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RCGA Reports Increase in Membership for 1960

The Royal Canadian GA report for 1960 shows an increase in member clubs of about 10 per cent over the previous year, reflecting a continuation of the steady growth that has marked Canadian golf in the postwar era.

The financial position of the RCGA also was strengthened during the year with the surplus account being increased by more than $8,000 to nearly $30,000. The organization is in its 62nd year.

In reviewing the past season, V. C. Holdroyd, assn. pres., said it was one of the most active in the history of the RCGA. Besides holding its many regular tournaments, the assn. was host to the Americas Cup matches and sent a team to play in the World Amateur team matches at Merion GC, near Philadelphia.

RCGA green section sponsored two turf meetings during the season, one in March at Guelph, and the other at the University of Saskatchewan in October. Research funds were contributed to three universities. The assn. is playing an important part in research on protection of winter greens that is being carried out at the University of Manitoba.

Golf Week Disappointing

Canadian National Golf Week, sponsored by the RCGA, was not as successful as it was hoped it would be. About $6,000 was turned over to the provincial associations. This was considerably below the average of the last eight years when a total of about $75,000 was turned over to these associations. Plans are being made to revamp the Golf Week program since it is felt that it should play a more important role in Canadian golf.

C. E. (Robbie) Robinson, sec.-mgr. of the assn. since 1955, resigned during the season to devote full time to his golf architectural business. However, he remains as a consultant to the assn. and as a dir. of the green section. His successor is L. V. Kavanagh.

Harvey Raynor Resigns

Harvey Raynor, field dir. for the PGA tournament bureau for several years, has resigned. No successor has yet been named to take the place of Raynor who has played such an important part in making tournament golf a big time operation. He hasn’t announced what his plans are for the future.