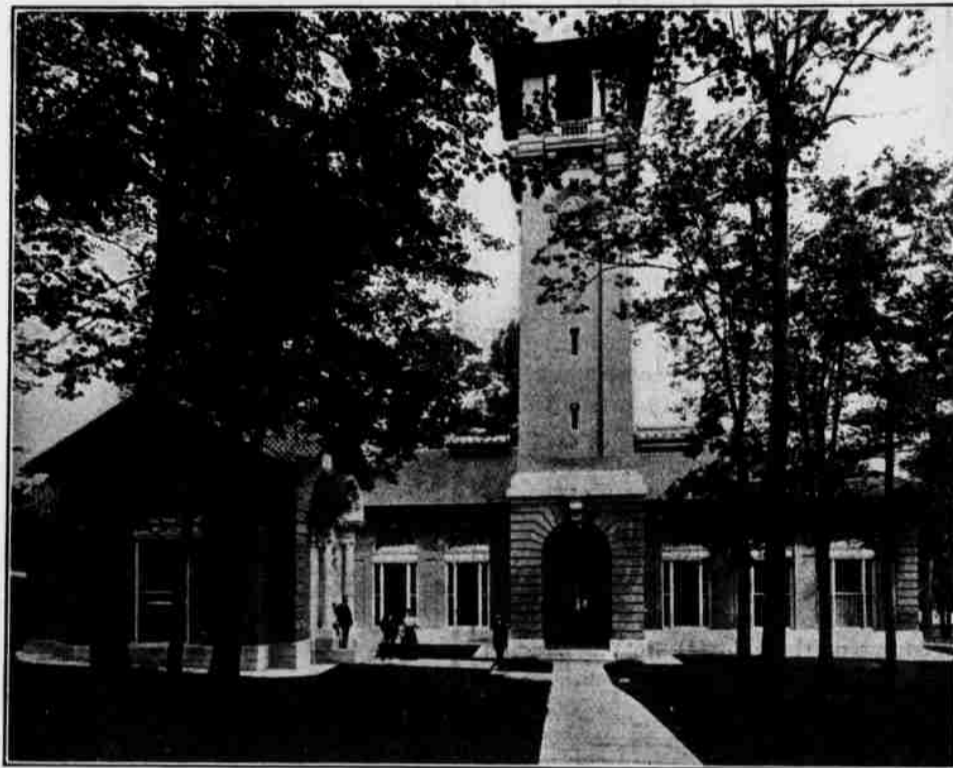


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EKWANOK AND ITS GOLF

TWO names stand out clear and sharp with "resort golfers"—EKWANOK and PINEHURST—and many of those who enjoy the game during the winter months here, are found on the Vermont links in the summer. Hand in hand, these two resorts go in popularizing the game, and it is eminently fitting that THE OUTLOOK should give space to a descriptive article on the country's foremost summer golf resort.

THE EKWANOK COUNTRY CLUB.

Golf was first introduced at Manchester by James Campbell, a veteran Scotchman, who laid out a nine-hole course, but the exceptional quality of the turf and the many natural advantages of its location, soon caused this course to be recognized as one of the very best. As early as the summer of 1899, the number of players had so largely increased that accommodations were by far too small and as a result a meeting was called by a number of prominent Philadelphia, New York and Chicago golfers, and The Ekwanok Country Club, with a capital of \$25,000, formed. One hundred and twenty-five acres of land, well nigh perfect, was secured and the work of converting it into an ideal eighteen-hole course began.

The original eighteen-hole course was laid out by John D. Dunn, assisted by a large number of prominent professional and well known amateur golfers and the work of draining, rolling and sodding, was carried out under the personal direction of Mr. Herbert Cassard of Baltimore, chairman of the Greens Committee.

Primarily the secret of the excellence of the Ekwanok course is the exceptional quality of its turf; a turf which does not "bake" during the hot, dry season, and which withstands "winter kill;" always remaining springy under foot and affording excellent lies through its elasticity. Scotch golfers who have played over the course are unanimous in pronouncing the turf the equal of the best Scotch and English seaside courses.

In addition, are the hazards, most of them natural ones, intermingling with formations closely resembling seaside dunes, combining with general topography which affords a charming variety and much sportiness. Among the hazards, "The Pit" is the most famous, and probably the most quoted hole on a summer course in America; a natural hazard, of unequalled size and excellence.

The putting greens are very large, sixty by one hundred feet in size, and as near perfection as it is possible to get them; the combined results calling for golf of the very highest order.

In this connection a short description of the course by theoretical play will be of interest.

The first hole is 365 yards; a 140-yard carry on the drive is necessary to clear the brook which runs in front of the first tee, and also circles to

the left in front of the tee, making a slice almost fatal. The fair green beyond the brook is excellent, the green being reached by a long brassy, unless topped, in which case the sand bunker which guards the green will catch the second shot. Long players usually reach the green with a drive and brassy, while those who play a shorter game play a drive, brassy and mashie. The Bogey for the first hole is 5.

On the second hole one is obliged to get a clean carry of about 120 yards on the drive to clear the long grass in front of the tee, while long grass also extends 175 yards to the left of the line of play, which gives a pulled ball a bad lie. The green is located on a plateau to the south of the first tee, and can be reached with a long second shot, but as the brook runs at the foot of this, it makes a perfect hazard for the protection of the green, and many players prefer to play short and reach the green with an iron on their third shot, rather than run the risk of catching the brook on the second stroke. The Bogey for this hole is also 5.

The third hole is one of the most interesting and sporty on the course. The tee is on the knoll, just south of the second green, while at the foot runs the brook, necessitating a carry of more than 130 yards to reach the fair green. A clean long brassy will take the second stroke over the natural bunker which guards the approach to the green, which can then be reached with a short mashie. The Bogey for this hole is also 5.

The fourth hole is considered by many to be one of the most difficult on the course, and has probably spoiled more scores than any other one hole. One is obliged to drive two ditches and a short stretch of long grass, to reach the fair green, which is bounded on both sides by long grass. The green is at the top of a long slope, with a dry ditch at the foot, bordered on either side by rank stubble. Many players play their second stroke short, and then play a midiron on to the green, while others often underestimate the distance and lose one or more strokes by not carrying the hazard at the approach of the green. The Bogey is again 5 for this hole.

The fifth hole is considered rather easy, but nevertheless many good golfers find their second shot rather short and in the brook which guards the green. The Bogey on this hole is 4.

The sixth hole is but 180 yards, but as the green is on a knoll, it is necessary to get a drive with a clean carry of 150 yards to be hole-high. This is one of the three holes on the course with a Bogey of 3.

The seventh hole should offer no terrors to a straight player, but to one who is inclined to slice, it is one of the most difficult on the course. At the right of the line of play, for the entire length of the hole, it is bounded by rank stubble, which makes good lies impossible, and a slice almost fatal. The Bogey for this hole is 5.

The eighth is a short blind hole of 179 yards, with no bunkers, and is one of the best on the course. This is a Bogey 3.

The ninth hole is one of 550 yards, and offers an unusual variety of play. The tee is on one side of a large hollow, and commands one of the finest views that are to be found in this section. The fair green in the lap of the hollow is perfect, but few players are able to carry the farther side on their second stroke. After getting over the second hill, the play to the green is over a level stretch of perfect fair green, and should be covered in two, thus making the player reach the green in four. The Bogey for this hole is 6, making a total of 41 going out.

The tenth is a 300-yard hole, with a fairly high knoll to carry on the second shot. Bogey for this hole is 4.

The eleventh is 350 yards of straight play over a slight incline, with no hazards, but bounded on either side by long grass. Bogey 4.

The twelfth is the second longest hole of the course, being 500 yards. The tee has a long grass hazard extending about 100 yards to the front, while a copped bunker catches a short or topped brassy on the second stroke. The fair green is perfect, and is bounded on the left by a hedge which makes a pulled ball generally fatal. This is the second hole with a Bogey of 6.

The thirteenth is, perhaps, considered by many the most sporty of the course, for, while it is but 130 yards, the drive is over the deepest part of the "Pit." The tee is located at the very edge of