



# North Shore Golf Clubs



## Glencoe Club Made Possible by Energetic Spirit

### Play Opened Over 9 Holes in Preserve

Now There's Regular Course Which is Popular—Combination Membership and Fee Club

This is the eleventh article of a series describing the great golf clubs of the North Shore. The story herewith presented tells of the fine spirit which made possible a dandy course in Glencoe where residents may be members or play on the fee plan. Another article will appear next week.

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NOW we come to a golf club which is unlike others we have written about. It is the story of how the village of Glencoe "found the way" and in so doing provided a golf course which gives all the joys and thrills that any course can give. Glencoe G. C. doesn't offer a social side, but as the players are recruited from the population of the north shore suburbs this has been found unnecessary. Home is close enough for that.

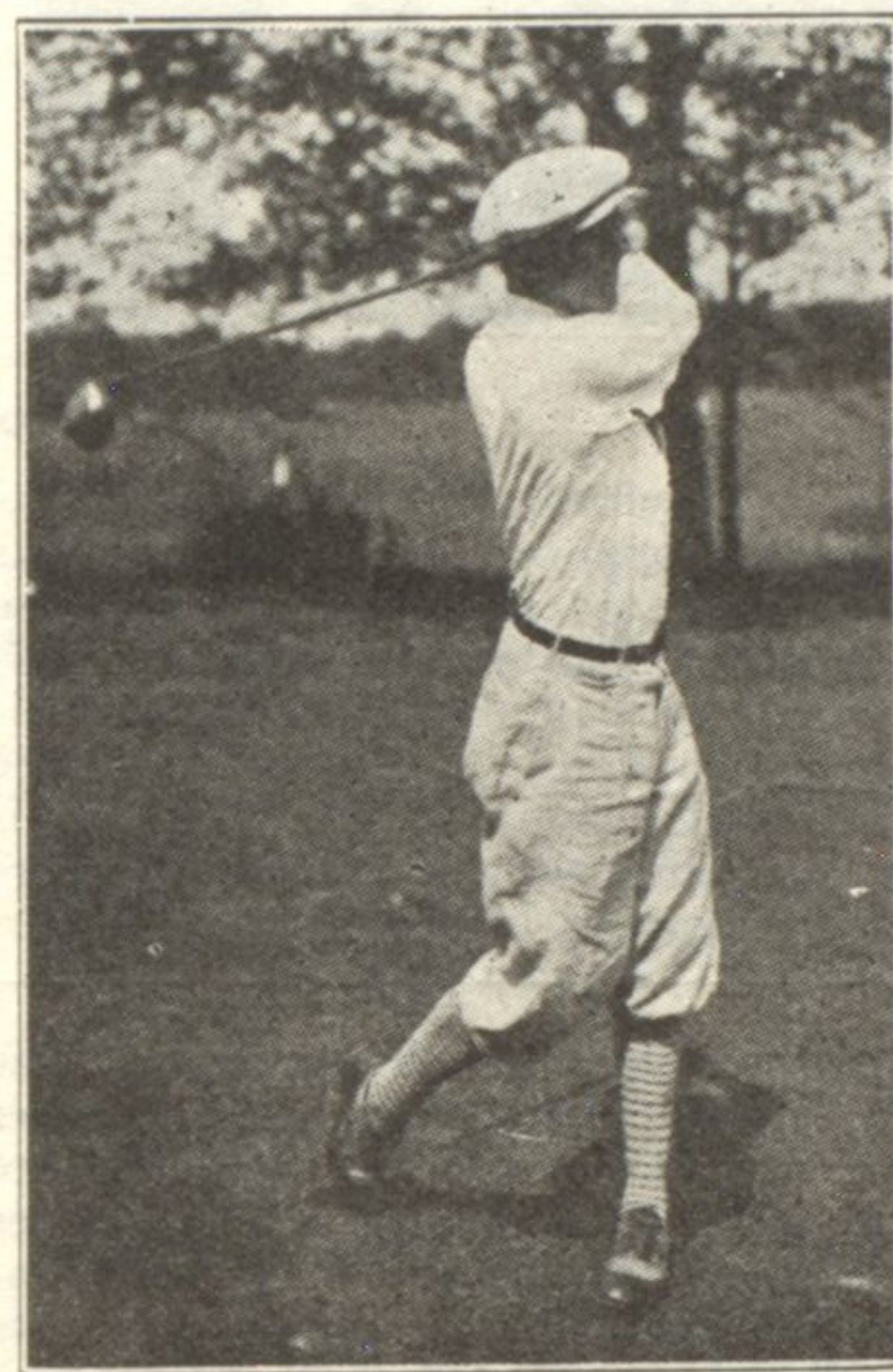
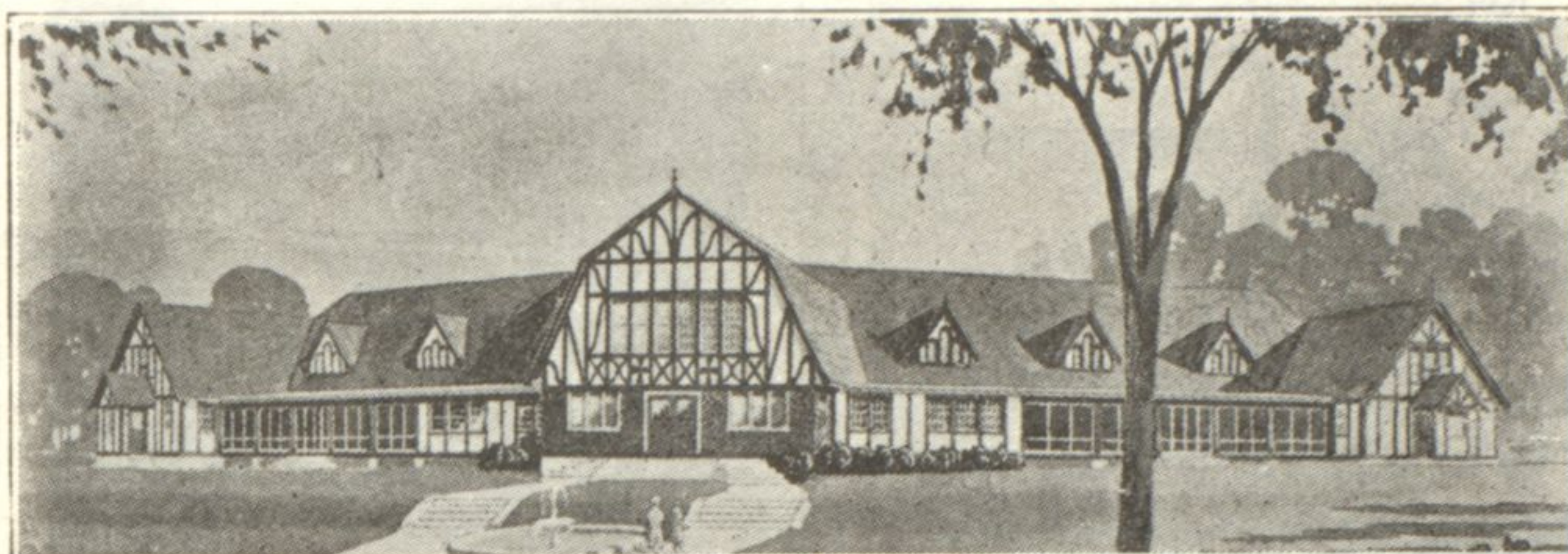
Six years ago the need of a golf course became convincing. The members of the Glencoe Municipal Playgrounds committee got together and talked plans. That step was important, but not difficult and then came the second step, that which caused the incorporation of the Glencoe Golf club.

#### Start Play in Forest Preserve

Sometime previous to the time that it was decided to have a golf club, the Village had acquired approximately thirty-one acres of land adjoining the County Forest Preserve property in Glencoe. But the thirty-one acres had been bought for a purpose other than golf. It was planned to use that land for an incinerator, so it was necessary to look in another direction if Glencoe was to have a golf club.

The Forest Preserve (about seventy-five acres), offered a chance. And very shortly after the Municipal committee had conferred with the County board, work was started and quickly completed on a nine hole course on the county's property.

The players of Glencoe had to be content with the short course until the summer of 1925, but in the meantime there came a break in the golfers' favor which made an eighteen hole course possible. That break came when the village "Fathers" quashed the incinerator plan, leaving those thirty-one acres open for golf.



THE PICTURES. The new Glencoe clubhouse soon to be built (top)—Scene at ground breaking festivities recently (right)—Walter (Wally) Chamberlin, club's professional.

And now there's a dandy eighteen hole course there which is growing increasingly popular. Where the last nine holes are located, there might have been, but isn't an incinerator.

#### Fine Community Spirit

But that isn't all about the start of Glencoe G. C. Money was needed to get going and the citizens of the Village were asked to contribute. Subscriptions calling for fifty dollars with twenty-five dollars additional for dues were solicited. Civic interest did the work. The money came in rapidly and E. J. Knapp, who is the secretary and treasurer, tells me that there were many contributors to the cause who never swung a driver. They gave because they wanted others of Glencoe to enjoy golf. There's a community spirit in that that's interesting.

Three names stand out in Glencoe golf. They are Herbert H. Sherer, Harry F. Keator and John R. Hodson. Ask anyone in the village and they'll tell you these three men worked untiringly in the effort to give Glencoe a golf club. How well they succeeded is evident by an inspection of the course.

#### Fees Finance Club

But changes have been made in the club since the organization days. The club, of course, is a "not for profit" organization and probably always will be. It is a combination membership and fee course. Membership is unrestricted. At present it costs \$100 and \$25 dues to belong. Mr. Knapp informs me that there are 140 members.

When asked if many registered as fee players, the secretary smiled. "That's where Glencoe rings the cash

register," he answered. "The club's balance at the end of last year showed something over \$8,000 in the treasury. Most of that money came from fees, but it costs money to run a golf course and we'll spend that money for construction and maintenance. We need a good clubhouse too, as we've been using the old Behrens home on the Forest Preserve and very shortly we'll have it."

Plans have already been drawn for a new clubhouse and work of construction is soon to be started. The new building which will take up considerably more space than heretofore used, will occupy the same relative position.

#### Controlled by Board

The golf club is run exclusive of village affairs. The club is managed and controlled by a board of three directors, all selected from members of the corporation. The members of the corporation, the by-laws state, are restricted to those persons who may from time to time constitute the membership of the Municipal Playgrounds committee.

The club has found the working agreement by which it has improved and keeps improved the Forest Preserve property most amicable. That agreement specifies that the club must finance the upkeep and that's exactly what the club is doing.

The course can be termed not difficult, but a fair test for the players. The first nine holes are the hardest, with many tree hazards and rough on both sides of the fairways. That means accurate driving to keep out of trouble. The second nine is more open with a couple of pond holes. Par for the course is 70.

#### Spencer Crosby Champion

Spencer Crosby of Glencoe is the club champion. No woman player has been established as champion of the club.

Walter (Wally) Chamberlin is the club professional. Wally has been with the club four years. He has competed in several of the big professional tournaments with a fair margin of success.

The officials who manage the club's

affairs are: William Edwards, chairman; J. A. Williams, superintendent; E. J. Knapp, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors is composed of William Edwards, F. J. Luetig, R. R. Hurford, A. H. Marshall and C. H. Munch.

Word comes from the big running race tracks of the middle west, that there will be an abundance of running horses on the grounds for the Illinois State Fair races, Monday to Friday of the fair, August 22 to 26.

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