellis, pro-greenkeeper at Raleigh, N.C., and a daughter, Mrs. Harold McAllister who lives with Mrs. Maples.