Women Give Fogerty Assist in Running Junior Program

Pros who are having trouble in getting junior programs at their clubs rolling might take a tip from Jim Fogerty of Sunset CC, Sappington, Mo., who has enlisted the aid of women members in this undertaking.

After Jim and his three assistants had conducted free weekly clinics for the young clubswingers for six weeks during the summer, the women's Junior committee took over and staged tournaments following each lesson session. Youngsters in the 11-14 class played 9-holes and those in the 6-10 class played 4 holes. The ladies also saw that not only the winners but those who did well in the tournaments received golf ball prizes.

The lesson clinics lasted one hour for each group. Putting, chipping, iron play and wood shot instruction were given in that order and each session was concluded with instruction in golf etiquette. About 80 kids came out for each lesson.

The climax of the clinic-tournament program came when Sunset staged its annual Juvenile tournament. Women served as starters and each foursome also had a woman scorer. When the match phase of the tournament was played a woman scored each match. The women's committee also handled the big Labor Day weekend Junior tournament which saw 15-20-year olds competing over 36 holes.

"I was amazed," says Fogerty, "at the interest displayed by these women in helping to conduct our children's program. Besides running the tournaments they compiled a mailing list of member's children so that all could be informed of the events we staged. Any pro who hopes to make a real success of his Junior program certainly should have women behind it."