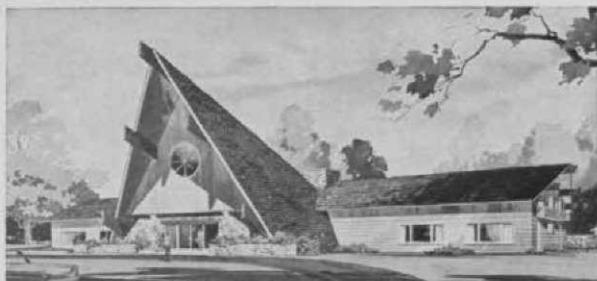


Clubhouse, now being built at Mukwonago resort course, is of heavily beamed design to complement the rugged countryside.



18-Minute Green

In Mukwonago, a town in the rolling country of southern Wisconsin about 30 miles southwest of Milwaukee, golfers are playing a beautiful new 18-hole course. Nearby, a rich crop of grass is sprouting on still another new 18-hole course that needs only sun, water and time to ready it for play.

A year and a half ago the wooded countryside, alternately hilly and swampy, was inhabited only by rabbits, fox, quail and other wild life. Then, Francis Schroedel, a Milwaukee builder, moved in with an imposing array of "cats," "clams" and other heavy construction equipment. His construction army cut down hundreds of trees, carved three artificial lakes out of the landscape and filled them with spring water, and installed several miles of cast iron pipe in an irrigation system. In a vast landscaping job, his work crews moved hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of earth and added new beauty to an area that was already naturally attractive.

No. 12 at Rainbow Springs wasn't shaped quite this quickly . . . But it gives an idea of the speed in which the 36 holes at this club were built.

Exactly 143 days after ground was broken, 160 acres of a 945-acre tract had been transformed into an 18-hole course. Billy Sixty, of the Milwaukee Journal sports staff, describing the speed with which builder, Schroedel, worked, facetiously said the entire 12th green was "raked and shaped by a cat-dozer in exactly 18 minutes." He wasn't too far wrong because about five miles of cast iron pipe were installed in the irrigation system in seven days.

When the job was done, Schroedel and his battalions started work on a second 18-hole course on the same tract. This, too, was completed, except for seeding, by the time the first heavy snow fell.

The first course was dedicated last October, seven months to the day after

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Here is the unfinished finishing hole as it was being cut to size by the big machines. Pro shop is now located in the foreground.

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Schroedel gave his men the "go" signal.

Larry McMahon, realtor and veteran golfer, who helped plan the layout, says play on the second course will be postponed until the spring of 1964 to give it more time for conditioning, particularly since the club has been able to accommodate all members who have wanted to play, up until now, on the first course.

The two courses are the property of the Rainbow Springs CC, the largest private country club in Wisconsin, and the only one with two 18-hole courses.

The first, with a par of 72, features bent fairways, averaging 120-feet in width, contoured greens of Penncross bent that run between 8,000 and 10,000 square feet each, and 120-foot long terraced tees. The course is playable at from 6,320 to 7,040 yards.

Many Natural Hazards

The course is well endowed with natural hazards. On 14 of the 18 holes, golfers have to shoot over or parallel to water. It is also endowed with an abundance of trees, and such other lovely attributes as a meandering stream and rolling hills.

The second 18 plays to a par of 60, but cannot be called a pitch-and-putt course. Its 12 par threes range between 130 and 191 yards, and each of the six par 4's measures more than 300 yards. Like the big course, it is toughened by water hazards and many wooded areas.

Rainbow Springs is equipped with an excellent watering system on each course. In the combined systems there are more than nine miles of 2- to 8-inch cast iron pipe. Sprinkler nozzles are sunk at 90-foot intervals along the fairways and 72 feet apart near the tees and greens. Water from deep springs is first collected in three lagoons and then pumped into the irrigation system.

Every fairway is contoured so that it crests slightly along the route of the pipeline. The rough is swaled and pitched so that water drains into the Mukwonago River.

Originally A Hunting Lodge

Rainbow Springs was started as a club for hunters, and still maintains 400 acres as a game farm and hunting preserve. The club raises partridge, quail, ducks, pheasants and other birds, and operates kennels to house its own and members' dogs.

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In a room in its field house, game is
cleaned and wrapped for freezing.

The hunting season runs from October
through March; the golf season from mid-
April into October.

There are fishing facilities on the prem-
ises also — five trout ponds in addition
to the lakes and the Mukwonago River.

The club also offers members . . .

A glassed-in swimming pool, used the
year around. Rainbow Springs is one of the
few clubs in the Midwest open 12 months
of the year.

A rifle and pistol range and skeet and
trap shooting.

A ski hill with a rope tow, a toboggan
slide and ice skating.

A teen-age headquarters, occupying the
second floor of the pro shop.

Clubhouse Being Built

Construction has been started on a large,
new clubhouse, architecturally planned to
complement the rugged, heavily beamed
design of existing Rainbow Springs build-
ings. The new structure will be built on
a knoll overlooking the three man-made
lakes, the 9th and 18th greens and the
1st and 10th tees.

The major existing building is a 41-
room, air-conditioned lodge that features
a luxurious dining room, a bar and suites
of varying sizes for members wishing to
stay overnight. It sits on the edge of one
of the lakes, alongside the pool.

Club membership is now close to 900.
The limit has been set at 1,000 accord-
ing to the manager, Steve Kornis. Most
members come from the Milwaukee or Chi-
cago areas. Cricago's Loop is only a two-
hour drive from Mukwonago.

Construction of an air strip, able to
handle the largest private two-motor
planes, has been completed. Tennis courts
and riding stables are planned.

Almost \$3 million has been invested
in the Rainbow Springs property, and
when other projects now in the design
stage have been finished, the figure is
expected to rise to \$5 million.

Distributes Rules Booklet

This year the city of Dallas park depart-
ment started a practice that other munic-
ipalities may be interested in copying. It
distributed a booklet, "8 Ways to Enjoy
Your Golf Game Better", to new players.
Cartoons are used to describe rules and
etiquet that are basic. The booklet was
prepared by a park department employee
and printed in a muny printing shop.