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R.C.G.A. Reports Steady Increase in Member Clubs

The Royal Canadian GA realized an excess of revenue over expenses of $1,027 in 1961. Total revenue amounted to more than $51,000, about $3,500 less than it had been the previous year, and net revenue was approximately $7,000 lower than it had been in 1960. Surplus at the end of the year amounted to about $39,000.

A report of the membership and public relations committee of the R.C.G.A. shows that membership fees paid to the Association have increased by about 50 per cent in the last four years. There were 512 clubs in the Association in 1961 as compared to 470 in 1960. Clubs now in the R.C.G.A. have total membership of about 77,000.

Retained as Director

C. E. Robinson, who resigned about a year ago as secretary-manager of the R.C.G.A. was retained as director of the green section. The Association played a part in the conducting of three turfgrass conferences in 1961. In its report, the section cited the work of Cy Creed, supt. at Niakawa CC, Winnipeg, for bringing his course into such sterling condition for the Canadian Open despite extremely adverse conditions.

Canada's National Golf Week in 1961 was conducted by Provincial Golf Associations. The Quebec GA had gross revenue of $5,605 and the Ontario GA, $3,133, to lead the provincial organizations in raising money for various Canadian golf projects.

Other developments that were cited in the R.C.G.A. report include: Enlargement of the handicap system to cover 9-hole play on 9-hole courses; Cooperation by the Association in translating the Rules of Golf into French; and retention of consulting engineers by the rules committee for testing golf balls for minimum size and maximum weight.