

Most talked about item in the Silver Lake clubhouse is two-story room divider that is said to have been inspired by Indian art. (Below) Architect's sketch of clubhouse. Long porticos face course on both first and second floor levels.

Wall Folds Up — Gives Silver Lake Space as Needed

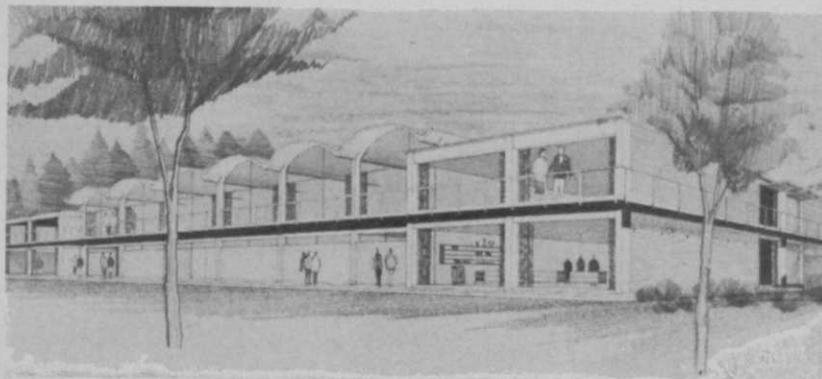
Emphasis Put on Flexibility in This \$350,000 Clubhouse That is A Model of Thoughtful Planning

The designers of the three-year old clubhouse of Silver Lake CC in Cuyahoga Falls, O., Keith Haag & Associates, don't claim to have introduced any 21st century projections into the plans of this two-story, rectangular structure, but rather have concentrated in building all possible utility into every square foot of floor space.

This is best typified by the second floor of the building. Its outside dimensions are 52 by 160 feet. Approximately two-thirds of its area is occupied by the great hall, part of which can be easily subtracted and

converted into a large, formal dining area simply by drawing a permanently installed accordion wall that is located near the center of the huge room. At the other end of the second floor is an open dining room that is connected by a stairway with a lounge directly below it. These two spots are the popular eating and drinking places at Silver Lake, their atmosphere being made a little more cozy by a two-story divider (see photo) that has the effect of setting them apart from the rest of the clubhouse.

The divider inevitably provides a start-





View of the great hall with foyer at right. Fireplace is constructed of brick and stainless steel. (Below) Lounge on second floor is located above utility kitchen and similar ground level dining area and is serviced by a stairway.

ing point for conversation at Silver Lake, especially among persons visiting the club



Aaron Martin
Silver Lake Manager

for the first time. It is the dreamchild of Don Drumm, an Akron, O. interior decorator. Completely handmade, its framework is of longitudinal wrought iron runners set about six inches to two feet apart. The filigree is a combination of weathered barn lumber and sand cast iron plating, cut into a variety of shapes.

Indian art is said to have inspired this unique piece.

The divider is the only indulgence that members of the Cuyahoga Falls club, of which there are more than 400, have permitted themselves. The remainder of the clubhouse is purely utilitarian. To return to the second floor, the front side of it is occupied by the main kitchen, a private dining room, toilet facilities, the foyer and the club offices. On the ground floor, leading away from the lounge, behind which a utility kitchen is located, are the men's and women's lockerrooms, each with a small lounge, a furnace room, and the

pro shop with an adjacent bag storage room. There are a total of four inside and outside entranceways to Jim Gantz's golf shop.

It cost around \$350,000 to build the Silver Lake clubhouse, which encompasses, altogether, 16,600 square feet of floor space. The building was constructed of steel and reinforced concrete with the pilasters set on 16-foot centers. Approximately \$100,000 was spent for furniture and fixtures, including those installed in the two kitchens.

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Silver Lake Clubhouse

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"Our clubhouse," says Aaron Martin, the club manager, "has become something of a model in this area. We've had quite a few people in the golf business, or who are thinking of getting into it, come to Silver Lake and look over the place. Most of them have been impressed by the fact that our building cost no more than \$350,000. Considering today's construction costs, they think we got more than our money's worth.

Visitors Like It

"The second floor layout," continues Martin, a veteran of 25 years in club management work, "immediately catches the eye of the visitors. Most of them, used to seeing so many clubhouses cut up by small rooms and partitions, comment on the great amount of open space we have in the great hall area. In addition, they like the idea of closing off the dining room section with a simple folding partition.

"And," adds Martin, with a gleam of pride, "they want to know all about that divider. It wouldn't surprise me if some of them go back and dream up something like that and then build their clubhouse around it."

Family Type Club

Silver Lake CC, resurrected from an older club founded in the '20s and abandoned to the depression of the '30s, is typical of the many family type clubs that seem to be a kind of Ohio monopoly. Golf goes out by December 1, but the Cuyahoga Falls citizens, 75 per cent of whom live within a short distance of the club, continue to use the clubhouse during the winter almost as much as they did in the middle of July. Bowling and bridge are substituted for golf, weekly and seasonal dances and dinner dances are held frequently from November through April, and teenage parties and dances are scheduled just about as often during these months. As a result of these activities, and because the restaurant and bar facilities have steady, daily patronage through the winter, the clubhouse is kept open year around. The teenage highlight, incidentally, is saved for mid-June when a Presentation Ball, for members' daughters who graduate from high school, is held. Last year about 15 young ladies were presented nosegays by their fathers at this party, the year's gayest affair.

Adequate for 550 Members

Silver Lake's limit is set at 400 golfing

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and 150 social memberships, 80 per cent of which have been filled. If the total of 550 memberships never is exceeded, it is felt that the clubhouse won't be outgrown. The only major change that has been considered by club officials is to move the pro shop into a separate building, but this probably won't be done until there are definite signs of overcrowding. The layout, as originally designed by Haag & Associates after a rather lengthy series of consultations with both Aaron Martin and club officials, has undergone but a few minor alterations, and these only to improve service in the dining areas.

"Some people," says Martin, "have suggested that our kitchen arrangement isn't quite how they'd want it to be. The main kitchen on the second floor is at the opposite end of the building from the utility kitchen on the first floor and prepared food has to be delivered the length of the building to the latter location. We agree that it would be ideal to have one kitchen directly under the other one, but even on our busiest days we've never run into any serious bottlenecks because of this setup."

The utility kitchen, the Silver Lake man-

ager points out, was installed several months after the clubhouse was completed when it was realized that the dining room on the ground floor couldn't be efficiently serviced from the main kitchen. If there were any oversights in the original planning this was it, but at least the remedy has worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

Day-by-Day Control

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customer receives one copy of the sales ticket at the time of the sale, a second copy is retained as a permanent record by Barger for his bookkeeping, and the third copy is sent to the customer at the time of billing. The billing and collecting of these charges is handled by Barger's office.

At the end of each day, a tape kept by the register indicates the sales volume for each department plus a daily grand total. These tapes and the sales slips are turned over to an outside accounting firm which develops monthly profit and loss statements.

The pro shop maintains an inventory of \$35,000 worth of merchandise