

Message from the President



Bill Osborne

I regard as a great personal honour the fact that I have been entrusted with the pleasureable duty of unravelling the past history of the club, which was made possible by the tireless efforts of a few of our older members. As you will observe in this brochure, many old documents and photographs came to light from various parts of the country, the most authentic being the minutes of the first Annual Meeting for the years 1930-32, which clearly indicates that Brookmans Park Golf Club was founded in July 1930: the first President was Major P. C. Burton and Club Captain for the two years was J. A. Hattrell.

Today we have a second generation of captaincy for Jubilee Year in Christopher Sneath, who as Chairman of the Jubilee Committee has been a driving force behind the ultimate success of this bold venture to celebrate our 50 years of progress.

As with many other clubs it has always been an uphill struggle, and in the early 1940s we were reduced to a 9-hole course to help the war effort; but from 1946 onwards although always short of money we steadily made progress, and with the assistance of a Government Non-Development Scheme in the 1960s, we received payment which enabled us to repay our Debenture holders, and rebuild the interior of the club house, provide an adequate car park and a new professional's shop and trolley shed.

This year we celebrate 50 years of forward progress of which presidents, club captains, lady captains, secretaries and committees both past and present have made possible by their unstinting efforts and dedication to our Golf Club and I for my part am singularly fortunate to be your President in this Jubilee Year. May this solid foundation be a stepping stone to an even greater Golf Club in the future, always remembering the pleasure it has afforded us in the past.