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THEN & NOW

THE GOLFERS



Then (1930) R. P. McDonald on the left was a member of the 1930 Pennant Team.



Then (1930's) Players at the Women's Golf Championship



Now (2010) What a change, as shown by Laura Davies and a reporter at the Australian Women's Open.

GETTING TO THE COURSE



<< Then (1942) For the majority of members who did not own a car, there was always alternative transport from Oakleigh Station.

>> Then (1967) A still taken from the Mobil film of the Australian Open at CGC. Note the cypress trees on both sides of the road.



THE CLUBHOUSE



Then (1934)



Now (2011)

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Then (mid-1930s) View from the clubhouse entry.



Now (2011)



<< Then (1933) From the open patio of the clubhouse looking South across the start of the 1st hole.

Note: The 1934 photographs of the clubhouse and of the course are part of a collection taken by member George Miller, in the album donated to CGC by his niece and nephew Margaret and Peter Thomas.

THE COURSE



Then (1934) The straightaway 1st hole from the tee.



Then (1967) The 1st hole, a still taken from the Mobil film of the Australian Open at CGC. The trees on the left were removed after 1992.



Now (2011) The 1st hole, lengthened in 1990, and made into a dogleg.

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Then (1934) The 13th hole from the top of the hill. *Note:* The light rough across the hole dividing the fairway into two sections.



Then (1934) Looking at the 13th and 5th greens from the 14th tee, with the 13th green then raised at the back.



Now (2011) The 13th hole.

Note: The tree between the 13th and 5th greens was removed over 25 years ago.



Then (1923) The then 18th hole (now 16th) from the clubhouse on Centre Road. From the June edition of the magazine – “Golf”.

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Now (2010) From behind the 16th hole during the Australian Women's Open. (photograph courtesy of Adrian Rossi).

AND AFTER THE GAME



<< Then (1929) The caption in "The Argus" newspaper of November 7, reads, "The fourth annual tournament at the Commonwealth Golf Club was continued yesterday. Competitors were thankful to rest, after the morning round, in the comfort of the verandah of the new clubhouse".



<< Now (2011) More than 80 years later, not much has changed!

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