

advancing money in the fall of 1920 for preliminary work on the golf course.

On March 18 of the following year, the Pittsfield Golf Club was organized with a capital stock of \$10,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$10 each. Twenty free memberships were offered to the twenty people who would render the most efficient assistance in promoting the new organization, and the membership was doubled. The belief that a low-priced golf club was a real asset to a community, and especially to a thrifty city of 45,000 population, located right in the center of the Berkshire Hills, induced a score of individuals to subscribe \$100 each for 10 shares of stock, which subscription entitled them to a free membership in the club for four years. An 18-hole course was laid out and played for one month, after which all effort was concentrated on nine holes. In 1921 the club showed a deficit of \$2,000. The following year all available money was expended in improving the first nine holes, and in 1922, with 163 members, the club paid all expenses and reduced its debt \$700. This year it is hoped to again double the club's membership and to put into playing condition part or all of the second nine holes. The dues for the first year were \$10 flat, except that if any person bought a \$10 share of stock he received a 20 per cent reduction in yearly dues. Under the contract, boat-club members were admitted at half rates. Now the dues are \$10 per year, but every male member is required to buy one share of stock at \$10. Transients are charged \$1.25 per day or \$5 per week, with no fee to exceed \$10. Hundreds of transients have played the course, and all were surprised to learn that it had been developed at an expenditure of less than \$10,000. The club house, where meals are served, is equipped with showerbaths and with steel lockers, and the club has a sizeable caddy-house. Bathing and tennis will probably be added this season. At the club's annual meeting, one Scotchman who belongs to three other clubs and who played golf three times a week from the age of 10 to 30 years, playing practically every course in Scotland, said, "I had been led to believe that the Pittsfield course was decidedly crude and unplayable, and was most pleasantly surprised when I played it. The land is far more likely for a golf course than anything I have seen in this section, and is more like a Scotch golf course than anything I have seen in all New England. It gives the average player consideration, the one thing needed to stimulate golf and the thing which has made the game what it is today."

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