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THE RED CLIFFS 'WHACKER'

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The President's Message.

Hello and welcome to issue #6 of the Red Cliffs Golf Club's Members Newsletter. The 100 Membership drive is now over with the final figure of 91 new members signed a little short of the target but a great effort just the same. What is needed now is to get these new members out playing in the competitions, it has been suggested that we introduce a strategy of having a day each month over the Summer when each of us go to the list and pick out one of the new members and invite them to play with us to encourage them to become regular players, the match committee are looking at setting dates for these events! We also need to continue to focus on Summer Members so put out the word that we have one of the best courses in Country Victoria.

This coming Sunday is President's Day and where previous years there has been an afternoon tea, this year we are combining it with a Variety Night Dinner and the Major Raffle Draw.

The Trash & Treasure Sale was a great success with around \$4500.00 being raised for the Club, a very big **THANK YOU!** To all of the many Volunteers that helped to make it the success that it was. Great Stuff! A post mortem meeting was held by the organisers and it was decided that we will do it again next year, but we must keep in mind that we need to get the organization going a lot sooner and promote it a lot more.

The Broken Hill Trip was a great trip but unfortunately the "Scrubbers Cup" still resides at the South Broken Hill Golf Club, never the less we did our best but it is a tough course, next year they are coming down to Royal Red Cliffs and we will see how they handle our conditions.

The AGM is coming up in December and those that are wishing to be nominated for committee should get their nomination forms in, this also includes all existing committee members.

The financial position of the Club is looking a lot better than this time last year thanks mainly to the many volunteer helpers around the Club, they don't like to be singled out for praise, but it would be remiss of me not to recognise and thank them as a group, so a big **THANK YOU!** From me personally and from all of the members, you all know who you are. It is this sort of positive attitude and assistance that will, in the end, see us through. Congratulations to you all. Good Golfing!

Rod Atkins. - President.

This is the Captain Speaking!

On Thursday 23rd October we had the first of the now monthly Thursday night competitions. It was a two person Ambrose. Up for grabs was a very impressive trophy made by Adrian Pike inscribed The Sluggers Monthly. Last night's winners were Nathan Riordan and Ruth Cupper. The evening finished with a BBQ and the burning of the rubbish heap. The 18 players and about 10 others who turned up had a very pleasant night.

Monthly Medal Winners - 2003

March: A Grade 'Chopper' Chase; B Grade Allan Hancock

April: A Grade Chris Healey; B Grade Werner Van Vreden

May: A Grade Ian Symes; B Grade Jake Hartshorn

June: A Grade Justin McPhee; B Grade Paul Healey

July: A Grade Nathan Riordan; B Grade Stephen Weight

August: A Grade Nathan Riordan; B Grade Damien Hallinan

September: A Grade Neville Birch; B Grade Adrian Pike

October: A Grade Chris Healey; B Grade Adrian Pike

The District Match Play Finals have been held recently and Red Cliffs was well represented. Justin McPhee in A Grade; Dale Baker in B Grade and Kane & Baden Stone in C Grade. Well done to those players and we are sure that you represented Red Cliffs Golf Club very well.

The Broken Hill Trip 2003.

Thirteen hardy souls traveled to South Broken Hill earlier this month to play for the annual 'Scrubbers Cup'. Although we were beaten on the day, all those that participated had a great time. Nathan Riordan was the club's highest scorer with 39 points in the very warm conditions. We had a great night on Saturday with Mick Snedden being a little worse for wear on Sunday morning. I have it on good authority that Ray 'Snake-Bite' Pain has a new nickname after the weekend. You should ask him what his new one is! All travelers would like to thank Neil Wilkie for being the bus driver for the majority of the weekend and for his donation of a bigger trailer when we realized the one we had wasn't big enough. The Broken Hill boys will be down next year so we look forward to taking the trophy from them on our home course. Col Richardson.

Broken Hill '24 Club' has advised us that they will be visiting Red Cliffs on Saturday 15th November. All members are urged to make them welcome by joining in on the day.

Club Shorts!

Trash and Treasure Auction. [Mick Hogan]

Our Trash and Treasure Auction was a great success. Final figures are not available as yet, but a figure of approximately \$4500 will be close. Congratulations must go to the organising committee for a job very well done. Thanks also must go to those who helped out on the day. The committee has since met and it was decided to hold the event again next year probably in November. All the present committee have offered their services again, but there is plenty of room for anyone who would like to give us a hand. The first meeting will be early in the new year.

Variety Night – Sunday 2nd November. [Mick Hogan]

Following President's Day on November 2nd, the Club will be joining together for a meal (prepared by our lovely ladies) and then we will be entertained by such esteemed artists as Aimee and Rebecca Richardson, Bob Mutton, Peter Knight, Al Rayner and Darren Hatley, Rod Atkins and Graeme Duffy. Also included on the night will be an auction of the Melbourne Cup horses. It will be a great night and made all the better by your presence.

The cost of the night will be \$12.00, or for ladies bringing a salad or sweet - \$6.00.

A big thank you to Jean Hobbs [The Editor]

Jean crocheted a nice knee rug and donated it for a recent raffle, which raised approximately \$200.00. The lucky winner was 'Chopper' Chase who, the editor has on good authority, is making good use of the knee rug, when he can get it away from his grand kids. Another example of the tremendous membership support we have. Well done Jean !!!

Notes from the General Committee

- Sunday 2 November will be a combined event including: Presidents Day, Dinner, Draw for the Major Raffle, Variety performances, Melbourne Cup activities.
- The Bar profit is up \$33,000 from last year. The cash flow is reasonable with the overdraft manageable. The profits per month are holding.
- Core collecting machine. The machine is multi-functional and it will save time and money. It was agreed that the machine be purchased.
- The next stage of the Strategic Plan was discussed which focused on membership. It was agreed that a membership target of 400 should be set and a small working party was formed to advance the idea.
- A letter to Christie Walker congratulating her on her achievements was deserved. Ray Patterson raised the possibility of a Junior Support Fund, which will be investigated
- The untiring efforts of all volunteers was again recognized by the General Committee.

Special Article – A 'Potted' History of Red Cliffs Golf Club

At a meeting held on July 31st 1925 the Red Cliffs Golf Club was formed and a provisional committee of seven was elected under the leadership of Jack Trumble to select a suitable site and finalize the formation. On August 10th 1925 a further meeting was held and a committee was elected under the leadership of Jack Trumble and consisted of: A. Rich Secretary; Don Dunoon Treasurer and committee members Owen, King, Watts, Blake, Pollock, Miller, O'Neil, Kerr and Scouller. There were 38 foundation members and 24 Associates. A site was selected about three miles from Red Cliffs on the west side of the railway line opposite Sunnycliffs. A snapshot of important events:

- The course was laid out by Jack Scouller a surveyor with the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission
- The first nine holes was opened on May 1st 1926, with the second nine opened in 1927.
- The first Club Champion was W.Y Owen.
- At the 1928 AGM the club colours of Royal Blue and Gold were decided upon.
- In 1928 the club received a letter from Mildura and Wentworth clubs re the formation of District Association.
- In 1929 the Club's Pennant team won the flag in the District Association's first year.
- There were 255 entries in the club's first Open Tournament in 1929 held over 36 holes. The club recorded a profit of 75 pounds.
- During 1930 to 1934 'Sand Boys' were hired for 3 months to sweep the sands on Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays.
- In 1931 there were 39 ladies and a special mention was made of Mrs. Murray who each Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday left a billy full of milk on her gate post, which resulted in a considerable saving in costs.
- 1932 saw the completion of the 18th fairway and the introduction of the AIF Cup. The new clubhouse was also opened in 1932.
- In 1934 the social highlight of the year was the 'Golf Club Ball'.
- In 1935 /36 a start was made on planting grass on the fairways and the gum trees along the second fairway were also planted.
- I'll leave the rest of the history for another time!

Some great news items!

- 'Bobbie's Bistro' has raised over \$2000.00 from the winter Pasta Nights. Members might be interested to know that over ten years 'Bobbie's Bistro' has raised \$17,500.00 for the club. Where would we be without members like that?
- The recent Whyalla visitors rated Red Cliffs as the best and friendliest club to visit. They passed up an opportunity to play at Riverside, preferring to play at Red Cliffs twice.