



RCGC 1976 PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I present to you the members and associates of the Red Cliffs Golf Club the 51st Annual Report.

This year I feel sure will go down in history of our golf club as a year of great achievement, even greater than that of years ago when it was decided to irrigate and grass the fairways, I'm referring to our decision to change our sand scrapes to grass greens. The experience gained by the decision to put in four greens on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 18th holes at the start of the year as an experimental idea has proved invaluable and what few simple mistakes we made there were ironed out when the remaining 14 were panted.

To carry out the above work we have placed ourselves in a heavy financial commitment to our debtors, but as has been in the past our repayments will be met when due. I say this knowing the enthusiasm the members and associates have shown towards this project. Our special thanks go to the chairman of the Greens Committee, Jack Robertson and his willing band of helpers who have shown great dedication and have spent endless hours of work to make this project such a success that it has been.

The season's golf program under Captain Dick [Johnson] worked very smoothly and with his 12 months experience from the previous season no troubles were experienced. We thank you Dick for the two years you have given us as Captain.

The good aspect on this golf side is that on comparison with last year our membership has increased and both competition and green fee monies increased substantially and I think that this speaks encouragingly for the future success of our grass green venture.

The House Committee under the chairmanship of Brian Kolpin and his sub-committee has had a successful season, also showing an increase in turnover and profit on last year. We had the misfortune to lose the services of our steward towards the latter part of the season, but this problem only proved minor because of a roster system being drawn up and the members carrying it out in earnest. We thank Brian and his band of helpers for this effort.

To our Treasurer, Ross Berry, our thanks go for a job well done. Financially we came out of the season better than last year.

Next season things could be a little different with all the repayments on the grass greens having to be met, but with the increase in subs and green fees and we hope, in members and associates, things won't be too bad.

The other major project that was carried out during the year was the painting of the clubhouse. Our thanks go to 'Snowy' Chase for supervising this and to the members that pulled their weight and helped.

To the Associates go our thanks for their continuing support throughout the year with their catering at the major events and their general help in the clubhouse.

I thank you for the privilege of being your President, having enjoyed my term of office and would take this opportunity of thanking the committee for their support.

Bryan N Milner
December 6th 1976.