

Recollections from Gwenda Martin

Dalhousie Life Member

On the Golf Course

March 1978.

Bill Edgar, Victorian Golf Official visited Alexandra Club to walk and play the course and give advise as to making changes to present layout so as holes 9 and 18 finished at the Club House.

At this time no machinery was working at the club. The tennis club mower was being borrowed to mow the greens and the Cooksons, Spinks and Steers Tractors used to maintain the fairways and in general work to improve the course. A decision was made to buy a Toro Mower and repair the old tractor and gang mower. There was no money in the bank so a \$7000 loan was taken out to buy the Toro, and Howard Hickmott repaired the machinery.

A new 12th green was built, shallow drains put in on the 7th and 15th fairways and much drainage done elsewhere on the course. Two country members, Bill Bates and Bob Rooden made sprinklers. A new machinery shed was built and located near the club house by Bill, Bob and Ralph Steer. Landscaping was done around the club house. Out of Bounds was defined.

The Club House

Ralph Steer, with the help of a non-member Frank Mitz, cut an opening and built-in a sliding door to give the club house a front entrance. At the same time a concrete front veranda was poured by Jack Findlay, Alan Spinks and Ralph Steer. This veranda was extended at a later date by Barry Pyke. What had been a junk room was cleaned out to form an office. Boards in the club house that were affected by white ants were replaced and the floor sanded and polished.

Les Hickmott looked after the bar which was making a good profit. Les Hickmott and Ralph and Lyn Steer cleaned the club house.

There was storm damage to the club house roof but insurance covered the cost of a new colourbond roof. Poppy and Col Sterling had club house tables made and Poppy donated other furniture.

Golf

The beginning of Summer Competition.

Junior members were included in all golf events and club juniors played in country week teams.

A visiting Golf Pro, Alan Hill gave monthly lessons.