



HISTORY
OF THE
MARGARET RIVER
GOLF CLUB
1952 ~ 2002

50th
ANNIVERSARY

FOREWARD

The history of golf at Margaret River and especially the history of the first fifty years of the present course from the first meeting on the 18th September 1952 to the present was researched by Ray Atcheson and assisted by Laurie Bedford. Much valuable information was also supplied by Norm Scott and the ladies section by Mrs. Doris Arthur. Others to assist were Cedar Armstrong and Ray Mann. Information from the 21st Anniversary year of play booklet, AGM and Committee minute books were also a valuable source of information. Long serving members were quizzed about facts that took place at certain periods of the clubs history.

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Disclaimer

All possible attempts have been made to record the correct facts and people involved. Because of the long time period, limited records, lost books and fading memories some people may not have been mentioned and I apologise to any past or present member who has so been grieved.

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CHAPTER 1
Early History of the M.R.G.C.
From information supplied by Cedar Armstrong

The first recorded golf course dates back to 1928. Games were played on the fields of Mr. A.T. (Cedar) Armstrongs' farm (location 1137) on the corner of Caves Rd. and Carters Rd. Golf was played at this location between 1928-30. The course of 9 holes, tees being marked out by a few pegs and the greens consisted of jam tin cups with a bush stick and flag. There were no mown areas, just pasture as provided by cattle grazing. Some early players were H.K. Minchin, A. T. Armstrong, H. Coate, F. Coate, and S. Toban.

About 1930 the golf course was relocated at Redgate on the coastal hills north of where the creek runs into the sea. The fairways were land cleared of the coastal scrub and a one-room shack built as a clubhouse. This course was played on for a number of years but closed down during the war years.

About 1944 golf was resumed but the course was now located at Mr. Bill Nilssons' property, east of Margaret River (locations 2153 & 2154). Golf continued at this location until 1948. Some players of the day were Dr Paddy Barrett, Alwin Wallace, Dr. Tunbridge and R. McKeown.

The story goes that Dr. Tunbridge received an urgent call that a new baby was about to arrive. He said, give the mother an injection of something so he could finish the last three holes before going to the hospital. The good Doctor lined up on the tee, in front was a picket fence he had to hit over. He duffed the shot, hit the fence and the ball rebounded back to hit his partner on the nose, blood flowed everywhere, the Doctor fixed up the nose, gave golf away and went off to the hospital.

Sometime after 1949 the present golf course was surveyed. The course to be cleared was on 100-acre recreation reserve located behind the cemetery. Dr Paddy Barrett, R. McKeown and Mr. Robinson surveyed out the first 9 holes by marking trees as they went. Sam Brewster followed behind on the M.R. Road Board Dozer (a D4) clearing as he went. Following Sam was Arky Burton on the Road Boards International Grader who was trying to level out the uneven ground. For the next few weekends Sam and Arky cleared some of the fairways. Later Mr. George Kevill dozed and cleared the rest of the front 9 fairways. The fairways had to be reploughed the following year on account of the regrowth of the Tea Trees. During the ploughing of the course Dr. Paddy Barrett would come out and give each worker a bottle of beer, a tradition that has carried on in the club, but now it is cans or stubbies not bottles. Another 2 years of ploughing, discing, harrowing, stick raking and other manual labour by the club members finally allowed golf to be played on the fairways. One of the early hazards was when a ball landed on the fairway it would often sink into the soil, so players had to hurry to the spot before the ball disappeared out of sight.

The first clubhouse was a building transported in from a tobacco farm near Augusta and George Turner did the building renovations to make it functional. Some of the early members who were active in helping construct the tee, greens and course were P. Barrett, T. Burking, K. Becker, R Griffiths, R. McKeown, W. Waters, G. Ryan, N. Haines, G. Kevill, P. Issacs, C. Armstrong, A. Reynolds, N. Scott, I. Thomas, A. Errey, D. Errey, R. McLean, A. Burton and R. Sunderland.

Some greens and fairways became very wet in winter so a herringbone drainage system was installed. In 1967 the lake overflowed, flooded No 10 fairway and flowed across No 9 fairway. Little Ross Smith dug a drain across No 6 fairway to the swamp and pipes were laid. This has worked as an effective drainage system ever since.

Memories from Cedar Armstrong.

CHAPTER 2

The beginning of the Present Course Information from the Golf Club Minute Books and Members

The Beginning

A meeting was called at the M.R. Hotel for the purpose of reforming the M.R.G.C. Those who attended were Dr. Paddy Barrett, W. Waters, A.D. Errey, M. Harland, G. Herington, J. Fogarty, Mrs. D. Errey, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. M. Boulter.

Dr. Barrett was elected President, G. Shervington vice president, W. Waters secretary and N. Elkington treasurer.

The committee was made up of J. Fogarty, R. McKeown, Fr. Sorrahan, Mrs. A. Errey and Mrs. M. Boulter.

A membership of one pound (\$2) for members and associates was agreed upon (copy list of members and associates who were financial as of 19th Sept. 1952).

Slee Anderson (solicitors) were engaged by the club to register the club as an incorporated body with a capital of one thousand pounds (\$2000) made up of 1000 one pound debenture shares.

The meeting moved that the M.R. Road Board be officially approached for the release of either of the two A Class Reserves No 18838 or No 8431 on which to construct a golf course.

The president Dr. Barrett was given authority by the club to approach Mr. Tommy Howard the professional at Royal Fremantle Golf Club with the view of engaging him to come down and inspect and advise on which location would make the better golf course. On returning from an inspection of Location 8431, which the committee found unsatisfactory, they saw reserve location 11759 by the side of the road. On inspection of the site they discovered "the lake" and decided that this was the ideal location for the purpose of the new M.R.G.C. This reserve plus the 31 acres of land to the west that was bought at a very nominal figure from Mr. B. Terry is now the land of the present golf course.

Dr. Barrett obtained an aerial photograph of the area, from this Dr. N. Robertson designed the course without actually visiting the site. Dr. Barrett, W. Waters and A.D. Errey drew up the measurements from this plan in A.D. Errey's office (*see photo*). The pegging of the first nine holes was carried out by Kim McKeown walking backwards through the scrub to put in pegs so that George Kevill could follow up with his bulldozer to clear the fairways.

At this time it became a hazard to walk into the hotel on a Friday night because you had no chance of getting out of putting some time in over the weekend on a busy bee on the golf course. Farmers with tractors and other machinery were prime targets. Cedar Armstrong, George Kevill and Keith Becker spent many, many hours using their machines for the good of the golf club.

One of the early mistakes when clearing the fairways was to push all the rubbish from the centre to the edge of the fairways; this made burning difficult without destroying the surrounding bush. To give some idea of what the golf course was like, it was impossible to see one fairway from another and the ground was so wet that the first associates captain Mrs. D. Errey played the first few years wearing gum boots.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AGM'S AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS, VARIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1953 AGM

Held at the M.R. Hotel

Elected office bearers. Pres. Dr. Barrett, Vice Pres. G Herington, Secretary W. Waters, Treas. N. Elkington, Committee R. McKeown, L. Herington, L. Barron, A. Errey

Mr. W. Darnell and Mr. W.C. Smith were asked to act as trustees for the club.
Mr. E. Willmott was the Patron.

A set of rules used by another club were discussed and later adopted with a rider to the effect that all rules relating to liquor would not come into force until such a time that the club was in possession of a license.

The Govt. Surveyor was requested to survey a 4-chain strip of land donated by Mr. B. Terry off his property adjoining reserve 11759. This piece of land faced Wallcliffe Road and extended to just past the present clubhouse. (Somewhere near No 18 green today) In 1964 the club purchased the rest of the strip on which No 17 and No 18 fairways were constructed. A letter of thanks was sent to Mr. Terry for his generous gift.

1954 AGM March 13

Elected office bearers. Patron Mr. E. Willmott Pres. Dr. Barrett, Vice Pres. G Herington, Secretary W. Waters, Treas. N. Haines, Committee R. McKeown, L. Herington, C. Ketteridge, A. Errey

Subs set for the year a one pound one shilling (\$2.10)

1955 AGM March 22

Elected office bearers. Patron Mr. E. Willmott, Pres. Dr. Barrett, Vice Pres. G Herington, Secretary A. Errey, Treas. N. Haines, Captain W. Waters, Trustees W. Darnell and W. C. Smith. Auditor C. S. West.

Held at the RSL HALL

Fees were raised to three pounds three shillings (\$6.30) and nominations were set at two pounds two shillings (\$4.20). Associates fees to one pound one shilling (\$2.10)

Opening day was set for 12 June 1955.

A ball was planned for October to help raise funds.

OFFICIAL OPENING DAY JUNE 12 1955

The HON W.S. BOVELL MLA officially opened the course on June 12 1955, as Dr. Robertson was away in England and therefore unable to perform the ceremony. (NO RECORD of who were the winners is available but it is known that former life member and Patron Gerry Ryan and his partner were the winners of the wooden spoon).

At this time the clubhouse was a 10-foot by 10-foot square shed made of timber and corrugated iron with a 6-foot verandah on the front of it.

See photo

The early finances for the shed and other projects were through the holding of BBQ and gambling nights with crown and anchor the most popular.

1956 AGM 19 March

Held at the RSL Hall

Elected office bearers. Patron Mr. E. Willmott Pres. Dr. Barrett, Vice Pres. Not recorded, Secretary A. Errey, Treas. N. Haines, Captain W. Waters, Committee R. McKeown, R. Griffiths, W. Miller, N. Bickford, A. McPherson, K. McKeown, Trustees W. Darnell and G. Turner. Auditor C. S. West.

Treasurer reported the Club had a balance of three hundred and eighteen pounds four shillings and twopence. (\$636.42)

The meeting decided that the seeding of the "Links" be left to the discretion of the committee after the grading of the fairways had been completed. The committee often sought out the advice for which was the best and most suitable seed to plant from local farmers and in particular Mr. G. Kevill.

Clover and rye were the most popular at the time but this was later upgraded by the introduction of a couch and kikuyu.

1957 AGM 19 March

Held at the CWA rooms.

Elected office bearers. Patron Mr. E. Willmott Pres. Dr. Barrett, Vice Pres. R. Sunderland, Secretary A. Errey, Treas. N. Haines, Captain W. Waters, Committee R. McKeown, R. Griffiths, W. Miller, N. Bickford, R. Palmer, B. Chugg, F. Collins. Auditor C. S. West.

The fees for junior ladies were set at ten shilling and sixpence (\$1.05) and nominations at one pound one shilling (\$2.10). The committee decided to ask the chairman of the Road Board to officially open the course for 1957. The ladies were concerned about the sanitary conditions and the committee was asked to contact the Road Board to make some arrangements for sanitary installation. Attempts to raise the associate's subs to two pounds two shillings (\$4.20) failed on a show of hands.

1958 – 1963

The committee minute books have somehow been lost or destroyed. There are unfortunately no records from March 19 1957 to October 3 1963. What is available is the AGM reports for the missing years plus memories of some of the highlights of the day.

CHAPTER 3

Due to the very rough conditions of the fairways a two club preferred lie was the general rule. In 1963 this was amended to one foot (30cm) and the ball was allowed to be moved by the back of the club. Where new work had been carried out on the fairway a club length lie was often introduced. Lies on the greens varied from 12 inches (30 cm) to 6 inches (15cm) later came down to 2 inches (5cm). The reason for varying the length of lie on the greens in the early days was because of the construction of the green was a result of trial and error. To make a green, a composition of sawdust, yellow sand and red soil (Karri Loam) were mixed with sump oil and diesel and compacted. This was then covered with a layer of white sand (grit) from the Shire's sandpit, located behind the present Hot Rod Track. After a busy bee was held in the morning to oil and resand a green it was then played on in the afternoon.

Early tees were generally made by putting a boundary of timber sleepers or logs supplied by Ryan Bros Cowaramup Timber Mill, filled with sawdust. A layer of loam covered this and hopefully it would become stable enough to tee off. If it became loose it was sprayed with a mixture of sump oil and diesel generally resulting in a firm surface.

An experiment by Norm Scott saw him use Karri Loam on the tees. This set like cement and gave a firm surface but a piece of number 8 wire had to be used to make a hole to put your tee into.

In the early days wooden tees were mainly used but there were also flat eggcup shaped rubber tees of varying height attached to a cord for easy finding.

These early greens of the club saw a great reliance on the support of the local people and businesses in regards to finance, machinery, vehicles, tractors, timber and a host of other gear needed to keep the golf course going. Volunteer labour was essential to keep the club running.

In the early days the club had no bar or licence to sell alcohol. On special events such as open days, social evenings etc, the club had to apply for a special permit to sell alcohol. In the days of no licences and no official bar facilities it was customary for the first player to finish his game get into his car and head for the M R Hotel to get the required amount of bottle beer. The general rule was to put them on the counter and increase the price by threepence a bottle, profits going to club revenue. There was a competition to see who went into the M R Hotel and back the quickest. It is believed Ron Sunderland held the record in his F.J. holden sedan.

In 1961 a liquor licence was applied for and granted for the 1962 year.

To help increase general memberships mixed competitions were regularly played. These proved popular with the associates but even more popular was husband and wife competitions. These helped to increase memberships and also brought more social events into the club, which helped, to boost badly needed finances.

1962 CLUB RECORD

The course record at the M.R.G.C. was broken twice during a stroke competition on Sunday July 15. First to break the record established by Dr. Barrett in 1959 was Fr. J.J. McGrath who returned a 78 off the stick to knock one stroke off the record. However while Fr. McGrath was being congratulated by members on his success, Bob Lawson came in with a record shattering card of 74 off the stick which broke the new record by a further 4 strokes. Club secretary Mr N. Scott said Mr Lawson's record would probably stand for a considerable time. (M. R. Times)

SCRAPERS

To those golfers who have played on sand greens, scrapers were an essential part of the game of golf. Most clubs with sand greens experimented with different types of scrapers and M.R.G.C. was no exception. Scrapers of various weights and lengths were tried for the different sand surfaces. One early style was made to be both scraper and cup marker (flag) with the flag section painted half red and half white.

This flag scraper proved to be too heavy and cumbersome and was replaced by a flag and separate scraper. Because the time taken to scraping a surface for putting playing around the greens was always slow. In May 1964 Norm Gratte volunteered to make spare scrapers to help speed up play.

As well as the scrapers provided by the club at each green, many members had their own home made scrapers. These ranged from a piece of timber about 2 feet long and 2 inches wide attached to a handle of wood such as a short piece of broom handle or even a broken golf stick. Others used a piece of galvanized pipe with a similar type of handle. Many had a row of nails on one edge of the scraper to loosen the surface while the flat side was used to smooth out the sand to putt on. These home made scrapers were used by members for many years but the practice was discontinued after the club standardized its own scrapers. (Some members were not happy)

Towards the final years of sand greens Vince Home, introduced an aluminium scraper. There were two models, a 1-inch and a 2-inch scraper. They were much lighter than the old galvanized pipe with steel handles, which had become the standard rake. The only problem with the aluminium rakes was that the continual scraping saw them gradually wear out and many members reverted back to using the heavier metal ones.

On major competition days the club paid young schoolboys a small sum of money and provided them with lunch and afternoon tea to bag the greens after playing groups had finished putting. Some boys had to attend to three greens eg 2, 8, and 7. The type of scrapers they used was a piece of timber 4 feet long by 4 x 2 inches with a super or potato bag nailed to it. A long handle (6ft) was attached to the base.

These boys had to work really hard for their money 10/- for 18 holes. One pound for 36 holes. Sometimes the greens would be bagged by a member before a competition or after changing the position of the cups. Bagging was also important after the greens had been re-oiled usually early in the season.

One major problem facing the members on the green was the growth of the Sorrel onto the sand. This made bagging and scraping a real problem. To get rid of the sorrel soil sterilization was used. In the later years couch intrusion on the edge of the greens caused a similar problem but was not so easy to eradicate. Often it required a spade to dig it out and this left a soft patch on the green.

CUPS

The earliest cups were only jam tins placed in the ground. Later, lengths of pipe about 9 inches long were used. A spoon was hung on the flag and this was used to remove sand from the hole. A metal cup, being put in the bottom of the hole then replaced the spoon. The last member of the group to putt out pulled out the cup and spread sand back on the green. The member with the scraper would then do two scrapes around the cup before leaving the green.

These metal cups were a constant source of annoyance to members. If the sand was scraped away from the cup it left the metal lip showing and many a good putt hit the metal and jumped over the hole. If a cup was set too low a belly developed around the hole and the ball easily spun out. This often happened if the cup had not been changed often enough or if the sand was dug out too deep causing the cup to gradually sink. The ideal was to have cups just set below the sand and make sure you scraped towards the hole.

The position of the cup was not often changed because of the time taken to dig out the cup, use a post hole borer to create a new hole, put in the cup, pack the sand around it and then bag the green. To change 9 holes usually took 2 to 3 hours. Most sand greens were not that large so the number of spots to put the cup was fairly limited.

In the mid 80's the metal cups were replaced by plastic pipe. The end of the pipe, which normally was used to join another length, was the exact size (4 1/8th-in.). These plastic cups had another conceived advantage over the metal ones. The edge was thinner and rounded so there was less chance of the ball bouncing over it. The only disadvantage of these plastic cups was they broke if hit by a ball on the full or by the putter of a disgruntled player.

FAIRWAY BOUNDARY MARKERS

Erecting white pegs approximately 30 feet apart first defined the fairways from the rough (bush). These started about 30 feet from the tee and went around the back of the green. If the ball lay inside the white pegs a preferred lie was taken.

In the 60's an oil line made up of a mixture of sump oil and diesel replaced the pegs. Various contraptions made up of discarded firefighting parts, REGA sprays and even watering cans without nozzles were used to make the line. These same contraptions were used to oil the greens at the beginning of the season.

In the 70's a furrow replaced the oil line. This furrow not only served as the boundary of the fairway but also allowed wheat impregnated with 1080 poison to be layed around the course. This helped to eradicate the rabbits, which were becoming a menace on the course. If your ball finished up in the furrow it was considered on the fairway and a preferred lie was allowed.

In the 80's, the club was fortunate to obtain a 2-wheel unit with a 200-gallon tank and motorized spray unit, which was towed behind the club's Chamberlain tractor. This unit was excellent for spraying the sump and diesel mix on to the greens but there was the odd mishap when a rubber hose broke under pressure, usually spraying the operator, the fairway and machinery with a black mixture.

COURSE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE 60's

Volunteer work was going ahead rapidly in the way of slashing, pruning and mowing. Many members used their own lawn mowers to mow around the sand greens. Various types of seed were being trialed with expert advice from the local farmers and the help of the Brambly Research Station manager and staff. The club was fortunate to have the use of machinery volunteered by members and outside agencies including Government Departments.

During the early 60's, membership numbers were falling and volunteer work had to compete against other activities such as football, cricket, hockey and tennis, which also relied on volunteer help.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

1960	105
1961	135
1962	105
1963	62
1964	66
1965	78

Taken from list of financial members' book.

It was the custom to create at least two busy bees in the summer with the main one being a week or so before opening day.

The spring burning was also important, as was picking up sticks and cleaning up the rough. Each year saw the rough become more manageable and improved conditions for the future.

SHEEP ON THE COURSE

With the boundary fence completed in September 1965, R. H. Earl and N. Scott were granted a 12-month lease to run sheep on the course. However the October meeting saw a notice of motion by W. Waters to recall the motion until the November meeting. At the November meeting the notice of motion by W. Waters was tabled and Mr. Waters moved that Mr. Earl and Mr. Scott be allowed to run sheep on the course in an experimental basis until September 1966 when the committee would draw up a new lease. With sheep on the course, a cattle grid was installed at the entrance as a gate would inconvenience members. However many sheep escaped over the grid and finished up at Prevelly Park.

A dividing fence was run east west across the course to divide the bottom 9 holes from the top, as the sheep were retarding the turf growth on the top 9 fairways. A fence was also run from the club entrance to the right hand side of the driveway up to No 1 tee and across to the boundary fence. This area was used to hold the sheep on competition days as well as for drenching and loading onto trucks.

The sheep were having a direct contribution to the golf club in many ways. Because the golf course is sandy, their movements compacted the ground making it firmer to walk on. They also kept the fairways mowed to the extent that less mowing and slashing had to be done. The sheep also ate the scrub in the rough, which helped to keep the areas clear. On the downside, they created sand bunkers where they rested and also knocked over fairway pegs. They also knocked over the wires and posts protecting the greens and walked on the greens. However the good far outweighed the bad and the leases did a commendable job with them.

The 60's and the 70's were a busy time for the club's committees in regards to the upgrading and amending of the constitution to suit the demands of the golf club and the licensing authorities. A great deal of time was spent on the incorporation of junior members, all of whom had to be included in the constitution.

The secretaries and treasurers were kept busy obtaining quotes for insurances especially for volunteer workers and players.

The new gas refrigerator was very successful in providing cold beer and this was reflected in the increased sales and profits of the bar.

One of the main expenses of these times was for fertiliser which was essential to improve the course and was seen as a necessity by the committees.

The club was lucky for the contribution of seed (mainly clover) from many of the local farmers. The club also bought various types of seed, all of which was sown prior to the early winter rains. Some small areas had been planted with couch supplied by Ray Atcheson. One of the major curses of the course was the capeweed. The yellow dandelion flowers were a big concern particularly late in the season as it made it almost impossible to find the golf ball on the fairway. The situation improved slightly after R. Earl and N. Scott put sheep on the course.

Busy bees were essential as it was in the 1960's that the top 9 was cleared and gradually brought into play. The bottom 9 still required work such as top dressing the sand greens, keeping the drains on NO's 4, 7, 8, 9, 2, 1 cleared and running. Stick picking was always happening especially on the top 9.

Fire permits were required for early season burning off in the rough (also the bulldozed stacks). Unfortunately some of the ancient paper bark trees were lost in some of these burn offs.

Volunteer workers were usually rewarded with free beer and cool drinks at the busy bees. With the coming of sheep onto the course the grounds committee was having a problem with the fairway pegs being knocked out. In later years this was solved by running an oil and diesel line (4 in) around the edged of the fairways.

BAR REFRIGERATION

The first fridge was a 2-door cabinet built by N. Gratte with a kerosene unit taken from an old fridge donated by M. G. Kevill. In later years a gas operated bar fridge donated by the Cowaramup Club replaced this.

With the new second hand refrigerator working well the committee decided to sell the old kerosene fridge for \$50 (the Augusta Golf Club purchased it).

In 1972, a bar unit given to the club by the Busselton golf club replaced this.

GOLF CLUB VERSUS ROTARY MATCHES 1967-73

Capt. N. Gratte organized a yearly social competition between members of the golf club and members of Rotary for a trophy made and donated by N. Gratte. The trophy comprised of a BSA bicycle pedal gear representing the Rotary emblem and a golf stick iron head representing the Golf Club, both were welded onto an old car headlight. This proved to be a popular event with both clubs picking up membership from the event. The competition was played between 1967-73. Seven games were played with the golf club winning 4 to 3.

BOB BROTHERTON STORY

Bob Brotherton was a middle-aged man with a physical disability who lived with his elderly mother in the old house next to the cemetery. Bob was a lonely chap and often wandered over to the course to meet up with someone and eventually became "accepted" as part of the club. He started walking around by himself during competitions to watch the play, so Ron Sunderland gave him a five iron plus a few balls and he was absolutely thrilled with this gift.

He would join somewhere "in the field of competition" by himself and probably score somewhere between 50 to 100 strokes per hole and never caused any great problem to anyone.

After play the usual remark to Bob was "how did you hit them today Bob" and the reply was always "aw pretty good". He would come into the clubhouse and have a couple of beers and during social days the ladies made sure he was served afternoon tea. After a couple of more beers he would choose his "favourite" lady" of the day and present her with a bar of chocolate. Subsequently mixed days had the ladies waiting in anticipation to see who was going to be the "favourite lady" and receive the chocolate because he never chose the same lady twice.

Some member always dropped Bob off at home after the days golf and I think we were all very happy to think we brought a little enjoyment to a lonely disabled mans life.

(Story teller Norm Scott)

FIRST HOLE IN ONE JULY 2 1967

It was on the short par 3, (94 yards) No 18 hole next to the clubhouse during a mixed foursomes that the first official hole in one was recorded by Mrs. Ruby Miller. Her partner was Mr. R Atcheson and their opponent partners were Mrs. Doris Arthur and Mr. Don Breen. The feat cost Ray Atcheson a bottle of whisky because only minutes before Ruby teed off, Ray promised her a bottle if she achieved a hole in one. A few years later, Ray got his revenge when he scored the only official hole in one on the present No 12. (Taken from the 21st anniversary year records 1955-76)

December 1969 was the year of the clubs first news bulletin, which was called Fairway News. The editor was Mr. R. Atcheson and the publisher was Fr. Bill Castellae. One point of interest in the first edition was the forthcoming social event to be combined with the Tennis Club to farewell Norm and Marg Gratte, Gwen and Peter Gurney, Rita and Colin Smith, Kerry Hawling and T. Hall. All had been popular members and worked for the club over the years.

EMUS ON THE COURSE

With sheep on the course, an errant emu attached itself to the flock for company, however it became too friendly with members and became a nuisance to associates by attempting to peck at them and getting in the way of play.

The decision to get rid of the emu was held in abeyance, as Ray Atcheson knew of a farmer on the Nannup Road with a pet emu that he wanted to let go. Ray with family car and horse float in tow followed by Smiler Gale and family went to acquire the emu to provide a mate for the golf course emu. After a big struggle the emu was caught and finished up in the boot of Ray's car, not in the horse float as intended.

Back at the golf course, the local emu was found and the new emu was released from the boot of the car. It stood up, shook itself, looked at the local emu and then was chased through the bush on the left of No 4 never to be seen again.

The bad luck of the story was the mess in the car boot.

1978

KANGAROOS ON THE COURSE

Since the sheep have been taken off the course and land surrounding the golf course was being developed for bush block residency the kangaroo population started to move towards the golf course. The roos gradually broke the sheep proof fencing and entered the golf course. Numbers were small at first but with the lush grass and water available their numbers soon built up to where they were becoming a nuisance on the course. This required culling to control their numbers. For culling a permit was required from C.A.L.M. (Department of Conservation and Land Management) to shoot them. CALM visited the course and set a number to be taken by a professional shooter but the restricted numbers generally were not enough to keep the roo numbers to a reasonable mob.

Once numbers built up again another cull had to be organized. Today numbers are far higher than in 1978 and the occasional cull to remove the biggest roos is still carried out for the safety of members.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND THE BAR

Social events were popular with members and friends these being old time dancing and modern dancing with local small bands playing. On some occasions, music was catered for by Mrs. M. Wise and Mrs K. Becker, playing the piano.

These social evenings saw the bar takings rise and promoted the requests for bar improvements such as foot rails, drip trays, stools and extensions to the bar. (All these were granted during this time.) Bar prices were generally lower than in Margaret River Town on account of the volunteer labour.

In general the club would have to apply to the licensing court for a permit to hold a social and special entertainment evenings so as to cover visitors who had to sign the visitors book as provided. As was the case many of the clubs members and associates belonged to other sporting clubs in the district and one in particular was the Tennis Club. As the golf season ended in late October early November the golf club members dropped off to play tennis and returned at the start of the golf season in late April or May depending on the beginning of winter rains.

It was common therefore to invite tennis club members to golf club social events. In 1969 an important social event was the farewell of Norm and Marg Gratte who had been transferred in his teaching employment. Norm had played an active role in the golf club in the 60's both in his role as Captain of the club and committee man.

21st BIRTHDAY OF THE GOLF CLUB

The start of the 1975/6 season was one of excitement with the major project being the 21st anniversary celebrations to take place on the 5th and 6th of June.

T. King, V. Home, R. Bell and G. Ryan became the organizing social committee. Invitations were sent out to old and new members. Mr. Ryan produced a small booklet outlining the reforming of the M.R.G.C., which included the history of the first meeting and the opening of the course. The committee decided to incorporate the 21st anniversary with the Tourist Bureau Trophy Weekend of October 9, 10, and 11. The weekend was such a success the Tourist Bureau agreed to make this an annual event and the weekend has been a great success ever since.

Brief results of the 21st Anniversary weekend

Saturday 37 pairs played Canadian Fours and 25 men played Stableford.

Sunday 56 pairs and 29 men. Cost \$1.50 per head

36 holes nett winners M & J Wise 135 ½

R/U E & S Nixon 136 ½

36 holes gross winners E. Kevill & J. Crawford

R/U B. Earl & B. Steel

Socially the weekend was a great success with a high tea on Saturday night followed by a dance.

Monday morning was a Champagne Breakfast followed by 9 holes of golf. The cost was \$6.00 per couple and included 2 bottles of Starwine or one bottle of Champagne.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

1970 saw the full 18 holes played for the season. This reflected the great efforts of the past and present committees, plus tremendous volunteer help to get to this stage. However more work was still required to get the course to a high playable standard. With the introduction of 18 holes all championships were to be played over 36 holes. 18 hole events on Saturday to commence at 12.30pm.

Below is a list of major trophy fixtures played for since the inception of the club and still played in 1970 plus 2002 alterations

Patrons Trophy	Patron of the day	18 holes
(Today it is the major nett trophy for opening day)		
President's Trophy	President of the day	18 holes
M.R. Hotel Trophy	18 holes mixed opening day sponsors	
(Today it is an open event over 36 holes in January)		
Griffith Cup	donated by Mr. R. Griffiths (a former Member) played over 27 holes later 28 holes and then 36 holes.	
(Today it is 18 holes sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies)		
Foursomes Championships	W. Waters Shield	28 holes
(Today it is 36 holes)		
Championship	C. Duggan Trophy	56 holes over 2 days (28 holes each day)
(Today it is 2 rounds of 18 holes followed by match play. Top 8 gross qualifiers to play off)		
Mixed Foursomes	GT & B Ryan Trophy	played over 28 holes

(Today it is 36 holes)

Captains Trophy

Captain of the day

18 holes

J Lagan Trophy

27 holes became 36 holes

(Today it is 18 holes)

Eclectic Ray Atcheson Trophy

Best nett score achieved over the season on Saturday competition)

4 APRIL 1978 CYCLONE ALBY

The golf club experienced some of the force of cyclone Alby. Many trees were knocked over and some fell on the boundary fences much to the advantage of the kangaroos. Some minor damage occurred to the clubhouse and General Accident Insurance gave the go ahead to send in claims without the usual assessment required. Following the storm, a tree-planting programme was devised by R. Atcheson and put to the committee, who passed it. Trees were procured and planted through the winter months.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / RECREATION LAND / GOLF COURSE

11 April 1978 Mr Mark Hohnen met with the committee and put a proposal to them. The second proposal was would the golf club be interested on purchasing about 120 acres S/E of the course for future development. Mr Hohnen suggested that this flat land would possibly be more suitable for a golf course than the sandy hills on the top 9. The May committee meeting advised M.R. Land Holdings that they were interested in further discussions regarding to public open space on the S/E corner of the golf club.

6 November 1979 Mr. M. Hohnen suggested a meeting of the clubs committee for the lease/purchase of land available on the clubs S/E boundary for development of a further 18 holes.

19 November 1979 Sub committee of R. Atcheson, K. Stewart, D. Phillip Jones, F. Holland and D. Trigwell appointed to meet with Mr. Hohnen. After considerable discussions it was resolved that the club apply for the land and submit plans, proposals to the Shire Council with the view to the future of establishing a further 18 holes for summer golf and using the present 18 holes for winter golf.

28 November 1979 The subcommittee met at President R. Atcheson's residence to discuss the proposal. After lengthy discussions all of the sub committee were in favour of acquiring the land, which was available for recreational purposes, and develop it in conjunction with the bottom 9 holes for a summer course. Club member Mr. D. Martin was approached to organize a proposed golf course plan. This was later drawn up by Mr. Gary Smith

Photo of plan

12 December 1979 A plan was shown of the public open space with an 18-hole course drawn on. After much discussion it was resolved that the secretary write to the Shire and ask what obligations and commitment to development there would be if the club were successful in leasing the land.

13 February 1980 After lengthy discussions the committee decided to meet with the Shire Council Town Planner (with the view to try to lease ½ of lot 85 for a further 4 to 5 holes). The plan was in the long term an 18-hole summer course and using the present 18 holes in the winter months.

12 March 1980 President R. Atcheson reported to committee on the recent meeting with the Shire Town Planner committee. The land in question is vested wholly in the Shire and it is entirely up to them what they do with it. If the golf club is interested in the land then it needs to submit a definite and concrete proposal to the Council. Committee resolved that the sub committee carries out a feasibility study and cost out a programme comparing the development of the Public Open Space area against the future reticulation of the top 9 holes.

14 May 1980 Committee informed 5 fairways with access to irrigation water can be planned over an area of 8 acres. Des Martin to be approached to draw plans.

14 November 1980 President R. Atcheson reported at the AGM that plans were in hand to lease an extra land for the further development of another 9 holes to make a summer 18-hole course.

24 November 1980 Committee elected R. Atcheson, S. Gale, D. Trigwell and D. Moon as the sub committee on the public open space. R Atcheson indicated that a lease could be available on application to the shire.

10 December 1980 Committee decided to call a Special Meeting for the 8th January 1981 to discuss the prospect of leasing the public open space for course expansion.

22 January 1981 Special general meeting held at the clubhouse. General discussion and recommendations from the full membership of the club were heard in relation to an application for lease of a portion of shire land adjoining the golf course. The meeting gave the club committee full access to all avenues of negotiations with the shire regarding the availability of leasing the shire land.

11 February 1981 after a lengthy debate committee voted on the proposal to make a formal application to the shire to lease portion of lot 85 of location 1133 for future golf course expansion. 5 for 3 abstained and 1 against.

14 April 1981 Letter from shire re public open space location 1133 lot 85 8 hectares adjacent to golf club to be zoned for public recreation. The other 4 lots are to be sold to provide finance for the shire.

21 April 1982 President S. Gale met with shire clerk on public open space. The golf club has first option of availability. However may have opposition if other groups show interest in same.

13 January 1986 Shire agreed to lease land for additional 5 holes. Plans presented to committee to view.

10 February 1986 Letter from shire re land formally approved for additional 5 fairways. As zoning of this area was uncertain the shire wrote to town planning requesting that they clear up the confusion to allow progress by the club. Two fairways behind No 4 had been cleared and trees planted.

10 March 1986 Committee sent a letter to town planning re the use of a reserve for public recreation for additional 5 holes. The same letter also sent to Peter Driscoll shire planner.

9 June 1986 P. Driscoll town planner provided a copy of a letter to the Shire from Town Planning indicated that once the council supported the idea the golf club could be given right of entry to proceed with construction of fairways

13 October 1986 Secretary R. Mann reported on a phone call to the shire town planner re the Public Open Space. It was confirmed that town planning has agreed to the golf club using the area, but the shire requires a submission from the club giving a plan of the proposed involvement in the area.

8 December 1986 Shire has verbally given the go ahead for the extra 5 holes. The club must notify the shire when work is to commence.

2002 Council approached to see if golf club still has the land, as during the long interval, the course had been irrigated and grass greens established. 2002 being a very dry year the committee was looking at the possible use of water from a drag line hole in the public open space. Committee was informed the land was still available to the golf club but on closer inspection the water source was minimal to the clubs requirements.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOLF AT THE M.R.G.C.

May 4th 1980

Opening Day

The 25th anniversary of the MRGC was celebrated on Sunday 4th May 1980. A ball driven smoothly down the first fairway by Patron G. Kevill herald the opening of the 1980 season and the 25th year of golf on the course.

Club President R. Atcheson had earlier welcomed 84 visitors and members to the club. He introduced foundation member and life member Mr Gerald Ryan, who read a short history of the club. Foundation member Mr. Cedar Armstrong who compiled the course records presented the club with a wood known as a "Spoon" which is still on the clubhouse wall today.

President R. Atcheson presented Patron Mr. G. Kevill with an engraved No 6 iron, which he used to tee off the start of the competition. Players then toasted the day with champagne before teeing off for the patron's trophy. Competition was a mixed Canadian Foursomes. Mrs. M. Couch and Mr. G Gardner were the winners with a nett 62.

17th June 1979

CAPEL COUCH

A meeting took place between Mr. L. Scott of Capel and Mr R. Atcheson of MRGC after the SWDGA Mens Foursomes Championships on the 11th June. Mr. Scott felt that Indian runner couch grass would greatly benefit the M.R. course. A trial truckload of couch was to be donated by Mr. Scott to M.R.G.C. L. Craven was contracted to cart and deliver a load ex Capel for \$50.00.

With the arrival of the couch great interest was taken for it's planting on various fairways where irrigation was available. Many members volunteered to get it planted while winter rain was about. The couch proved to be quite a success as runners increased dramatically over the area planted.

March 1981 A truckload of Indian Couch from Capel to be brought in for planting on fairways and tees.

21 September 1982 Arrangements made with Capel for Indian Runner Couch

19 October 1982 Gary Smith thanked for carting a truckload of grass to the M.R.G.C.

Volunteers needed to plant the couch. A couch nursery to be established behind No 8 green, so golf club would have its own supply of couch for the future fairway planting. Plans put forward to spend \$3000 on further irrigation of NO 5 & 6 fairways so a lot couch to be used on these fairways. Further couch planting saw couch from our own nursery used.

WEDDING OF THE YEAR 1983

This was the social event of the year and considered by most the best social event ever held at the golf club. Main points of interest were the painted church scene backdrops the clubhouse decorated in a church theme taped church bells ringing. Floral archway and priest clothing borrowed from the R. C. Church. The wedding was held followed by the wedding breakfast. Mrs. Dexter played the bridal march. Cost to guests was \$5.00 a double. Approximately 170 members and friends attended the occasion. Pimms band played for the dance afterwards and Mrs. E. Metcalf and staff supplied the meal (soup, cold meat, salad, and fruit salad). Mr. Dexter was the singing telegram boy.

The following were the cast.

Bride	Mr. G Ryan	Groom	Mrs. R. Rodgers
Bridesmaid	Mr. B. McCormack	Best Man	Mrs. P. Atcheson
2 nd Bridesmaid	Mr. D. Thompson	2 nd Best Man	Mrs K. Solonec

Flower Girl	Mr. D. Moon	MC	Mr. V. Home
Usher	Mr. V. Solonec	Priest	Mr. R. Smith
Photographer	Mr R. Atcheson		

SEE PHOTO

MARGARET RIVER VETERANS

First recorded game 11th September 1984 with 9 starters. L. Lesley, B. Roseman, J. Wise, A. West, B. Atkins, D. Phillip Jones, B. Gath, J. McKay and N. Scott.

Former president and Committeeman Mr. A. West gathered a group of older members to start a veteran 9-hole competition on Tuesday mornings. For the first season an average of 12 members participated. Vets became very popular as older club members retired and retirees from elsewhere decided Margaret River was a good place to spend their twilight years. By 2002 fields exceeding 40 are common but winter numbers are much lower as many of the vets go north for their annual holidays. Before the SW vets association was formed MR vets often arranged games with the Busselton Vets or Augusta Club scroungers. Today there is a SW League, games at alternate clubs once a month. The Perth Vets association usually visits Augusta once a year and often has a game at MR on the way home. The vets celebrate their birthday in October each year with a game and then a luncheon. Ladies invitation and luncheons are another very popular and well attended each year. The vets have always been good workers on a volunteering basis for the club. Often after the Tuesday game small busy bees are carried out for the benefit of the club at large. Vets golf today as always is enjoyed by all standard of golfers but competition is more for a friendly morning out with a bit of comradeship than serious golf. Most go home with a trophy as many members bring in surplus vegetables, fruits, pickles, jams etc. for distribution as trophies. MR vets today are probably the most mobile of all vets in the SW. The number of golf buggies and bikes that depart the clubhouse every Tuesday morning is a sight to behold as they make off to the various tees to start the days competition.

AUGUST 1984 NEW FACES

A comedy show put on by the social committee and club members. Events of this nature do not happen on the spur of the moment. Many meetings at private residences of the social committee took place before the event could be staged. On the night 150 guests turned up at \$5.00 per head (with a light supper supplied). The bar organized two "see thru barmaids" as well as two scantily clad waitresses, which were popular amongst the male guests. A side of lamb and bottles of wine were raffled at the door to cover expenses. C. Merrett, V. Solonec and R. Atcheson made a video of comedy actions around Margaret River, which was available for viewing at a later date.

The social treasure Mrs. Z. McCormack reported a profit of-\$450 - \$500.

SEALING OF ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY OCTOBER 1984

Organization of the event was in the hands of R. Atcheson and L. Meleri supplied equipment. The sealing gang consisted of the above two plus R. Meleri, K. Randall, P. Armener, I. Chatfield, G. Crozier, W. Atkins, G. Mas, D. Philip Jones, L. Bedford. The road was sealed from the entrance to the buggy shed. Work started out at 7.00am and finished at 2.00pm. Light refreshments were needed after it was completed, nine x 44 gallon drums of colas and 8 yards of blue metal were used, all being donated.

SEE PHOTO

PROPOSED CHALETS 9 JULY 1986

A proposal by Meyer Shircore and Associates to lease from the golf club a portion of Lot 4 Wallcliffe Road for the purpose of constructing 25 holiday chalets in 3 stages and sharing the use of the proposed golf club's caretaker. Mr P. House presented a detailed submission suggesting radical change is made to the financial and legal structure of the proposal. This was to be followed up by a sub committee of L. Bedford, R. Mann, P. House and W. Rodgers.

2 August 1986 A special committee meeting held at the clubhouse. This meeting was called to discuss proposals of Meyer Shircore and Associates in response to P. House's submission.

- 1 Developers insisted that 50 years was a high requirement for financing. Meeting agreed to 50 years only if 10 years be deducted from the lease should stages 2 & 3 fail to proceed on schedule.
- 2 Upfront payment. Meyer and Shircore came back with an offer of \$45,000 after the golf club suggested \$75,000. Committee felt \$75,000 be persisted with but negotiate over time for payment. Suggestion was \$50,000 on completion of stage 1 and \$12,500 per year over the next two years.
- 3 A figure of \$550 per unit came from the meeting of the subcommittee on the 26th July but the committee felt the 10% increase suggested by the golf club be pursued but could be negotiated by building up over a period of 2-3 years starting as low as 8%.

11 August 1986 Proposals put to Meyer Shircore & Assoc. was discussed.

- 1 \$75,000 up front payment was agreed to over 3 years on the basis of \$3,000 per chalet ie. \$18,000 after the first year. P. House suggested that the club be reimbursed for interest payable on borrowings that the club may be forced into in lieu of up front payments.
- 2 The 10% of gross return on chalets was agreed to but building up from 7½ % for the first three years.
- 3 Ground water is still being tested but shire requirements will dictate amounts needed. The shire will discuss the proposal on Thursday 14th August. P. House to negotiate with the syndicate re interest proposals and upfront payments.

8 September 1986 The subcommittee that had met earlier to discuss changes required to heads of agreement. These changes were discussed and the President L. Bedford was to have copies of the altered agreement made available and pass on required changes to the developers.

13 October 1986 New heads of agreement were tabled at the committee meeting. Water requirements to be looked into on Wednesday. Committee moved that a limit of \$1000 to put on attempts to prove or find water. W. Rodgers moved that the heads of agreement not be signed before Monday 20 October 1986. Motion carried.

9 February 1987 President reported developers had approached town-planning consultants to respond to objections.

9 March 1987 Consultants working for the developers have reviewed objections and drawn up a new proposal to placate remaining objections. This involves a shift of the roadway to the west side of the house plans now in the hands of the shire.

11 May 1987 Secretary reported on talks with the shire clerk on the rejection of the chalet project. Committee decided to arrange a meeting with the shire clerk and planner and L. Bedford, R. Mann and V. Home. Also a letter to be sent to shire to reverse their decision.

8 June 1987 President L. Bedford gave a brief report on the meeting with shire clerk and planner. Shire sympathetic to needs and aims of the golf club. President then reported a new plan was available replacing the first lodge type plan and featuring brick and tile motel type development. P. House invited to attend to view plans.

14 September 1987 A new plan for \$3.1 million lodge was received. Principle of plans to be accepted.

9 November 1987 Shire representatives met with chalet sub committee regarding new plans put forward to the shire. The shire had referred the plans back to the golf club. President L. Bedford suggested that the incoming committee be left to renegotiate plans, heads of agreements etc.

January 1988 President W. Rodgers and P. House met with Peter Tyrell and the developers are keen to proceed on the basis of \$75,000 upfront and 4% gross rental to the golf club. They hope the lodge would be ready by November 1988. Subcommittee to write to shire giving support to the development currently under discussion.

14 March 1988 Shire President has granted the club a meeting on site with councillors and developers at a date to be arranged.

13 June 1988 Contact with chalet developers mentions smaller colonial style development now being drawn up. New heads of agreement has been drawn up and President granted approval to sign.

4 July 1988 Lodge development has gone through the planning committee and the council decision will be made on Thursday 14 July.

8 August 1988 Letter from developers re expected financial returns was read to the meeting showing a net income of \$21,190 for first year for 26 rooms. This should maintain annual rent levels to the club as previously discussed. Committee agreed to sign new heads of agreement.

October 1988 Developer P. Tyrell and Associates advised of state of arrangements to rezone land for development.

9 January 1989 Letter from Peter Tyrell that proposed country lodge application supported by council but not supported by State Planning Commission. Has been resubmitted.

12 June 1989 L. Bedford moved that P. Tyrell and Assoc be informed that the golf club wishes to terminate the proposal for a country lodge.

11 September 1989 Letter from P. Tyrell and Assoc requesting golf club change its mind about development. Club reply with the following explanation. "Negotiations for 3½ years with very little progress. The present rezoning and the attitude of the shire has been discouraging. The club wishes to look in other directions.

PRO SURFERS GOLF DAY FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 1986

A special committee meeting was held on 23 October to discuss a proposal – Pro Surfers golf day on Friday 31st October, as put forward by Tim Duff in conjunction with the Margaret River Thriller. Mr. W. Rodgers read to the meeting details of the proposed event involving sponsorship (\$500) by Town and Country to be contested by both local members and pro surfers and celebrities (approx 20 of each). Mr. Rodgers expressed his desire to run the event in conjunction with the bar manager. Discontent was aired by several members that the organization of the event was left until such a late stage especially in the light of the misunderstanding re parking at the golf club over the same weekend. However the general feeling was that the proposed competition could be good for the club in the long term and raise revenue. It was therefore agreed that the event to be given approval subject to the secretary conveying to Mr. Duff requirements to be met in future years. eg That all correspondence be addressed through the secretary. That adequate notice of such an event is given. That a list of entrants be provided prior to the date of any such future event. It was also decided that the \$500 sponsorship money be provided before the event is held and that the lady scroungers be advised of Friday arrangements.

19th October 1987 Tim Duff to have another Pro Surfer Golf Day

CARETAKERS HOUSE

13 January 1986 P. House suggested caretakers house is built to curb break ins and non-payment of green fees.

10 February 1986 Sub committee reported cost to be \$13,695 for a 3 bedroom; carport, verandah and office; donations would help to keep it at this price.

10 March 1986 Committee gave building committee approval to proceed with caretaker's house so means of financing could be undertaken.

12 May 1986 Gary Smith to draw up plans for caretakers house. Overhead power lines pose problem to site of the house. Either the power lines or the house site must be moved.

9 June 1986 Power lines have been moved, house site as original plan. Footings dug one day and poured the next. Slab to be laid by the weekend.

8 September 1986 Bricklaying starts. Wet weather delays work on the building.

11 November 1986 R. Plater reported problem with bricklayers. Suggest they be paid around \$3000. Building sub committee left to look into this in more detail.

January 1987 Bricklayers almost finished. Timber from House's mill arrived (7 trees had been fallen on the golf club land by Jim House and carted to the mill at Yallingup by him).

9 February 1987 Pine ceiling for house ordered. Pat Thompson quoted \$730 to gyprock house.

April 1987 Pine ceilings up and most of the roof completed.

May 1987 Pine ceilings almost completed. Busy bee organized to put in septic tank. R. Plater offered 20,000 gallon tank and lid for \$2,500 for water supply to house.

June 1987 Doors ready to hang. Need trench from clubhouse to caretakers house dug for SEC cable.

July 1987 Tiling and plastering to be completed. 20,000 gallon tank in place.

August 1987 Problem over site of SEC power. Power to come from the clubhouse switchboard. H. Gale to complete tiling so plumber can complete toilet.

September 1987 SEC to be connected next week. R. Rangnow has prepared verandah for concreting.

January 1988 President W. Rodgers, R. Mann, V. Solonec interviewed 6 applicants for caretaker's position. Roger Westaway was the successful applicant and was put on a 3-month trial period.

February 1988 Roger Westaway moves into the caretaker's house.

From the conception of the idea back in January 1986 to its fulfilment in February 1988 a massive amount of volunteer work and contribution has been made. The golf club has to thank in particular Gary Smith – plans of the house, Geoff Shaw for plumbing, Alan Anderson for cabinet making, Bob Plater Supervision and tank, Preston House brick, cement and concrete, Jim House and Laurie Bedford for timber, Wayne Rodgers Electrical, Smiler Gale for tiling and painting, Lou Meleri sand and pad, Vets for stove and piping.

BI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS 19 NOVEMBER 1988

The bi centennial celebrations were for 200 years of European settlement in Australia. The M.R.G.C. celebrated with their annual dinner held at the clubhouse. 108 members and friends attended. Catering was by the Margaret River Tennis Club at \$17.50 per head. Pimms band provided music for the dancing. Certificates of appreciation were presented to members in recognition of appreciation for services rendered to the club for the first 25 years of golf at the club. (Those not in attendance received their certificates by mail). The golf club received a certificate from the Australian Bi Centennial Committee which now hangs in the club house with the names of those who received a certificate recorded on the back of the photo frame.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY 1990

The big social event of 1990 was the Christmas in July dinner. Mrs. Z. McCormack was the producer and co-ordinator. Helpers were Mrs. M. Scott, Mrs. J. Campbell, A. Campbell, J. Beales, R. Atcheson, G Ryan and R. Hearn. All members put in a great deal of effort towards the successful evening. As well as the usual Christmas meal a fashion parade was the highlight of the night. A bus at \$3.00 per head transported guests to and from the clubhouse. Cost was \$12.00 ea. And virtually no standing room so big was the crowd.

THE KALGAN RIVER SAGA OR THE VETERANS RETREAT BY ALISTAIR CAMPBELL

From memory it all began during a fishing trip to Hamelin Bay in 1991 or 1992. Sitting around the campfire late at night enjoying each other's company, someone suggested we should take the wives on a similar sojourn.

The next move came from Alan and Nell Forward who returned from a trip on the south coast with the news that they had discovered the ideal venue for our first venture. "The Kalgan River Caravan Park". Situated on the banks of the river with a 9-hole 29-par golf course attached. It was within 10 minutes of Albany Town Centre and close to many interesting features of the South Coast area. The proprietors Norma and Jim Dougall were only too pleased to have us and so a small committee was formed and a week's programme planned. It ran from Thursday March 25 to Thursday April 1 1993, included golf each morning, bingo, fishing, picnic, BBQ, scrabble and other activities. The Dougalls donated the Kalgan River Shield, which is won by the best four scores over the six days of golf with separate competitions for man and women. They also provided replica trophies for the winners.

WINNERS	YEAR	MEN	WOMEN
	1993	W. Atkins	B. Smith
	1994	T. King	A. Rowe
	1995	A. West	B. Campbell
	1996	J. Brennan	B. Campbell
	1997	J. Brennan	B. Campbell
	1998	A. Campbell	J. Home
	1999	J. Purdue	C. White
	2000	P. Austin	J. Garstone
	2001	P. Austin	J. Garstone

Next year 2002 will be the 10th anniversary of our visits and will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the club. During the nine years other activities including Boule, 10 pin bowling, croquet, sailing, tennis (proved to be dangerous), Quiz Nights and entertainment have been introduced. In 1999 the park was taken over by new proprietors Joe and Partners. They have now established a restaurant on the premises, which has proved most convenient. In 1993 we had 27 participants, but since then it has always been between 43 and 48. Some highlights over the years were Arthur West's Hole in One, the fashion parade (by Males), the Irish mock wedding, poetry recitations by Noel Purves and John Brennan, Ray Atcheson's early morning rooster crowing, the harmonica twins Ron Sparks and Vince Home, Ralph Morrow trying to walk on water and sank up to his neck and many more. May we continue to visit the Kalgan!!!!

(Editors Note Mr Campbell fails to mention the amount of time and effort he devoted to organizing the trips. Such things as bookings, checking out site venues and organizing programmes all had to be done. Also reports from other Vets who attended the Kalgan make continual reference to Alistair's innovation of playing reveille by the bugler on tape at 7.00 am and 7.00 p.m. each day to motivate everyone)

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MARCH 1991 TOWN SEWERAGE WATER TO GOLF CLUB

Summary of a report tabled by N. Scott and D. Trigwell regarding the possibility of getting the sewerage water from the town sewerage works. Only 800 residences in Margaret River at present how many in the future no-one knows even if 2000 homes in using 50 gallons a day amounts to only 10,000 gallons daily. Club bore producing 2000 gallons per hour (48,000 gallons a day). Nearly half of town sewerage costs. A second bore could equal town supply at a much lower costs. Eg 4" pipe over 5 Km to plant approx. \$42,000. Would need pump and power at the site. Could use road verge to Cape Mentelle and then have to go to the centre of the road. No one has approached land owner of land between Caves road and golf course boundary. Recommend that the idea be put on hold for a few years.

CHAPTER 4

AGM 1958 19 MARCH

Held at the CWA rooms

Elected officials

President Dr P. Barrett Vice President R. Griffiths Patron E. Willmott Secretary A. Errey Treasurer R. Fenwick Auditor C. West Committee W. Waters, F. Collins, R. McKeown, R. Palmer, W. Miller, J. Hart, R. K. Palmer

As the club now had a constitution it had omitted to include a Vice-Captain so it was resolved that a special general meeting be held on 29th March to include a Vice-Captain in the elected officials. The meeting also wanted to elect an entertainment committee but this was defeated by a show of hands. Play for 1958 was to be 18 holes straight and that play was to begin at 11.30am.

AGM 1959 31 MARCH

Held at the clubhouse. This was the first AGM to be held at the clubhouse. Before this other venues such as the CWA were used because the only lighting at the golf club was by candle and kerosene lamps. The golf club had now purchased its own lighting plant (the shed still stands near the machinery sheds and is used to store chemicals today).

The treasurer reported a credit balance of eighty-five pounds two shillings and sixpence.

Elected officials

President W. Waters Vice President G. Ryan Captain R. K. Palmer Secretary A. Errey Treasurer B. Chugg Committee R. McLean, A. Hatty, A. West

Mr. McLean moved and Mr. R. Sunderland seconded the motion that Dr. P. Barrett is made a life member. This was carried with acclamation.

The committee proposed that members should help the club by taking on the upkeep of various fairways. The following members offered their services. No 5 N. Scott and R. McLean No 3 B. Chugg and A. West No 1 R. Sunderland and W. Waters No 9 G. Turner No 6 P. Brennan and C. Lippcate.

A notice of motion was tabled that a special annual meeting be held to revise the constitution. This was followed by a motion that the revised constitution plus amendments is printed and copies made available to all members for the special meeting.

A further notice of motion was tabled that the annual subscriptions be governed and ruled on by the annual meeting and not left to the direction of the committee.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 17 NOV. 1959

The ladies were thanked for supplying afternoon tea on Sundays and were asked to continue with it.

Mr. A. Salmon asked to accept position of Patron.

A notice of Motion was put that the President, Secretary and Captain cannot remain in office for a period longer than two consecutive years.

A number of motions were forwarded to the committee:

- 1 Fees are the same as the last year.
- 2 Opening days be held on Saturday.
- 3 G. Turner moved that cards be marked by a woman (no reason given).
- 4 Club championships be played as straight out stroke.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CLUBHOUSE 9 FEB. 1960

The notice of motion that the President, Secretary and Captain cannot remain in office for a period longer than two consecutive years was carried.

Mr. G Ryan presented a golf bag to Dr. Barrett before his departure from the district.

Mr. Ryan spoke on the progress of a new building and gave quotes. A motion was the carried that the building, as outlined by Mr. Ryan, proceed and the club to borrow \$600 to include the linking of the change rooms.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 12 JUNE 1960

This meeting was called to review, revise and upgrade the club's constitution.

Also the previous notice of motion that the President, Secretary and Captain cannot remain in office for a period longer than two consecutive years was rescinded and was to remain as before.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 22 NOV 1960

The Treasurer reported a balance of five hundred and seven pounds fourteen shillings and ninepence with one hundred and forty four pounds nineteen shillings to be paid to P. D. Ryan and Son.

Elected officials: Pres. R. Sunderland, Vice Pres. G. Ryan, Sec. A. Errey, Capt. R. K. Palmer, Vice Capt. P. Pianto. Committee: J. Hart, P. Wren, A. West.

This election of officers was by ballot, which carried some concern following the elections, as the ladies had voted for all the nominees.

A motion was moved that the club obtains a solicitors advice as to what is the legal constitution of the golf club and if the conducted ballot was valid as the ladies had voted for all the nominees. The President called off the meeting until the 6 Dec. 1960.

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 6 DEC. 1960

This meeting was the follow up of the previous A G M meeting regarding the election of officers by ballot.

Mr. Sunderland was elected to preside over the extra ordinary meeting. Mr. G Turner was elected to be Secretary for the meeting and Mr. G. Ryan was elected to make up a committee of 3 for the meeting.

Mr. Sunderland then read the solicitors report, which proved that the election was valid and the meeting accepted the solicitor's recommendations.

On the 22 Dec. 1960 a meeting was held by the caretakers committee to discuss the best and simplest ballot paper to be sent out to members.

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 10 JAN. 1961

This meeting was called to elect a new committee for the 1961 season.

A vote of thanks was recorded for the "Caretaker Committee".

Elected officials: Patron Mr. A. Salmon, Pres. R. Sunderland, Vice Pres. G. Ryan, Sec. N. Scott, Capt. R. K. Palmer, Vice Capt. P. Pianto, Treas. B. Chugg. Committee: A. West and G. Turner with an additional member to be coopted by committee.

A Motion was moved to levy members, one pound one shilling to be enforced, to raise the necessary finance to carry out the bulldozing of another four fairways. This was amended to the one pound one shilling being a donation from the members for the building. A notice of Motion was put that the A G M be held in March and not November. This was then put at the next AG M. to be held in March 1962.

Mr. Ryan moved a motion that the constitution is changed to alter lady members to Associates and the club's lawyers are instructed to make the necessary adjustments to the constitution.

In the late 50's and early 60's the club's constitution was continually under review, with amendments being made to keep up with the changing legal requirements of the licensing court. Two Special Meetings were held in 1961, one in May and the other in October, to bring the constitution into line with the recommended changes of the licensing court.

A G M. HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 13 MARCH 1962

Elected officials: Patron A. Salmon, Pres. G. Ryan, Vice Pres. A. West, Sec. N. Scott, Capt. R. K. Palmer, Vice Capt. C. Duggan. Treas. B. Chugg.
Committee: R. Atcheson, K. Edwards and R. Russell.

Mr. J. Hart suggested that the emphasis be placed on the stacking of the first 4 fairways of the second nine instead of trying to complete the remainder of fairways, as this would be largely governed by finances being available. Working bees were to be carried out every Saturday until opening day to bring the course up to standard.

Some members continued to clear their particular fairways and a fire burning permit was obtained to burn off the timber behind the bulldozer so a "push in" could be carried out while the dozer was on hand.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 26 MARCH 1963

Elected officials: Patron A. Salmon. Pres. G. Ryan, Vice Pres. A. West, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. B. Chugg, Cap. R. Lawson, Vice Capt. C. Duggan. Committee: M. Steward, K. Edwards and N. Gratte.

A motion was carried that the nomination fees for Ordinary members be reduced to one pound one shilling and subscription fees for Ordinary members and Associates be increased by one pound one shilling.

Competitions were mostly played on a Sunday with a 11.00 a.m. start so farmers could finish early and are able to go home to milk the herd.

The social event for 1963 was the Annual Ball and trophy presentation held at the shire hall. Admission was ten shillings. Fred Mansfield, Tom Doyle and Frank Wake kept the members and their friends busy dancing the night away. During the evening the trophies for the year's main events were presented. Supper was supplied by the Associates and Members with the inevitable busy bee to clean up the next day. Kegs of beer (5 x 10 gal.) were stored in the hall and jugs of beer and cool drinks sold to members. The cool drinks were brought from Mr. C. Tibenham who had a small cool drink factory in Town View Terrace. The business originally being set by Mr. Vickers.

The S W D G A held it's A G M at the Bunbury golf club on 14th March 1963 where the Margaret River delegate Mr. G. Ryan was elected Vice President of the S W D G A for the 1963 -4 season. The following year at the same venue the S W D G A held it's A G M on the 5th March and the M. R. delegate Mr. Ryan was elected President of the S W D G A.

At the meeting it was noted that the Margaret River Club was playing 14 holes.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 3 MARCH 1964

Elected officials: Patron A. Salmon.

Pres. G Ryan, Vice Pres. A. West, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. B. Chugg, Capt. R. Lawson, Vice Capt. C. Duggan.

Committee: N. Martin, A. Smith, R. Dawson, N. Gratte, K. Edwards and R. Earl.

A motion was moved that visitors be eligible to win trophies at the club's domestic events. However, an amendment changes this to visitors be invited to enter domestic events on payment of green fees, but ineligible to win trophies. This amendment was carried.

In another motion it was decided to keep Sunday competition as a draw, starting at 11.30 a.m. Occasionally fixtures were to be pre drawn and starting times announced on the notice board.

The meeting also heard views concerning the abnormalities in handicaps when playing on other golf clubs.

It was generally agreed that an all round tightening up of the Margaret River course, by narrowing fairways, adding sand traps etc. would overcome the problem.

EXTRACTS FROM 1964 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mr. G. Ryan was acknowledged for his effort in the supply of timber for the construction of tee boxes and bridges built over creeks, which flowed through the course. The Ryan family mill at Cowaramup was a regular donor of timber for the club's use, not only out on the course, but in the building and alterations of the clubhouse over the years. In later years Mr. Ryan supplied pine timber from their mill at Pemberton.

The March meeting saw inquiries to see if gas could be fitted to a second hand bar fridge the club had acquired from the Cowaramup club. At the April meeting the good news was local plumber Jim O'Brien had converted the fridge to gas. It was at this meeting that the first roster was drawn up.

Mr. C. Duggan reported progress on the new fairways, seeding and supering had been carried out and beach sand obtained for the new sand traps.

Much discussion took place on the introduction of Pennants being played between M. R. and Augusta Club but no decision made.

A sample club pocket emblem was exhibited for the committee to discuss, but it was resolved that further designs be submitted before a final decision be made.

At the May meeting the club's insurance was upgraded to \$2000 for the clubhouse and \$200 for contents.

A big busy bee was organized for the completion of sanding the new greens and fairways.

Mr. A. West advised that time sheets were going to be tried over a period of time in an attempt to close up play and have all competitions finished by a reasonable hour. Mr. N. Gratte volunteered to make extra scrapers to help speed up play.

In May the first pennants was finally organized for the club to play against Busselton. These were to be played on the 4th July.

The August meeting received correspondence from the registrar of Association of Registered Clubs to become members. It was resolved no action be taken to join as the fee of three pounds and three shillings was too much.

The clearing of all fairways was nearing completion and a quote was received from Mr. J. Hart for one hundred and forty pounds, to clear the remaining two fairways. At the same time it was decided two hundred and fifty pounds be allocated to complete the course and Mr. Hart was willing to accept fifty pounds deposit and the remainder to be paid in 1965.

1964 saw the S W D G A champion of champions and team events played at Margaret River. This event was on a roster to S. W. clubs. The club allocated trophies to the value of thirty-five pounds. Entry fee was set at 25/- shillings. Schoolboys were to be employed to bag the greens and paid 15/- shillings each plus lunch. Catering was to be carried out by the Associates. Caddies fees were set at 8/- shillings for 18 holes and 16/- shillings for 36 holes. Lunch to be provided by the caddies, the caddies to be 11 years or older.

At the November meeting the social committee decided to hold the annual dinner and trophy presentation on the 5th December and the Margaret River Tennis Club were invited to participate with this presentation.

The same meeting addressed the problem of unauthorized shooters on the course. It was resolved a "shooting strictly prohibited" sign be erected.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 8 MARCH 1965

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill

Pres. A. West, Vice Pres. W. Waters, Capt. R. Palmer, Vice Capt. N. Gratte, Sec. J. H. Davies, Treas. T. Oliver.

Committee: R. Earl, C. Duggan, D. Jennings, K. Edwards, R. Dunbar, D. Phillip Jones.

The question of time sheets verses draws was raised again. The meeting decided on continuing to use time sheets for Sunday competitions.

Mr. N. Scott raised the question of running sheep on the course during the summer months. The meeting was in favour if this proved practical.

POINTS OF INTEREST FROM 1965 COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Decided to burn off the course on March 20th. Chief Fire Officer, captain of local brigade and neighbours to be notified.

President to contact local farmers concerning the running of sheep on the course in summer.

As many of the greens were deteriorating caused by heavy rains and wind, the grounds committee was allocated the sum of ten pounds to repair them.

The Associates presented the committee with a gift of fifty pounds towards the club funds.

A busy bee on the 15th May saw the completion of laying of new drainage pipes across No. 7. Mr. Ryan thanked for the use of his truck to transport the pipes from Perth. Mr. Atcheson thanked for the use of his truck at the busy bee.

As the club was still operating their lighting from the older power plant donated by the hotel, it was now that the club joined the S E C (Western Power) contributory scheme with the terms set out in the agreement.

Mr. W. Waters successfully moved that a 5 gallon keg be provided on No. 3 during the playing of the Griffiths Cup.

N. Gratte reported that the pennant competition with Augusta was to be played in July. With the introduction of Pennants it was hoped to stimulate interest between Augusta and Busselton with the object of promoting interest towards events such as ours and their open events, opening days and some important smaller events.

Committee discussed the advisability of playing 27 holes in June and July. It was generally agreed that problems arose playing 27 holes during the short winter days, bearing in mind farmers who were not connected to power and had lighting problems when milking cows.

The matter of fencing the course came up again to enable sheep to be run on the course. They would keep the grass, weeds and some scrub down and also compact the loose topsoil. A decision was made to approach the Bank of N. S. W. to extend the club's overdraft to five hundred pounds to allow the fencing of the course.

Club delegates to the S W D G A were instructed to state a case for altering the present ruling on holding organized competitions of S W D G A days.

Club handicaps and limits were extended from 30 to 36.

The sand traps on No. 4, 3 & 6 were discussed and a decision was made to leave No.4 as it is, but do away with the other two to relieve maintenance and difficulties volunteer members were having.

Nannup was approached with the possibility of joining Margaret River and Augusta in pennant competitions.

The course was fenced and R. Earl and N Scott were granted a 12-month lease to run sheep on the course. The following conditions were laid down in the lease agreement:

- 1 The lease to be renewed for a 5 year period agreeable to both club and lessees.
- 2 The lessee to be responsible for supering and mowing (if necessary) the bottom 9 fairway.

The Secretary was instructed to post a notice on the board to inform members of the situation.

A gas lamp was installed by Mr. G. Shaw and Mr. C. Ryan and a letter of thanks sent to both members.

The shire graveled the roadway into the club and they were sent a letter of appreciation. Prior to the gravelling, the road was a sandy bog hole, which caused many problems. After upgrading of the road Mr. R. Earl suggested an archway and sign be erected to enhance the entrance.

A notice of motion was moved by Mr. W. Waters that the motion passed on 13th September regarding the lease of the course for grazing be rescinded and discussed at the November meeting.

Mr. W. Waters tabled his notice of motion and moved that R. Earl and N. Scott be allowed to run sheep on the course in an experimental basis until September committee meeting when a new lease was to be drawn up.

The committee asked that the S E C be approached regarding the progress towards the provision of power.

The Bar manager reported that the conditions of the bar refrigeration was not good.

The building committee asked that the insurance cover for busy bee and workers be checked out.

Mr. N. Gratte moved that a special general meeting be called to vote upon changes to the club's constitution as required by the licensing board. Mr. Gratte also moved a notice of motion for the special general meeting that the three elected members be rescinded and replaced by 5 elected members.

Being the end of the golf season and looking forward to the following year, the committee organized an inspection of the course to plan work required for the next season.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE HOTEL, 12 JANUARY, 1966

It was moved that the club alter its constitution to comply with the changes as set out by the solicitor, subject to approval by the licensing court.

With the interest mounting to have power installed, Mr. Runkoff, the owner of the Prevelly Caravan Park, handed a list of eighteen property owners in the area who were more than interested to see power in the district, which all helped the golf club's application and was forwarded to the S E C.

Mr. Waters was nominated for life member of the Margaret River Golf Club for past services rendered.

The lighting plant, which had been donated by the hotel, was causing concern with engine problems. Mr. J. Wise, a member and local garage owner, was authorized to check and repair it. Mr. Wise was often called to repair club machinery on a volunteer basis and his help was very much appreciated by the committee of the day.

No 4 fairway always had a drainage problem over its main playing area with heavy winter rains unable to drain away quickly. This was partly solved by truckloads of sawdust donated by the Ryan Bros. Cowaramup Timber Mill being spread over the fairway and a drain dug across the fairway. However, at the busy bee burn off the sawdust caught alight and burnt away. This was replaced by couch grass, which R. Atcheson graded up on the side of the road between Flinders Bay and the lighthouse at Augusta. The grass was carted in R. Atcheson's truck to the area and planted with the help of a busy bee. A tireless worker on No.4 at this time was Mr. R. McGann. The same grass was dumped on No.1, which was planted by ladies. Often Mrs. M. Wise organized the Associates into a busy bee.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 8 MARCH, 1966

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill

Pres. A. West, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Capt. N. Gratte, Vice Capt. R. Earl, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. T. Oliver.

Committee: C. Armstrong, C. Duggan, R. Dunbar, J. Wise.

Mr. Waters was proposed as a Life Member. Mr. Palmer outlined Mr. Waters outstanding contributions to the club since its conception. Mr. Gratte seconded the remarks. By ballot Mr. Waters was elected a Life Member.

The Captain Mr. Gratte asked for view on reducing the cost of trophies, because business people were reluctant to donate trophies as in the past. To offset this, the annual expenditure to the club was considerable and several members volunteered to donate trophies.

MAIN POINTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1966

Opening Day was to be April 17th. The period between April and May was regarded as the most suitable time for opening days, as busy bees through the summer had been completed, tees up graded and greens top dressed. Generally early rain had germinated grass on the fairways.

Competition fees set at 30c for 18 holes and 40c for 27 holes.

June 5th set as date for first pennant match against Augusta.

Bar manager N. Scott reported satisfactory bar sales, but emphasised the need to use 10 gal kegs where possible to increase revenue.

R. Earl was empowered to obtain material and go ahead with the erection of a shelter shed on No.1 tee.

Committee decided that the keg on No.3 be discontinued for the Griffiths Cup.

\$200 to be paid off Jack Harts account.

One dozen sherry glasses to be purchased for the bar.

Mr. A. Doig was appointed captain of the scroungers. Scroungers were to be played on Tuesday and Thursday. All scroungers must pay ordinary membership.

A notice to be erected on the shelter shed at No.1 tee. The notice "members and affiliated golf club members only, unauthorized persons are not allowed on this course". The main reason behind the notice was the unauthorized shooting of wild animals and vandalism to the course.

Committee agrees with Captain N. Gratte that the new 5 holes are played on for the club championships. Fees for championship to be 50c per day.

Before the establishment of the second 9 holes (top 9) alternative tees had been used on the bottom 9 holes to provide 18 holes. With the extra 5 holes, the course numbers became no. 1 to 9 on the bottom 9, then by using no. 1, 2, 8 & 9 became no's 10, 11, 12, 13; no. 14 was the present 10, no. 15 present 11, no. 16 present 12, no. 17 present 13, no. 18 was a par 3 (94 yds.). The tee, was near present no. 14 tee and the green was where the present practice green is. With the new course, it meant upgrading of score cards, more fences around greens to keep the sheep off, new scrapers and flags had to be made and fairway peg markers bought and placed along the fairways.

The club was finally able to complete payment to Mr. J. Hart for bulldozing done in the past. The final \$100 and a letter of thanks for his long deferment of paying was sent to him.

\$200 granted to course committee to spend on new fairways.

A G M HELD AT GOLF CLUB 9 MARCH, 1967

Extracts from Presidents A. West's report:

Mr. West was optimistic about the club's prospects for the new season. He said the greens and fairways would be better than ever and expected that membership would soon be well above the 100.

A mixture of Colas (bitumen emulsion) and wood shavings had brought the tees to near turf consistency. Mr. R. Atcheson had carried out experiments with the tees and the results had been very successful. A bad patch over the creek had been eliminated by lengthening the proposed No.12 fairway to make it a par 5 instead of a par 3 hole. The project had involved a lot of volunteer work, but it made play possible on the new hole. Mr. West said that the 5 new fairways (present no. 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18) were almost ready for seeding and the 18-hole course should be ready for the 1968 season.

Officers elected: Patron Mr. G. Kevill, Pres. A. West, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Capt. N. Gratte, Vice Capt. J. Wise, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. T. Oliver.

Committee: C. Armstrong, R. Earl, C. Duggan, A. Menear.

Notice of motion that the constitution be amended to admit Junior Members, but the number not to exceed 8. Juniors to be elected in the same manner as Ordinary members. Once the junior reached 21 he/she must apply for Ordinary membership. Mr. N. Scott moved a motion that all persons under 21 years of age be eligible for junior membership.

Subscription for junior members was set at \$2. 10c. and subscription fees to \$2.00 for those under 18 years of age and 75% of Ordinary and Associate fees for those between 18 and 21 years of age.

N. Gratte advised that a course rating as required by the S W D G A would be carried out on the course.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1967

Competition fees were 30c for 18 holes and 40c for 27 holes. The West Knockout 30c with the winner getting 9 golf balls and the runner up 3 golf balls.

At this meeting the captain was authorized to purchase 6 club trophies at approximately \$3.00 each.

Mr. R. Earl reported that the return from sheep on the course was too small and that he was withdrawing from the partnership with Mr. Scott. It was resolved the financial running of the sheep to be reviewed before the next A G M and the owner reimbursed if necessary.

In May 1967 the first junior members under the new constitutional conditions were accepted, subject to the licensing court approval.

The juniors were Greg Scott, Trevor Earl and Kim Phillip Jones.

Scroungers membership fees \$1.00, competition fee 20c – winner 1 golf ball. 50% of profits go to the club.

Associates to play pennants against Augusta on the same day as the men. Ladies to commence at 12.30p.m. and men at 1.00p.m.

Course manager W. George reported that the drain on no. 7 working well and keeping the water level down on the fairway.

Rain was needed before seeding of the new top fairways. The new tees and greens to be levelled (tees not to be built up). A special committee meeting was held on 26th June to approve expenditure for the laying of the new greens and tees. A quote from Mr. L. Meleri was accepted. 34 loads at \$3.00 = \$102; sawdust 13 loads at \$5.00 = \$65.00; white sand \$20.00. Levelling and spreading \$64.00. Total cost \$251.00. Ladies to contribute \$50.00.

Although the club had the benefit of member's tractors and machinery, its own small grey Massey Ferguson tractor was used extensively, having a back blade and towed a 6ft. slasher, which was used for mowing and slashing through the rough – mainly the bracken fern which flourished.

Captain N. Gratte reported on preparation for S W D G A event (Dodson). Maximum field to be 95. An elimination round for Margaret River players to be held the weekend before. Play to be in 4's. Hit off at 7.15 a.m. Assistance required for 2 starters, 3 scorers one on No. 8. 3 men and 2 boys to assist with the greens. Boys to receive \$2.00 plus an extra 50c bonus for a good job done. A soup kitchen on No.8 in the morning and a cool drink stand in the afternoon. The committee agreed to the motion that the club supply a round of drinks for all players if any person holed in one.

In September Captain N. Gratte reported a successful S W D G A event. There was a field of 60 starters. Winners John Drake Brockman (Busselton) + 5, second Ron McTaggart (Bunbury) + 3.

Committee allocated \$100 for pipe and laying of same from lake across no. 6 fairway. This was to stop the lake flooding no. 10 fairway.

Mr. A. West and Mr. J. Wise were the club's delegates at S W D G A conference.

Committee allocated \$350 for improvements around the lake and other parts of the course.

Also \$170 was allocated for drainage of No. 3, 7 & 9 fairways.

A drum of power kerosene was to be purchased and Mr. Todhunter was engaged to poison zamia palms on the new fairways. Like the proliferation of bracken fern, zamia palms were a menace on the fairways and the only way to overcome the problem was to spear a steel bar into the centre of the palm and pour power kerosene in the hole and this would kill the plant.

Mr. G. Turner (a club member) was asked to supply a truck load of lime and have it spread around the lake and newly dozed low lying areas.

1967 saw the introduction of a 9-hole Associate competition to try and boost membership. The competition was conducted by Mrs. M. Wise and her helpers. At the end of the season Mrs. Wise presented her helpers with a copy of Gary Players golf class book.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 8 MARCH 1968

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. A. West, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Capt. R. Earl, Vice Capt. J. Wise, Sec. P. Guile, Treas. T. Oliver.

Committee: C. Duggan, R. Atcheson, C. Armstrong, N. Gratte, N. Scott.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETING, 1968

Committee allocated \$150 for course improvements. Eight loads of loam, 3 tons of super phosphate.

Works committee allocated \$150 for works and cost of planting trees around the course.

Poison bombs were to be purchased to help control rabbits on the course. They were becoming a nuisance with their burrows and holes on the fairways. Poison bombs were put down the burrows and all the outlets blocked. After this bombing the situation did improve and there was less damage to fairways, tees and greens.

The Associates requested a rule from the committee on dress wear and whether the club had any objection to the wearing of slacks and shorts. The final decision was left to the Associates committee that they conform with the mode of dress of other clubs.

Course committee allocated \$200 for purchase of loam for course improvements.

C. Armstrong, N. Gratte and R. Earl to organize to obtain quotes and have plans drawn up for proposed change rooms adjoining the club room.

\$80 allocated to the gravelling of a track from car park along side of No.9 fairway.

SPECIAL MEETING 19 FEBRUARY 1969

Letters from the Bank of N S W and R & I Bank were read in regards to the proposed new change rooms. Committee decided against the project but decided to take it to the A G M.

A second project was also aired. The project was the reticulation of the first 9 holes. This was also referred to the A G M.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 7 MARCH 1969

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Vice-Pres. N. Scott, Capt. R. Earl, Vice Capt. R. Atcheson, Sec. P. Guile, Treas. H. Davies.

Committee: A. West, T. Earl, C. Armstrong, J. Edmeades.

The agenda for the new change rooms and reticulation was discussed at length and was resolved to allow the building committee to go ahead with the construction and showers – to be of a type used in the old change rooms at the M. R. Football Club. When the new brick change rooms were eventually built, the former building could be turned into a storeroom or any useful purpose the committee may see fit.

Discussion was also held on the lack of junior members. It was pointed out that this was subject to licensing court rulings allowing only 8 junior members to the club.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1969

The Associates asked if a coin operated phone could be installed. After discussion the committee agreed and paid the \$50 cost for the installation.

Tenders were called for the construction of a steel framed, concrete floor shed with steel walls. Size was 24' x 16 x 8'.

30th March was set for a busy bee for an all out effort to get the course ready for the 1969 season. A 5-gallon keg was set up for refreshments after the work was completed.

It was decided to play the full 18 holes this season if the match committee agreed.

In June permission for the Rotary Club to hold its annual dinner was granted. This event was good moneymaker for the club. The golf club supplied volunteer bar workers. It must be remembered that after events like this and other socials, the next morning again required volunteer workers to clean up the clubhouse and prepare it for the next golf fixture.

The corrugated 1000 gal. iron tank on its stand near the clubhouse was nearing the end of its life. This tank was filled with water from a small concrete tank, which collected water from the clubhouse roof. A larger concrete tank was being investigated and the Associates were asked to contribute to the cost.

Contractors Archibald and Melville to be contacted for a quote for work on No. 14, 16, 17 & 18 fairways.

Ladies invited to play organized competition on Sundays when it doesn't clash with major events.

SPECIAL MEETING 30 SEPTEMBER, 1969

The motion to change the constitution dates of the A G M from March to November was passed. This allowed the incoming committee the opportunity to plan what work was required over the summer months before Opening Day and start of the winter competitions.

Towards the end of 1969 a great deal of work had taken place on the new fairways in particular No. 14, 16, 17 & 18. Fairways had been levelled and sticks picked up by contractors. All fairways had been hand raked by volunteers, wives and children included. Money had been spent on fertilizer while much of the seed had been donated.

The 1969 Annual Dinner and Dance was held on the Friday, 24th October and was catered for by the M. R. Play Centre at a cost of \$2.50 a head. The bar was to open at 6.30 p.m. and dinner to be served at 7.30 p.m. An extra ordinary license for Honorary Members had to be applied for. At the dinner Members and Associates main trophies were presented.

A.G. M. HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE 7 NOVEMBER, 1969

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill, Pres. G Ryan, Vice Pres. P. Guille, Capt. J. Wise, Vice Capt. R. Atcheson, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. H. Davies.

Committee: C. Blowfield, G Leahy.

Three vacancies on committee to be filled after the other members had been approached.

A number of recommendations put to the incoming committee:

- 1 Alternate fairways no. 16, 17 & 18 to eliminate the hill climb up no. 17.
- 2 Alter tee and green on no. 17 and 16 for the same reason.
- 3 Revise the order of playing each 9 holes eg. the top 9 would be 1 – 9 while the bottom nine became 10 – 18.
- 4 Push scrub back on the left of no. 12 (swamp area)
- 5 Clean between fairways no. 2 and 9.
- 6 To level 20 metres in from fairways 14, 16, 17 & 18.

EXTRACTS OF MINUTES FROM THE 1969 - 70 MEETINGS:

Quote from J. Archibald to level in front of tees on no. 14, 16, 17 & 18 accepted.

Committee resolved not to change order of play as recommended at A G M.

The scrub of the left of no.12 to be left to the discretion of the course committee.

Committee decided to leave no.16, 17 & 18 in their approximate position. Clearing to the right of no.2 fairway to be left at present.

In December, W. Oswald and K. Jackson added to the committee.

Committee decided to increase insurance on its buildings to \$10,000.

Golf club nominates a darts team to play against the Hotel, Football Club, Social Club and Cowaramup Club.

G Ryan and J. Wise to be club delegates to S W D G A.

P. Guille reported dart team was well in hand. The opening night would be 10th April. This competition once again required volunteer work behind the bar when it was the golf club's turn to host an opposition visit. Sometimes this put a strain on the bar workers because when the competition finished some players wanted to stop on and this made it a late night for the bar staff.

As the committee agreed on the installation of a phone, the Associates were given the authority for follow up and arrange to have an automatic phone with a key to prevent abuse. Calls were to be 10c and the cash collected to go to bar takings.

With enquiries from people wanting to play on the course, the committee set green fees at 40c for 9 holes and 60c for 18 holes, with the responsibility of the member accompanying any non-member to see that these fees were paid. Scroungers were asked to supply a green fee box, which they duly did.

Course committee had been busy on the top 9 fairways, tees and greens. Various areas of the rough cleared after a bulldozer had been round. Sixty trees were planted and drums and wire netting placed around them to protect them from the sheep. No.4 and 7 fairway drains were made hazards and the 2-stroke tolerance was left. Some fairways were made narrower.

Mr. G. Ryan was appointed Licensee of the Golf Club.

Mr. R. Atcheson reported on the poor response given to the club's weekly competition reports sent to the M.R. and Busselton Times newspaper. It was resolved a letter of complaint be sent to the paper concerned and also a copy sent to the local Chamber of Commerce.

The club's policy was, that as much as possible, most of the club finances be allocated to course improvements rather than the club house requirements, unless essential. The committee was looking at putting resources in to establishing some irrigation. The lake was seen as a possible source to pump from. In September the President and Secretary reported that the lake was not suitable water source for irrigation. They suggested bores be tried on the left of no.1 fairway. The Mines Dept. was approached for advice and following their advice the committee agreed to get further costs and place it on the A G M agenda.

Bar manager reported a gross of \$885 resulting from dart's competition during the season

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 13 NOVEMBER, 1970

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. G Ryan, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Capt. J. Wise,
Vice Capt. R. Atcheson, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. G Hall.
Committee: R. Nixon, D. Trigwell.

The meeting recommended to the committee that they obtain an overdraft of \$2000 from the bank for equipment to water no.1 fairway.

Eighteen-year-olds were to now be admitted as Ordinary Members.

Subscription set at the A G M were: nomination fees to be \$2.00, subs. For Ordinary members \$11.00 and Associates \$7.00. Junior fees to be \$4.00.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1970 - 71:

As the golf club worked on a restricted license it was necessary to apply to the licensing court for any alterations to their hours of trade. As it was more suitable for members, the club applied for afternoon sessions. The two hour session to be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Works committee drew up a list of works for the summer months to be completed before Opening Day:

- 1 Building up of no.1 & 8 greens.
- 2 Mow bracken.
- 3 Poison rabbits.
- 4 Hoe, level and seed no.3 fairway.
- 5 Drainage pipes to be laid under wet areas.
- 6 Steel pegs for erecting wire around the greens to keep sheep out.

It was generally agreed a monthly mug run on Saturday would be a popular fixture. It was resolved the winner of this event would have a free beer (in the Mug) until trophy presentations are completed on the Sunday. The mug was to remain the property of the club.

1971 was the club's turn to nominate a Vice President for the S W D G A. Mr. G Ryan was nominated for the position.

Finance was made available for the purchase of an engine pipe and fittings so that irrigation of no.1 fairway could be commenced. No. 3 fairway to be dragged and stick picking up to be done after it was consolidated.

Social events were starting to look up with the club giving permission for a local State Forest Dept. to hold a golfing afternoon and the use of the clubhouse for a social after the game. The Rotary Club was also permitted to

use the clubhouse for their changeover night. Both organizations to pay the late license fee required by the licensing court.

The new men's change rooms (the old buggy shed) have now been completed. Hot water was supplied by a gas heater installed by Mr. G. Shaw, at no cost to the club. This heater was a temperamental affair and many boxes of matches were wasted before it would light up. The Associates requested a similar building. At a cost of \$200, one was built - the wooden floor being donated.

After much discussion, committee agreed to supply a small replica mug to the winner of the day. The free beer in the club's mug still to be retained.

The June meeting saw for the first time the patron Mr. G. Kevill and Associates Mrs. C. Nixon, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. S. Becker and Mrs. E. Kevill asked to attend the meeting so the Associates could bring up any general business in theirs and the club's interest.

Six boys to be employed to bag the greens for the Griffiths Cup. To be paid \$2.00 each, plus lunch. Same to be engaged for the S W D G A mixed foursomes.

Club to purchase 7 tons. of firewood from Witchcliffe mill at the cost of \$7.00.

Sheep failed to keep the capeweed under control. Mr. N. Scott arranged a spray, which would sweeten this weed and make it more attractive to the sheep and help solve the problem. Arum lilies were getting a hold on the rough, so a spray program was initiated to eradicate the pest.

A G M HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE 2 NOVEMBER 1971

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. R. Nixon, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Capt. J. Wise, Vice Capt. R. Earl, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. G. Hall.

Committee: D. Trigwell, R. Atcheson, C. Blowfield, K. Jackson, M. Haines.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1971 - 72

A motion to move no.18 tee to opposite no.17 green lost.

A motion to repair tractor and then well was rescinded.

Reticulation working well, but the hole on the left of no.1 was only realising about 2000 gals. daily. It was suggested the hole be enlarged by using Nitropil and then a dragline employed to clean it out (cost not to exceed (\$250). The original water hole on the left of no.1 was over a granite base. Doug Phillip Jones used 1 bag of Nitropil to try and deepen it. The resultant blast sent mud onto Cave's Road, the cemetery and clubhouse, but didn't make the hole any deeper!

A Norris automatic lass washer, model E, was to be purchased (this machine has only just been replaced by a new washer in June 2001).

At the same time a small fridge was purchased for the bar. With the event of electricity, the bar was in full swing. Bar trade increased as members enjoyed a cold beer. With volunteer staff, often problems with the gas mixture resulted in either too much gas or too little.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE M. R. HOTEL
29 FEBRUARY 1972**

After a meeting with Mr. Capewell (a boring contractor) who was of the opinion that there was a plentiful supply of water at depths of 30 metres. Committee resolved that a series of test holes be put down and if sufficient water was available in quantity a 6-ft. bore be encased near the clubhouse for watering the putting green etc. Also a further large hole be bored at the present dragline hole (left of no.1). Expenditure to be \$200.

The meeting also allocated \$300 to improving no. 3, 10, 11 & 12 greens and no.2 & 9 tees.

In March, R. Earl resigned as vice captain. D. Trigwell appointed vice captain. D. Moon elected to the committee.

President R. Nixon reported on the test boreholes put down by Mr. Capewell. From the information gathered, the meeting resolved to only clean out the present hole and a new hole be dug between no. 6 & 7 fairways.

Bar fridge burnt out. A second hand 9 c/ft. fridge purchased for \$45.

Top 9 closed until further rainfall improved grass cover.

In June, C. Blowfield resigned from committee. R. Clarke elected to replace him.

Juniors were permitted to play free of charge on Saturday mornings, but must be members to play scrungers.

Letter of thanks sent to Busselton golf club for giving the club the bar refrigerator and shelving.

In September, treasurer G. Hall resigned – to be replaced by D. Newman.

N. Scott advised committee he was to sell his sheep on the course and suggested Mr. Harrington be approached to stock the course next year.

Mr. R. Clarke reported on a successful junior golf clinic held at the Busselton golf club. Juniors also played Junior Championship in the school holidays. Mr. Clarke donated a shield for the junior players championship.

Scrungers held their end of season social. \$15 was donated for trophies and \$10 allocated to be spent on food and drink at the social night.

The Annual Dinner and presentation night was to cost \$2.00 with the club providing two jugs of beer and 1 bottle of wine per table. Further drinks to be purchased by the members.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 24 NOVEMBER 1972

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. R. Nixon, Vice Pres. R. Atcheson, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. D. Newman, Capt. D. Phillip Jones, Vice Capt. R. Bell.

Committee: R. Clarke, H. Gale, M. Haines, D. Moon, D. Trigwell.

Recommendations from the A G M to incoming committee:

- 1 Committee be empowered to borrow up to \$5000 to be spent at their discretion.
- 2 Committee dispenses of present tractor and purchases an adequate one in the next few months.
- 3 The club was advised "free" power lines would be extended to the clubhouse if the extra loading was installed (eg. irrigation).

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1972 – 73

New cool room and temprite to be purchased from Kelvan Industries for \$2557.

Works committee reported considerable renovations needed for tees and greens.

Main club room to be painted by volunteers in January.

Preferred lies to be one club length on the fairway and nil on the greens. If the wire or posts interfered with the making of a stroke on the green, then one club length lie would apply.

Mr. Harrington interested in running sheep on the course.

Competition fees to be 40c for day events and \$1.00 for two-day events.

Twelve plastic buckets to be purchased and placed on tees with sand to be used to repair divots.

Proposal put to committee to water no.2 and 8 fairways. No. 9 line to be extended to the clubhouse to water practice putting green.

Efforts made to recondition tractor and offer it for sale at \$300.

In July, treasurer D. Newman resigns – I. Gell elected treasurer.

Committee agreed to allocate \$200 for piping to irrigate no.2 & 8, plus extensions to clubhouse.

Fire brigade to be asked to "blow out" the drainpipe from the lake across no.6 fairway.

Eighteen juniors participated in a golf clinic.

Recommended to A G M that new committee looks at purchasing a gang mower.

A new 4 in. PVC pipe to be laid across no.6 fairway from the lake to prevent it overflowing.

Recommended that the new committee build a new bar and also build a barbecue.

Pipes laid on no.2 & 8 fairways.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 28 NOVEMBER 1973

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. J. Wise, Vice Pres. K. Lynn, Capt. H. Gale, Vice Capt. R. Bell, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. G. Williams.

Committee: D. Whiteford, R. Clarke, D. Trigwell, D. Phillip Jones, R. Atcheson.

At the conclusion of the meeting a presentation was made to Bob and Clarrie Nixon, who were leaving the district, for their sterling services to the club over many years.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1973-74

Mr. R. Atcheson to organize another load of couch. Note: the couch on no.1, 8 & 4 was graded from the roadside of Flinders Bay Road near the lighthouse.

Cedar Armstrong engaged to mow no.1, 2, 8 & 9 plus areas of bracken and high grass.

Committee gave permission to spend up to \$500 to enlarge the water hole on no.7. With the improved grass coverage on the fairways, moves were made at this meeting to acquire a second hand gang mower. This initiated a quote to be obtained for a 30ft. x 15ft. shed to be used for machinery and workshop. A quote of \$1000 was received and committee asked for more details.

Bar manager D. Trigwell advised that approximately one carton of cans were consumed at working bees. He also had organized a bar roster of five barmen for the year. The bar was to be open every Saturday between 4p.m. and 8p.m. He asked that consideration be given to Saturday competitions.

SPECIAL MEETING 16 FEBRUARY 1974

Object of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of a second hand gang mower. Mr. Trigwell and Mr. Boyd had inspected one, but it was in the process of being reconditioned. The meeting resolved that when the mower was ready they would purchase it.

K. Lynn and R. Steel given permission to print a monthly news bulletin and hand them out to Members.

K. Lynn expressed strong dissatisfaction with the course rating of 66 set by the W A G A. Resolved to send a letter to the W A G A expressing the club's disappointment and disapproval.

The March busy bee was organized to put pipes across the creek from no.12 to 13. No.7 drain to be sprayed, greens to be oiled. Remove some sand from no.12 & 13 greens and put more sand on no.8 tee.

The meeting was given a comprehensive report on the cost etc. for installing a 40 hp motor for pumping water, also an estimated cost of power used and the possibility of the S E C to upgrade the power to three phase. Decided to apply to the S E C who would send a quote and give a definite decision in about two years time.

The problem of sheep on the course was brought up. Mr. Harrington had 250 sheep on the course, but was keen on moving them when a special event was taking place. One suggestion was the club to buy their own sheep, another was to do away with the sheep and use the gang mower and slasher. Left unresolved.

Green fees set at \$1 for gents and 80c for ladies.

Mr. Harrington agreed to run sheep on the course in return for fertilizing the course.

Mr. M. Dawson from the W A G A assessed the course at 66. Although members were not in full agreement with his comments, no further action was to be taken.

More discussion on sheep and this time it was decided to with-hold sheep from the course and endeavour to carry out regular mowing.

Mr. R. Atcheson moved that the no.18 tee be brought down level with no.17 green to save the laborious walk up to 18. Decided to leave the tee as it was.

In June the lake overflowed. Committee to get quotes on imperfect PVC pipe to assist in dropping the water level in the lake as no.11 tee was under water.

Mr. R. Atcheson put a 4in. PVC cup on 14 green. The cup proved satisfactory, but doubts expressed about its legal size. It was later found to be slightly oversize.

Committee authorized R. Earl to put in pipes to lower the lake as soon as possible.

Captain to inform members that pulling buggies across the greens was frowned upon.

Captain H. Gale asked if as many sheep as possible could be put on the bottom 9 and moved off at the discretion of the works committee.

Rotary, Apex and Lions from Augusta invited to participate in the final day of golf, to be followed by a barbecue. \$5 was made available for trophies for junior golfers. Phil Nuttall – Winner. Runner up – Glen Holland.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 29 NOVEMBER 1974

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. K. Lynn, Vice Pres. J. Wise, Capt. B. Boyd, Vice Capt. H. Gale, Sec. N. Scott, Treas. G Williams.

Committee: R. Atcheson, R. Stewart, P. Whiteford, R. Steel, R. Bell.

Nomination fees raised to \$4.00.

Annual subscription to \$20 for gents and \$15 for ladies.

Meeting endorsed the outgoing committee's recommendations that finance be raised for the purchase of a tractor.

Mr. D. Moon recommended competition revert back to Sunday and a monthly Mug be held each 4th Saturday.

Constitution to be altered to admit Social (non-playing members) to the club at a reduced fee. Mr. B. Boyd moved that the constitution to be altered to incorporate 7 members instead of 5.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1974-75

Committee to apply for a grant of \$2500 through the Community Recreation Council of WA

With the change in the constitution, L. Ridley and A. Holland added to the committee.

After considerable discussion it was moved by B. Boyd that sheep be totally banned from the course in 1975.

M. R. Tourist Bureau advised the committee it was interested in sponsoring a major golf weekend with trophies to the value of \$200 - \$300. The date set was the 11th & 12th October.

A large busy bee was planned for 22nd March.

Committee to view placement of no.18 tee and reported at next meeting.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 25 MARCH 1975

Provisional members accepted by the club and fee to be \$5.

Country membership be 50% of normal subscriptions; eligible to members who were members of other clubs, outside a 25k radius. Country members to be ineligible to play in Championships, Captains and Presidents or any 36 hole event.

Considerable work being done on the course. Some tees and greens upgraded, stumps and roots ripped, drains sprayed etc.

Insurance company to be advised of fire damage to irrigation plant.

Eclectic for 1975 to be 40c per player.

Community Recreation Council pays \$700. Money to go towards payment of tractor.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 8 JUNE 1975

Motion to change constitution to allow mid week membership. Midweek members or Associates may use the course on weekdays Monday to Friday with the exception of weekday competitions. Midweek members not entitled to hold office or vote at A G M or Special Meetings. Midweek members only to play at weekends at the invitation of the committee. Midweek membership to be fixed at 50% nomination fee and 50% of annual subscriptions.

After much discussion about balls getting lost in the drain across no.7 fairway, it was decided to place wire across the water.

With the luxury of a gang mower the fairways improved immensely, however, it was an effort to mow the hills on no.16, 17 & 18 so the club's topper had to be used.

The rear of the machinery shed to be enclosed under the supervision of T. King.

Mr. Holland reported about 1000 trees of various species were being organized and a day to be set aside for their planting.

Drain across no.6 to be filled in.

Moved to construct a timber bridge across creek from no.1 to 2. Cost approximately \$33.40. K. Stewart suggested seeding of bare patches on the top 9.

W. Rodgers offers a bar stool trophy for member of the year.

Complaints about course etiquette slow play and replacing divots, to be brought to the notice of the members.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 1975

Meeting convened to grant Life Membership to Mr. G Ryan and Mr. N. Scott.

Both members had given many years of excellent service to the golf club and saw the club grow from a humble beginning to its present position as one of the district's top sporting facilities with an 18-hole course and well appointed clubhouse.

Moved to pay \$300 for second hand pump unit.

Tractor raffle had been a success netting \$1930 and a vote of thanks given to R. Bell for his efforts in running the raffle.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 28 NOVEMBER 1975

Elected officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. K. Lynn, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Sec. K. Stewart, Treas. G. Williams, Capt. B. Boyd, Vice Capt. R. Atcheson.

Committee: L. Ridley, R. Stewart, R. Steel, T. King, R. Hobson, V. Home, H. Gale.

Reticulation to no.5 & 6 fairways was discussed and moved that the project go ahead at the committee's discretion.

Committee gave permission to investigate extensions to the clubhouse.

Subscription fees to rise by \$2 for members and Associates.

Discussion on having Saturday competitions took place, but nothing was decided.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1975

In December, Mr. K. Lynn tendered his resignation as President of the M.R. Golf club as he had been transferred to Northcliffe School.

A shed used by the public works department to house a motor and pump for the school water system was bought for \$50. It became a useful shed for storage of hand mowers, fuel, irrigation parts etc.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 31 DECEMBER 1975

On the resignation of K. Lynn as President nominations for the position had been called for. Mr. R. Atcheson was the only nomination and in accordance with paragraph four of the constitution he was duly elected.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 21 JANUARY 1976

The object of the meeting was to elect a Vice-Captain and arrange other vacancies that may occur as a result of the election. Mr. R. Steel was elected Vice Captain and Mr. D. Trigwell and Mr. W. George duly elected to committee. Mr. V. Home had resigned from committee.

Course committee to investigate location cost of another drag line hole on the edge of no.5 fairway.

A building sub-committee established to look into extension of clubhouse plans, finance etc.

Pennants between Margaret River, Augusta and Nannup with teams of 5. Play to be on a neutral course.

Water level on the dam was low and watering only twice a week.

Special social committee set up for club's 21st birthday celebrations on the 5th & 6th June.

Mr. Tony Wood had carried out survey of underground water potential and had found a "virtually" unlimited supply on the S. E. side of the lake where the stream enters. He advised to keep away from the stream on no.1 fairway and not to enlarge the existing dragline hole on no.6 & 7.

Captain B. Boyd suggested 21st birthday weekend be the 9th & 10th October in conjunction with the Tourist Bureau trophy.

Building committee suggested extensions be done in two stages. Stage one extending southward from the kitchen.

Eclectic fee increase to 50c.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 11 APRIL 1976

Object of the meeting was to discuss the request from the Hawkes Football Club to hire the golf club gang mower. It was moved that the gang mower could be hired, but under the following conditions:

- 1 The Football Club to be responsible for any damage, breakdown etc.
- 2 The mower be transported by truck, ute or trailer and not towed.
- 3 The setting adjustment of the mower not to be altered.

A padlock had been put on the gate at no.2 to stop horses on the course.

Mower to the value of \$40 to be purchased.

SPECIAL MEETING 23 APRIL 1976

Object of the meeting was to accept the resignation of Captain B. Boyd and to appoint a new captain. Mr. R. Steel was appointed captain.

SPECIAL MEETING 15 MAY 1976

Object of meeting was:

- 1 Reticulation
- 2 Building extensions.
- 3 Election of a Vice-Captain.

Decided it was too wet to excavate new drag line along no.5.

Decided to go ahead with the extensions to the kitchen.

R. Bell elected as Vice Captain.

The monthly Mug winner was entitled to free beer at the clubhouse until the next monthly Mug winner. Price of beer at the bar to rise 2 cents in line with neighbouring clubs

Captain R. Steel reported numbers down on the previous year to this point of time.

Cabaret Ball was a great success. A profit of \$90 - \$100.

Golf bag and sticks to be raffled.

Licensing Court approves the new building extensions subject to a new stainless steel urinal being installed in the men's toilets.

Mr. L. Ridley resigns as bar manager and Mr. D. Trigwell to take over the position.

Extensions to kitchen completed at a cost of \$2384. R. Atcheson to investigate possibility of hot water for the kitchen.

Captain reported that an average of 32 players had competed during the season.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 30 NOVEMBER 1976

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. R. Atcheson, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Sec. K. Steward, Treas. R. Whitcombe, Capt. R. Bell, Vice Capt. H. Deadman.

Committee: R. Stewart, H. Gale, R. Hobson, W. George, D. Trigwell, L. Ridley, D. Moon.

The motion to change the status of Life Members was put to the members and carried. "Life Member shall without payment of subscriptions other than an annual subscription of \$2.00 have all the privileges of Ordinary Members or Associates".

The meeting also empowered the committee to establish a Presidents Discretionary Fund for the purpose of entertainment and public relations. A limit of value to be set by the committee.

The motion to bitumen the road into the clubhouse was lost.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1976-77

Club to buy a new Victa 500 twin mower for \$245.

Busy bee planned for 15th March before the golf season starts.

Fire breaks need to be cleaned up before burning off.

Old lawn mower sold for \$30.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 8 MARCH 1977

The meeting agreed to put a drag line hole down on the edge of no.5 fairway where the site had previously been pegged.

Meal charges for S W D G A fixture to be \$2.00. An hourly rate of \$3.00 be paid for cleaning and all members be levied \$2.00 to cover this cost.

M R. Tennis Club asked permission to have their Annual Presentation Dinner at the golf club.

Committee agreed to an Honour Board being drawn up for the bar managers over the years.

Motion passed by the committee that if a ball comes to rest in the furrow, a pick and drop is allowed within 2 club lengths from the ball at rest, not nearer the hole.

Busy bee planned for 25th June to plant pine trees.

Social committee to hold a cabaret on 30th July.

Another 200 pines donated and people with spare time asked to plant them.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 11 SEPTEMBER 1977

Meeting called to move that Life Membership be conferred on Mrs. E. Kevill.

The club had a welcome visit from one of its foundation members. Life Member and first President Dr. Paddy Barrett paid his first visit to the club since leaving Margaret River 17 years earlier. He was most impressed with the course, which during his absence, had been extended to 18 holes. Before leaving Dr. Barrett donated \$250 to the club. The club added \$50 and the \$300 was invested by the club into a trust fund. The interest was to be spent on the Annual Paddy Barrett Trophy.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 25 NOVEMBER 1977

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. D. Trigwell, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Sec. K. Steward, Capt. R. Hobson, Vice Capt. R. Steel, Treas. R. Whitcombe.

Committee: P. Reuter, R. Stewart, W. George, D. Moon, J. Radys, D. Whiteford.

Membership fees for Members and Associates increased by \$3.00 while nomination fees rose to \$5.00.

The meeting empowered the committee to borrow up to \$3000 instead of \$200 as per the constitution.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1977-78

Rabbits becoming a problem, so people living around the golf course notified that 1080 baiting was to be carried out. The method of putting poisoned oats into the fairway furrows was used with limited success. Smoke bombs placed in burrows was another way to reduce numbers. However, it seemed that the rabbits were winning the argument.

Committee decided not to nominate the golf club as a venue for the darts in 1978 and the February meeting decided not to nominate a golf club dart team.

1,828 metres of Tuart flooring ready to be laid. Mr. R. Stewart to arrange for old floor to be ripped up. Busy bee proposed for the evening of 21st February to lay new floor.

Mr. R. Stewart to be employed for two days (16 hours) weekly for seven months at \$4.00 per hour as course caretaker, green keeper etc. The committee also approved of Mrs. P. Stewart to be employed as clubhouse cleaner.

Margaret River Land Holdings requested a meeting with committee re "Matters of mutual benefit" with the Gnarabup development.

In April, committee met with Mark Hohnen managing director of M.R. Land Holdings who outlined two proposals, which may be of mutual benefit:

- 1 Gnarabup concept: instead of tourists staying at the village paying green fees, would the club consider a lump sum from the company, where the company pays a certain amount to the golf club. The golf club would be part of a "package deal" which would be offered to the tourists renting the holiday houses.
- 2 Would the golf club be interested in purchasing about 120 acres south east of the course for further development. Mr. Hohnen suggested that this flat land would possibly be more suitable for a golf course, than the sandy hills we have on the top nine. All Mr. Hohnen wanted was an indication of whether the club would be at all interested.

In May committee advised M. R. Land Holdings that they reject the idea of a 'package deal' membership type concept, as it was catered for by various forms of memberships governed by the licensing court standards. Committee advised M. R. Land Holdings that they are interested in further discussions regarding the public open space in the S. E. corner of the golf club.

R. Atcheson put a tree planting programme to the committee to replace some trees destroyed by cyclone Alby. Committee passed the plan and tree planting took place during the winter.

Scroungers recommences with good fields. D. Moon hoped the numbers may soon reach to 20 players.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, 5 OCTOBER 1978

The meeting was called to obtain member's permission to raise a loan of \$10,000 from the Bank of N. S. W. to finance proposed additions and extensions to the ablution block.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE 14 NOVEMBER 1978

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. D. Trigwell, Vice Pres. D. Phillip Jones, Sec. K. Stewart, Treas. F. Holland, Capt. R. Hobson, Vice Capt. H. Deadman.

Committee: J. Radys, B. Jamieson, R. Atcheson, J. Wise, V. Home, R. Bell, P. Reuter.

Membership subscriptions to be increased by \$3.00 to \$30.00.

Meeting recommended to match committee that there be more Saturday men's competitions and more Sunday mixed competitions.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES 1978-79

Handicapper outlined new handicap system. Everyone's handicap to be reduced by 1/8th from January 1979.

Busy bee organised to pour pad for ablution block.

S E C to install 3-phase power from clubhouse to a site near the second dam on no.5.

Spray purchased to spray grasshoppers.

Lime to be applied to some fairways. No.11 fairway to be dragged in an effort to make it less undulating. No.9 fairway to have two mounds established approximately 20 metres left and right of the green. The mounds to be grassed.

Mr. Leith Shepherdson donated a 40-hp motor and switchboard to the club for four years to help with irrigation once 3-phase power in place. N.B. Motor is still there and working well in 2002.

Competition fees to be increased to 70c.

Green fees box broken into and money stolen. Bar broken into and an amount of money stolen.

J. Radys appointed the official green keeper for the season.

A new drag line hole to be dug between the other two along no.5.

In August, a truckload of Indian runner couch from Capel arrived and needs to be planted.

G. Ryan kindly offered to donate new lining for inside of clubhouse walls.

Many big busy bees were held throughout the year, with some commencing at 9 a.m. and finishing at 5 p.m. Work involved enlarging tees, seeding around the greens, upgrading the greens (oiling and sanding) general rough improvements, tree planting, mowing and clubhouse maintenance.

The mobile pump was heavily used between no.7 & no.5 dam, but water levels became a worry towards the end of summer. Fairways hung on till winter rain arrived.

A G M HEAD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 16 NOVEMBER 1979

Retiring President D. Trigwell pointed out the club's achievements for the year – mainly the clubhouse improvements, the support given by members at the club and he also gave special thanks to the business community for their support and donations.

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. R. Atcheson, Vice Pres. H. Gale, Capt. L. Bedford, Vice Capt. D. Moon, Sec. K. Stewart, Treas. R. Whitcombe, Bar manager D. Phillip Jones, Handicapper V. Home.
Committee: V. Home, G. Gardner, A. Hammond, T. Noakes, R. Jamieson, D. Trigwell, J. Radys, J. House.

Subscriptions increased \$3 to \$33 for Members, Associates increased \$2 to \$22 and Juniors increased \$1 to \$5. Country and mid-week fees to be half of Members/Associates.

The 1980 season was to be the 25th anniversary of golf being played on the Margaret River course. Plans to celebrate the event were planned for May.

EXTRACTS FROM MEETINGS 1979-80

\$2,500 to be spent on pipe and fittings for irrigation.

Scrounger volunteers to mow tees and green surrounds over summer months.

Block and motor installed for irrigation on no.5.

Competition fees for 1979-80 to be \$1.00. Green fees for 1979-80 to be \$1.50.

R. Atcheson elected Vice President of the S W D G A in Bunbury.

Course priority to plant couch around no.17 green to stabilise it.

Margaret River allotted the S W D G A mixed foursomes for 1980.

Travelling irrigator is too slow for general fairway watering. It was resolved not to purchase it and it was returned with thanks to Alan Darnell.

The two dams on no.6 & 7 and no.5 joined up by a trench dug by L. Craven and a 2-in. poly pipe layed in it. A large increase in water capacity evident.

Panelling donated by G. Ryan has been fixed to the interior of the clubhouse.

L. Bedford nominated by the golf club for Rotary Sportsman of the year award.

Dr. Lagan thanked for lending the golf club his tractor to be used at the busy bees.

V. Home and P. HUITENGA used a mixture of 1/3rd. diesel in a marker borrowed from the M.R. High School to mark the fairway lines instead of the old furrows.

The club's gang mowers were overhauled by Mr. C. Lancaster and used by Mr. W. George, the volunteer course mower. Mr. Lancaster (a non-member) was thanked for his voluntary help by complimentary ticket to the Tourist Bureau Weekend event, plus dinner for two at the Dairy Restaurant.

Cost for extensions to kitchen to cost approximately \$1000.

A. Hammond purchased music system and it is now installed in the clubhouse.

Committee agreed to a proposal that the area in front of the clubhouse (eastern side) should be landscaped aesthetically and in such a way as to allow for future use for a recreational facility such as a tennis court, putting green or other similar purpose. The tennis court idea didn't get off the ground, but in later years it became a putting green.

Committee received a letter from Associates regarding the number of lost balls in the creek at no.7. Committee agreed to place wire mesh over the drain, but it must be at least 15 inches below ground level. This worked well for a few seasons, but soon became a nuisance for drain cleaning and was removed.

Match committee concerned with slow play.

Committee concerned about players not replacing divots. Sand buckets and sand to be made available for filling divot holes.

Dr. Lagan will provide equipment and Roy Hobson to carry out the work of spray/baiting for grasshoppers. H. Gale and G. Gardner to spray breeding grounds first. A successful kill of grasshoppers resulted from the combined efforts.

Kitchen and clubhouse have been painted by a team of volunteers. A new lining put on stove.

V. Home to organise a burn from the front gate to bridge across no.2.

Tourist Bureau thanked for their donation of \$150 for this year's competition.

SPECIAL MEETING 6 NOVEMBER 1980

The meeting was called to change section 3 on the constitution. The alteration was to allow for the addition of a second Vice Captain

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 14 NOVEMBER 1980

President R. Atcheson reported that the club was in a sound financial position after a year, which boasted a record turnover.

Funds were boosted by a donation of \$500 from the Associates as a contribution towards further irrigation of the course.

Plans were in hand for the lease of extra land for the further development of another 9 holes to make summer 18 holes.

The President was pleased to see so many new members taking an active part in the course improvements. He also thanked Kerry Steward (secretary) and Ross Whitcombe (treasurer) for many years of service to the club and was sorry they were standing down from office.

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. R. Atcheson, Vice Pres. H. Gale, Capt. L. Bedford, Vice capt. R. Hobson, J. Radys, J. Swarbrick, Sec. D. Moon, Treas. G. Munro, Bar manager D. Phillip Jones;
Committee: D. Trigwell, J. Radys, R. Jamieson, A. Hammond, V. Holme, G. Gardner, T. Noakes, W. Rodgers.

Nomination fees for Members and Associates to increase from \$5 to \$10. Subscriptions for Members increased to \$37.00 and Associates to \$25.00.

Recommendation to the match committee to experiment with an occasional Saturday competition fixture with no golf on the following Sunday.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES 1980-81

It was decided to hold a referendum amongst the members during the golf season to see if Saturday golf should be the main fixture.

Club to purchase a new mower/slasher at the cost of \$1,200.

Successful spraying of grasshoppers.

Associates wish to convert old change rooms into a buggy shed.

Committee received complaints about standards of dress. Decided to post a sign on the clubhouse to indicate correct standard of dress required by members

Busy bee to be held on 7th & 8th February to extend tees, put in sand traps and oil greens.

Irrigation committee reported a ring feed had been put around no.6 green and both no.7 tees now irrigated. No.2, 3, 8 & 9 tees to be done in near future.

R. Jamieson donated a tractor to be used as a portable irrigation of tees.

SPECIAL MEETING, 22 JANUARY 1981

Meeting resolved to give committee full access to all avenues of negotiation with the Shire regarding the availability of leasing the Shire land.

P. HUITENGA to fill vacancy on committee following the resignation of G. Gardner who had been transferred through employment.

Maximum handicap is 27. Elderly and infirm players may be allowed a domestic handicap to 32.

Daily course rating to be set before competition begins. Weather and course conditions to be taken into consideration.

Poison baits laid for rabbits, but limited success.

Junior members allowed to play on the weekends, but to tee off before senior members.

Busy bee on 7th & 8th March saw stumps removed, sand traps and mounds created on the top 9. New slasher doing a great job in clearing rough and the bracken.

Letter from Shire re Public Open Space. Location 1133, lot 85 – 8 hectares adjacent to golf club to be zones for “public recreation”. The other 4 lots are to be sold to provide finance to the Shire.

Ladies tee on no.9 to be shifted to the right of line of men’s no.9 tee.

Practice putting green to be upgraded by V. Home.

S W D G A Junior Championships to be held at Margaret River.

Yellow tee markers now to be used for practice rounds.

Six new round tables to be purchased for clubhouse.

Large number of trees planted around the course.

Tee and green keeper volunteers urged to keep up their good work.

Mr. J. Wise given permission to use motorized buggy.

Wick spray tried on guildford grass and not satisfactory.

36 new chairs ordered for the clubhouse.

Tourist Bureau thanked for \$150 donation.

26th September set for busy bee to enlarge more tees, plus build a new tee for Associates on no.13.

H. Gale donated a mechanical till so a record of transactions could be kept.

Plans for clubhouse extensions drawn up by Gary Smith.

Member of the Year: This innovation, to create interest amongst Members and Associates covering volunteer work, competition participation and in general whatever was a benefit to the club's progress and standing, was conducted by secret ballot in 2 stages – end of June and end of October. Trophy donated by A. Rodgers was won by Captain L. Bedford for 1981.

A new verandah was established on the eastern side of the clubhouse.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 20 NOVEMBER 1981

Bar Manager D. Phillip Jones reported a record turnover with a margin of 32% for the season 1981.

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. G. Gale, Vice Pres. L. Bedford, Treas. A. West, Sec. K. Stewart, Bar manager D. Phillip Jones, Capt. D. Trigwell, Vice Capts. J. Swarbrick, R. Hobson.

Committee: D. Thompson, V. Home, PHUITENGA, R. Shepherdson, R. Atcheson

Three committee vacancies referred to next meeting.

Subscriptions set at \$45.00 for Members and Associates \$30.00. Nomination fees to remain at \$10.00.

Result of survey regarding Saturday or Sunday golf: Mr. D. Trigwell presented the results to all members – Sunday 17 and Saturday 4.

Retiring President R. Atcheson gave a preliminary report and survey of the club's ability to proceed with an extension to the existing clubhouse building. An estimated cost of \$15,000 was given for the extensions.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES 1981-82

Branches overhanging tee from large redgum on no.18 to be removed.

Rabbit warrens being attacked with fumigation bombs.

R. Jameson, R. Shepherdson and T. Pike added to committee.

P. House thanked for donation of 60 metres of yellow sand.

V. Home, P Huitenga, R. Jameson and R. Atcheson drawn in ballot to serve for 2 years, the other 4 come up for re-election in 1982-3.

A vegetable oil to be tried on the greens of no.3, 4 & 7. A previous trial of hydraulic oil had proved to be success.

Competition fees set at \$1.50 for 18 holes.

Mr. B. Jameson offered a loan of \$15,000 at 10% reducible over 5 years for use by the club for building extensions.

SPECIAL MEETINGS, 1 APRIL 1982

Motion put to 35 members that the Margaret River Golf Club accept Mr. B. Jamieson's offer of \$15,000 at 10% reducible over 5 years for the use by the club for proposed building of extensions. 18 'for' 5 'against'.

In April President H. Gale met with Shire Clerk on Public Open Space. Golf club has first option if available – however, may have opposition if other groups show interest.

A new stove purchased for the kitchen at cost of \$150.00.

Practice on the top 9 prohibited until further notice.

P. House donated bricks and cement for chimney in clubhouse extensions.

Steve Williams's successful tender for clubhouse extensions - \$22,000.00 – should take 10 weeks to complete. W. Rodgers and H. Gale to donate electrical and painting.

Mr. R. Atcheson donated an engraved burl of the club's emblem; this was to be put over the new mantelpiece, a length of tuart donated by D. Phillip Jones.

PVC cups a great improvement on old metal cups.

Arrangements for more Indian runner couch from Capel to be brought in.

Gary Smith sent a letter of thanks for carting couch from Capel.

Plans to spend \$3,000 on irrigation for no.5 & 6 fairways.

B Jameson donates a black and white TV set. Scroungers purchase a colour set in 1983.

P. HUITENGA and B. Arthur thanked for couch planting efforts.

Club to purchase 25 stackable chairs.

Mr. D. Rangnow sent a letter of thanks for work on captain's room.

A Special Meeting at the clubhouse saw Mr. Ray Atcheson become a Life Member of the Margaret River Golf Club.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 26 NOVEMBER 1982

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. H. Gale, Vice Pres. L. Bedford, Treas. A. West, Sec. Brennan, Bar Manager D. Phillip Jones, Capt. D. Trigwell, Vice Capt. R. Hobson, V. Solonec.
Committee: L. Shepherdson, R. Jameson, M. Chesson, P. HUITENGA, V. Home (handicapper), B. McCormick, D. Thompson.

Fees for Members \$50.00, Associates \$33.00, Juniors \$5.00, Country and mid-week Members \$25.00 and country and mid-week Associates \$17.00.

Recommendations to incoming committee: -

There be no limit on Life Members. The committee does the Life Membership, not the Special Meeting. That Life Members may be eligible for election to administration positions.

Committee consider making Associates full membership.

That the golf club holds a Club Ball annually in the new Shire hall.

Consideration be given to paying bar staff on Thursday nights. That the bar be closed at a set time.

There is considerable difficulty in getting partners on scrungers day. Match committee to look into this.

New committee to meet with Associates to iron out policy for the coming year.

That competitions be held on Margaret River away days.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS FROM 1982-83

Monthly Mug to be a voucher for \$30 at the bar.

Recommendations from A G M: -

Committee decided to leave number of Life Members as is. The committee agreed to elect Life Members, but must have a 2/3 majority of those present and all must vote. That rule 3 be altered by the addition of the words "and/or Life Members" after the words "members" line 2 in constitution.

The committee voted against Associates becoming full Members.

The social committee left to decide on feasibility of a golf club ball.

Resolved not to pay bar staff on Thursdays. Bar closure left to the discretion of the barman.

Meeting of Members and Associates as soon as possible.

Captain advised he would try and help find partners for scrungers.

Sweepstakes be gazetted when club visits away.

Bar manager D. Phillip Jones concerned about the high "President's prerogative" with no signatures involved. Resolved that only the President, Vice President, Bar Manager and Captains be permitted to sign chits for prerogative.

Scrungers given permission to buy pool table for the club.

Left hand side of no.1 to be a lateral water hazard area between no.1 and the back of no.9 to be planted with trees and shrubs.

\$1000 allocated to extend trench between dams 1 & 2 along no.5.

\$500 allocated to extend irrigation on no.5 fairway to ladies tee.

D. Trigwell appointed Vice President of S W D G A for 1983.

L. Shepherdson thanked for clearing prickly bush, the area between dams 2 & 3 on no.5 and the rough on the right on no.2 & 3.

L. Shepherdson carried out a number of experiments with various soil/sawdust mixtures.

50% of each seemed most successful and to be tried on no.6 green. If successful, no.11, 12 & 18 to be resurfaced. Rest of greens need re-oiling.

D Rangnow and W. Rodgers co-opted to the committee.

D. Moon to erect a 16-ft. x 4 ft. score board on the west wall of the clubhouse.

L. Bedford to supply back butt for the stage in the N.E. corner of the new building.

The member in charge of the bar for the day is to be drawn as first off no.1 tee.

Fairways too sandy to use gang mower, slasher to be used until more grass grows.

New honour boards – Adelaide Timber Company thanked for their donation.

Fairway lines to go right to Associates tees, as directed by W A L G A.

Course to be closed 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday (Associates day) unless 27 holes or championships.

W. Atkins and D. Phillip Jones to each work 6 hours each alternative weeks to mow 9 holes per week. (\$30 per man).

Associates no.3 tee to be lowered 450 cms. Associates to use men's tee while renovations taking place.

Plans to upgrade "rough" into parkland clearing. Tree planting in rough of no.3, 2 & 9. Three to four hundred trees planted around the course. Couch planting continues.

Associates, W. Rodgers and D. Rangnow met to draw up plans for gardens etc. around the clubhouse.

L. Meleri donated a load of sand to help new gardens around the clubhouse.

Captain D. Trigwell reported competition members down. He believes Saturday should become the main fixture with Sunday for 36 and 27 hole events. Competitions on Sundays to be mixed events.

SPECIAL MEETING 7 AUGUST 1983

Meeting was called to change the constitution.

The amendment was to transfer the power to elect Life Members from the general meeting of members to a committee meeting of the club, as long as 2/3 of the committee voted for it. All committee must vote.

J. Swarbrick appointed summer captain and D. Moon scroungers captain.

Concrete path to front of clubhouse laid. P. House thanked for help in laying the concrete.

Stumps on the course to be marked and blasted.

1983 was a year with many great social events. The "wedding of the year" proved a great success. A video evening was held 40 people who missed the main event attended.

Two floor shows were put on at the Annual Dinner by club members. Both received tremendous acclamation.

Scroungers wind-up cup was enjoyed by 40 starters, who played a stableford event and followed this with a smorgasbord meal of crayfish and salad. Two crayfish were raffled. Vince Home won both. The novelty of the night was to light up the S E C pole at no.9 green and players shot to the green from the clubhouse for a nearest the pin prize.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 25 NOVEMBER 1983

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. L. Bedford, Vice Pres. H. Gale, Treas. A. West, Sec. R. Atcheson, Bar manager D. Phillip Jones, Capt. W. Rodgers, Vice Capts. V. Solonec, D. Trigwell.

Committee: V. Home, J. Swarbrick, R. Garstone, R. Rangnow, D. Thompson, B. McCormack.

After considerable debate, it was recommended that the annual fees be increased by 10%. Motion carried 8 to 5.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES 1983-84

Bar manager to be paid \$20 a month running costs.

P House added to committee, as there was one vacancy.

P. HUITENGA to be paid \$20 a month running costs for time spent in changing sprinklers etc.

Bracken on no.2 & 6 sprayed. Clearing of no.3 rough to take place.

P House given permission to purchase top soil for no.5/7 dam at cost of 50c per cubic metre and also gravel and grade road to site.

Committee decided to buy 5 gang hydraulic type of mower from Scott Bonner for \$12,018.

Green fees to be increased to \$3.00.

Discrimination Legislation meeting held in Bunbury by the S W D G A attended by L Bedford, W. Rodgers, Mrs. P. Trigwell and Mrs. B. Smith. The main point coming from the meeting will be the necessary attention to the golf club's constitution.

Amount spent on monthly Mug increased to \$35.00.

\$1000 spent on increasing irrigation drain on no.5.

1,053 trees arrived and now starting to be planted. Busy bee to plant couch, especially on the top 9 fairways.

A sub-committee of P. Brennan (chairman), Mrs. D. Arthur, Mrs. P. Trigwell and G. Ryan formed to look into alteration of constitution with the introduction of the Discrimination Legislation Bill.

In September, Bunbury Professional, Paul Morgan met with President L. Bedford to discuss ways of tightening up the course as the A C R was 69. The following were his suggestions: -

No.1 - trap on right hand side of green.

No 2 – more trees on the right of bend. Small bunker in on the right hand side of green.

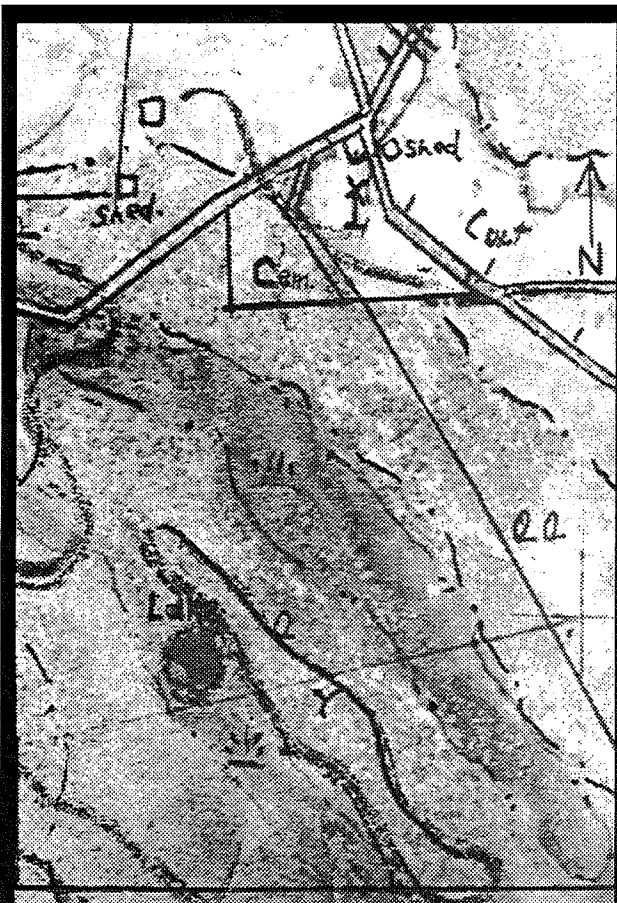
No. 6 – create a narrow neck by using trees on the left and right hand sides of the dog-leg. Trap right of green.

No.8 – Mound near right hand side of green.

No.9 – Bunker near green. More trees on the bend.



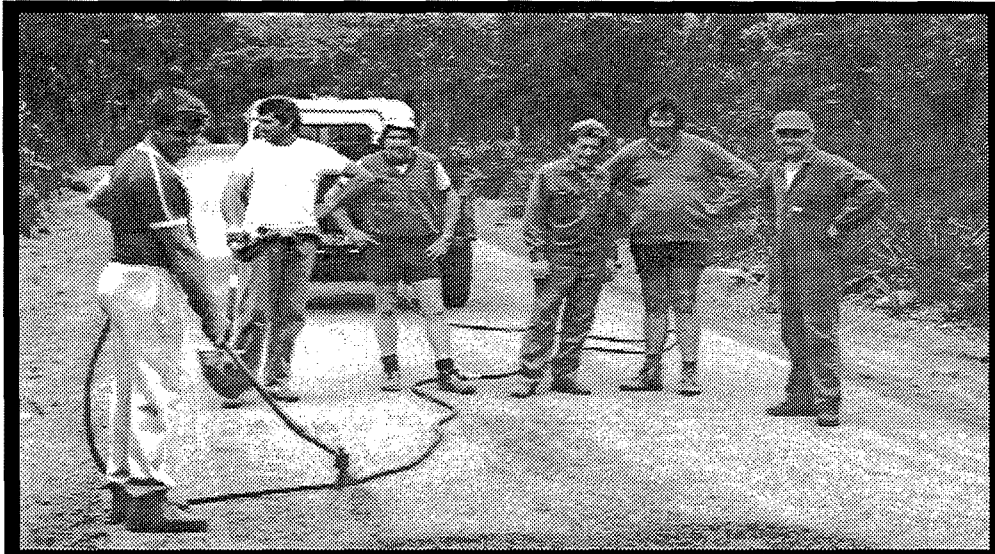
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Opening Day 1955



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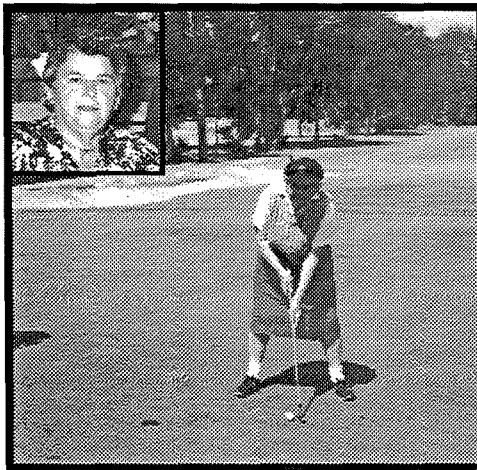


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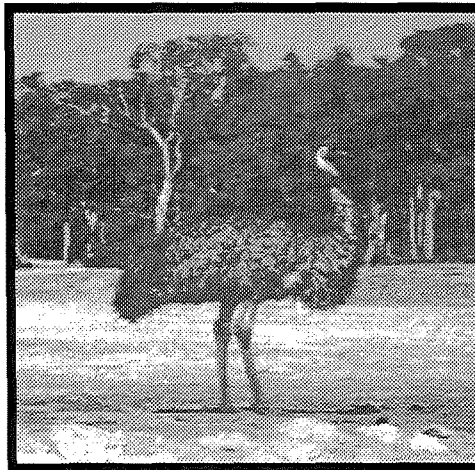
SEALING ROAD TO CLUBHOUSE - 1985

P. Armener, I. Chatfield, J. Swarbrick, K. Randell, L. Bedford and R. Atcheson



GRASS GREENS - 1994

Doris Arthur's first putt on grass greens
"It missed"



EMU INVASION - 1974

Wandering Emu on the Women's 14th tee



WEDDING OF THE YEAR - 1983

The areas to be pegged and discussed at a future meeting.

Clubhouse insurance upgraded to \$100,000.

Club to purchase hand mower and brush cutter.

“Member of the Year” to be re-introduced 1984-85 to stimulate member interest. Committee members to be excluded from the voting. W. Rodgers indicated his willingness to support the move by making a presentation as in the past.

B. McCormack and R. Garstone spoke of purchasing a Massey Ferguson tractor that had been on loan to the club. Committee decided to make further enquires.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 27 NOVEMBER 1984

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill. Pres. L. Bedford, Vice Pres. R. Garstone, Sec. R. Atcheson, Treas. V. Solonec, Bar manager D. Phillip Jones, Capt. W. Rodgers, Vice capt. D. Trigwell, J. Swarbrick. Committee: D. Rangnow, R. Arthur, R. Bell. G Crozier, V. Home, R. Jameson, P. Noakes. A. West.

After much discussion, it was resolved to keep at fees the same as for the previous season.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES 1984-5

A new fertiliser shed to be erected next to the tractor shed by R. Rangnow.

R. Garstone outlined cost of Massey Ferguson, but R. Atcheson advised of possible Main Roads Fiat becoming available. R. Arthur inspected Fiat tractor at Donnybrook. Committee decided to tender for it and this was accepted. Cost \$3,500 and is still in use today.

Heavy-duty ride-on ‘Deutcher’ mower to be purchased.

Scroungers to donate finances to the mower purchase.

Vets offered to donate a new ‘ball washer’.

150 mm lie to be used this season.

Sunday competition to have 3 starting tees.

Match committee to paint, place and maintain all pegs around the course.

Watering done twice a week.

W. Atkins paid \$20 a month petrol money, as he gave his time free to mow the course.

Change of format for Tourist Bureau weekend. Monday champagne breakfast to be replaced by farewell luncheon.

New name and handicap board purchased for \$900.

Red pegs to be placed on the right hand side of no.4 drain.

New second hand stove purchased.

A 2-in. poly pipe line to be installed from old dam on no.1 to clubhouse, so watering around the clubhouse could take place. W. Rodgers donated the pump.

Because of very dry conditions, the top 9 was unsuitable for early season play, so the bottom 9 was used twice for competitions.

Agricultural Department reported on soil tests. No lime needed. Continue using super and copper. Use nitrogen on couch.

Drain enlargement towards no.4 very successful and amount of water available nearly doubled.

Busy bee on 4th May saw sand bunkers installed on no.2, 6, 9 & 10 and a mound on no.8.

Mr. R. Jameson resigns from committee as he was changing his residency.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 15 JUNE 1985

The meeting was called to discuss the sale of Dr. J. Lagan's previous donation of 1000 Burswood Casino Shares. The committee agreed to go along with Dr. Lagan's suggestion to sell the shares and accepted his generous gift.

Mr. P. Brennan donated ploughing, seed and couch planting for first 150 m. from the tee on no.3. This area was causing concern because the sandy nature made pulling the buggies through it difficult.

Mr. F. Zani, farm demonstrator at the Margaret River High School, thanked for his contribution of gates for the machinery shed and fertiliser shed.

Margaret River Golf Club host to S W D G A Junior Championships.

Bar managers fuel expense to be increased from \$20 to \$30.

Steps put in on new ladies tee on no.13.

Committee gave permission to purchase new aluminium scrapers.

R. Plater donated finance to purchase new guttering.

Long time members and committee persons, Mr. & Mrs. J. Deadman; were given a Golf Club and Forestry Department combined 'send off' at a social held at the clubhouse. President L. Bedford thanked them for their contribution to the club over the many years of their membership.

After attending a S W D G A meeting, Captain W. Rodgers and match committee resolved there be no lie on the greens.

President L. Bedford read a report compiled by course chairman D. Trigwell in his absence. The report looked at upgrading the irrigation system with a grant from the Community Recreations Grants Commission. The suggestion was to fully automate the bottom 9 holes, some of the pipe removed to be installed on the top 9. Installation approximately \$1,500. Total upgrading approximately \$60,000. Golf club contribution \$45,000. Committee approved the club approach the bank to seek a loan of \$45,000 for irrigation purposed. Wespac loan available if required.

Veterans volunteered to install guttering donated by R. Plater.

Youth Sport and Recreation contribution \$20,000, Golf Club \$20,000 and voluntary labour \$20,000.

Automatic system to have 125 mm main line, with automatic sprinklers.

Committee agreed that President L. Bedford could draw up a contract with the bank.

25 karri trees planted along boundary fence practice fairway.

Tourist Bureau thanked for \$175.00 donation for long weekend.

Mrs. B. Campbell and Mrs. P. Bedford thanked for their tremendous efforts on the Tourist Bureau weekend.

Mr. Atcheson tabled a comprehensive background on the membership and achievements of Mrs. Doris Arthur. He moved that she be elected a Life Member of the Margaret River Golf Club. Voting was unanimous and Mrs. Arthur duly elected as a Life Member.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 20 NOVEMBER 1985

Associates President, Mrs. D. Arthur, reported on the inauguration of the Gay Pierce Memorial Trophy in memory of their late member.

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. Pres. L. Bedford, Vice Pres. W. Rodgers, Sec. R. Mann, Treas. V. Solonec, Capt. J. Swarbrick, Vice Cpts. R. Hobson, P House, Bar manager D.

Phillip Jones.

Committee: R. Plater, W. Mottershead, A. Forward, R. Bell, R. Arthur, G. Crozier, P. Noakes.

The meeting endorsed a 10% increase in fees.

A Forward reported that the new 'grass' putting green in front of the clubhouse had been seeded.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES 1985-86

Golf club had been subject to burglaries and club's insurance policy covered \$150 and \$500 for the loss of stock

Chateau Xanadu/Lagan Day to be made an open event at the request of Dr. Lagan.

Veterans given paint, to paint exterior woodwork.

P. House suggested a caretaker's house be built from club's resources to curb break-ins and non-payments of green fees.

Shire has agreed to lease land for additional 5 holes. Plans have been presented for viewing.

Building committee reported on caretaker's house. Cost of a 3-bedroom house with carport, verandah and office, allowing for donations - \$13,695.

Club to send letter to Town Planning re the use of reserve for public recreation for additional 5 holes.

Difficulty experienced with aluminium scrapers in wet conditions. Suggestion to make old rakes available during winter to remove footmarks.

Top nine greens to be oiled before winter.

V. Mottershead wants more trees removed from practice area he will mark trees to be removed.

New pump keeping water level up in the dam.

Committee gave approval by show of hands to carry on with the caretaker's house; this would allow building committee time to look at ways of financing the building.

New flags and cups costing \$1,042 paid for by scroungers.

W. Mottershead to rip practice fairway.

More couch to be planted on the top nine.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 1ST MAY, 1986

Committee empowered to borrow up to \$15,000 without calling a Special Meeting. After a lengthy debate voting was 23 'for' and 2 'against'.

The second motion was that the club finance: Irrigation of fairways and construction of a caretaker's house.

Clubhouse renovations. In that order of priority – vote was carried 21 'yes' and 0 'against', but some members abstained from voting.

No.3 fairway to be ripped half at a time to get better grass cover. Players may pick up and drop to the other side.

125 mm pipe line to be used on no.7 & 3.

Gary Smith to draw up plan of caretakers house. Power lines in the way. Either move the house site or the power lines.

Margaret River Print has offered to print membership stickers for golf bags free.

A copy of a letter to the Shire from Town Planning indicated that once the council supported the idea, the golf club would be given right on entry to proceed with construction of fairways.

Committee decided to continue with paid bar staff on Thursdays (scroungers).

Sprinklers holes to be sprayed with 'roundup' to make them more visible.

\$7,000 allocated for 125-inch pipe, saddles and sprinklers for no.7 & 3.

Power lines shifted so no need to alter house site.

L. Meleri paid \$800 for sand from dam wall.

A year's membership given to Geoff Shaw and Alan Anderson in return for their efforts on the caretakers house.

Motion put to committee to remove trees on no.2 and no.13 fairways. Motion lost 7 to 6.

Problems of roots from Tasmanian blue gums raised. Committee felt if blue gums to be planted in the future, the must be well back from the fairway.

Trees overhanging no.2 tee to be trimmed.

Help needed to remove roots from practice fairway.

The whole Tourist Bureau weekend to be run by the sub-committee of W. Rodgers, J. Swarbrick, Mrs. B. Campbell, Mrs. P. Bedford and Mrs. N. Forward.

Letter from the Shire giving general approval. Water supply still being investigated.

Peppermint trees on fairways 2 and 13 been pegged with a green peg to give a one club length relief.

Electric fence placed around practice putting green to deter kangaroos.

Mark Huissenstanm has agreed to make up tee signs. President L. Bedford to supply eighteen 2.4 mm x 200 mm x 50 mm for the signs.

Knocker sprinklers to be introduced this summer rather than purchase new hoses.

Blackboard to be replaced by a white board by R. Plater.

Committee gave approval for a Pro Surfers and Celebrities to play competition on 31st October 1986.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 24 OCTOBER 1986

Meeting was called to consider a motion proposed by W. Rodgers to change the constitution in relation to the number of committee members.

Object: - The officers and committee of the club shall be elected from the Ordinary Members of the club and shall consist of: President, Vice President, Captain, Secretary, Treasurer with the Bar manager, workers and social chairman representing individual co-opted committees, with two Vice Captains as elected officers only serving on the match committee. Seven members shall form a quorum at any General meeting of the club. After lengthy debate for both sides of the case, the motion was put to the meeting. It was defeated 24 'against' and 7 'for'.

Mr. G. Crozier and Mr. P. Noakes had been very active carrying out work on the course.

More couch had been planted, lilies sprayed, bracken slashed, capeweed sprayed, trees pruned and greens oiled.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, 26 NOVEMBER 1986

In his annual report, President L. Bedford noted the increased pressure on the golf course to 12 months of the year and envisaged that more paid assistance would be required in the future to take off some of the load to the volunteers.

Associate President Mrs. D. Arthur made special mention of the passing of long-term member Mrs. J. Bussell and stated that a Memorial Trophy was to be established in her honour and to be presented to the 'most improved' player.

Members donated \$1000 to new super spreader.

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Kevill. President L. Bedford, Vice Pres. A. Trigwell, Sec. A. Mann, Treas. V. Solonec, Capt. J. Swarbrick, Vice Capts. M. Gale, D. Rangnow, Bar manager D. Phillip Jones.
Committee: A. Forward, R. Plater, R. Garstone, R. Arthur, T. Wise, V. Home, J. Radys, W. Mottershead,

After a lengthy debate, nomination fees raised to \$40. Subscription to be raised by 10%. Junior fees to be raised to \$10. Green fees to be raised to \$3.00 for 9 holes, \$5.00 for 18 holes.

R. Plater replied to a question from the floor, that brickies would cost \$3,500 to complete job. Left to incoming committee to decide whether to continue with caretaker's house.

President L. Bedford raised the matter of many changes to the constitution over the years and the need for alterations etc. to be represented. R. Mann, R. Atcheson, G. Ryan & Mrs. D. Arthur selected as a sub-committee to update and make recommendations to a Special General meeting.

President L. Bedford reported the current position regarding chalet development was that the Heads of Agreement had been signed, but the availability of water was a problem.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 1986-87

Shire gives verbal go ahead for 5 extra greens.

Veterans donate \$100 towards sprinklers and valves.

Green fees increased to \$4.00.

Paddy Barrett day to be held on 27th June coinciding with his visit. Dr. Barrett donated a further \$500 towards prizes for his event. He also requested the Paddy Barrett Trophy be for the best nett score in the club championships.

Ladies asked for \$200 to cover costs of slab and pan for toilet on No 11.

No 16 men's tee to be widened.

Margaret River Land Holdings and Margaret River Hotel have taken up advertising signs on No 9 and 10 tees.

Cape weed sprayed on No 3, 7 & 9.

Alistair Campbell has volunteered to run tourist Bureau Weekend.

\$250 to be spent on lock-up cabinet for match committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 1 OCTOBER 1987

President L. Bedford advised a quote of \$11,995 had been received for materials needed for extensions for reticulation of fairways. This quote was valid for one month and was \$3000 cheaper than nearest competitors. Committee agreed to accept the quote.

A double pipe line to be used on No 11 fairway to get better coverage.

V. Home to unlock clubhouse toilets in the mornings. S. Gale to lock doors on his way home in the evenings.

Members asked to restrict use of showers in summer until upgrade of water supplies.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 19 OCTOBER 1987

Business of meeting was Professional Surfers Golf Day.

- 1) Golf club had been approached by Tim Duff to hold pro-surfers verses golfers day in conjunction with Margaret River Thriller. Event to be run along similar lines as last year.
- 2) Criteria for appointment of Caretaker:
 - a) Full club member could be eligible for the job
 - b) If full members, then could be eligible for committee.
 - c) Change constitution if caretaker was a full member because of payments.
 - d) Caretaker could assist Bar Manager stocking fridges, cleaning pipes, and help behind the bar.
 - e) Clubhouse cleaning – 6 hours per week.
 - f) Maintenance of grounds around clubhouse.
 - g) Switch on and off irrigation system, checking sprinklers.
 - h) 10% commission of green fees is paid to caretaker.
 - i) After house rent remaining payment for work by caretaker to be \$106 per week.
 - j) Caretaker to make commission from hire of buggies, bags, sticks, sale of golf balls, tees etc

Caretaker to be appointed on a three-month trial period.

Selectors of applicant to be by President, Secretary and Treasurer.

AGM 25TH NOVEMBER 1987 HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Retiring President L. Bedford listed a number of actions that were under way and others that needed doing:

- 1) Many tees needed upgrading.
- 2) Planned extensions to irrigation and water supply.
- 3) Renovation to clubhouse and improvement of its surroundings.
- 4) Completion of caretakers house and appointment of caretaker early in the new year.

Associates President Mrs. D. Arthur reported on \$1500 being spent by them on window treatments and floor coverings for caretakers house.

Scroungers donated \$900 towards course reticulation.

Officials: Patron Mr. G Kevill

President W. Rodgers, Vice President D. Trigwell, Secretary R. Mann, Treasurer V. Solonec, Bar Manager J. Radys, Captain W. Sanday, Vice Captains P. Campbell, A. Plesniak, Committee V. Home, R. Garstone, R. Arthur, L. Bedford

Subscriptions to increase by 10% and mid week fees to be 2/3 of ordinary members.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 11TH DECEMBER HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Meeting was called to put into effect changes recommended by the Constitutional Sub Committee.

All changes were duly accepted.

Changes were to be sent to the Corporate Affairs Department for approval and then new constitution books will be presented.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1987-88:

Three dozen sand buckets finally ordered.

Bottom nine greens to be oiled before Christmas.

V. Home offered to collect club rubbish bins once a week.

Scroungers offered \$1000 to be put to gas stove and piping to caretaker's house. G. Crozier to continue to receive \$25 petrol allowance for machinery maintenance and course work. L. Bedford to construct outside toilet (No 11) using excess bricks from caretaker's house.

Slashing of bracken on No 4 and 5 to be done.

New pump on new bore on right of No 10.

W. Rodgers, V. Solonec and R. Mann interviewed six applicants for the position of caretaker. Roger Westaway was selected on a three-month probationary period.

Course committee granted \$375 to buy new hand mower.

Caretaker to commence 7th February.

L. Bedford suggested the club put on a Betty Durwood Memorial Trophy on the Tourist Bureau Weekend for the best nett score by visitors. Jim and Betty Durwood had been to every Tourist Bureau Weekend. Sadly Betty passed away playing on the Augusta Course in 1987. (This has become a perpetual trophy, initially sponsored by Jim Durwood and on his passing in 1999, his son Neil has carried on the traditional sponsorship.)

Cleaning and burning on both nines in progress.

Top nine greens to be oiled soon.

New bore on No 10 producing 2,500 gallons per hour.

Caretaker's house needs a few items to finish off – eg heating, flywire, and pergola at rear of house.

Freezer purchased from V. Home for \$100.

D. & V. Rangnow thanked for efforts on running summer competition.

Tree planting well under way. No 5 bunker to be made shallower.

G. Crozier approached to add another bay onto machinery shed.

A. Forward has made new scrapers.

Count back system to be three hardest holes and three easiest holes, less 1/3 handicaps.

D. Phillip Jones nominated for life membership. Presentation to be organized for the annual dinner.

Associates approached committee for tee signs. Smaller sign than men's suggested because of safety concerns.

W. Sanday resigned from Captaincy as he is moving to Esperance. Vice Captains to stand in for the rest of the season.

Caretaker R. & J. Westaway request work on house is attended to – eg flyscreens, built-in cupboards and fence for backyard. A. Plesniak to attend to flyscreens and cupboards.

Earlier motion to reward an eagle with golf balls is rescinded and that a special eagle glass and three golf balls be the reward.

Motion passed and four dozen eagle glasses to be purchased.

Couch planting day planned for December 4th with barbecue and golf to follow.

Caretakers' Mr. & Mrs. Westaway asked for \$18,000 plus house and power.

Committee counter offer of \$16,000 plus house and 10% of green fees. This was supported with three weeks annual leave and five days in lieu of public holidays and five days sick leave. Caretaker to pay own phone and SEC.

Committee's offer accepted with minor adjustment to green fees being taxed and hours to be negotiated.

L. Bedford suggested leftover bricks be used to build a carport and office. L. Bedford to formulate plan and give an idea of cost involved.

AGM 28 NOVEMBER 1988 HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Secretary R. Mann informed the meeting of the upgrading of the Constitution and it being passed at a Special Meeting on December 14th 1987 and subsequently passed by the Corporate Affairs Dept. in February 1988. New Constitution booklets are now available.

Acting President D. Trigwell thanked the ex president W. Rodgers and Captain W. Sanday for their service to the club and wished them well in their new venture at Esperance. P. Huitenga was thanked for his efforts in running scroungers for the year.

Associates President Mrs. D. Arthur reported nine new members had joined the Friday competition. Requested more work be done on the ladies tees. She also congratulated A Grade pennant team for reaching the final.

Officials Patron Mr. G. Kevill

President D. Trigwell, Vice President L. Bedford, Secretary A. Campbell, Treasurer T. Wise, Bar Manager J. Radys, Captain A. Plesniak, Vice Captains P. Campbell, R. Mann, Committee V. Home, R. Garstone, R. Arthur, R. Hearn

Subscriptions to be \$100, other fees to rise 30% except juniors, which would remain at \$10. Nomination fees left at \$40. Green fees raised to \$5.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1988-89

One of the biggest couch planting busy bees ever held was on December 4th from 8 a.m. to 1.30 PM. 15 members and ten associates involved.

R Arthur used his potato heaping plough to dig furrows 400mm apart on fairways 10, 11, & 13 plus a part of No 5. A team of workers dug couch runners from the club nursery across the creek behind No 8 green (where the present No 8 grass green is) and these were trailored to workers planting and filling in the furrows. G Crozier then drove the Chamberlain tractor over each furrow to level and compress it. By 1.30 p.m. the irrigation was turned on and the couch was ready to be spread. The workers enjoyed a barbecue and refreshments and then played nine holes of golf.

Golf club to borrow high school's super grader, in return for high school to use club's slasher.

New bore had been tested; quote of \$1000 to equip bore. President D. Trigwell gives permission to go ahead and equip bore.

Alan Bruce willing to do brickwork for carport/office at \$100 per 1000 bricks.

Smiler Gale offered to spray paint fence around caretaker's house when completed.

If a ball hits a hose between the player and the green, the player has the option of replaying the shot without penalty.

In March T. Wise resigns as treasurer. V. Solonec re-elected as treasurer.

Bunker on left of No 2 fairway to be allowed to grass over and the same for bunker on right of No 5.

Preferred lies to be 150mm for 1989 season. (This was later reversed and became one club length on the top 9).

Clubhouse floor sanded and resealed by A. Plesniak.

Permission granted for Veterans to build ramp for service vehicles.

L. Meleri and R. Hobson agreed to take on machinery maintenance.

Associates purchased five additional fold-up tables.

Problem of slow players raised. Committee agreed that they should be put at the end of the field.

Charlie Hine thanked for making spoons to remove sand from cups.

V. Home to remove rubbish once a week.

Theo Matthews to be approached to draw up plans for clubhouse alterations in line with the proposal costing \$20-30,000.

Committee agreed to reduce rent on caretaker's house to \$75 per week.

Weeds on lake sprayed with 40 to 1 roundup as advised by Agriculture Department.

Club receives letter from P. Tyrell & Associates regarding golf club no longer wishing to carry on with the chalet/lodge idea.

Club reply was:

- 1) Negotiations had been going on for 3½ years with little progress.
- 2) The present rezoning of the shire against it
- 3) Attitude of shire has been discouraging
- 4) Club wishes to look in other directions.

Summer competition to be run by a team of volunteers.

Vets continue to grow and saw Margaret River join the statewide veterans association. Interclub trips becoming more common.

AGM 29 NOVEMBER 1989 HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Officials Patron Mr. G. Kevill

President L. Bedford, Vice President D. Trigwell, Secretary A. Campbell, Treasurer R. Mann, Bar Manager J. Radys, Captain A. Plesniak, Vice Captains P. Campbell, J. Swarbrick, Committee V. Home, R. Arthur, W. Taplin

Subscriptions to be increased by \$5 all others to remain the same.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1989-90

J. Swarbrick volunteered to be second vice captain.

S.W.D.G.A. mixed foursomes to be held at Margaret River in 1990.

Small ball illegal as from January 1st 1990.

Clearing of unsuitable trees has commenced (mainly pine trees).

Busy bee needed to clean up debris.

Second 20,000 gallon tank near machinery shed to be built for \$3,200.

L. Meleri to build pad.

Caretaker offered \$17,500 for 35-hour week, rest the same as previous year.

Plan to do away with the annual dinner and presentation evening, as attendance has been poor. Replace with a closing day function and presentation.

P. House offered to run bar on Thursday in absence of caretaker.

New buggy shed (20 x 30 ft) "Aussie Outdoor" to be constructed for ladies at a cost of \$1,700.

Preferred lie to remain at 150 mm. G.U.R. pegs to be placed on sandy areas.

A Forward asked to continue mowing around greens.

Offer of Community Service Workers from Department of Corrective Service to be accepted.

Ladies buggy shed erected, busy bee needed to put down floor.

\$15,000 interest free loan from shire to be used for irrigation.

P. House to be approached to manage bar in absence of J. Radys.

Slow play concerns. Mention to be made before draw announced.

Go ahead with crash doors and windows to chimney in east wall.

Servery to verandah to be put in.

Closing day 17th November – golf followed by dinner and presentations.

Quote for irrigation extensions accepted at \$13,192.

Experimental grass green to be built behind No 9 green to give estimation of costs.

Account for material for reticulation \$16,000 extra to previous quote is for extensions to Nos 17 & 18.

Summer golf to be 13 holes with a draw at 3 p.m. beginning 25th November.

50 metre markers, relief to be taken within reason.

Green fees have shown a remarkable growth. \$9,093 for 1989 rose to \$17,511 in 1990.

A major tourist resort development proposed by a developer, to be south of Prevelly Park including an international 18-hole golf course estimated at \$7 million.

Meetings were held with the committee of the Margaret River golf club and the developer's director, TV personality Mr. P. Waltham. The developers offered the Margaret River golf club members special access to their course, including their own facilities in the proposed clubhouse, plus other benefits normally associated with a private golf club in WA.
(However, this project, like other grandeur projects put to the club over the years, did not get off the ground.)

AGM 28TH NOVEMBER 1990 HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Associates president Mrs. D. Arthur gave special mention to kitchen alterations and Mrs. Joan Hobson's hole in one.

Officials Patron Mr. G. Kevill

President L. Bedford, Vice President R. Rangnow, Secretary R. Atcheson, Treasurer J. Eastcott, Bar Manager P. House, Captain A. Campbell, Vice Captains R. Hobson, R. Hearn, Committee V. Home, A. Plesniak, B. Granville, J. Radys

Nomination fees \$80 (pensioners \$60), members \$115, associates \$75, country member \$50, country associate \$40, midweek members 475, midweek associates \$52, juniors \$20, provisional \$10.
Green fees to be \$5 for 9 hole \$8 for 18 holes.

Recommendations to incoming committee from AGM

- 1) Incinerator to be built to burn rubbish.
- 2) Tidy up entrance to golf course.
- 3) Tank at clubhouse to be surrounded by wire and a creeper grown over it.
- 4) 18-hole competition for Saturday in summer.
- 5) Periodic newsletter.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1990-91

Bottled beer price to rise from \$2 to \$2.50.

One club length preferred lie until further notice.

P. House carried out considerable work around course with front-end loader.

Electrical problem caused severe damage to kitchen and clubhouse causing several thousand dollars of damage.

Associates President Mrs. Z. McCormack asked to attend committee meetings for a closer liaison between members and associates.

Associates requests

- 1) Aluminium windows in kitchen
- 2) Laminated bench tops.
- 3) Toilet sign for ladies.
- 4) Improved track to buggy shed.
- 5) Creeper around tank

Caretakers terms of employment. 38 hours per week at \$10.12 per hour; 12 ½ % of green fees (power and electricity free), long service as from commencement of full time work 1989, rent reduced to \$55 per week.

Beer prices to rise by 5c a glass and 10c a middy.

Veterans to install pot belly stove in bar area.

Trench dug on the left of No 1 fairway looking for water. (Only found rock)

Bare areas of the course seeded. Fairway markings to be brought in about 2 metres.

Cost for earthworks for irrigation \$4,600.

In May Mr. J Radys resigns from committee, accepted with regret.

Vehicle tracks off the fairways to be classified GUR.

Capt. A. Campbell pointed out how well we patronised other club's competitions, but received little support in return.

Hole on No 1 tested. Produced 39,000 gallons per hour and only dropped level 300mm. New pumps and shed needed for next season.

Club to support veteran's buggy shed with \$1000.

New water tank erected on stand for toilet on No 11/6.

Committee gave permission to spend up to \$15,000 to upgrade irrigation system, new pumps and motor for No 1.

Over 50 members and associates contributed to busy bee and other work in readiness for the Tourist Bureau Weekend.

Mr. G. Kevill notified his intention of relinquishing his position as Patron after 26 years.

Mr. G. Ryan indicated his willingness to accept the position.

AGM NOVEMBER 1991 HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

President L. Bedford in his report stated that the whole course is now irrigated and it only needs No 18 to be grassed. The year round mowing is putting a strain on the gang mower and old Chamberlain and the club is looking at buying a new tractor. The vets sanded Green surrounds and close mowing by A. Forward and R. Imray have seen the approaches improve dramatically.

P. House removed most of the pine trees and a lot of the blue gums whose roots were extended onto the fairways. More suitable trees have been planted in their place.

The vets' competitions are going from strength to strength with many visiting other SW clubs and having Perth vets visit Margaret River.

J. Beales and T. Dryden controlled scroungers and once again a growth in support was evident. J. Flower Jones and S. Owen are going to organise the 1992 season.

Officials Patron Mr. G. Ryan

President L. Bedford, Vice President R. Rangnow, Secretary R. Atcheson, Treasurer J. Eastcott, Bar Manager P. House, Captain T. Brearley, Vice Captains D. Philip Jones, B. Darby, Committee V. Home, A. Plesniak, R. Mann, R. McFarlane

Fee structure for 1991-92 was set as:

Nomination fees \$80 (pensioners \$60), members \$120, associates \$80, country member \$60, country associate \$45, midweek members \$80, midweek associates \$55, juniors \$25, provisional \$10.

J. Wise volunteered to manage summer golf on Saturday.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1991-92

A. Plesniak reported that extensions to caretakers house nearly complete.

Mr. L. Meleri to be paid \$6 per hour for use of his tools, materials etc in maintaining the club's machinery.

A successful busy bee held over two days. Preston and John House used the loader to remove more unwanted trees (pine and blue gums) plus carted large amounts of sand to enlarge tees and general course work. Machinery chairman R. McFarlane given permission to buy new mower (30 in cut) to mow tees and green surrounds. Also to buy spare gang for the reel mower.

R. Mann organising landscaping around clubhouse.

B Darby agrees to become the second vice captain.

Vets donate \$500 towards the cost of concrete floor in machinery shed.

V. Home expressed disappointment at change made to No 16 tee and withdrew his sponsorship and involvement with the tee.

Application for grant of \$90,000 submitted to the Shire for the establishment of grass greens.

The Captains room was relocated to the North end of the clubrooms, with material donated by J. Eastcott. The room was erected by A. Plesniak and N. Cail and now boasts a new computer.

A number of small test bore holes made on the lake area and other parts of the course. Trench hole left of No 1 fairway proved unsuccessful – all that it found was granite rock (no water).

To reduce excess mowing costs, an experiment tried in reducing the width of the short mown area and has a longer grassed area outside of the fairway.

New grass green to be used in winter competition.

A. Plesniak to erect guttering on the front of the clubhouse.

New diesel hot water system to be installed.

Five-year budget presented to committee by B. Granville with support from L. Bedford and R. McFarlane.

S.W.D.G.A. advised that Archibald event to be a 4BBB stableford: SW golf AGM to be rotated and delegates play a game of golf before meetings.

A. Plesniak and N. Cail reported that club roofing needed replacing cost \$1000 and \$1000 labour. Left to President L. Bedford to suggest the members carry out the work with Noel and Andy's supervision and payment of \$100 each.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 10 JUNE 1992

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed five-year plan and budget, to upgrade the course from sand greens to grass greens and change midweek members to non-competitive members in the constitution.

- a) Non-competitive members could use the course Monday to Sunday with the exclusion of hours of competition.
- b) Non-competitive members may play in competitions at the invitation of the committee.
- c) Non-competitive members pay an annual subscription of an amount less than an ordinary member does.

Fairways now completed. All members to carry a sand bucket. A two shot penalty for failure to do so.

Application to Shire for \$75,000 loan and \$20,000 interest free loan has been approved.

Slow play – match committee to follow up.

Mr. Trevor Fitzgerald appointed green keeper and asked to outline some of his proposals for the change over from sand greens to grass greens. His major suggestion was for greens to be *S. R. 10/20 bent grass*. He was also asked to liaise with R. McFarlane over machinery needs.

Captain T. Brearley put his case for grassing the top 9 first. The committee accepted this.

Roof repairs carried out but it is still leaking. A. Plesniak to look into it.

T. Fitzgerald happy with developments on the top 9.

No 18 fairway grassed with the help of members.

Summer golf to be 15 holes at 2.45pm and twilight golf to commence on November 20th.

CHAPTER 5

GRASS GREENS HISTORY

13 MAY 1991

P. House and A. Forward construct a grass green at the back of No 9.

Grass was “fescue” an upright grass, not a creeper.

A. Forward used his own reel mower to keep it mowed.

This green was used in competition in the 1992 season.

11 MAY 1992

B. Granville outlines five year budget plan to committee

JUNE 1992

R. Mann presents approximate water requirements to the bottom nine.

500,000 gallons a week for 9 fairways, 9 greens and 18 tees.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 10 JUNE 1992

Part of the meeting was to discuss the proposed five-year budget plan and to upgrade the course from sand greens to grass greens.

56 members and 9 associates were in attendance.

Seated at the President’s table to answer questions were President L. Bedford, Secretary R. Atcheson, Treasurer R. McFarlane and works chairman R. Mann.

The President L. Bedford welcomed members and associates and then explained the policy document to be discussed, pointing out the time and effort put into it by the budget committee of L. Bedford, R. McFarlane, B. Granville and P. House.

The President then gave a brief history of the club emphasising on the club’s emblem the inscription “Progressive Club”.

Point of interest from President’s introduction.

Playing season was May to October/November, now all year.

Summer competition was 13 years old.

Scroungers as a year round competition was 14 years old.

Twilight into its 4th year.

Veterans into its 8th year.

Course was now being used six days a week for competitions.

Irrigation and couch planting – top nine only started five years ago, now course fully irrigated.

The President then raised the question – Where to next?

Does the club stagnate or progress to grass greens?

R. Mann then produces figures on water requirements and supply.

The figures indicated enough water, to water, bottom 9 greens and fairways. Plus all the tees and green surrounds on the top 9.

Comparisons were then made with other sporting organizations in Margaret River and the amount they paid in subscriptions compared to the golf club subscription and that the golf club subscription entitled members to play seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Concerns about the course being only for tourists were countered by the fact that every member, associate and junior was subsidized to the tune of \$80 by visitor's green fees.

President pointed out that the irrigation of the top 9 was largely due to green fee money.

After a lengthy discussion by members whose concerns ranged from the size of greens and type of grass to be used, to loan and interest repayments and loss of membership – all of which seemed to be favourably answered either by budget committee or mr Brian Dixon the Wespac manager.

Patron G Ryan and life member D. Philip Jones were asked to act as scrutineers for the ballot, which returned a 51 for 5 against result.

The members were then asked to give permission to the club to borrow \$75,000 as part of the budget plan. A unanimous "yes" decision was given to the motion.

June 1992

The golf club advertised for a green keeper in the West Australian. The response was a staggering 37 applicants. A committee of President L. Bedford, R. McFarlane, B. Granville and P. House to scrutineer the applicants.

The successful applicant was Mr Trevor Fitzgerald from Esperance who had previous experience of establishing grass greens, as well as working as a greenkeeper at a number of courses.

September 14 1992

T. Fitzgerald met with the committee and outlined his plans for the grass greens. He suggested the greens be sowed with S R 1020 bent grass. He also was to liaise with R. McFarlane re machinery needs. At the same time Captain T. Brearley put forward a case for grassing the top 9 holes first.

Cash flow from the bottom 9 would be better with golfers preferring to play them in the summer months.

More starting points on the top 9.

Irrigation more convenient.

Machinery workers better in the dry.

Visitors would prefer the bottom 9.

After considerable discussion, committee decided that the top 9 would be first to be grassed.

By mid October heavy machinery cleared areas behind the existing greens of No. 10, 11 & 14 ready for the new greens. The big red gum behind no.16 green to be left, but the green would have to be brought forward because of the worry of leaves and nuts on the green if left where the sand green was.

Greenkeeper suggested a ring-main connected to both major pumps. A pipeline from no.1 pump to 18th tee is required straight away. When the new pump on no.1 was tested it failed to produce sufficient pressure to the top of 18th tee and only burst a pipe on the lower nine. Committee then agreed to the greenkeeper's advice and put a ring-main to increase pressure. To help with all the irrigation extensions, committee agreed to spend up to \$6,000 on ditchwitch.

T. Fitzgerald submitted his machinery requirements to committee – ride-on greens mower with 2 sets of cutters, edger for the bunkers, mesh drag mat, spray unit, course ute and ditchwitch.

November 10 1992

All the main irrigation lines had been put in, with tees and grass greens being watered, but independent of fairways. Five of the greens had to be resprayed for couch growth, even though the old sand greens had been completely removed.

During September and October the old sand greens, which were to be replaced by grass greens (eg. no.12, 13, 15, 17 & 18), had the old heavy oiled sand removed and fresh white sand brought in from the pit behind no.14. Much of the heavy machinery and their operations were carried out by Jim, John and Preston House. Phil Armener, using the Shire's truck, spent many hours carting the sand to make the new greens. The old greens on no.10 11, 14 & 16 were also removed, fresh sand brought in and grass cut from the bottom 9 was rolled on. Cliff & Roy Garstone and Keith Holben regularly brought in their tractors, which again was a great help in preparing the top nine tees, fairways and greens.

Once a green had been constructed, shaped and levelled, a team of volunteers was used to rake and plant the banks. Much of this grass was cut from bottom 9 fairways and either rolled on or broken into runners and planted.

Most of the Tasmanian blue gums, which had been planted over the previous years, were removed. It was found that their root system, like the pine trees, were very much surface based and spread out onto the fairways. While the top 9 was closed for the planting of the grass greens, many of the tees were also changed or enlarged. No.12, 15, 16, 17 & 18 were either made larger, put further back or, as in the case of no.18, brought forward. The early months of 1993 saw many busy bees to help plant couch. What became the pattern for nearly 18 months was, that every Tuesday from about 3.40 p.m., a small group of about 8-10 Members and Associates would plant couch in any of the bare sandy areas. After about two hours work and a couple of light refreshment, everyone would look forward to the next week.

The two new tees on no.16 & 18 required a lot of work rolling on couch and then a light sanding to help it settle down. The practice putting green was another large area that had to be planted by rolling on couch.

By April 1993 the grass greens needed regular light sanding. This involved a number of volunteers either barrowing sand on to the greens and then spreading, or just using a shovel from the bucket of the tractor. Whatever method was used was slow and very strenuous work. This sand was levelled with wooden rakes. The Tuesday volunteers were now rolling out couch on the walkways, while the sandy edges of no. 14 & 18 were sown with rye grass.

With the greens now almost ready to use, a large number of G.U.R. signs and dropping areas had to be attended to. Grass with sandy areas were to be treated as G.U.R. and the ball was to be moved to the side to allow for a fair putt.

The first competition to be played on the new grass greens was that of a mixed Canadian Foursome on Opening Day April 1993. The winning pair was Laurie and Patsy Bedford. Visitors and members were both impressed and some overawed by the greens, especially after continually 3 and 4 putting.

Throughout 1993, the irrigation committee planned and worked to complete the bottom 9 ring system so water could be pumped from no.1 hole to no.5 dam.

John House removed all the Tasmanian blue gums from the course and a few more pine trees as well. This entailed considerable effort from members in cleaning up the mess and burning of the piles of rubbish. Pressure was on the committee to get on and grass the bottom 9 greens. Under the original plan, two to three years was given as the time scale for the bottom to be completed, but so successful were the top nine, everyone wanted the other nine done as soon as possible.

Committee looked at the possibility of getting a course architect to design the greens, but at a cost of \$2000 a green, it seemed too expensive. Members Bruce Thomplinson and Tony Thorne drew up plans and these were posted on the notice board for members to comment on. No.2, 6, 7 & 8 greens were to be relocated in regard to the old sand greens. The tees on no. 7 & 9 were also rebuilt to allow greater length and to change no.7 to a par 5 and no.9 to a par 4.

The Tuesday busy bee group had continued throughout 1993 and the results were that the top 9 was in very good condition. All the sandy areas had been grassed over, the bunker on no.18 was grassed to make it a little easier and a bunker put into the side of no.11.

At the A G M in November, President L. Bedford outlined the planned approach to grassing the bottom 9. No.4, 5, 6 & 8 were to be shaped, sand brought in using the Shire's trucks and loader on the weekends. P. Armener and K. Becker spent many, many weekends just carting sand. No.6 alone had 101 truckloads of sand brought in one day. L. Bedford spent the morning on the little dozer trying to level the piles because the next truck was there in 4-5 minutes. In the afternoon P. House took over and the procedure continued.

Once these holes were built, finance was still available, so the next five were started. The pit behind no.4 green was used to supply sand for greens no.4, 3, 7 & 2 while the rest came out of the pit behind no.14. Jim House used the big dozer to dig the water hole beside no.1 and the sand was used to fill the base of the green. The same principle was used at no.7 & 8, thus saving the carting of a lot of clean white sand. As each green was built to the required shape, mounds and contours were set in by the bobcat driven by Gary Coleman, who had just had the experience of shaping the new Dunsborough Lake greens. With the experience of the top 9 behind them, the ground staff wanted the greens slightly raised, so water could drain away quickly and also the greens were shaped with planned drainage outlets, usually to the lowest area of the surrounding fairway.

By the end of December, holes 4, 5 & 6 were in and had been poisoned to kill any weeds or couch. In March the first six greens had been formed, shaped, levelled and were now ready for seeding. The last three greens ready to be shaped by early April.

A big busy bee was held on the 17th April to help grass green surrounds, rake out sticks and level areas.

It must be noted that some 10,000 metres of sand were moved to create the new greens. As the carting of sand etc. was done on a voluntary basis by Phil and Keith, not every weekend could be given up by them and so the project took about six months to complete.

Three major busy bees were undertaken during this construction phase, with 42 starters the first day, 35 the second and over 50 on the final attempt. On the third occasion, 20 mm of rainfall occurred, but the workers carried on, so great was the enthusiasm of all present to get the job completed.

Heavy rain in July caused several wash-always in the bunkers on the top 9. Green surrounds on no.1 slipping into the water trap. Jim House offered donation of old sleepers to prevent any more soil moving.

By September, the new greens were in a fit state to be played on and the committee agreed that the Tourist Bureau Weekend should go ahead and be played over the full 18 holes. Although many sandy areas still existed, everyone agreed that the course was in very good condition seeing the short time that had been allowed before play began.

The Tuesday busy bee group of L. & P. Bedford, Mrs. M. Crozier, Mrs. E. Lagan, Mrs. P. Trigwell, B. Darby, M. McKillip, Jim House, T. Kelly and R. McFarlane, G O'Meara was still working very week and gradually the bare areas became grassed. This group operated for about 18 months and in this time most of the grass on the bottom 9 had been cut up into rolls and fresh sand layered onto the surface to allow it to re-grow.

With T. Fitzgerald and R. Westaway working full time on the course, much of the work was left to other volunteers. V. Home and R. Imray carried out most of the fairway mowing. R. Hobson, N. Scott and A. Forward were regulars in helping with irrigation, fertilising and slashing.

It is worth noting at this point in time the rapid growth in green fees: -

1993 with 9 holes grass and 9 holes sand, fees collected \$19,820

1994 with 18 holes grass greens, fees collected \$33,246

2001 green fees have jumped to \$171,000.

With all the course now grass greens, a new greens nursery was established near no.1 dam. Approximately 1000 sq. metres of bent grass was planted and treated as a normal grass green (eg. sprayed, cored sanded etc.).

With the continued need to sand the greens, especially after coring, Jim House was called in with his dozer to push up more sand in the pit behind no.14. No.4 pit had to be abandoned because of the small stones that appeared on the sand and made it useless for top dressing the greens.

V. Home and R. Imray took over the mowing of the course. Vince usually mowing one day and Bob the other. If either were on holidays, it meant two days work for the other.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GRASS GREENS – 26 NOVEMBER, 1994

The social committee of R. Smith, R. Atcheson, P. Bedford and C. Scott organised a Presentation Dinner to combine the closing of the season and the Official Opening of the grass greens.

Eighty members and ex members turned out for an 18 hole Ambrose event, which was then followed by dinner in the clubhouse. Over 100 members, ex members and friends were in attendance as a minutes silence was held in recognition of Life Member Doug Phillip Jones who had passed away that week.

Club Foundation President, Dr. P. Barrett, who was visiting from Victoria, lifted the mood of the crowd when he reflected on how the club came into existence and some of the early history of the club. Then Life Member Norm Scott reflected on the club's growth over the past 40 years.

Club President Laurie Bedford then unveiled the plaque commemorating the Official Opening of the grass greens. The plaque today is set on the granite stone near the clubhouse.

In a symbolic gesture to the end of sand greens, Life Member Doris Arthur and R. Atcheson performed the melting down of one of the old sand scrapers.

During the earlier presentation President L. Bedford bestowed Life Membership on Pauline Trigwell for tireless efforts for the golf club for many years.

SMILER GALE'S BUNKER SHOT

Some Margaret River Golfers cannot be taken anywhere without them making an exhibition of themselves and Smiler is in this category. Playing in a SWDGA event at the Bunbury Golf Club, Smiler blew his shot out of the bunker on the 9th hole straight through the clubhouse window, but found the return shot from the floor of the clubhouse very difficult indeed!

PETER "MILKO" HUITENGA BUNKERED.

During the 1980's Peter was a regular at the golf club, usually playing 18 holes each day. While playing his round of golf, he would search the bush for lost balls and also on his walk, move the sprinklers. One particular day Peter was driving his milk van down no.5 fairway from green to tee, when he drove into the fairway bunker. No one knows what he was looking at, maybe the rough for a lost ball, or a sprinkler that wasn't turning, but he did a good job of driving over the mound and putting his van nose first into the bunker. The van had a buckled chassis and Milko a bit of hurt pride, but luckily no other injuries resulted.

LEITH SHEPHERDSON OUT RUN BY HIS WOOD TRUCK.

In the early 1980's several sand greens had to be repaired or replaced. Leith had experimented with mixtures of clay and sawdust from the Witchcliffe mill to lay as a base for the new greens. What turned out to be the most successful mix was 50% clay sand and 50% sawdust. On this particular Sunday morning, the old green on no.11 had been dug up and Leith brought in his soil and sawdust mix in the mill's old firewood truck. After the mixture had been dumped into the hole, members levelled it out, compacted it and then placed new oiled sand on the top. While on this was going on, the wood truck stood just to the side facing down to no.5 fairway. While the workers were having a well earned cup of tea, the firewood truck decided to start rolling across no.5 fairway, (the trees that now form a barrier between the two fairways hadn't been planted). Anyhow, as the truck started to move down the slope, Leith put down his cup and started to run towards the truck. Halfway across no.5 fairway, Leith gave up his attempt to catch his truck, stood in the middle of the fairway, threw down his hat on the ground and jumped on it and said some unprintable words! The old truck continued across the fairway and ran into a peppermint tree on the other side of the fairway causing damage to the fender and bonnet, but was still drivable and carried on carting firewood without the need for repair or panel beating.

ALAN 'BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS' ON THE TOP 9

During a busy Tourist Bureau Weekend, relatively new member Alan Forward, offered his services to take drinks and rolls around the course to visiting golfers. No one actually knows what happened, but Alan somehow got

confused with the layout of the course and got himself completely lost on the top nine. Players on the bottom 9 missed out on food and drink, while a few groups on the top 9 continually saw Alan driving around in a lost state. It was lucky a Margaret River member saw him and finally pointed him in the direction of the clubhouse.

STORM UNDOES THE GOOD WORK

On a Sunday morning in April, a large number of members (both men and women) had been busy cleaning up the course ready for the club's Opening Day. Members returned to the clubhouse about 12 noon for a sausage sizzle and refreshments, congratulating themselves on the work done and how good the course looked. At about 1.00 p.m. gale force winds sprang up and while the workers were enjoying lunch, the morning's work was completely destroyed and leaves, bark and branches came raining down. Looking down no.9 fairway from the clubhouse veranda, one could see massive branches being blown onto and across the fairway. On later inspection, a number of trees were blown down and hundreds of branches came down, which required two days work to pick up. Needless to say, the course was presented in fine condition for the Opening Day.

ON THE BUS

During the 1970's and 80's Margaret River members travelled in large numbers to other clubs to participate in South West District Events. Also well patronized, were trips to Nannup, Augusta and Dunsborough for Opening Days and the Coopers Gold Cup and Chamberlain day at Augusta. Shepherdson's school buses were often driven by club members Arthur West, John Radys or Phil Armener, which reduced the cost to travellers. Pick-up point was always behind the paper shop in what is now Coles parking area. Departure time was usually between 6 & 7 a.m. dictated by the earliest hit-off time of our members. Bags and Buggies were packed into the back of the bus. Early starters keeping their gear nearer to the front.

Popular venues were Busselton, Capel, Collie and Bunbury because it gave the Margaret River members their once or twice a year chance to play on grass greens.

Margaret River members packed sand wedges and pitching irons into their bags because they were never used on the sand greens. Older members told of horrific stories of 5 to 6 shots in a bunker, while others talked of 4 to 5 putts on the glass-like greens.

Because the SWDGA events were always 36 holes, starting times were early and finish was often late. Once at Capel, the last 7 groups never even finished because it became dark.

Usually after presentations, the driver or club captain would start rounding up the members to get them onto the bus. Most arrived with adequate supplies of stubbies or cans necessary for the return trip. Often Busselton Red Rooster was the stopping point for food and the Ship Hotel for those who needed extra rations. Talk on the return trip always turned to how many shots in bunkers, how an 8 foot putt finished up in a bunker, or how to line up your fourth putt

Many were the difficulties faced on these homeward trips, especially where to stop the bus for a 'comfort stop'. Even this brought its own hazards, like the time Roy Hobson stepped off the bus into a drain somewhere between Capel and Busselton and went up to his waist in water. A cold, miserable trip for Hobby for the rest of the way home.

On arriving back at Margaret River, it took time to unload buggies, bags and the empties. The driver usually finished up with extra clothes or bags left behind, which would be claimed the following week at golf.

On one memorable trip to Donnybrook, Ashley Hammond served sherries to the members, once we had crossed the bridge. Ashley had brought a silver tray, sherry glasses and a white napkin to help fulfil his role as waiter. Most members partook of the refreshment, even though it was only 6.30 a.m. because we knew Donnybrook in mid winter would be extremely cold.

ROB HEARN'S BACKWARDS ONE AND A HALF WITH PIKE

One of the common busy bee jobs when the first grass greens were planted was the sanding of the greens by hand (in the days before the club could afford a mechanical sander). Long handled wooden rakes were used to spread the sand on the greens. Rob was on no.14 green with a group of workers and so intent was he in levelling the sand that he forgot about the bunker and to the amusement of his fellow workers disappeared backwards into the bunker, performing the famous dive.

JOAN GARSTONES WALK ON WATER

During a ladies Wednesday fixture a ball was hit towards the water hole on the right of No 1 green. Joan being the caring person she is went in search of the ball. Not used to playing off the fairway, Joan came across what she thought was an orange gravel pit and stepped on the surface. Unbeknown to Joan the surface was in fact a water hole covered with a brown weed. After immersing herself in the water to her neck, she continued with her game. (I do not know if she found the lost ball.)

BRIEF HISTORY OF IRRIGATION

Information supplied by Norm Scott, Ray Mann and Club minute books.

In the early times, irrigation was by rainfall or not at all. Club opening days would revolve around a guess at the date of the seasonal opening rains. The putting surface was of sand but tees and green surrounds needed some form of vegetation to hit off and anything on the fairways to bind the surface was a bonus.

It was decided in 1969 to investigate the possibility of watering no.1, 2, 8 & 9 fairways so members could play a short course over the summer. Water from the lake was looked at but found to be unsuitable. Correspondence with the mines department advised the club that there were no suitable aquifers in the area (golf club area). Derek Trigwell and Norm Scott were the main organizers to have a hole dug on the left of no.1. They then calculated the cost of pipe sprinklers etc. for the project. This was put to the 1970 A G M, which agreed to a \$2,000.00 overdraft to fund the project.

A second hand tractor engine was mounted on wheels, fitted with a pump and suction lines. Jim Wise provided a lot of the major mechanical assistance and finally the project was ready to commence. A single pipeline was laid down the centre of each fairway with appropriate fittings for sprinklers attached. The trenches were dug with a borrowed ditch-witch.

Despite a few hiccups, the first watering venture was up and running. A 20 metre wide strip was rotary hoed down the middle of no.9 fairway and seeded with Bermuda couch by Norm Scott. Once it was watered regularly it soon spread to give a good grass cover, but it was agreed this could not happen over the whole course because of water shortage. A second hole was dug along side of no.7 fairway by Alec Splatt of Cowaramup to give a greater supply of water. With the second hole in operation, it necessitated moving motors and pumps continually between the two holes. After a few years with this pumping set up, the engine caught fire and was totally destroyed. (No tears were shed over this mishap). The club's Chamberlain tractor was then used to drive the pump for a number of years.

In 1976 a water supply was divined in the SE corner of the lake, but no further action was taken to develop it. Then in 1977 a second large hole was dug further along the creek between no.7 and no.5 fairways (on the bend). In 1979 a third dragline hole was dug between the previous two (where the present pumping station is).

Derek Trigwell headed the irrigation sub committee in the late 70's and it was March 1979 that the 3 phase power was connected to the water source on the right side on no.5. The line coming down the right of no.7 fairway and then across the water hole to the pumping station. Leith Shepherdson donated a 40 HP motor and in 1980 the pipeline was run around no.5 & 6 to join up with the irrigation system on no.7. The first 2 dams (no.7 & 5) were

connected by a trench dug by Laurie Craven and a 2 in. poly pipe brought water from the 7 dam to the pump station. By 1981 a ring system was added to water around no.5, 6 & 7 greens and the no.6 and 7 tees.

In 1982, L Sherlock was engaged to enlarge the trench between no.7 & 5 dams at the cost of \$1000.00. Irrigation was carried out by a series of hoses and sprinklers, which had to be shifted manually. Derek Trigwell, Vic Solonec and Peter HUITENGA were mainly responsible for carrying out this task. Green surrounds and tees were the main priority and the Cowaramup crew would supplement this with a water truck to help out on the top 9 stations. Ray Arthur was the committee man in charge of irrigation in the mid 80's and saw the irrigation lines extended down no.3, 5 & 6 fairways. To enlarge the water supply the dam was extended along no.5 fairway in April 1984. One of the major concerns was not to damage the paper bark trees, which grow in the swamp. The laying of the pipe, planting couch and moving sprinklers was all done on a volunteer basis. Large busy bees were needed to lay the pipe and plant the couch. These were usually followed by a barbecue and a game of golf.

With the bottom 9 now fairly well irrigated and gradually becoming well grassed with 'Capel' couch, nine holes of golf in Summer became a regular event and pressure from members became stronger to increase water supplies and irrigate more of the course. In February 1985 the first bore was put down behind no.11 tee and water pumped to the no.5 dam. A considerable amount of time and effort was given by Roy Garstone, Colin Murdock and others with divining experience to find other underground sources of water. A bore in the coal hole hit water, but not in large enough quantities. In 1987 Terry McGregor put down bores on no.9 and near the tee on no.10, both had limited supplies of water and it wasn't warranted enough to bring power to them to supplement supplies.

With the bottom 9 mostly grassed, the amount of water required was less and in December of 1988 couch planting on no.10, 11 & 13 and remainder of no.5 was carried out, with the aid of a large busy bee from members. Prior to the planting, the irrigation line was extended across to no.11 around the lake and down no.13. No.10 coming off the main line from no.1. The following year Paul Campbell and Terry Dryden donated poly pipe to extend the line to no.15 tee and green. In September 1990 committee allocated \$13,190.00 for irrigation extensions to no.14 & 16.

In 1991 Richard Rangnow was irrigation chairman and organized the dam to be dug adjacent to no.1 fairway. Charlie Hines drove the dozer (J. J. Archibald's) and didn't charge for his labour;. The dam was estimated to hold 570,000 gallons of water and cost the club \$4,600. Later in the year, committee allocated \$15,000 to upgrade the irrigation system, a new pump and motor for no.1 dam and link it up with the pump on no.5.

In August of that year, the club investigated using treated water from the sewerage plant, but N. Scott and D. Trigwell reported that the supply was not much more than twice the amount supplied by the club bores and felt the cost was not worth it, the money would be better spent on a new bore. Much of the funding at this time came from interest free loans from the Department of Sport and Recreation and these depended on a favourable report from the Shire. Ray Mann took over the irrigation portfolio in December 1991 and a hydrology report submitted to the club suggested that the catchments area was very favourable, if only the right aquifers could be located. The club's resident diviners, Roy Garstone, Joe Italiano and Laurie Rowe put their skills to the test and came up with some streams worth investigating.

In May 1992 some preliminary test holes on no.10 & 12 gave some encouragement. Ray Mann estimated the club would need approximately 436,000 gals. a week to water 18 tees, 9 fairways and 9 grass greens. Later he revised this to 500,000 gals. for the Special Meeting called for the proposal to establish grass greens. Later in the year Ray Mann negotiated with Cable Sands, who agreed to donate time and equipment to drill further test holes in search of water. In November, six test holes were completed with an air core-drilling rig and two streams divined by Laurie Rowe showed good depths of water bearing sand. This was backed up by putting a bore behind no.13 green. The bore hole was drilled to a depth of 24 metres, but after some initial problems with the drill going off line, it was to provide 4,000 gals. an hour to the dam on no.1. This supply ensured there would be sufficient water for developing the first 9 grass greens. Norm Scott, Derek Trigwell & Roy Hobson completed the ring line around the course to accommodate the pressure created by having the two main pumps operating in tandem. With the success of the top 9 grass greens, pressure from members was to then quickly develop the bottom 9 grass greens. Ray Mann again was called in to discuss total water requirements. 1.3 millions gallons

seemed to be the requirements for the whole course to have grass tees, fairways and greens. Members were encouraged to each donate \$50 to pay for a length of pipe needed for the second stage of the project.

In February 1994, after a frustrating series of burst pipe joints in the main line, a meeting was held with the irrigation team and the pipe manufacturers. After testing samples of the pipe, the manufacturers agreed to replace the defective batch and Norm Scott and his team were faced with digging up and replacing most of the main line on the bottom 9.

With the bottom relayed, the no.5 pump motor and shed were replaced with a new concrete base and shed. Norm Scott then set about compiling a comprehensive map of the irrigation system. This proved to be a godsend when, at a later date, the computerized watering took over from the old valve system, which had to be manually turned on and off.

With the growing need for water, the bore on the right on no.10 was put in January 1995. This bore produced 2,000 gals. an hour. June of the same year saw the bore on no.12 developed at a cost on \$10,000, but returned 4,000 gals. an hour. Roy Hobson and Alan Forward were now doing much of the manual labour as Derek Trigwell had moved to Busselton and Norm Scott was only operating on one leg. The same year saw 640 pop-up sprinklers at \$48.00 each purchased to replace the old plug-in above ground sprinklers.

1997 saw the introduction of the computerized irrigation system. Because of mainly volunteer labour the cost was only \$50,000 and had the big advantage that watering could now be done at night, so no inconveniences to members and green fee players during the day. Burst pipes, blocked sprinklers and the occasional hiccup with the computer system have been the only concerns with the irrigation over the past few years. 2002, however, put the irrigation system to its biggest test. One of the driest years on record, very low water tables and problems with iron forming bacteria in the bores, saw water availability at its lowest since irrigation began. New underground streams were divined by Laurie Rowe, but test holes found granite at 4 metres between no.1 & 9, at 11 metres between no. 9 & 10 and again at 5 metres near the ladies tee on no.5. The old bore on no.11 was re-established and produced 2000 gallons an hour, while a new bore on no.12 was developed with only limited success, but hopes are high for it to develop 4000 gals. an hour in the future. The whole course was divined for water and it appears as if all the major underground streams have been tapped. The only other possible source is to put another bore near the two on no.12.

The year 2000 saw problems emerge with the sewerage treatment plant at Gnarabup. At a meeting held in the shire offices, the golf club offered to take all the waste water from the treatment plant. This resulted in numerous hours spent by President L. Bedford and T. Thorne in meetings at Bunbury and the golf club with the Water Corporation. Application was made to the Federal Government by the group to get a grant from the Clean Rivers and Oceans Committee and this was successful. With an offer of \$100,000.00 from the developers Cedervale, the golf club offered to contribute over \$200,000.00 if the Water Corporation would cover the rest of the expenses. A further meeting in late 2001 saw the Shire, Golf Club, Cedervale, Water Corporation representatives meet under the chairmanship of local M.L.C. Mr. Barry House. From this meeting the Golf Club offered to increase its contribution to \$330,000.00 over 20 years if the Water Corporation would give them an interest free loan. Also the club wanted the first 5 years to have free water, the next 5 years at 10c a kilolitre and after 20 years increase it to 45c a kilolitre. However, a letter from the Federal Minister, Jeff Prosser, informed the golf club that the Water Corporation was no longer interested in using the golf club land as a source to dispose of excess water, even though numerous other golf clubs in the state were being supplied with treated water.

Chronological sequence of events leading to the Notice of Motion and the following Annual General Meeting relating to the proposed future renovations, additions and improvements to buildings and grounds on the Margaret River Golf Club.

Contributed by Mr. B. Reynolds.

1998

Formulation of a sub-committee (Jeff Eastcott & Craig McCarthy) to investigate long term improvements to the clubhouse or other scenarios, eg. new building to replace existing.

At the A G M (1998) a Motion to “Seek members approval to continue with plans to upgrade clubhouse / renew clubhouse and surrounds including all buildings and carparks” was passed and carried. B. Reynolds put forward a draft schematic plan and ideas to get the ball rolling.

During the course of 1999 a significant amount of work had been put in place leading up to the A G M in November, which included: -

- 1 Procuring a survey of ground levels/contours and location of all buildings and above ground services.
- 2 Meetings of the sub committee to discuss outline proposals for redevelopment and funding strategies took place.
- 3 Preparation of plans for extending and remodelling existing club premises and including a master plan for improving car parking areas and general surrounds to the premises.
- 4 Contact with funding bodies.
- 5 Preparation of cost estimates for all works.
(With help from local contractors)

A G M 1999

See notice of Motion (on record).

A presentation by sub committee J. Eastcott, C. McCarthy & B. Reynolds (ex-officio) by overhead projection of proposed improvements to buildings and surround, including cost estimates and funding strategies was put to the well attended meeting. (This presentation lasted approximately 50 minutes).

The Motion was carried.

Note: On March 6th 2001 I addressed a covering letter to the Secretary/Manager which included all relevant material that was presented to the 1999 A G M so that this could be included in the minutes of the 2000 A G M as a correct record of what occurred.

A G M 2000

The following extract is the sole reference to what occurred at the previous A G M.

General Business:

Notice of motion: Moved J. Eastcott that “The members extend approval to the incoming committee to proceed with a financial plan to fund the proposed improvements. /additions to the clubhouse, roads, car parks, new sheds for golf buggies, workshop and machinery. Based on a five year plan and priority of urgent works to include machinery and plant maintenance requirements” seconded C. McCarthy. In favour 35, against 4.

T. Thorne thanked the building committee, as did the President.

The motion was carried.

Footnote: Copies of all plans relating to this work, including cost estimates are in the club files. Furthermore, a plan recording the location of all known underground and above ground services was also produced and is also held in the club office.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 25 NOVEMBER 1992

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Ryan. Pres. L. Bedford, Vice Pres. D. Trigwell, Sec. R. Atcheson, Treas. J. Eastcott, Capt. T. Brearley, Vice Capts. N. Cail, T. Thorne.

Committee: B. Darby, J. House, R. McFarlane, R. Mann.

Fees for 1992-93: Nominations \$80, Members \$210, Associates \$130. Non-competitive Members \$130, non-competitive Associates \$90, Country members \$90, Country Associates \$70.

Greenkeeper T. Fitzgerald reported 7 greens now seeded, irrigation-system completed and last two greens to go on early in the New Year.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1992-93

Match committee to allow 1 club length lie with ball to be placed.

New bore on no.13 down 23 metres and producing 4,000 gals. per house.

A lot of scrub on the bottom 9 rough cleared up by L. Bedford and P. House.

President L. Bedford suggested club introduce a 4 BBB stableford championship with selected partners. Competition to be played over two days. Jim House has offered to supply a championship board to record the winning pair for the future.

Match committee presented suggested fixture for the season using both the ladies and the men's tees.

Opening Day was a great success with visitors and members playing on the grass greens for the first time. Although some areas were still sandy, G.U.R.'s and pick and drops help keep the game flowing.

Greenkeeper Trevor asked that the members refrain from practice of chipping on the grass greens because of the damage it could do. Some hoops to be placed around greens to stop people walking in some areas, to be left in the ground and if hit by the balls, the player could take another shot.

Social chairman R. Atcheson reported on a successful "Golferama" (golf dinner, floor show and dance) returning a profit of \$900.

Course mowing to be done voluntarily by V. Home – this allowed R. Westaway more time to work on the course.

Committee decided top 9 good enough to allow visitors to use.

Greens fees: \$5 and \$8 for sand greens (bottom 9)
\$10 and \$15 for grass greens (top 9)

Some top 9 pathways too difficult to grass. R. Atcheson and Ross Smith to cover pathways with sawdust.

Competition fees to be increased to \$4.

R. Smith and R. Atcheson to proceed with the upgrade to the club entrance.
Wesfarmers were donating the finance to erect the rammed earth entrance.

M. Greg Fitzharding, secretary of W A G A walked the course with L. Bedford and evaluated it as an ACR of 68.1

Irrigation committee has drawn up plans for the bottom 9 cost approximately \$3,700.00.

All Tasmanian blue gums now hopefully removed from the course.

Temporary greens being established on the bottom 9 for the Tourist Bureau weekend.
Greenkeeper asked not to use the Toro mower on the tees and fairways – solely for greens and surrounds.

Greenkeeper advised committee that the bunker on the left side of no.18 green was causing problems. Decided to grass it. Budget for course machinery maintenance estimated to be \$20,000.00.

Mr. B. Hansen spoke to committee on a suggestion to raise funds for the bottom 9. Suggested sponsor signs to be used, eg. \$350 per year or \$2,000 up front to June 30th 2000.

Irrigation on the bottom 9 needs \$2,000 to finish main line. Veterans to be asked for a donation.

John Zar was thanked for his efforts in canvassing new members. 45 new members for non-competitive members accepted at the August meeting (only 3 are still members today).

Concerns over slow play, match committee to look into it.

All irrigation work completed. Greenkeeper wants an outfront slasher to be considered in next year's budget. Bunker on left of no.9 to be grassed over.

Time sheet trialed on 9th October – 8 minute intervals from 11.45 a.m.

R. Atcheson to obtain a large pipe so a second bridge could be put across the creek on no.7.

Scroungers donated \$2,500.00 to help complete irrigation.

Big clean up needed after the blue gums were removed. A successful busy bee saw tree roots removed, sticks cleaned up and burnt etc.

Champagne breakfast held to celebrate the official opening of the club's entrance by the states Country Manager of Wesfarmers, Mr. Colin Major.

Approximately 80 starts for Melbourne Cup lunch.

Considerable discussion on plans for grassing bottom 9 greens.
Shire had offered a truck and loader to help.
Estimated cost for extra irrigation and seed - \$15,000.

Mr. R. McFarlane gave a 10 year forecast for machinery costs (based on second hand, half priced machinery) of \$85,000. He also suggested fees to be raised 17½ % to allow for the revised budget figures.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 24 NOVEMBER 1993

President L. Bedford in his report gave a brief time-table and costs for the grassing of the bottom 9. No.4, 5, 6 & 8 to be done almost straight away and the other five in February if finances are available.

Associates President Mrs. B. Earl reported on the successful sanding and carpeting of the clubhouse floor, painting of the change rooms and bar and establishing gardens around the clubhouse. She also presented the club with a \$2,000 donation from the Associates.

Officials: Patron Mr. G Ryan. Pres. L. Bedford, Vice Pres. J. Eastcott, Sec. G. O'Meara, Treas. R. McFarlane, Capt. T. Thorne, Vice Cpts. H. Gale, N. Cail, Bar Manager D. Trigwell.
Committee: B. Darby, M. McKillop, S. Owen, R. Mann, J. House.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1993-94

N. Scott given permission to carry out clearing and beautification around the lake.

Committee decided to sell off its parcel of Burswood Property Trust shares, as value was approximately \$2,000.

Greenkeeper reported all top 9 greens treated with wetta soil.

Club nominates a 'B grade' pennant team for the S. W. men's competition.

Top 9 greens to be cored twice annually.

Preferred lies to be removed for the winter season.

R. Westaway gave notice that he was vacating the caretaker's house to go and live in Margaret River. Mr. J. Olsen was appointed the new caretaker.

Mr. Westaway to continue with his job as barman and groundsman.

So far \$16,000 spent on the bottom 9 holes. All bottom 9 greens now irrigated.

Associates asked to raise competition fees to \$4.00 for 18 holes and \$2.00 for 9 holes in line with other members fees.

Carolyn Scott asked committee for permission to have a "sky divers" use the course on November 1st (Melbourne Cup Day).

New second hand Toro mower purchased.

Local rule: ball lying in the tractor lug mark, through the green or in the rough, may be dropped without penalty.

Associates now providing 'hot dogs' after Saturday competitions.

Balls not to be thrown at presentations and ball raffles.

Greenkeeper concerned with damage being done to no.9 fairway being used as a practice range.

Greenkeeper wants a "walk behind scarifier" – cost approximately \$2,000.

N. Scott has made a map of all existing irrigation on the course. Asked that any future changes be added to the map.

B Grade pennant team defeated Bunbury in the final.

Greenkeeper to be known as 'golf course superintendent'.

Cost to establish bottom 9 grass greens \$66,000.

Now the whole course was being played, march committee to clearly peg water hazards, both red and yellow peg areas.

26th November planned as official opening day of the grass greens.

Dr. Paddy Barrett has indicated his ability to attend the official opening.

John and Jim House have approached the club to sponsor the "Golfer of the Year" award.

Mrs. P. Trigwell granted Life Membership by the committee. Presentation to be made on the 26th November.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 23RD NOVEMBER 1994

Officials: Patron Mr. G Ryan. Pres. L. Bedford, Vice Pres. J. Eastcott, Sec. G. O'Meara, Treas. R. McFarlane, Capt. T. Thorne, Vice Cpts. H. Gale, N. Cail, Bar Manager T. Kelly.

Committee: B. Darby, S. Owen, R. Mann, D. Mottershead, M. McKillop, Ms. C. Scott.

The meeting voted to abolish the categories of Associates, Non competitive Associates and Country Associates. From this time on ladies were full members of the club and had all the rights of ordinary members, such as voting at A G M's and being elected to official positions in the club.

Fees for 1995 set as: Full member \$270, Non competitive \$200, Country members \$135, Provisional members \$20, Junior members \$40.

After much discussion, and voting, membership nomination fees left at \$80.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1994-95

Smiler Gale granted permission to use motor bike while playing.

Match committee paying close attention to dress standard on Saturdays. No jeans, draw string shorts or board shorts, shirts must have collars and correct footwear to be worn in the clubhouse.

Tees and greens now being watered separately from fairways.

Both sides of fairway on no.14 to be made G.U.R. until further notice (when it rains).

In February, Captain T. Thorne resigns and his position of captain is taken over by N. Cail.

Green fees increased to \$5.00.

With growing green fee takings and money from competitions and bar, a safe put into the caretaker's residence.

Signs to be put up on lakes to stop players removing balls and damaging the sides of the lakes.

Course Superintendent T. Fitzgerald reported bores putting out about 1 million gals. per week.

Approximately 900,000 gals. put on the course per week.

With the dry summer, water supply is low and some walkways etc. not to be watered.

R. Westaway proposed a reduction in his hours to 32 hours per week and the club employ an apprentice.

Club purchases a new scarifier and it has been used on some of the tees.

Letter from Charlie Hine requesting permission to use a mini moke on the course. Committee agreed as long as it was for non competitions and to avoid driving on tees and green surrounds. Also to drive on the fairways and not the softer edges.

Nathan Darch appointed apprentice groundsman.

John Olson resigns as caretaker and is replaced by Manny Milonas.

A fax machine has been purchased and installed.

Safety fence needed for ladies no.3 tee.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon being organised by Caroline Scott.

Ladies President C. Scott reported on the mourning of the passing of three of their members – Mrs. N. Forward, Mrs. D. Becker and Mrs. E. Kevill.

The ladies donated \$5,000 to the club to be used for irrigation purposes.

The “Golfer of the Year” trophy donated by Jim and John House was to be for the most consistent player.

1995 saw the first corporate days being played at the club. First were the Cowaramup Agency Day, then the Trade’s Day and finally Kim’s Quality Meats Day. All were supported and brought excellent financial rewards to the club. 1995 also saw the Summer calendar have the big three open days – The Margaret River Hotel Day in January, Captain Freycinet Day in February and the Settlers Tavern Day in March.

Scroungers continue to grow and is now the most supported event of the week.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 29 NOVEMBER 1995

The meeting was called to bring about changes to the constitution now that the ladies were full members. Any use of the term “Associate” was removed from the constitution, at the same time the officials and committee were changed. The women’s President and Captain became automatic members of the official committee and women were eligible for election to the general committee.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 29 NOVEMBER 1995

Officials: Patron G. Ryan. Pres. M. Oldfield, Vice Pres. J. Eastcott, C. Scott, Sec. Mrs. A. Rowe, Treas. R. McFarlane, Capt. C. McCarthy, Vice Capts. D. Williams, T. O’Brien, Bar Manager T. Kelly.
Committee: M. Milonas, M. McKillop, N. Cail, Handicapper B. Darby.

The outgoing committee recommendation of fees accepted:
Full member \$310, Non competitive \$225, Country Member \$150, Provisional Member \$25, Junior Member \$45.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1995-96

The planned hotmix for the driveway by Malatesta for \$4,000 considered by the new committee to be too extravagant and was cancelled.

Ladies to purchase 50 stackable chairs.

Women purchase the club a video player.

Women’s Classic planned for November.

Club purchased a spray unit.

Super spreader purchased by the club.

Limestone walkway between no.10 & 11 completed.

Fairway edges to be ripped to cut roots growing into the fairways.

Ground staff driving motor bike too fast around the course.

Club carts doing well and taken \$290 in two weeks of hire.

Nursery to be sown with bent grass.

Women allowed to keep green fees from Classic weekend.

Vets donated \$1,000 to the club.

New P.A. system purchased and installed.

Committee agreed to allow a drop if on a fairway (short mown area).

Old captain's room to be converted into an office after the Tourist Bureau Weekend.

New handrails needed for the front steps.

102 ladies played on the Friday of the Classic and 165 on Saturday and Sunday.

The ladies have purchased a video, vases, salt and pepper shakers and shower curtains for the club during the year.

The season finished with a Presentation Night on the 23rd November.

The highlight of the evening was President Max Oldfield presenting Life Membership to Laurie Bedford for his many years as committee man and service to the club.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 27 NOVEMBER 1996

In the absence of President M. Oldfield, Vice President J. Eastcott read a report from the President who praised the work of the Course Superintendent and staff. He also thanked voluntary work of R. Hobson, N. Scott, R. McFarlane, V. Home and B. Imray.

Officials: Patron Mr. G. Ryan. Pres. P. House, Vice Pres. J. Eastcott, Mrs. W. S. Holme, Sec. Mrs. A. Rowe, Capt. G. Payne, Vice Cpts. D. Williams, M. McKillop, Handicapper B. Darby

There was no one elected for treasurer and M. Norton was approached to fill the position until his transfer from the bank and then N. Walker will fill the vacancy for 1997.

Committee: T. Kelly, L. Bedford, C. McCarthy, N. Cail, M. Milonas.

The new committee accepted outgoing committee's recommendation of a part-time Manager. The Manager to be responsible for banking, wages, payment of accounts, collection of fees, seek sponsorship for trophies, advertising, hire of club premises, ordering golf balls, help with fixture planning, issue of receipts, treasury and mail. The Manager would be answerable to the President. Work to be 20 hours a week at \$15 an hour. Position of office to be next to existing captain's room. Person selected will be on a three-month trial.

T. Kelly appointed as bar manager.

Mrs. G. Bradshaw selected as Manager.

Veterans donate \$2,000 to club. Vets want another drink tank on bottom 9.

All the blue gums have been removed from the course.

Temporary green on no.5. Green re-levelled and grassed with rolls from the nursery.

Grass cutter purchased for \$2,250.

Course committee looking at sand spreader, surrounds mower (second hand) and a tractor. Cost approximately \$50,000.

Seven flags stolen. Police informed. Three later recovered in the bush.

Extra shed to store machinery being built (9m x 5.4m).

The club introduced a new class of membership called an 'International Member'. This was later ratified at a Special General Meeting on the 26th November 1997.

Cost of computerised watering system approximately \$50,000.

At the Women's Classic event, 146 women played on Friday and 240 on Saturday and Sunday.

Over \$5,000 profit from the Tourist Bureau Weekend – outside catering worked well.

Position of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer to be deleted from the Constitution and replaced with a paid Secretary/Treasurer.

T. Kelly indicated that he would no longer be able to be bar manager, but willing to help new manager. Position to be advertised in the local paper.

Scroungers box broken into twice. Lost \$67 and \$187 – a new steel box to be placed on the wall.

All components for the automatic watering system ordered (have to come from the U.S.A.).

Committee agreed that players can use motorised buggies in general competitions without a doctor's certificate.

Low water flow from no.13 bore due to squashed pipe – not the bore playing up.

Shire has agreed to increase loan number 3 back to \$75,000 to cover cost of automatic watering system.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 26 NOVEMBER 1997

Special meeting called to change three areas of the Constitution and held before the AGM.

- 1 Non competitive members powers and entitlements changed so they can play in 9 hole events, scroungers and play in competitions as visitors, but unable to win events or hold any office in the club.
- 2 New category of International Members be introduced with similar conditions as non-competitive members.
- 3 Replace honorary secretary and honorary treasurer with Secretary/Treasurer.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 26 NOVEMBER 1997

President P. House made special mention in his report to the work of Manny Milonas and Nola Cussack around the clubhouse and in catering for the hungry men after golf.

Officials: Patron Mr. G Ryan. Pres. P. House, Vice Pres. J. Eastcott, Mrs. W. S. Holme, Capt. M. Ridge, Vice Capts. T. Thorne, A. Forward, Sec/Treas. G. Bradshaw, Handicapper. B. Darby.

Committee: L. Bedford, M. Milonas, M. Gray, M. Wilson, C. McCarthy, Bar manager Kirsty Dewson.

Fees: Full members \$350, Non competitive \$285, Country Member \$200, Provisional \$25, Junior Member \$55, International Member \$300, Nomination fees \$100.

**EXTRACTS OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1997-98**

Fairway rough to be cut at 50 mm.

If sprinkler is within 3-4 metres and on line, relief much be taken.

Monthly Mug competition to be a running draw.

Schwepps vending machine on verandah to be serviced every 4 months at no charge.

Course committee to meet with Course Superintendent at 11.30 a.m. each Thursday.

Fairway mowers to be lifted by 5 mm to give more grass cover.

New batteries purchased for club buggies – approximately \$1,200.

Much discussion on new buggy shed and practice fairway. Agreed to clear trees ready for practice fairway.

Cost of Constitution book costly - \$420 for 250 or \$560 for 500.

Committee decided to make printed sheets available for new members when they join.

Sensor alarm system purchased and installed.

Mid strength beer put onto one tap.

Grass on banks and back of greens to be cut at 25 mm.

Water filter had a large blockage, which has now been cleaned, so clubhouse has again got water.

Committee agreed to waver nomination fees for memberships received from the 15th to 30th May on a 'once only' basis.

Committee agreed to allow members to pay fees on 4 instalments as long as they make arrangements with Secretary/Treasurer.

Course committee wants course Superintendent to provide a 12-month program of events – eg. coring, sanding, fertilising etc., so Manny can organise visitors and match committees can plan events.

Crab grass evident on no.10 & 18 to be poisoned before it seeds.

Hot water system not working. P. House to arrange for a 200 litre storage electric system.

Committee agrees to buy second hand pie warmer so hot food can be sold during the winter. Still having problems with the watering system. Total Eden is responsible to train staff on how to use it. 300 second hand sprinklers purchased from Rockingham Golf club at a bargain price of \$5.00 each.

Dollar spot and crab grass still a problem.

Preferred lies to be removed.

Time sheets to be discontinued. Slow play a problem on Saturdays.

Gravel put outside the back door to reduce sand being brought into the ladies change room.

Greens verticut, limed and fertilized.

Junior competition to be held on Sunday afternoon after the main field has hit off. Cost to be \$2 for 9 holes.

Security alarm purchased and to be installed.

Buggies not to be used in any championships and 36 hole events unless member has a medical certificate. Can be used in ordinary competitions.

After carrying out soil test, Arthur Budge stated the whole course needs lime. 57 tonne needed for the course, but greens to be done when cored. 8 fairways low on potash. Course Superintendent told not to mow no.4 & 12 fairways with surrounds mower.

Sub committee still looking at conceptual plans for clubhouse buggy shed and parking area.

New practice tee put on no.14,

Secretary Gail Bradshaw resigns and is to be replaced by Judy Smith.

Fairway mower broken down - \$5,000 - \$6,000 to repair.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 25 NOVEMBER 1998

Officials: Patron Mr. K. McKeown. Pres. P. House, Vice Pres. J. Eastcott, Mrs. K. Solonec, Capt. M. Gray, Vice Capts. S. Owen & G. Payne.

Committee: L. Bedford, V. Home, M. Milonas, Handicapper R. Mann.

President P. House indicated profit of \$60,000 up from \$24,000 the previous year. He suggested that spending be stabilized as most activities of the club should be trouble free.

The automatic watering system is working well and with a fertilizer program developed by Arthur Budge, fairways are in good condition. Watering was to be done between 10 p.m. and 3 p.m. as the cost of power drops from 17.4 c per unit to 5.8 per unit.

A Motion was carried that the club seek members approval to continue with plans to upgrade/renew the clubhouse and surrounds. After a lengthy discussion on smoke free area, it was resolved to pursue a policy on non-smoking in the clubhouse by the erection of suitable signs.

With the passing of Patron Mr. G. Ryan, all at the meeting agreed that it be recorded in the minutes of his passing and acknowledge the huge effort which he had put into the club since its conception.

Fees: Full member \$370, Non competitive \$335, Country member \$250, Provisional \$25, Junior \$55, International \$300, Nomination \$100.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1998-89

'A' reserve and 'C' Grade teams nominated for pennants.

Filters on pumps need to be cleaned weekly. Water tanks now installed on no.3, 8, 11, 12 & 17.

Mrs. K. Solonec offered to reorganize and update photos in the clubhouse.

A preferred lie is needed on the short mown area of the fairway.

New flags to be provided by Cowaramup Agency.

Juniors to be allowed into Sunday competitions.

Club purchased sweeper for helping with the coring.

Need for a safety net near ladies no.3 tee.

Dollar spot and brown spot on greens is a continual problem and is to be sprayed for as soon as it appears.

Area in front of no.1 green becoming water logged although drains were put in a few years ago.

Committee agreed to a proposal that a new position of Course Manager be created and the person chosen will be in charge of all ground staff and is directly answerable to the committee.

Course Superintendent T. Fitzgerald resigns. Mr. R. Westaway appointed course manager.

Tower to be put on the right hand corner of men's no.16 tee. Players are asked to check that fairway is clear before hitting off.

\$7,000 allocated for new till, which will include stock control and be linked to the main computer.

55,000 gal. Tank to be purchased for no.5 at a cost of \$9,500.

Veterans supplied and put in place rubbish bins around the course.

Profits from Women's Classic to be put in women's account.

Lightening strikes 4 decoders and upsets irrigation system.

Club to purchase a new video player.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 24 NOVEMBER 1999

President P. House explained that future end of financial year will be June 30th, which will align the club with the commitment of G S T in July 2000.

Captain M. Gray showed average fields for Saturday were 45 and Sunday competitions 28, where as scroungers numbers were consistently in the 60 and 70's.

Officials: Patron Mr. K. McKeown. Pres. L. Bedford, Vice Pres. J. Eastcott, Mrs. K. Solonec, Capt. D. Coates, Vice Cpts. R. Catchpole & J. Farrell, Handicapper T. Thorne.

Committee: J. House, M. Milonas, K. Allsop, Mrs. M. Bussell, S. Owen.

A Motion that "the members extend approval to the incoming committee to proceed with a financial plan to fund the proposed improvements/additions to the clubhouse, roads, car park, new shed for buggies, work shop and machinery. Based on a five-year plan and priority of works to include machinery and plant maintenance. 35 voted 'for' and 4 'against'.

Fees to include 10/12 G S T Members \$429, Non competitive \$403, Country members \$292.50, Junior \$65 Provisional \$32.50, International members \$325, Nominations \$130.

A motion to make the clubroom non-smoking to be put to a special general meeting.

Nathan Darch was congratulated on finishing his apprenticeship and becoming a qualified greenkeeper.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1999-00

Greens mower motor is dead. Committee agreed to buy new second hand one for \$7,500.

Brown spot still a problem.

K. Allsop to prepare a business plan and cash flow.

Committee declined offer to run a Pro Am.

Fairways need dethatching, cost of unit \$6,400.

Local rule: Kangaroo is a burrowing animal.

Pegs on fairways not to be removed, take a pick and drop.

'A' reserve, 'B' and 'C' Grade team in pennants.

Secretary/Treasurer to attend G S T seminars

Crab grass a problem and is now being sprayed. Fairways being watered for 1 hour every 4th night.

L. Bedford and T. Thorne attended meeting at the Shire in the pursuit of sewerage water. Estimated cost to get water to the Golf Club \$280,000.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 23 FEBRUARY 2000

The meeting was called for the consideration of the motion "smoking be banned in the clubrooms at the Margaret River Golf Club. President L. Bedford informed the meeting that as a private club it held the right to ban smoking in the clubhouse, but it would need a two-thirds majority to change the constitution. After a lively debate with speakers 'for' and 'against' the motion, with at least 12 smokers present, a ballot was required to settle the issue. The motion was carried 31 'for' and 6 'against'.

Graham Farrell running a successful junior program.

New greens mower to change to petrol motor – J. House to cost.

Judy Smith, the Secretary, resigns.

Bar till upgraded to be G S T compliant.

Mandy Farrell appointed as Secretary of the club.

Warning signs to be erected warning about kangaroos, snakes and lakes.

No mobile phones to be allowed on the course.

Slow play a worry.

\$7,000-\$8,000 to put new petrol motors onto both mowers.

B Granville appraised approximately \$1 million for clubhouse, machinery and land.

All open events to be \$11 regardless of catering provided or not.

Club to follow same fertilizer program as last year. Cost approximately \$7,500.

Crab grass hit with pre emergence spray.

Match committee to look at giving a golf ball to all players who break their handicap.

Poa in greens causing a problem. Greens to be enlarged when Poa under control.

Ms. K. Dewson resigns as bar manager and is replaced by Ms. Jo Harrower.

Mrs. S. Bloxam and Mrs. K. Farrelly won the state Jubilee Foursomes.

Bridge donated by Cowaramup Agencies erected across creek on no.7.

Club has purchased a new 4-wheel bike – cost \$6,124.

B Reynolds has drawn up plans for new buggy shed.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE 21 NOVEMBER 2000

Officials: Patron Mr. K. McKeown. Pres. P. House, Vice Pres. L. Bedford, Mrs. E. Lagan, Capt. M. Gray, Vice Capts. R. Catchpole, J. Farrell, Handicapper R. Lennon, Ladies Capt. Mrs. M. Bussell.
Committee: M. Milonas, K. Allsop, Mrs. L. Bell, J. House, M. Folkard.

Fees: Nominations \$132, Full Members \$451, Non competitive members \$423.50, Country Members \$308, Junior members \$71.50, Provisional \$38.50, International members \$325.00.

Retiring President L. Bedford advised the meeting that new quotes for the buggy shed were coming in and hoped the new building would be up by April.

Bridge on no.7 to be removed and put across creek at no.8 in the future.

Greens sprayed to get rid of black beetle and larva. Tees and fairways watered for ½ hour every second night.

Pennants teams in “B”, “C” and ‘D’ Grade. Players will play off handicaps, not off the stick.

W. Smith to give coaching to Juniors on 15th January.

Club purchases Great Dane outfront slasher at \$20,000 and Howard Stealth Mower for the fairways at \$13,500. Club is on the look out for a new second hand tractor.

P. House received quote for 60 x 40 ft. shed, 3 m. high with guttering and down pipe at \$12,970. Club members to lay concrete floor and erect shed.

Second hand tractor purchased for \$27,000.

New buggy shed ordered but will construct in May after rainfall.

Tile file donated to club by J. & L. Bell.

Juniors to be grades A B & C by coach G. Farrell. “A’ Grade can play in ordinary competitions.

Ladies old buggy shed to be moved and to be used for extra carts.

Bar requires new glass washer to fall in line with liquor licensing act.

M. Folkard up-graded men's change room.

New buggy shed fees set at \$50.00 for carts and \$20.00 for buggies.

Veterans moved old ladies buggy shed.

New buggy shed and car park cost approximately \$56,000. Over half the cost supplied by the women who had the money invested for the clubhouse improvements.

Arthur Budge to do soil tests in September.

Bridal creeper appearing around the course. N. Scott to be asked to poison it.

Mrs. E. Lagan to donate rubber matting to put on ramp next to the buggy shed.

Practice tee to be opened September 20th. Sign to be erected and only range balls to be used.

The four new carts are popular and being hired by members and visitors.

Large number of range balls lost, but practice range very popular.

After a letter from Geoff Prosser (Federal Member for Forrest) was read, Golf Club will not pursue waste water, as water corp. not willing to come to the party.

Club to extend dams and put down new bores.

Grass to be removed from in front of clubhouse and new putting green put in.

New greens mower purchased for a special of \$36,000 – usually \$43,700.

A G M HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE NOVEMBER 2001

Officials: Patron Mr. N. Scott. Pres. P. House, Vice Pres. L. Bedford & Mrs. K. Solonec, Capt. M. Gray, Vice Capts. R. Catchpole and G. Farrell, Handicapper J. Farrell, Women's Capt. Mrs. D. Arthur.
Committee: Mrs. L. Bell, M. Milonas, M. Halsall, M. Kevill, J. Bell.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2001-2

Sub committee to look at possible bunkering no.6 and which tees are the worst.

R. Mann has set up a sub committee for the 50th Birthday celebrations.

Four new ball washers to be ordered.

Practice range to close at 5.00 p.m. or members must pick up the balls themselves.

Fairways only being watered for 40 minutes every four days.

Plans to put in new green side bunker on no.6 and renovate mens no.5, 6, 11, 15, 3 & 8 and ladies 5 & 6 tees.
New tees to be about 1000 sq. metres in size and to use winter green couch.

M. Halsall and M. Kevill volunteered to peg small trees on course.

Soft spikes can be worn in the clubhouse. Four shoe wipers now installed.

CHAPTER 6

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MARGARET RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATES 1952-2000

Compiled by Life Member Mrs. Doris Arthur from the records of Associates Minute Books

1952

In September 1952 when the club commenced the subs was \$2.10. There were 41 men members and 11 lady associates but some were only social members.

1954

Mrs. N. Haines was the first Lady President for three years followed by Mrs. M. Palmer.

1955

The first Lady Captain was Mrs. A. Errey for five years, followed by Mrs. B. Ryan. All members were notified by phone or mail when meetings were due. Phone calls 3 cents and stamps 3 cents. The subs for Men members increased to \$6.30 and Ladies remained at \$2.10. The nomination fee increased to \$2.20.

1959

The men's fee in 1959 was \$8.40. Some well known lady golfers in the early years were: - Mrs. Errey, Mrs. Boulter, Mrs. V. Budd, Mrs. Mapstone, Mrs Barrett, Mrs, Hart, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs. N Rodgers, Mrs R. McKeown Mrs. E. Russell, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs J. Bussell, Mrs. P. Armstrong Mrs. Lippiat, Mrs. R. Earl, Mrs. E. Kevill, Mrs. B. Turner, Mrs. B. Ryan, Mrs. M. Wise, Mrs. R. McLean.

Mrs Reynolds donated a cup for a trophy and after her passing the cup was continued by her son, Wes, until discontinued in 1987 owing to lack of sponsorship. Mrs. E. Kevill, a friend of the Reynolds family donated a polished Trophy Box and it now holds pride of place in our trophy cabinet.

Audrey Reynolds winners M. Palmer, B. Ryan, M. Rodgers, L. Bridgeland, C. Russell, E. Kevill (3), S. Becker, M. Wise (2), V. Meleri (2), D. Arthur, N. Nuttall (2), N. Mangini, S. Nixon (2), D. Randall, G. Rodgers, E. Lagan, G. Pierce, K. Solonec, H. McKay, S. Swarbrick, J. Garstone.

It was suggested that two grades are introduced but due to lack of numbers it was not carried out. The championship and plate was suggested and played for. Mrs. Errey won for two years, followed by Mrs. B. Ryan for three years and Mrs. M. Cameron.

In the early days the ladies did a lot of catering to raise money. Catering for the Mens Days, Darts and cake stalls in the town.

1959

The first Silver Spoon – a competition for four best nett scores out of six games, held in the year. The winner going to Perth to compete for a solid silver spoon against other country clubs. The winners of each round received a spoon at club level. This competition is still played today.

An honour board was purchased from the Adelaide Timber Co. Witchcliffe for the names of Presidents, Captains and Champions.

A 27 - hole championship winner received \$2.10 and the plate winner \$1.10. Owing to bigger fields of players A-B grades were introduced with A Grade 36 handicap and B Grade 45 handicap.

The picking of wildflowers around the course was prohibited (now the kangaroos' pick them)

The men's Griffiths Cup, which was an open event, was catered for. Lunches being 75 cents including morning and afternoon tea, these were carried on for many years.

1960

Mrs. Errey was presented with a gift of a clock for her many years of service as Captain and help with new players. Mrs. Errey was elected first House Captain and played a big role in the early development of the club along with Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. J. Bussell.

The ladies bought kitchenware, up to three dozen cups, saucers, plates and cutlery.

The first championship finally decided on was a 27-hole championship and plate played over two days. The first winner being Mrs. Errey.

1961

The domestic handicap was introduced being 48. If you won a trophy without breaking you lost two strokes, if you broke by four you lost four strokes.

1962

Mrs. E. Ferguson left the district and was thanked for her contribution to the club.

The competition fees were raised to twenty cents.

1963

Mixed championships were first held in 1963 – the winners being B. & G. Ryan.

1964

Domestic handicaps were abolished.

Mrs. B. Ryan was presented with a gift for her four years as Captain.

The ladies purchased a piano from the Ryans for \$40.

On 27-hole days it was decided soup to be provided.

The first bar manager appointed was Mrs. M. Rodgers.

1966

The domestic handicap was re-introduced to a limit of 48.

Kitchen cupboards and a second refrigerator were purchased and finally a new stove at a cost of \$231.30.

1967

A nine-hole competition was introduced for new players for a trial period.

Mr. Page Guille a Ladies Hairdresser donated a trophy for Hair Care for a 27-hole event and provided a shield. This event was carried on for years and was well sort after trophy. After Mr. Guille left Miss. L. Mansfield continued as donor until the business was sold.

It was decided that trophy donors not to be eligible to win own trophy and be presented with a ball.

New fairways were completed to make 14 holes. It was from No 14 over the tree, being a par three hole that Mrs. R. Miller had the first hole in one at the club for the ladies.

Mrs. G. Smith a South West Match Committee member assessed the course for new cards.

18 holes were played 1 to 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, then back to 1, 2, 8, and 9.

In 1967 it was Margaret River Ladies turn to run S.W.D.L.G. for two years. In 1969 Mrs. K. Scott (President), Mrs. M. Wise (secretary) and Mrs, R. Scott (treasurer) a project was set to buy eight tables and 32 chairs for clubhouse costing \$346 with catering being the main source of income. (Catering for darts and cake stalls in town.)

1968

The club had 36 players with a L.G.U. handicap and 27 players on a domestic handicap. (We have less than these figures today owing to more women working and rising fees.)

1969

Mrs. B. Ryan set a course record (83) for sand greens,

It was suggested a phone be installed and the men were to erect the poles from the road.

The 18-hole players joined with the 9-hole players on Fridays to help and a ball is given to best 9 holer. (This is still played today and is called 9-hole scroungers.)

Pennants with Augusta began with a donation from Mr. & Mrs. Horner from Augusta Club.

Mrs. Errey the house captain with four assistants worked the year, now we have one house captain with four helpers for the month.

1970

A discussion was held regarding entering the South West Pennants.

The men were given a cheque for \$350 for general use.

New urn, crockery, cutlery was purchased, plus cement slabs for a pathway to the outside toilet.

The green fees for 9 holes increased to 40 cents and 18 holes to 60 cents

1971

The ladies donated \$200 to the men to build a verandah at the back entrance to the clubhouse to provide shelter from the rain.

Mrs. N. Mangini was the first treasurer, a role she held for many years.

1972

The Horner Shield began with one game played at each club (Margaret River and Augusta) with seven players. This was later reduced to five players owing to the Margaret River players entering the South West pennants.

Another donation of \$400 to the men to be used for improvements and the ladies also provided money to paint inside of the clubhouse.

1973

Hibiscus bushes were planted to help camouflage the toilet drain and are still blooming today.

The men were given \$300 for amenities.

New curtains were bought for the clubhouse.

It was suggested a Margaret River spoon is given to departing members and this was carried on for many years.

1974

The ladies change rooms were renovated at a cost of \$717 with two wash basins and laminated top bench and the walls lined.

A second vice captain was appointed.

A donation of \$200 was given to the men.

1975

The photos in the clubhouse were updated and an aerial photo of the course cost \$45.

1976

A project of buying new flags and cups was completed at a cost of \$298.

Mrs. Jean Bussell donated a trophy for most improved player in the nine-hole competition, and is still organized by the family today.

The men decided the piano was not required and suggested selling, but most ladies objected and it is still there today (though not played).

1977

Cups and flags were purchased for the top nine.

Miss. P. McKeown donated a trophy for the nine holes in honour of her father Mr. R. McKeown.

Mrs. Edie Kevill was presented with a life membership.

The ladies had 57 financial members.

Dr. J. Lagan donated a trophy day of 27-holes, which is popular event today.

1979

\$500 was spent upgrading the ladies change rooms.

Crockery and cutlery upgraded and \$300 were donated for irrigation of the course.

1980

A suggestion to extend the kitchen as difficult with little room to move when catering.

The sand traps were introduced on the course and the course re-assessed.

1981

Ladies agreed to donate \$300 towards purchase of 36 padded chairs.

A new gas stove was purchased.

Life membership was to be bestowed on Mrs. Jean Bussell, but owing to the reluctance of Mrs. Bussell to accept it never eventuated. Mrs. Bussell played a big part in the early days of golf.

1982

Mr. Smiler Gale's offer to paint the clubhouse was willingly accepted.

The kitchen was refurbished and thanks went to Mrs. Z. McCormack for her help.

A "Bring and Buy Stall" was introduced. The first Wednesday each month to raise money instead of the cake stalls in town.

More cutlery was purchased to increase to 130 pieces at a cost of \$55.

The red fairway pegs were abolished and replaced by an oil line.

1983

\$314 was allotted to install shower recess.

The most successful fundraiser and social event of the club was the performance of the play Dimboola. The stars were – Bride (G. Ryan), Groom (R. Rodgers) Father of the Bride (Derek Trigwell), The Parson (Ross Smith). \$600 was raised.

Green fees increased to \$1.

1984

It was agreed to cancel the Bi-annual meeting in July.

Carpet was purchased for the clubhouse.

Miss. Gay Pierce a much-loved member passed away. The family members donated a trophy to be known as the Gay Pierce Memorial Medal given for the best six nett scores over the year.

1985

Life membership was granted to Mrs. Doris Arthur another tireless worker for the club.

Green fees increased to \$1.50.

The amount of \$1600 was spent on a purchase for a second stove, second hand refrigerator and Bane-Marie

1986

The cost of trophies by donors to be approximately \$10.

Twenty-four new chairs were bought at a cost of \$456.

\$2000 was invested at an interest rate of 14.5%.

Later a further \$1500 was invested at 15%.

1987

Green fees increased to \$2.

The Horner Shield was returned to Augusta Golf Club.

The caretaker's house was furnished with curtains, carpets and blinds with a donation from the ladies of \$1500.

A microwave and vacuum were purchased for the clubrooms.

The Audrey Reynolds Trophy was discontinued.

Mrs Doris Arthur donated a Presidents Trophy to have current Presidents name on and also the winners. The trophy to be taken home by winner for the current year.

1988

In this year it was Margaret Rivers turn to organize the South West League.

Mrs Pauline Trigwell (President), Mrs Pat Gale (Secretary) and Mrs Doris Arthur (Treasurer). After the resignation of Mrs. Gale, Mrs Lorna West took over as Secretary.

The committee agreed that trophy donors would not be eligible to receive their own trophy but to be given a ball.

1989

Five new tables bought at a cost of \$530.

1990

A tucker box freezer bought at \$359.

Zeta McCormack left to live in Bunbury and was thanked for her contribution to the club.

1991

Fees in 1991 were Ladies \$75 with affiliation with Perth \$6.

New lino for kitchen and urns required.

A wood stove was installed in hall by the men and was very welcomed on wet and cold days.

A Grade ladies pennant team won SW pennants.

Vertical blinds were installed in the club hall.

Green fees up to \$3.

A new filing cabinet was installed.

1992

A discussion was held on carpet versus wood for the hall. It was decided carpet in the hall and estapol boards in the other half costing \$4,449 for carpet and \$960 for the boards.

Twenty lace tablecloths were bought at cost of \$459.

1993

Lots of discussion on the new grass greens to be installed on the bottom nine.

A motion to play in one grade was discussed and passed for a trial.

1994

Ladies were asked to decide on becoming full members. After discussion it was passed 20 for and 7 against.

It was decided to go back to two grades. A grade 0-30 handicap, B grade 31-45.

Mrs. P. Trigwell granted life membership. The Trigwells moved to Busselton and were thanked by the club for their contribution to the club.

1995

Member Val Marsh suggested we run a golf competition in October called the Margaret River Classic. Agreed and details discussed.

We lost loved member Mrs. Nell Forward. Nell was past treasurer and the Flower Lady for the club. Her husband Alan gives a trophy in her memory. The club also bought azaleas and Alan created a garden, which is referred to as "Nells garden".

Foundation member Mrs. D. Becker passed away and another r early member Edie Kevill passed away. Edie held the club record for many years.

Mrs R. Bright our secretary left to move to Bunbury, Mrs N. Williams agreed to take on the Classic Event. Dates were discussed but not agreeable to holding it in May on account that Busselton Golf Club was holding their classic event. It was agreed that Healthways be approached for sponsorship. A patch work quilt was started by members Mrs. W. Holme and Mrs. K. McFarlane to be donated for a raffle.

President Carolyn Scott organized a Melbourne Cup luncheon and parachute jumps. Some ladies jumped including Joan Johnston, who was over age but enjoyed the experience.

\$5,000 was given to the men for new water bore.

Value of the trophies by members was raised to \$20.

The Classic Event was decided to be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd November 1996.

1996

Playing fees were raised to \$4 for 18-holes.

Member Val Marsh got a hole in one playing in a Perth competition.

New chairs were bought from the shire, 50 at \$9 each cost \$450.

Val Marsh started coaching juniors.

Green fees up to \$5.

The Riverfresh Supermarket put on a mixed day, which was very successful and has been held every year since.

The Classic was held and a great success with over 240 ladies from Perth and country clubs playing. Local member Mrs. Lorna West was the nett winner. The quilt was not finished and decided to keep it for the following year raffle.

1997

Ladies bought 100 white cups and saucers.

Rhonda Hearn had a course record of 78 off the stick.

C Grade won the SW pennants.

No medical certificate required to use motorized buggies.

Mrs. Kath Scott past president, passed away and the family donate a trophy for the Jubilee Foursomes.

1998

Suggestion to reduce the field numbers for the Classic Event to 200.

Mrs. M. Crozier left to be married and a valued member was lost.

Patron Mr. Gerald Ryan passed away, Gerald with his wife Beryl were great supporters of the club and played a big part in the development of the club.

1999

Margaret Heavey agreed to run the Classic for year 2000 with Mrs Val Wyld and Mrs Julie Campbell as helpers.

It was decided to only hold three events of 27-holes being Lagan Shield, Margaret River Pharmacy, and Bunbury Golf Shop.

Val Marsh decided to go travelling and leave. Val was a valuable member bringing new ideas to the club and we wished her well in her travels.

The ladies offered to replace light shades in clubhouse.

It was raised that the Men's Committee wanted all the money that the ladies had in investments. Lady President Kath Solonec to look into the matter if legal. Term deposit at this time \$30,583.

This was the last ladies annual meeting of the club so no more records of the ladies as they are combined with the men.

2000

\$26,415 given to the committee with the request that it be invested for future use in the clubhouse. The money went a long way in helping provide the new buggy shed and car park.

WOMENS CLASSIC

The women of the MRGC held the first Classic in November 1996. An 18 hole combined stableford was played on the Friday, followed by the Classic, a 36 hole individual stableford, on the Saturday and Sunday. This first year 165 women played in the Classic representing 27 clubs from as far as Dongara to the north, Augusta to the south and Lake Grace to the east. Val Marsh co-ordinated the event with a committee of volunteers and local member Lorna West was the inaugural winner with 79 stableford points.

Val Marsh and then Norma Williams, organised the next two years. From a very large field of 240 in 1997 Alison Kelly of Margaret River was the winner and then in a smaller field of 204 Pam Strongman of Melville Glades was victorious in 1998.

The format of the classic has basically remained the same with a limit put on the field in recent years and it is very pleasing that the event has become so popular that it commands a waiting list. Before the numbers outgrew the clubhouse, a dinner was held on the Saturday night for the first three years and a great deal of mischief was engaged in. As it became too crowded an outside venue was adopted.

In 1999 and 2000 the event had been co-ordinated by Margaret Heavey and moved to the last weekend in October where it remains still. Another Margaret River member, Phyllis Harper was the winner in 1999 followed by Laurie Barker, also local, in 2000.

The women decided that the money that they were raising with this popular event should be put back into a worthwhile project for the whole club and it was decided that the proceeds would be put toward a buggy shed and improvements to the car park. Both have been achieved.

In 2001 a junior won the Classic for the first time: Kristy Smith from Margaret River was successful in a field of 224. The co-ordinator for this year was Leonie Bell.

The success of the Margaret River Womens Classic relies on the very strong base of volunteers from the whole club and it is a reflection of the generosity of members with their time how smoothly the event runs. Thanks must also go to local businesses that willingly sponsor the Classic year after year.

Written by Leonie Bell Classic Co-ordinator 2002

CLUB HISTORY

LIFE MEMBERS

Dr Paddy Barrett

Doris Arthur

Ray Atcheson

Laurie Bedford

Roy Hobson

Eadie Kevill

Gerry Ryan

Norm Scott

Pauline Trigwell

Wally Waters

D Phillips-Jones

Committee History

PRESIDENTS

1952-58	Dr J.W. Barrett
1959-60	W.W. Waters
1961	R. Sunderland
1962-64	G.T. Ryan
1965-68	A. C. West
1969	D. Phillips-Jones
1970-1	G.T. Ryan
1972-73	R.E. Nixon
1974	J.R. Wise
1975	K.J. Lynn
1976-77	R.R. Atcheson
1978-79	D.L. Trigwell
1980-81	R.R. Atcheson
1982-83	H.Gale
1984-87	L.G. Bedford
1988	W.J. Rogers
1989	D. Trigwell
1990-95	L.G. Bedford
1996	M. Oldfield
1997-99	P. House
2000	L.G. Bedford
2001-02	P. House

WOMENS PRESIDENT

1954 56	Mrs. M. Haines
1957-59	Mrs. M. Palmer
1960	Mrs. E. Collins & Mrs. J. Bussell
1961	Mrs. E. Ferguson
1962	Mrs. E. Ferguson & Mrs. H Holmes
1963-64	Mrs. H. Holmes
1965	R. Miller
1966'	Mrs. R. Earl & R. Miller
1967-68	K. M. Scott
1969-71	S. Becker
1972	K. M. Scott
1973-74	P. Armstrong
1975-77	B. Earl
1978-79	P. F. Trigwell
1980-82	D. Arthur
1983-84	J. Deadman
1985-90	D. Arthur
1991	Z. McCormack
1992	V. Rangnow
1993-94	B. Earl
1995-96	C. Scott
1997-98	W. Holme
1999-2000	K. Solonec
2001	E. Lagan
2002	K. Solonec

SECRETARIES

1952-54	W Walters	1984-85	R Atcheson
1955-60	A D Errey	1986-88	R Mann
1961-64	N A Scott	1989-90	A Campbell
1965	J H Davies	1991-93	R Atcheson
1966-67	N A Scott	1994-95	G O'Meara
1968 -69	P A Guille	1996	A Rowe
1970-75	N A Scott	1997	A Rowe
1976-80	K Stewart	1998	G Bradshaw
1981	D K Moon	1999-00	J Smith
1982	K Stewart	2000-02	A Farrell
1983	P J Brennan		

TREASURERS

1952	M Harlan & N Elkington	1979	F Holland
1953	N Elkington	1980	R Whitcombe
1954-57	N Haines	1981	G Munro
1958	R Fenwick	1982-84	A. C. West
1959-64	B Chugg	1985-89	V Solonec
1965-68	T Oliver	1990	R Mann
1969	H Davies	1991-93	J Eastcott
1970-72	G Hall	1994-96	R McFarlane
1973	D Newman & I Gell	1997	N Walker
1974-76	G Williams	1998	G Bradshaw
1977-78	R Whitcombe	1999-00	J Smith
		2000-02	A Farrell

MEN CAPTAINS

1952-57	W W Waters	1982-83	D L Trigwell
1958	R Sunderland	1984-85	W J Rogers
1959-62	R K Palmer	1986-87	J R Swarbrick
1963-64	R J Lawson	1988	W S Sanday
1965	R K Palmer	1989-90	A Plesniak
1966-67	N D Grate	1991	A Campbell
1968-69	R H Earl	1992-93	T Brealey
1970-72	J Wise	1994	T Thorne
1973	D Phillips-Jones	1995	N Cail
1974	H Gale	1996	C McCarthy
1975	B H Boyd	1997	G Payne
1976	B Steel	1998	M Ridge
1977	R L Bell	1999	M Gray
1978-79	R Hobson	2000	D Coates
1980-81	L Bedford	2001-02	M Gray

WOMEN CAPTAINS

1955-59	D. Errey	1981-82	B Earl
1960-63	B. Ryan	1983	R Randall
1964	L. Brotherson	1984-85	P F Trigwell
1965	R. Earl	1986-88	R Rodgers
1966-68	M. Wise	1989	P F Trigwell
1969-70	D. Arthur	1990-91	B C Campbell
1971	M. Wise	1992-93	J Garstone
1972-77	D. Arthur	1994	P F Trigwell
1978	H. Ridley & D. Randall	1995-96	B Campbell
1979-80	D. Randall	1997-98	S Winfield
		1999-00	R Hearn
		2001	M Bussell
		2002	D Arthur

PADDY BARRETT TROPHY WINNERS

1955	W Waters	1979	P Nuttall
1956	N E Haines	1980	H Gale
1957	S R East	1981	L Bedford
1958	W Miller	1982	W J Rogers
1959	R K Palmer	1983	D Phillips-Jones
1960	P C Wren	1984	A C West
1961	C Holmes	1986	V Solonec
1962	R H Earl	1987	G T Ryan
1963	K Holben	1988	R Garstone
1964	M Bromley	1989	L Bedford
1965	D Phillips-Jones	1990	J Wise
1966	J Palmer	1991	B Hansen
1967	D Bell	1992	B Hansen
1968	R H Earl	1993	T Kelly
1969	N Scott	1994	J Olsen
1970	K Jackson	1995	R McFarlane
1971	C Armstrong	1996	R Hobson
1972	H Gale	1997	C McCarthy
1973	R Kevill	1998	T Byrne
1974	D Phillips-Jones	1999	M Milonas
1975	R Atcheson	2000	N Keys
1976	K Stewart	2001	R Hobson
1977	J Wise		
1978	R Bell		

MEN CHAMPIONS

1955	R Sunderland
1956	N R Haines
1957	R Sunderland
1958	Dr J W Barrett
1959	R K Palmer
1960	R K Palmer
1961	P C C Wren
1962	J J McGrath
1963	J J McGrath
1964	R J Lawson
1965	J J McGrath
1966	R K Palmer
1967	N D Gratte
1968	N D Gratte
1969	G T Ryan
1970	J Drake-Brockman
1971	M Haines
1972	M Haines
1973	M Haines
1974	R Clarke
1975	G T Ryan
1976	E R Crawford
1977	R Steel
1978	H Deadman
1979	K Hennig
1980	J Swarbrick
1981	J Swarbrick
1982	R Van Holt
1983	J R Swarbrick
1984	J R Swarbrick
1985	D Mottershead
1986	J R Swarbrick
1987	D Mottershead
1988	D Mottershead
1989	D Mottershead
1990	J R Swarbrick
1991	R Westaway
1992	R Imray
1993	R Mann
1994	D Mottershead
1995	M Ridge
1996	M Ridge
1997	M Ridge
1998	M Ridge
1999	M Ridge
2000	M Ridge
2001	D Taylor

WOMEN CHAMPIONS

1959	D Errey
1960	D Errey
1961	B Ryan
1962	B Ryan
1963	B Ryan
1964	M Cameron
1965	B Ryan
1966	B Ryan
1967	B Ryan
1968	B Ryan
1969	E Kevill
1970	E Kevill
1971	B Ryan
1972	B Ryan
1973	E Kevill
1974	E Kevill
1975	V Meleri
1976	M Shanks
1977	B Earl
1978	P F Trigwell
1979	R Randall
1980	B Earl
1981	P F Trigwell
1982	V Meleri
1983	V Meleri
1984	P F Trigwell
1985	P F Trigwell
1986	P F Trigwell
1987	R Rodgers
1988	E Lagan
1989	J Hunter
1990	J Hunter
1991	J Hunter
1992	J Hunter
1993	J Hunter
1994	J Hunter
1995	R Hearn
1996	R Hearn
1997	V Marsh
1998	S Bloxam
1999	S Bloxam
2000	S Bloxam
2001	S Bloxam

MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

1963-64	G T Ryan & B Y Ryan	1985	L & P Bedford
1965	J J McGrath & E Kevill	1986	J & S Swarbrick
1966	G T Ryan & B Y Ryan	1987	V Meleri & D Mottershead
1967	N Gratte & E Kevill	1988-89	P & L Bedford
1968	G T Ryan & B Y Ryan	1990	S & J Swarbrick
1969	N Gratte & E Kevill	1991	P & L Bedford
1970-72	B & G Ryan	1992	J Hunter & A Plesniak
1973	E. Kevill & M Haines	1993	P & L Bedford
1974-75	B & G Ryan	1994	J Hunter & A Plesniak
1976	S Becker & R R Crawford	1995	D Ashcroft & P House
1977	B & G Ryan	1996	R & R Hearn
1978	D & P Trigwell	1997	V Marsh & T Thorne
1979	D Randall & D Phillips-Jones	1998	M Heavey & M Ridge
1980-81	G & B Ryan	1999	L & P Bedford
1982	J & S Swarbrick	2000	M Heavey & M Halsall
1983	G & B Ryan	2001	K Farrelly & D Taylor
1984	D Randall & D Phillips-Jones	2002	K Smith & K Bourke