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THE RED CLIFFS 'WHACKER'

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The President's Message

President Rod has not been able to contribute to this issue due to his recent illness and quite lengthy stay in hospital in Adelaide. As this issue goes to press Rod is back in town and has probably visited the golf club already. All members of the club are pleased to see Rod back and wish him well for the future. He will definitely write an article for the next issue.

'Name the Newsletter' Competition

You can see above the new name of the member's newsletter, which was submitted by **Lily Crawford**. I am sure that Lily won't mind that the General Committee took a little bit of editorial licence and adjusted her winning entry slightly. Now my spies tell me that it probably wasn't Lily that filled in the form, but that doesn't matter. A prize of two golf balls is coming her way.

Details of the next competition can be found elsewhere in this issue. Don't forget to enter!

This is the Captain Speaking!

It is pleasing to see that the fields on Saturday are holding up with good numbers of both men and women. Sunday fields are a little disappointing and we are looking for an improvement in the weeks ahead.

All players are reminded that Mildura Golf Week commences on Friday 25th July and details can be found on the club notice board. Also keep in mind that the 2003 club championships will commence on Saturday 16th August, so you had better start fine-tuning your game. Congratulations to the ladies for a very well run and hotly contested 2003 Ladies Club Championships. Full details are set out elsewhere in this issue.

House Committee Notices

- Cartons of stubbies are available at the bar at supermarket prices. Buy from us and support your club.
- Are you planning a party? What about using the tremendous facilities at the golf club. See any of the bar staff for details.
- The 'Fairway 2000' is rapidly approaching and we need all tickets and money in ASAP. Friday July 18th is the date.
- The club's major raffle is coming up. We will be looking for ticket sellers at the locations we have booked. So please be prepared to help when asked.

'Up-Coming Events'

- 'Fairway 2000' – Friday 18th July.
- 'Games Night' – Saturday 9th August. Light meal available for those that want to stay on after golf.
- 'Trash & Treasure' sale – September [date to be advised]. See Tom Shrubsole if you have goods for the sale.
- A reminder to July trophy donors:
Jack Tyrrell, Leigh Bowring & Gail Nichols, Judy Dean & Bobby Ramsay, Eric Robbins & Geoff Smith, Doreen Hamence & Jean Hobbs, Kevin Collihole, and Tom Crawford.

2003 Ladies Club Championships

Christie Walker was again the Ladies club champion making it three wins in a row. She made a gracious speech when accepting her trophy, but indicated that due to her golf and education commitments she may not be a starter next year. One of the other great achievements from the Ladies championships was a marvelous 78 off the stick by Judi Nowell, which gave her an amazing 58 net. Judi's handicap has gone from 20 to 15. Good luck for the future Judi! The full results of the Ladies championships were:

54 hole scratch event

A Grade winner – Christie Walker, 257
A Grade runner-up – Margaret McGlashan, 262
B Grade winner – Judi Nowell, 264
B Grade runner-up – Lois Briggs, 286
C Grade winner – Julie Mansell, 297
C Grade runner-up – Jean Berry, 314
D Grade winner – Noreen Smith, 338
D Grade runner-up – Jean Hobbs, 344

54 hole handicap event

A Grade winner – Julie McEwan, 215
A Grade runner-up – Margaret McGlashan, 226
B Grade winner – Judi Nowell, 204
B Grade runner-up – Eunice Scott, 214
C Grade winner – Julie Mansell, 210
C Grade runner-up – Edna Sargant, 223
D Grade winner – Judy Hollow, 217
D Grade runner-up – Noreen Smith, 221
Veteran's Handicap: Eunice Scott – 214
Runner-up: Judy Hollow - 217
Best overall net score: Judi Nowell – 58 net.

'Foot & Mouth Disease' – The Editor

In the last issue I gave some misleading advice with regard to hit off times for men players on Wednesdays. Please allow me to correct the situation.

The ladies have the 1st tee booked between 10.00am and 10.45am and the 10th tee between 10.15am and 10.45am. Men players are asked to respect these times. The ladies have no objection to men players hitting off before these times, or after the ladies field has hit off. Those men players wishing to play later in the day are asked to hit off before 12.30pm so that the ladies field is not interrupted as it comes through after nine holes. I hope I have got it right this time!!

'Short items'

* Doreen Hamence would like to thank those that assisted with the recent clean up around the club boundaries. More helpers would have made the task easier, but those that did put in an effort are to be congratulated. Please remember that if you put your name down to assist with something, you are letting the whole club down if you don't turn up.

* Colin Richardson and Peter Hickey are keen to revive the 'Broken Hill Trip'. It is a couple of years since Red Cliffs Golf Club traveled to Broken Hill, although the Broken Hill boys have been regular visitors to our club. If you are interested in participating in this 'marvellous golf experience' speak to Richo or Peter.

* The 'Course Marshal' system will again be in action over the school break. Marshaling the course has certainly improved the amount of green fees paid and has also resulted in the signing of quite a number of new members. If you are prepared to help out over the next few weeks please contact Andrew Wood.

General Committee News

- The club will participate in a 'Work for the Dole' scheme to start in mid July. Several projects have been identified.
- Tom Crawford is very pleased with the new ute, which has made his job a lot more efficient.
- Tom Crawford will be taking a fortnight's leave from the 27th June. If you can help out around the course please let Andrew Wood or 'Dad's Army' know.
- The Committee agreed to produce a gift voucher that members can use for that person that is hard to buy a gift for. It is also planned to use it as a promotional tool for the club.
- The committee agreed to revalue the club's land and buildings in line with the council's valuation.
- The Committee agreed not to participate in the Jazz & Wine Festival this year. Another function will be arranged to replace it.
- Another 13 new members approved for membership.

Feature Article

'Sunday Morning at Red Cliffs Golf Club'

Whilst most of us are lying in bed on a Sunday morning wondering what the day has in store for us, or trying to get our heads back on our shoulders after a heavy Saturday night, the course is a hive of activity.

Christie Walker, assisted by Nancy Warhurst has a keen band of youngsters getting their first taste of golf. I spoke to a couple of the kids a week or so ago and there was no doubt about their enthusiasm for the game. I asked one little bloke what he liked about golf and he said 'hitting the ball'. They come in all shapes and sizes with cut down clubs ready to learn what they can. These youngsters are the golfers of the future and who knows there may even be a Tiger Woods or Karrie Webb amongst them. Christie and Nancy do a tremendous job with the group and you can see that they hang on their every word.

But the Sunday morning course is not just for the kids. The nine hole competition is going from strength to strength. The numbers have remained fairly constant and it nothing unusual to see between 16 and 20 golfers enjoying their Sunday morning. Most of these players are not interested in 'traditional' golf, they prefer to come out, play their nine holes and spend the rest of the day doing whatever else they want to do. Its great to see fathers with a couple of little kids in tow out for an early round. By the ninth hole however it's not unusual to see a small body draped over a golf buggy because their little legs just cannot carry then any further. Then there is the great sight of a young bloke out with his grandfather for a casual nine holes, they are obviously spending some quality time together.

The Sunday morning competition has been a good training ground for people just getting into golf. Many are not ready to make the step up into full club competition, but one day I am sure most will. It is interesting to note that while most started out as 'green fees' players, the majority have taken up the option of the new Social Playing member category.

Chris and Jenny Healey are to be congratulated for the work they put in every Sunday morning to ensure that more people have the opportunity to enjoy our great course. I am sure Chris and Jenny would like some help with this activity, so why not volunteer some of your time. You never know, you might just get to enjoy it!

The 'Whackers' Competition

Entries forms on the small table in the clubhouse foyer. To the person who pinched my pen last time – please don't do it again!! The winner will be the first correct entry drawn at the next General Committee meeting. Prize to the winning entry!

Competition closes Saturday 19th July

QUESTION:

**Name all members of the current
General Committee?**