

Two Types of Buildings to House Curling Rinks

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The response to a *Golfdom* article, (June, p 74) on the installation of curling ice at country clubs has been heavy. Many country clubs, experiencing some difficulty in operating in the black due to their short seasons, are interested in more information. Our office is prepared to give this preliminary information free to any club. We have made substantial inquiry into the many problems confronting country clubs, and have helped several clubs that wanted to build curling rinks at the lowest possible cost.

The pole building, for example, can be erected for under \$1.25 per square foot. This is the cost above ground. A building housing two sheets of curling ice which can take care of 120 men and 120 women curlers in a club can be built for about \$25,000 and up.

Stevens Point (Wis.) Curling Club has such a structure located next to the country club. It cost \$22,500. This includes a 170 x 30 structure, refrigeration with plastic pipe, lights, and toilets. The Elcona Curling Club which is a part of the Elkhart (Ind.) Country Club has a similar structure at a cost of around \$25,000. These rinks can be enlarged to four sheets with ease. I mention these locations because these clubs were formed by golf club members. Their investment, from \$300 to \$500 per person, will be retired in ten years.

Clear Span Structures

We have seen a new type of low cost, clear span structure in Canada that now is in production in the U. S. These clear span trusses are made of 2 x 12s that go from 12 inches at the base to 3 feet at the eaves and follow the same pattern of going back to 12 inches at the ridge. These structures can be constructed up to 60 feet wide and will accommodate four sheets. They are a better looking structure than the pole building and can be erected for under \$2.25 per square foot above ground.

These clear span trusses pass the load requirements of the Wisconsin Industrial Commission, which are among the most rigid in the country. A clear span struc-

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Two-sheet, pole building structure that cost \$22,500 to erect is operated by the Stevens Point (Wis.) CC. Building can be expanded so that two more curling sheets can be added. Present ice making equipment will handle four sheets. Building is 170 x 30 feet.

ture is desirable as it can be used for ice skating both before and after the curling season. The curling rink can be used as a storage space for golf cars during the summer months. The cost of a four-sheet, clear span curling rink would run to figures such as these:

Building 200 x 60	\$26,000
Refrigeration	26,000
Lighting	1,500
Heat	4,000
Wash Rooms	3,000
New Curling Stones	3,000
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	\$63,500

This rink can be paid for in six years under normal mortgage terms.

One club manager told me in Winnipeg a short time ago: "We don't know when the golf and curling starts or begins at our club because we have activity at our bar and dining room the entire year."

Golf Day Receipts Hit \$80,000 Mark

At the end of August, proceeds from National Golf Day had exceeded \$80,000. Returns will continue to come in for at least another month and the PGA is expecting that total proceeds for 1963 will be among the largest in the event's 12-year history. In the last two years, funds realized for golf education and benefit activities have fallen short of the \$80,000 mark. The highest amount received for National Golf Day play in recent years came in 1958 when \$83,125 was collected. The \$80,000 figure also was topped in 1952, 1956 and 1960.