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THE RED CLIFFS 'WHACKER'

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Editor's Apology

In the last issue of the 'Whacker' when mentioning the winners of the recent 'Holden Scramble' I indicated that Neville Wood was one of the members of the winning team. That should have been Neville Birch, so I hope that Neville will accept my apology. As one 'wag' said – What's the problem? Birch is wood in its raw state.

President's Message

Hello and welcome to issue #14 of the Red Cliffs Golf Club's Members Newsletter. I start this message on a sad note with the sudden passing of Colleen Larkin, My sincere condolences to Burnie our caretaker and the Larkin family, a very sad time for all.

I would like to thank Graham Bamford and all who participated in making the Fairway 2000 draw a resounding success. All of the tickets were sold and all had a great night. The night was made more enjoyable by the kind donation of a box of red wine donated by Mark & Leigh Bowring. The bottles were given out at random throughout the draw. There is a full round up of the event later in this edition.

The raffle for the golf clubs is coming along well with only a few books left to sell and we are hopeful that they will all sell during Golf Week. Once they are all sold we will commence the raffle for the painting donated by Ken Johnston, which will go on display at the Clubhouse next week.

Progress on the establishment of the Turf Farm is coming along well with a new main line being installed last week and a working bee organised for this Sunday to install the lateral lines and sprinklers. The irrigation should be fully functional by the end of next week. Then the job of eradicating all of the problem weeds begins prior to the planting of the turf.

I have made a decision in conjunction with Tom to keep the 12th green in operation until after the club championship. Some members were concerned about using a temporary green for these events, thus the reason for our decision. Hopefully the green (brown?) will hold up although there has been some bird damage.

Golf Week commences this Friday at Riverside and we host our first event on Saturday with events every day right through until Friday 30th. On that day we will be organising a BBQ for all participating players at \$8.00 per head. All Red Cliffs members are also welcome to join in.

Club Championships commence on Saturday 7th, August. Good luck to all those participating and! Good golfing to you all! Thank You.

Rod Atkins. - President.

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All male members please Note!!!!

All male members are asked to respect the fact that Wednesday is 'Ladies Day' and men play under restricted conditions the same as the ladies do on Saturday. The General Committee has determined the following:

- There will be one time sheet operating on Wednesday.
- Male players are restricted to the following tee off times:
11.15 am to 11.45 am – both tees; or **after 1.00 pm** on both tees.
- All male players are asked to adhere to these times Surely as a group we can work together to ensure that everyone can enjoy their golf and the excellent conditions of our course. All male members are asked to cooperate in the spirit of a 'fair go' for our ladies on their day. Surely, that isn't too much to ask!

Notes from the General Committee

The General Committee met on Monday 19th July and the main items were:

- A new security system will be installed in the clubhouse that will improve the current arrangements.
- A trial advertising sign will be erected in the car park to gauge member opinion before proceeding with the initiative.
- The recent 'fairway 2000' was one of the most successful the club has run in recent years.
- Total club debt has been reduced by approximately \$22,000.00 over the year.
- Club membership is up on the same time last year.

This is the Captain Speaking!

All members are reminded that this year's Club Championships will be held under a different format designed to generate more member participation. The championships will be held over three Saturdays and a Sunday beginning on the 7th August and concluding on Sunday 22nd August. This new format has been introduced at the request of quite a number of members so we expect to see good fields during the championships. The first round on Saturday 7th August will also feature the August Monthly Medal.

Congratulations to all our pennant players this year for ensuring that Red Cliffs fielded a side in every event. Although we were not successful all of the players should be congratulated for their efforts. Saturday fields continue to be quite good and we hope that this trend can be maintained during the second half of the year. Good golfing to you all!

The 2004 "Fairway 2000"

Although final figures are not in, it looks as if this year's "Fairway 2000" was one of the most successful the club has run with an estimated profit of \$3,000.00. For the first time in a number of years we sold all 300 tickets, which gives the event a tremendous kick-start. About 90 people attended the draw and a pretty good time was had by all. Congratulations to everyone that helped including the ticket sellers, the ladies for the magnificent food that kept coming throughout the night and all those that helped out on the night. Its great to see a lot of effort rewarded with a great financial result. The lucky winners were:

First ticket out – Bob Mutton \$20.00

50th ticket out – Bob Russell \$20.00

100th ticket out – Rodney Begg \$50.00

150th ticket out – The Girls from SSC [Lloyd Hale's staff]

200th ticket out – Brad Tessier \$20.00

250th ticket out – Roger Williams \$20.00

The final five were: Ross Fumberger, Rachel Parker, Rod Atkins, Liz Briggs and Steve Forrest.

The last two were Steve Forrest and Liz Briggs represented by mother-in-law Lois. The final two agreed that the next ticket out would get \$500.00 leaving the winner to take away \$1500.00. Congratulations to Liz Briggs for taking home the winning prize. All tickets were put back in for a final draw for \$100.00 and the winner was Dawn Lay.

A special bonus on the night for holders of tickets who were present when their number came out was the chance to win a bottle of magnificent Brockville wine. A big thank you to Mark and Leigh Bowring for donating the wine for the night.

Upcoming Club Activities

Golf Week Finale BBQ following the competition event on Friday 30th July. All members welcome to attend. Cost \$8.00 per head. Please put your name on the sheet on the notice board, book over the bar, or ring the club during Golf Week. Don't forget the 'Nine Hole Friday' competition followed by a great pasta meal from 'Bobbie's Bistro'. Names need to be in by 5.30pm on the night.

Trivia Night coming up on the 20th August so get your table organized. We are looking for people to donate some prizes for the night so see Mick Hogan if you can help out

Mike Swann will be conducting beginner's clinics at the club on the 4th Thursday of every month. These clinics are open to both men and women just starting out in golf. The clinics are held from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. If you know someone who is keen to learn to play golf, tell them about the clinics.

Trash & Treasure market is coming up in October. If you are potting a plant, do an extra one for us. If you are making some marmalade, make a few extras for the club. If you want to get involved [and helpers are needed] see Mick Hogan, Tom Shrubsole or Graeme Duffy. We need your support!

'Guru Bob' Says!

A 'Stroke' is any forward motion of the club that is made with the intention of hitting the ball and is seen by another golfer!

Think about that!!!!!!

Club News

Teachers & Friends Golf Day: I know a lot of you are saying that there is no such thing as a friend of a teacher but we had a great day with 63 in the field. All of the players from other clubs were extremely impressed with the condition of our course. Due to the number of donations of prizes quite a lot of people went home with something. It is hoped to make this an annual event played at Red Cliffs every year. A big thank you to the number of Red Cliffs members who played on the day and to Brendan O'Brien and Chris Healey for a terrific job on the BBQ. The 'Sausage Sizzle' was great way to start the day. The first to get their names on the perpetual trophy were Marty Smith, Graham Tiller and Geoff Hazeldene. A big thank you to all who helped on the day.

Wednesday Junior Coaching: Steve Naylor is to be congratulated for his untiring efforts with the juniors every Wednesday evening. Often this is a thankless task but Steve is dedicated to his band of up and coming golfers. If any member knows of any juniors wishing to learn the game, speak to Steve Naylor. Remember the juniors are the life-blood and future of our golf club.

The major raffle. The raffle for the golf clubs is going great guns and is due to be drawn on the last day of the men's club championships on Sunday 22nd August. We still have some tickets to be sold and a final effort will be made during Golf Week to clear the deck. Anyone who has tickets or money please get them Judy Dean by the end of July. Our next raffle is for a magnificent painting of a Kulkynne scene painted by Ken Johnston, one of our members. Tickets in this raffle will go on sale as soon as the golf clubs are drawn.

Did you hear the one about!

The four players were standing on the 16th tee ready to hit off. The fairway runs along a road and a bike path fenced off on the left. The first golfer teed off and hooked the ball in that direction. The ball went over the fence and bounced off the bike path onto the road, where it hit the tyre of a moving bus and was knocked back onto the fairway. As they all stood in amazement one of the players asked him "How on earth did you do that?" Without hesitation he said, "You have to know the bus timetable"

Around the Course with Tom & Woody!

All members can be assured that improvements on the course are only made when funds allow or through programs such as the 'Work for the Dole' scheme. We will be starting a new 'Work for the Dole' scheme shortly which will tackle the men's and lady's tees at the second as well as improving the irrigation around the right hand side of the tenth green. A decision has been made to hold off with the replacement of the twelfth green until after the men's club championships. With a bit of luck we will get through with a playable surface until then. 'Dad's Army' is in desperate need of some new, younger members to keep going. The existing group is doing a fantastic job but they need help. If there are any members who can spare some time to assist, speak to Tom about what is required.