

# Youngsters Plan and Conduct Own Programs at Short Hills

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Short Hills CC found that it was almost impossible to plan entertainment of club members' sons and daughters and their friends in the 12 to 21 age group. Yet the club officials and members believed that in order to make a club a place of living attractiveness and fullest usefulness the youngsters should be brought into a rather prominent spot in the club program.

After having made the usual efforts that clubs exert to plan programs and having found, as usually is the case, that the elders are not especially successful in determining exactly what the youngsters want, Short Hills officials turned major responsibility for such planning over to the most active juniors of the club. The results have been most gratifying all around.

The club has become a popular place for the young people. Their programs are planned and conducted in a manner that has won the admiration and respect of the parents and of older members without children. We are convinced at Short Hills that the younger element of the club has exhibited a high degree of judgment in arranging its affairs and running them smoothly. The work has been done by them in a way that plainly indicates we have in our juniors the finest type of potential members and officers to assure the success of the club for many years to come.

By giving the youngsters a chance to determine their own places in the life of the club Short Hills has made itself a livelier club. There is no doubt of the intelligently self-controlled activity of younger people around a club creating a highly desirable atmosphere of gaiety and

dynamic prestige that is of considerable reflected benefit to the older members.

## Youngsters Accept Responsibility

Perhaps you might think that the youngsters' general reputation of irresponsibility might make the experiment of entrusting to the junior planning and conduct of parties a risky one. We have found there's nothing to fear in this respect and have seen innumerable pleasant confirmations of the old axiom "class will tell."

The Short Hills junior program was begun with a meeting of the most active juniors of the club. Committees were chosen to represent the teen-age group (from 12 to 16) and the college group (from 16 to 21). These committees have a leading part in arranging and executing their affairs. What was begun as a means of getting the young people to assist has developed into operations in which the commonsense and ingenuity of the youngsters has relieved club officials and me of much of the work and responsibility we expected to have to take on.

Short Hills is fortunate in having an outside fireplace suitable for steak fries by the older group and weiner roasts by the younger. Many of the junior committee plans have formulated around this; after their outdoor activities they come into the club house for dancing or cards. All is very informal, and enjoyable. The young people can call the clubhouse and if there is no club function, and no reservation for a private party which would interfere they can come to the clubhouse for these informal affairs. I am here at all times to suggest and supervise.

Skating is a major sport on the juniors' winter program. A path was cleared to a pond in a ravine close to the clubhouse. This pond is kept in good skating condition, benches are placed around the water's edge, and firewood is always available for building of fires for warmth, or the roasting of weiners or heating of chili which is available from the club kitchen, if desired.

Formal parties for both groups were given during the holidays. The teen-agers held their dance, with a buffet served dur-

These youngsters of Short Hills CC families are the type that's made a self-conducted junior program highly successful.



ing the evening, on December 21st, and the college group had a gala dance party.

A Christmas Party for the little folks, which included a Christmas tree, presents and a buffet was given on December 15th.

It is a real pleasure to see with what enthusiasm the younger members have entered into this program. The general

club calendar is always consulted when any activity is planned so that there will be no conflicting dates.

I am sure that many clubs catering to family memberships can, with real benefit to the club, follow this plan in handling the problem of appealing to the younger members.

# GSA Show Raises Curtain on New Aids to Turf Management

**Announcement of all-star educational program draws record registration for accommodations at Hotel New Yorker, where Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn. meets for 18th Annual Conference, Feb. 10-14.**

**Extensive exhibition of latest postwar contributions to turf improvement by industry and science is assured intense interest as turf's management men prepare for a new high in golf course traffic.**

The following exhibitors have advised GOLFDOM regarding details of their displays:

**THE BUCKNER MFG. CO.**, Fresno, Calif., in Booths 1 and 2, headed by C. E. (Scotty) Stewart, are showing a complete line of modern sprinklers, quick coupling valves, and allied irrigation devices. Buckner is featuring their latest postwar developments in both hose and hoseless systems, with high, medium and low water pressures.

**CLAPPER CO.**, West Newton, Mass., maintenance equipment and supply dealers, aims to feature some of the score cards of the New England clubs, making its booth a New England meeting place. With O. O. Clapper and Richard Finerty at the convention all week will be six field representatives ready to escort buyers to various manufacturers exhibits.

The Clapper company is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

**DOW CHEMICAL CO.**, Midland, Mich., intends to show how powerful weed killers, the famous DDT and other chemical materials lighten the job for greenkeepers. Dow's display features a large book with mechanically turned pages, describing how 2,4-D kills weeds without harming grasses, and explains the special form of 2,4-D known as Esteron 44 which controls brush and woody vegetation.

**FATE-ROOT-HEALTH CO.**, Plymouth, Ohio, in Booth No. 9, will be represented by Paul Root, Sales Manager of the Grinder Division. Because the company is shipping lawn mower sharpeners as rapidly as it assembles them, none will be on display, but Mr. Root promises plenty of fine photographs and literature.

**FERTL-SOIL CO.**, Rahway, New Jersey, intends to explain how the organic compounds in its

product are chosen and prepared to become an indispensable portion of the soil. The company expects to demonstrate the importance of selecting top soil texture to suit specific soils.

**FRIEND MFG. CO.**, Gasport, New York, is exhibiting a pump in cut-out model so the internal mechanism of Friend pumps can be readily seen. The pump, heart of its sprayer, is built on the principle of plunger displacement and scotch yoke design, greatly simplifying the moving parts.

**PETER HENDERSON & CO.**, New York City, Booth 15, is offering Henderson's re-cleaned grasses for sports turfs of every description. Hugh Besson, in charge of the booth, reveals the organization is also showing sports turfs supplies and equipment in greater abundance than anytime since the war began.

**JACOBSEN MFG. CO.**, Racine, Wis., will feature their power lawn mowers suitable for tee and approach work, especially their putting green mower, Jacobsen's most outstanding golf item. Worthington Mower Co., Stroudsburg, Pa., subsidiary of Jacobsen, will show its new tractor, Worthington "Chief", which this year is presenting many new innovations.

**JARI PRODUCTS, INC.**, Minneapolis, makers of the Jari Power Scythe, will demonstrate their machine to show how it cuts grass, weeds, and underbrush and runs over eight hours on five quarts of gasoline. Jari is stressing the adaptability of their scythe for mowing where tractor-drawn mowers cannot be used.

**MACMULLEN-TERHUNE CO.**, Rochelle Park, N.J., soil specialists, plan to feature the various plant food chemicals, pointing out the source and need of each. Also shown, will be

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