

IRONDEQUOIT COUNTRY CLUB HITS A HOLE IN ONE WITH MAJOR RENOVATION

Clubhouse is Transformed into World Class Facility

PITTSFORD, N.Y., October 2009 — Irondequoit Country Club (ICC) has provided its members with a superlative golf course and club experience for almost 100 years; it is announcing its latest renovation that brings the club into the new century and transforms it into an elegant, world-class country club, catering, and conference facility.

The club building was originally designed and built in 1916 in an art deco motif of the times, with four major renovations performed over the last seventy years. Each renovation added on to the last, until the entire building, grounds and member areas became dated and disjointed.

“We needed to transform our facility into a beautiful, elegant entertainment and meeting center that would be completed on schedule and within budget,” said John August, president of Irondequoit Country Club.

Three years were spent in the project development phase reviewing various options, from a mild “face lift” and paint job to complete demolition and rebuild. August discussed his vision with Ken Smith of Smith+Associates Architects, they realized that the best solution was to save the aging building, use the existing footprint and its overlaying additions, and completely reorganize and redesign the interior space.

August and board members put a final team together after an intensive bidding process: August and ICC’s board members chose Rochester-based companies and staff to work on the project: Smith + Associates Architects for architectural design; Spoleta Construction for costing and construction detailing; Parrone Engineering for engineering and landscaping, and David Senise for interior design.

Once the team was in place, they faced tough challenges: previous renovations were in different aesthetic styles; there was no handicap access to the building; the main dining room looked over the parking lot; interior traffic flow was ineffective; drop ceilings and dark paneling gave a closed-in feel to the space; a small hillock impeded golf course access; and other issues needed to be addressed.

Ken Smith and his company were chosen for its high level of creativity and cost-effectiveness. His group developed a cohesive structural design that capitalized on the club’s breathtaking views, improved aesthetic flow and provided space flexibility, all within a very tight budget.

“Ken’s ability to eliminate all signs of previous designs while maintaining ICC’s historic architectural integrity is a credit to his creative talent,” said August.

After building plans were finalized and went to bid, Spoleta Construction was selected (low bidder) to do the construction. Spoleta Construction took Smith+Associates designs and brought them to fruition in record time. After approval, the construction and interior design teams had only six months, from the last tee off of the autumn to the opening wedding season in the spring, to complete the entire project and be ready for the new season.

The company performed flawlessly within the tight schedule and budgetary constraints. Working through the Western NY winter, they dissected and encased the existing structure and worked in sync with all of the team members.

“Spoleta had our best interest at heart and made many constructive suggestions that we implemented. We were open to their advice on where to spend our limited funds,” August noted.

The ICC facility now has a dining area with panoramic views; an elegant courtyard area and patio; efficient and technologically advanced meeting rooms complete with videoconference capabilities; an impressive grill and bar room; a beautiful pro shop, remodeled locker rooms; inviting pool area; and a new façade and awnings on its cart barn, all coordinated in a lush Mediterranean villa design that evokes a world-class country club. The buildings maximize the spectacular views and transition to natural surroundings with exquisite landscaping that includes safety features and extraordinary LED lighting.

“Our club’s membership is overwhelmed with the renovation and is unanimous in their appreciation of the finished project, surpassing their expectations,” said August. “As an added bonus, we have increased membership as well as a surge of returning members that we lost in protest of the project, which is a surprising and rewarding result.”

ABOUT IRONDEQUOIT COUNTRY CLUB

Irondequoit Country Club is located in suburban Rochester, NY, in the village of Pittsford; the club is situated on 130 acres of beautiful rolling hills and picturesque views. The storied course was designed to the specifications of well-known Golf Course Architect, Donald Ross. Members enjoy full privileges including access to our 18-hole championship golf course, practice facilities, Olympic-size pool, dining facilities, and tennis and paddle courts.

For more information, visit <http://www.irondiquoitcc.org>.

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