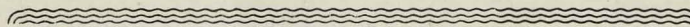


THE MARGARET RIVER GOLF CLUB INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

Held at the C.W.A. Rooms on

TUESDAY MARCH 19th., 1957 at 8 P.M.



BUSINESS :

Confirmation of Minutes.
Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report.
Presidents Report.
Ladies Report.
Election of Officers.
General Business.

MARGARET RIVER GOLF CLUB INC.

INCOME and EXPENDITURE 1956 SEASON.

Balance forward.	£318 4 2		<u>Structural Improvements</u>	
<u>Subscriptions</u>			Club House	£329 4 5
Men	£203 14 0	+80.	Power Shed	15 16 2
Ladies	63	266 14		£345 0 7
<u>Nominations</u>			<u>Course Improvements</u>	
Men	50 7	+30	Grading	£200 2
Ladies	19 19	70 6	Cultivation	30 5
<u>Social Members</u>		3 13 6	Dozing	25
Donations		50 10	Super	89 11
Competition Fees	+43.	48 1 6	Seed	48 3 3
Green Fees		16 6	Lime	19 10
<u>Griffiths Cup</u>			Sand	27 10
Receipts	59 2 6			440 1 3
Expenditure	52 18 6		Plant Purchased	26 8 3
Profit		6 4	Printing, staty, insce, Petty cash	26 9 5
<u>Barbecues</u>			Pest extermination	2 12 6
Receipts	297 9 3		<u>Affiliation fees</u>	
Expenditure	117 11 2		W.A.G.A.	£4 16 6
Profit		179 18 1	S.W.G.A.	18
<u>Sale Balls and Rule Bks.</u>			Advertising	2 2 6
Purchases	12 2 6		<u>Trophies</u>	
Profit	12 1 4		1955	17 10 2
			1956	27 16 11
			Sundry	5 13 5
			Total Expenditure	£899 9 6
			Balance at Bank	44 19 5
N. E. HAINES A.A.S.A.				£944 8 11
Treasurer.		£944 8 11		

216 Cash year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour and pleasure of submitting to you the 5th Annual Report on the activities of the Margaret River Golf Club Inc.

The membership now stands at 132 members, being an increase of 48 members during the year.

FINANCE: Our balance sheet this year is something at which we will all look with pride. Having spent £1107 on the course during the year, we still have a credit in the bank of £44.

PREMISES: A grading shed and 3000 Gall. tank was bought from the Lands & Surveys Dept. Karridale, dismantled and re-erected adjacent to the existing building. After being lined, the building has become a valuable asset to the Club. A 250 volt direct current lighting plant and motor was then acquired at a very reasonable price from the Margaret River Hotel and the Witchcliffe Garage respectively. To both of these firms the committee has expressed its gratitude for this generosity. At present the Ladies are providing some chairs and tables for this building.

The Committee had intended to tender for another grading shed but as this has not yet been made available, I would like to recommend to the incoming Committee that this building, which is lined, be tendered for when available.

BARBECUES: Barbecues were conducted during the year with great pleasure to those who attended and a financial success to the Club. To those who gave up a great deal of time to help make these Barbecues the great entertainment they finally turned out to be, I would like to express my sincere thanks.

THE COURSE: Before the season opened last year Mr. Eric Melville very generously donated several days work with his bulldozer clearing the course of all visible stumps and roots. Later he made two built-up tees and two sand traps. This was followed by several days work with a heavy grader. Seeding and supering done by Mr. Keith Becker and Mr. Jack Nilsson was done late in the season but in the autumn there was a reasonable germinatoin and enough seed to ensure further growth this year.

Later in the season, Mr. Jack Thomas & Mr. Ron McKeown grassed No's 1 & 2 tees with grass donated by Mr. Dudley McLeod, and they have promised to grass more this year.

This year, Mr. George Keville was contracted to clear the rough areas back one chain from the edge of the fairways leaving all the larger trees. It is now hoped that condition be favourable enough to allow us to burn most of this rubbish. Unfortunately this year we had a very prolific growth of a native plant called *Astartea fascicularis* in the swampy areas of No's 4 & 7 fairways and on the advice of Mr. Jack Nilsson & Mr. Royce of the State Herbarium these plants were cut cut with tandem discs. These areas now have been supered and seeded with couch and clover and rolled.

The greens proved to be quite unsatisfactory last year so this year we are following the example of Busselton and Manjimup by rebuilding the grass with 4 inches of sawdust covered by a thin layer of very coarse sand. This is in the capable hands of Mr. W. Waters.

Last September the Department of Agriculture examined specimens of soil and clover from various parts of the Golf course and they advised a top dressing of limestone. This was done on No's 1 & 9 fairways. The tee on No. 7 hole has been brought back 30 yards as advised by Dr. Robinson on his last visit to the course.

PLAYING SEASON : Opening day was a great success, with the advent of Dr. Norman Robinson, who signed our course, to hit off the first ball. The game was very well patronised throughout the year and, apart from some frequent over-optimistic excursions into the rough to look for the wily ball, play was most enjoyable.

The Committee deemed it expedient to make some alterations and additions to the rules in order to negotiate local conditions: however this year, with better conditions to contend with, the Committee recommends play to be conducted in accordance with the rules of golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

Our open competition for the Griffiths Cup proved to be a great success. Special thanks must go to the Ladies for their part in providing refreshments. The visitors went away quite satisfied and all assured us of their intention to return again next year.

COMMITTEE : During the year, twelve Committee meetings were held and were well attended. I would like to thank our Secretary, Mr. Errey, for providing the back room of his premises for our meetings.

To the members of the Committee I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their constant support and co-operation both in the club and the committee during my term of office as president of this club, and I sincerely hope that the president will be as fortunate this year as I have been last year in having such a helpful and harmonious committee.

Before closing I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Jack Nilsson again for his help and advice and to all those members and non-members who have come out to help us on the golf course during the last twelve months.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the club for their untiring help and courtesy throughout the year. In particular, thanks are due to those members who made contributions to us. I thank you for the trust which you have so freely given and hope that our club will continue on in its successful way.

J. W. Barrett,
President.