



BUILT-INS ADD SPACE — When decorating a small dining room, the open area theme and built-in storage units immediately come to mind. This built-in sideboard features door and drawer fronts of edge-glued west coast hemlock which has been finished with clear lacquer to capture the wood's sophisticated champagne coloring and handsome grain pattern. Low divider wall separating dining area from kitchen was also designed in hemlock and topped with sliding doors to form a pass-through.

Golf Proves Popular At South Pole

By MAURICE CUTLER

LITTLE AMERICA V, Antarctica (UPI) — Memo to prospective visitors to the Antarctica: take your golf clubs with you.

Enthusiasm for golf runs high at this U.S. Navy base some 750 miles from the bottom of the world. With the arrival of summer, proponents of the grand old game don their "muckluck" snow boots and take to the "greens."

Called the "Sam Snead of Antarctica," Navy Capt. Eugene H. Maher, of Ogden, Utah, is promoting the sport as a recreational activity here. Maher is the officer in charge of the seven U.S. bases in the Antarctic and makes his headquarters at Little America.

Among the advantages for golfers around here is the fact that they can play it 24 hours a day, since the sun never sets during the seven months of summer from September through April.

Maher, a husky-looking man in his late 40's, introduced this correspondent to South Pole golf late this month in a one-hole contest played on the deep snow that covers the base.

All you need, he said, is a club, preferably an iron; a ball, preferably of soft material and for obvious reasons any color other than white; and someone to carry your camera and take pictures, because no one is going to believe you when you get back home.

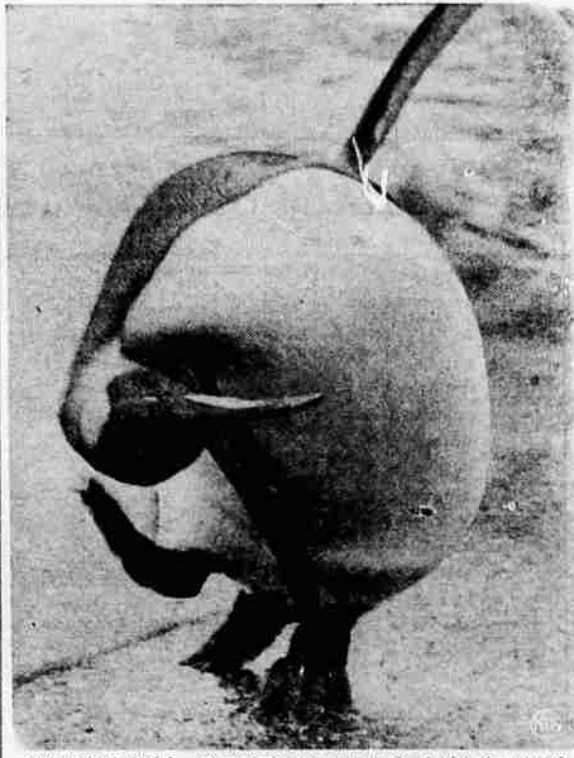
We opened the Captain's back door and found a pile of snow about five feet high. Maher climbed out with a club and a ball for each of us and helped me through the hole in the snow into the sunshine.

After selecting his club, a four-iron, Antarctica's pioneer golfer handed me the other club, a number five, and a ball apparently made out of twine. It weighed a little less than a normal golf ball, and it was a bright red.

When I asked for a tee, Maher said "that's not necessary" and scooped up a pile of snow, placed his ball on the "tee" and announced that the first hole was a half-buried radio pole about 100 yards away.

My experienced adversary addressed the ball and drove it about 30 yards, leaving the snowy tee intact. After two attempts to lift the ball off the snow, I managed to drive it some 10 yards where it landed in a trough of hard snow.

As I scraped the half-inch thick snow which had frozen to my club,



CURTAIN CALL—Though he appears to be trying to scratch a hard-to-reach place, this penguin is really attempting a graceful bow after a clever water performance at a London zoo. He's apparently left his grace in the pool.

Maher said, "That's the sort of lie you can expect all the time. Winter rules apply."

Many strokes later, I arrived at the radio pole where I sank the ball with a putt that carried a chunk of hard snow with it.

After conceding the game to Maher, I commented that "the only thing missing is the 19th hole." But with traditional Antarctic hospitality, Maher suggested we adjourn to the mess-hall under the snow for coffee.

SNARK SITE

PRESQUE ISLE AIR FORCE BASE, Me. (UPI) — The nation's first Snark intercontinental missile squadron will be situated here. The Snark is a long range, surface-to-surface weapon with an estimated speed of 650 MPH and a range of 5,000 miles.

LONG TIME NO SEE

WATERTOWN, N.Y. (UPI) — Edwin Ludlow identified a car pulled from the Chaumont River recently as the one he reported stolen 12 years ago.

Fewer Rooms Lead To More Built-Ins In Modern Home

Necessity is the mother of invention. Everyone has become acquainted with the truth of this adage at one time or another, but perhaps it is today's homeowner who claims best knowledge of it.

Why? The modern abode with its fewer rooms and tighter spaces has necessitated a lot of innovations in home styling and decor. Furniture comes with cleaner, less cumbersome lines; color schemes revolve around an enlarging, monochromatic basis.

Best of all, however, is the advent of the built-in, that useful space-saver which has replaced many pieces of standard furniture. Especially in today's small, often cramped, dining areas is the built-in welcomed as the cure-all to storage problems, for deft engineering and skillful carpentry can create cupboard space where no piece of furniture could possibly fit.

A popular ruse is to conceal an enormous buffet unit within one wall of the dining area. In this type of construction, all shelving and drawers are hidden behind spring-latch doors, and walls and doors are of wood paneling, usually a handsome, easily worked softwood like West Coast hemlock or Douglas fir, and the panels are vertically installed so that door joints are not at all visible.

For families which need less storage area, a favorite is to expose the built-in unit by fashioning it

after a sideboard. This plan has the advantage of providing a counter top for serving, as well as cupboard and drawer space.

Probably the best arrangement calls for drawers to be placed side by side directly under the counter. These will be used for silver flatware and table linens. Cupboards are located below the drawers for china and large serving pieces.

An uncluttered appearance is important in making the dining room seem larger, so drawer and cupboard door fronts are usually of edge-glued pieces for sleek effect. Spring latches replace door pulls and drawers are designed with a hand-hold underneath the drawer rather than pulls.

Built-ins are beloved not only for their tremendous saving in space, but also for their decorative properties. When beautiful woods like West Coast hemlock and Douglas fir are used, the built-in becomes a truly outstanding addition to the room. Best results in bringing out the handsome graining and rich coloring of these woods are obtained through finishing them with a coat of sealer topped by clear lacquer or a wax finish.

Dead wall space above the built-in sideboard can be put to work with airy, open shelves hung on wall brackets for madam's show-off pieces of crystal and china.

'SSG' Crews On Alert

MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — (UPI) — Just the mention of the initials "SSG" around a Strategic Air Command base compels SAC flyers to stand up straight — and start thinking.

"SSG" stands for Strategic Standardization Group.

This unit of 400 highly trained specialists, based at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, is charged with the task of keeping the flying crews on their toes.

The recent SAC Bombing and Navigation Competition at March AFB, Riverside, Calif., and at Castle AFB, Merced, Calif., was set up and "policed" by SSG to test the crews under simulated combat conditions and make sure they are ready for the "big pay-off."

SSG is commanded by Col. D. P. Wood, himself a former deputy SAC wing commander. The group was set up Jan. 1, 1958, to replace the older "Strategic Evaluation Squadron" whole unheralded and admittedly rough inspections had put many a SAC outfit "in a flap."

As explained by Maj. Wallace D. Horton, chief of the "standards" — standardization board — for B-47 crews, the ultimate mission of SSG is to "establish standards SAC-wide" — and "make sure they're followed."

"For one thing, we intend to make it possible — in this era of complicated aircraft and weapons systems — for a crew member to be able to fit into any crew at any base at any time," Horton said.

This is done by publishing a detailed manual — used at all SAC installations — "so everyone will be flying under the same rules." Each base continually schools its personnel in standardized procedure.

In addition to the base work and a continuous standardization school at Barksdale, the SSG checks on its work by sending units — without advance warning — to fly with the crews, check on their procedures and rate the officers and men.

"Does this 'shake up' the crews? Yes, it does," Horton admitted, "but it helps a wing commander find any weaknesses and points out how they can be corrected."

Unlike the old SES, the SSG does not try to intimidate the crews. Instead, Horton insisted, "we do it by getting their cooperation."

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