

up apace a flourishing vista of healthy, lusty young braves. Nothing daunted, our pioneers recruited an army of Island boys and the braves received drastic individual attention and eventually the fairways were seeded again. This time the results were better because in 1907 the course was opened and Mr. Martin Dickie, as President of the club, drove the first official ball on the present course. Mr. Dickie is another of the early members who must have special mention. He spared neither time, trouble nor money in the club's behalf. Hole number 8 (in 1907) and our present number 6 (1933) was built entirely at Mr. Dickie's expense. It is too bad that there is no record of the different members who have had greens built with their own money. Mr. Harry Crowe must be given credit for the installation of the first sand hole. We must give honorable mention to Senator John Stanfield and Dr. Melville Cumming.

In those first days, the club was a very personal possession and each member keenly felt his own personal responsibility for its growth and welfare. The first clubhouse on this property was built entirely by voluntary subscription from the members. And, if at the end of the year the club was in debt, the members dug down into their own pockets and paid the bills. It was their club. It was a small, closely-knit compact little social group and they had almost as much fun in the winter as they did in the summer. Weekly or fortnightly card parties were held through the winter for the first eight or nine years. At first whist and bridge alternated and then just bridge was played. One winter, the ladies voted to have dancing "if house and hostess were agreeable". From the time the club moved to the present premise, the ladies' records an ever-increasing in the club and in their gold.

In 1907 the ladies are busy with fittings and furnishings for the clubhouse. Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Yorston report having had shelves put up in the kitchen, a table made and a mantle placed over the fireplace. These two ladies, along with Mrs. Phillips, were appointed to buy furnishings for the clubhouse. In 1908, the ladies paid to Mr. S. D. McLellan the sum of \$75.10 for the lawn mower (please note: it is called "the" not "a" lawn mower) and they still had \$19.00. In 1910, \$15.00 was paid for fixing the chimney and \$95.00 for putting mud on the links and there is also record of a spirited discussion as to ways and means of raising an additional \$80.00 to finish the "mudding".

No record of the early days of the club's existence would or could be complete without paying tribute to Mr. S. D. McLellan. He had fourteen years of arduous toil as the club's secretary before he was made President in 1921. Fourteen years of exacting, faithful service. Mr. McLellan says that no man serving as secretary in those days could hope to play any golf. However, he says the club was very kind to him and, on the occasion of his marriage, presented him with a silver tea service. I said perhaps I'd better not mention this little matter as it might make Secretary Heard a bit envious. "Oh no" said Mr. McLellan. "Tell him he only gets a silver service when he's married twice."

The following are some highlights of the early years of the Truro Golf Club. In 1917 B. S. MacFarlane was President; this must have been an inspiration for in 1919 he became the Maritime Golf Champion. Ten years later, Miss Dorothy Holmes succeeded in capturing the same honor for the ladies. In 1923, while Mr. MacLean was in office, we had a visit from the Governor General and his wife, Lord and Lady Byng.

In 1925, during Dr. MacLean's term in office, the clubhouse was remodeled and the verandah was glassed in. At different times, changes have been made in the kitchen equipment to keep pace with the growth of the club. The last big item was the electric stove. Now, with Mrs. Borden as caterer, we are able to take care of the culinary needs of our members.

Also, we wish to thank Mr. Fred Snook, President for 1929, deserves more than a passing mention for his hard work on the course. Nobody knows how many hours he has spent trying to make our old greens fit to play on. He had a mania for digging weeds.

In 1927, Lord and Lady Willingdon played golf over our course and had tea with our members. This was during the term of Mr. Bentley. During Mr. Bentley's regime, we held our first formal dance. The gentlemen were at home to the ladies and the party was a sparkling success. In 1930, while Mr. Frank Lewis was in office, the services of Mr. Stanley Thompson the famous golf architect were secured and he and a committee appointed by the club made a thorough survey of the course. Later, he sent plans for the remodeling of the course which would make it a championship nine-hole course. The work was begun in the fall of 1930 under the leadership of Mr. Frank Lewis who ceased to be president but became a champion greens committee man. This revamping of the course was completed although it is somewhat as the old lady said about her house "the more I do, the more I see to do".

The preceding is a brief historical sketch of the Truro Golf Club based upon information used by Mrs. J. Lewis Pattillo, Ex-President of the Ladies Golf Club (grandmother of Gay Pearson). This information covers the period of 1903 through the 1930's.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

The years immediately following World War II saw a gradual growth in membership of the Truro Golf Club and with it came the desire for improved club rooms and further improvements to the course and property generally.

In 1955 the beautiful new club rooms, built and furnished at a cost of approximately \$40,000., were officially opened. F. W. Cox was President at the time while Dr. G. R. Smith, who was to serve as President in 1956 and 1957, was chairman of the building. A few years later, in 1959 at an expense of \$10,000. Dollars, further improvements were made to this already fine clubhouse with a modern pro shop, additional cart space and an open verandah being added. These improvements were carried out during the term of R. H. Jones. Other improvements of a major nature to follow. In 1960 when Hugh C. MacKinnon was President, a new driving range was constructed north of No. 1 fairway. In 1961 during the term of office of G. C. Ritcey, the parking lot was paved at a cost of approximately \$4,000. In 1962 when R. A. Robertson was President, a new practice putting green was constructed, number one green was completely rebuilt and improvements were made to number 4 (current number 6) fairway, including the water hazard.

EXPANSION COMMITTEE FORMED

One of the most significant developments in the club's history was the formation of the Club Expansion Committee. This was set up in December, 1962 with incoming President J. R. Bourgeois as chairman. Members who have served on this committee since its formation are: Dr. G. R. Smith, C. E. Stanfield, A. D. Nelson, A. L. Ormiston, D. J. (Lick) MacDonald, R. F. McLellan, R. A. Robertson, R. P. MacLeod, F. W. Cox, J. L. Crowe and Ralph Hoyt

EXPANSION OF COURSE

A good deal of time was spent during 1964 acquiring the necessary lands for the expansion. By mid-summer, some 100 acres had been purchased for a sum of \$29,000 dollars. C. E. Stanfield headed the committee charged with purchasing the necessary lands.