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Winter Sports Schedule Gives Club "Shot In the Arm"

"FROM a club that was practically 'dead' through the winter, we have become very much alive." That's Pro Jack Fox of the Glen Ridge (N. J.) CC talking, and he is telling what the inauguration (since Pearl Harbor) of a winter sports program has done for his club this past winter. Jack says: "We have inaugurated winter sports in our club schedule, and have transformed the upstairs grill room into a fine looking cocktail lounge. The response to these new activities has been, to say the least, terrific.

"Parents and children alike are utilizing the clubhouse facilities, toboggan slide and ice skating rink with much enthusiasm. January receipts were a record for the club. The redecorating of the lounge was done by our own help, including our manager, A. C. Parkhurst, who kept a The paint brush going with the best. toboggan slide, 624 feet in length, was built by yours truly with help from several members and caddies. Our greenkeeper, Harry Smith, attended to the construction of the skating rink on the tennis courts. Both the slide and rink are well illuminated at night.

"Fifteen new members were signed up during the first week of these activities, which more or less proves that clubs having the facilities for developing community spirit, will be in an advantageous position during the emergency.

"A women's auxiliary has just been formed at the club and one of its first movements was to establish a Red Cross unit. This unit meets every Wednesday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and utilizes the club's accommodations for sewing, knitting, etc. Sixty-nine women have attended each meeting thus far. For the future, it is hoped that playground facilities will be available for the children during the summer months. Roller-skating, soft ball, etc., will be conducted under club super-



vision. We feel that during the coming season, less people will be going away because of various war restrictions, so we hope to meet this situation with all our resources functioning 100%."

Baxter Counsels Against Too Much Alarm in Crisis

A LEX Baxter, veteran pro at Kenwood CC, Cincinnati, expresses the opinion that the clamor for golf balls is far more than an expression of alarm by easily agitated hoarders. Baxter sees the rush to buy balls as a certain indication more golf is planned this year as a necessary relaxation and rebuilder for office and factory workers.

He is confident that the reduction of course maintenance care, transportation inconvenience and caddie shortages will be philosophically accepted by golfers, who will be grateful they're not having to play bomb craters as hazards.

Baxter says he can't recall what happened to golf clubs during the first World War because he went into the service from his golf job and back to his job when war ended. He found that the club still was a going concern. He reckons that clubs will have the same policy of taking their pros back after the boys have served in the armed forces and helped win a tough war.

"WATCH the golf course so it doesn't

get so run down it will cost a fortune to bring it back, or get to be a cow pasture that won't attract members" says Bertie Way, veteran greenkeeper-pro of Mayfield CC (Cleveland district.) "If golf was needed as a balance to work in normal times it's needed more than ever now. when men are working harder and under heavier pressure."

"If we can't run a fairly simple enterprise like a golf club now, we certainly aren't qualified to run a war," Bert adds in counseling against a panicky stampede and advising calm, sensible readjustment of golf club operations to the wartime needs of its members.

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