



SPALDING PARK GOLF CLUB



HONORING THE PAST

THE BIRTH OF A NEW CLUB



prime mover was George Moffett, a tailor operating from premises opposite the Victoria Hotel which, as was well known, occupied a special place in his heart.

George was the first President and is pictured left in his 1st World War uniform; the only photo available to use. He gathered interested people together and in June

it was proposed to lay it out a golf course as far as resources would permit. It would be necessary to expend a sum of 200 to 300 pounds over a period of two to three years to bring it into a fit condition for play.

Mr Moffett said....*"In anticipation of their request being favourably considered some expense had been incurred in having it surveyed. Already....members of the Club had put in a considerable amount of time helping to prepare the course."* He concluded by saying *"The Club hoped to eventually make a course which would compare favourably with any outside Perth....and asset to the town."*

What prompted the opening up of another golf club in Geraldton when the town was still relatively small (population about 4,000), and which the long established Geraldton Golf Club was well able to serve, is not at all certain.

Some have it that the originators were discontented members of the Geraldton Club, and a small amount of support for this theory comes from a letter from Adelle Taylor (nee Moffett) who states *"A group of players got together"* Others who do not subscribe to that view could be supported in their stand by a quote from a delegation spokesman whose main plea was that Bluff Point had no facilities for golf.

It Is Certain, however, that the



1936 application was made to the Geraldton Municipal Council for part of the recreation reserve at Bluff Point. A deputation comprising himself and H.J.Foster attended the Council in support of the application.

Mr Foster urged "that from a civic point of view the intended use would have a great deal to commend it as the residents of Bluff Point had no facilities for golf close at hand." He further stated "that

The original application was lodged in the name of the "WOORREE" Golf Club but before the lease was issued it was changed to the "CHAMPION BAY" Golf Club.

Our golf course was born from dense scrub and much hard work but was finally launched on Saturday the 15th May 1937.