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Dear Members and Friends, welcome to the

Axedale Golf Club December Newsletter



President's Report

Congratulations to Bernie Fitzpatrick {OBE} and Sue O'Connor for winning their respective monthly medal for December. Also congratulations to Kerry Moore for winning the Presidents trophy and will have his name engraved on the perpetual trophy.

We are currently experiencing problems with our irrigation system. A new foot valve was installed and there were some complications but also the second pump has now broken down and will be replaced on Monday 19th and hopefully this will solve our irrigation issues and have the system fully operational for the Christmas break.

A load of gravel has been delivered and it is now proposed to properly designate paths for motorized carts over the next couple of months. The path on the 18th fairway has been started.

I also take the opportunity to thank the staff and the volunteers for the excellent presentation of the golf course. It has been an arduous task this spring with the record rain and the grass growing so thick and fast. I also thank all other volunteers for the time and effort that they have contributed to ensure a successful golf club.

I wish all members and families a merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year and may 2017 bring the continuous enjoyment of our wonderful golf club.

And a quote from Winston Churchill:

Christmas is a season, not only of rejoicing but of reflection.

Yours in golfing

Rod Connelly

Welcome to Our New Members

Glen Frewin, Damon Buchanan, John Miller, Peter Warcaba,
Michael Paterson, John Dunn & Troy Cartner.



Captain's Report

Presidential Cup Winner

Kerry Moore had an excellent round of 65 which propelled him to be the winner of the 2016 Presidential Cup. Kerry had a steady 71 round in the first week and after having shot his excellent second round score, was unaware that he had been involved in the two 'qualifying' weeks, making the victory even sweeter.

Monthly Medal

Winner: Bernie Fitzgerald Gross 91/30/61 nett won the monthly medal.

Bernie pulled 'one out of the bag' to win the December monthly medal. With the majority of the field struggling in the trying conditions (sunny, slight breeze, shocking!!) Bernie's 91/61 was a great score. Congratulations Bernie.

Natural Hazards Sunday Mixed Event

The final round of the 'Natural Hazards' event was held on Sunday 15th November with Lesley & Peter Elvey being victorious in the 4BBB Stableford competition. The format of the 'Natural Hazards' event was of 8 rounds played (only 7 played with one round cancelled due to poor weather) throughout the year and 'couples' best 5 results were accumulated. The overall winners were Pam & Owen Davies winning by 1 shot over Loretta Prowse & Len Rodda.

The 'Natural Hazards' event has been a success with numbers averaging in the mid-30s and the event receiving wonderful sponsorship from 'LOLLIES2GO'. A big thank you to Geoff Williams for his sponsorship (which he is happy to continue for the 2017 season). The winners received a trip for two, 2 nights stay including accommodation, meal vouchers and golf, generously donated by the Barham Country Golf Club. Our Sponsor are very generous in offering up these prizes so please support any them, letting them know you are from the Axedale Golf Club.

Match Committee

Match Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 6th December with the main items discussed being;

- **Year book progress** – review of events for both men's and lady's calendars finalised with main changes being Men's Doubles K.O. 'series' running over an 8 week span to hopefully reduce the occurrences of 'walkovers'. Kevin Paton Day moved to March and on a Sunday. Abbotts Supply sponsored day to be the day of the Men's Singles K.O. qualifying round. The drafted calendar is currently being assigned sponsors for the various Months, Days, Events, before being sent to the printer.
 - **Motorised Carts / Single Occupants** – it is becoming increasingly difficult in the Captains Office, trying to manage the sending out of groups when carts are only being occupied by one golfer. This has a delaying effect to the 'send off' process
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with the 'Sender' having to juggle two carts per groups & walkers wanting to be with walkers, etc. There are currently 44 motorised carts at the club and we need to remember that a ruling (by the General Committee) regarding the maximum of two carts per group was made to assist in maintaining the course in the best possible condition. Member in a cart should seek out (prior to entering an event) another member to join them in their cart.

- **Slow play** – The issue of slow play continues to be raised to members of the committee. Ongoing monitoring and reminder announcements will be made and encourage groups to 'self-regulate' to ensure they are keeping up with the group in front of them – not the one behind them.
- **Saturday Arvo Comp round start time** – Some members at the Captain's Office to enter for the competition round are arriving after 11:30. With the first group to be sent away at 11:45, members need to be at the course and entered, preferably by 11:15 – 11:20. Captain's Office members to monitor attendance times.

I would like to thank for everyone assistance since being elected Captain and say a special thanks to Len Rodda and Lesley Elvey for their guidance, thank you very much. To all, have a fantastic Christmas and an even better 2017.

Rod Jacobs

CAPTAIN'S QUOTE OF THE MONTH

You can be the greatest iron player in the world or the greatest putter, but if you can't get the ball in position to use your greatness, you can't win.

Ben Hogan – Professional Golfer on the importance of drives



Lady President's Report

There has been a lot of activity this month and as usual the ladies are involved in every aspect of the club with good numbers playing each week and also supporting events such as the Natural Hazards competition and visiting Kyabram Golf Club. We also value the time devoted to the club by the members who serve on committees and help with catering when assistance is required.

Please take the time to complete the club's Communication Survey on line as we value your opinion and are looking for the most efficient and effective means of communicating with our members.

With the Christmas break coming up I wish everyone a happy and safe festive season and thank the committee and all members for their continued support which we rely on to keep our great club running.

Raye Fleay

Volunteers Wanted for Summer Roster

The Club is looking for volunteers that would be prepared to have their names placed on a roster for clubhouse duty over the upcoming summer holiday period. We anticipate that with the improved conditions at Lake Eppalock this year that there will be an increase in patrons wanting to play green fee golf at the course. To volunteer email Secretary Steven. secretary@axedalegc.com.au

Dates for Your Diary

December 31 - 2nd round of the Summer cup (Men)
January 4 - 3rd round of the Summer cup (Ladies)
January 28 - 3rd round of the Summer cup (Men)

Golf Etiquette

1. Players should not stand on another player's line of putt, or when another player is making a stroke, should not cast a shadow over the line of putt. 2. Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all players in the group have holed out, unless the group is out of position with the group in front.

Cart shed extension

The cart shed is being extended to accommodate another 10 carts of which 6 bays are booked to be taken up on completion.

Offer - any cart owner wishing to take up a deal to pay 5 years in advance for \$1000 per bay rental only (electricity to be paid annually) please see treasurer Peter to pay the upfront deal.

Taylor's Trivia Ten - No.13

TAYLOR'S TRIVIA TEN NO. 13

1. In which African country is the city of Timbuktu?
2. Which character in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* had a constant grin?
3. What word describes?
4. With an alliterative name, who immediately preceded Guus Hiddink as the Socceroos' coach?
5. What timber or tree gives its name to the legendary ship reportedly sighted between Port Fairy and Warrnambool over many years?
6. Who was the Greek Goddess of victory?
7. Which artist's famous works included *The Persistence of Memory* and *Crucifixion*?
8. What is a jonquil?
9. On November 12, playing only her third full round in competition at Axedale, which one of our newest members had a mind-boggling 53 Stableford points?
10. In sport, I was born in the US in 1982. I won the US Open in 2003, my first Grand Slam title win. As a result, I became the youngest American male to ever be number one. Australian tennis fans will long remember my five-hour, five-set marathon against the flamboyant Younis El Aynaoui in Melbourne in 2003. Who am I?

1. Mali
 2. The Cheshire Cat
 3. An adjective
 4. Frank Farina
 5. Mahogany
 6. Nike
 7. Salvador Dali
 8. A flower
 9. Mandy Hamilton
 10. Andy Roddick
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Lady Captain's Report

It has been a busy month with good numbers in the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Comps.

Winner of the December Monthly Medal was Sue O'Connor with a wonderful 95- 27- 68 nett.

Our Wednesday Christmas break-up was held last week with 36 ladies playing a Pinehurst with a shared lunch afterwards. Maree Stanley , from MLC Advice, was our special guest and she helped present vouchers and medals to the October, November and December Monthly Medal winners. We are extremely grateful for their generous sponsorship.

Our Friday Christmas break-up was on the 9th December. A 12 hole Ambrose was played with lunch at the Axedale Tavern afterwards. Four of our new members have been playing the 12 hole Friday comp. regularly with Carmel Harrison now playing Saturdays as well.

Raye Fleay won the December Saturday Monthly Medal with a 86-16- 70 nett,

Wednesday golf will recommence on Wednesday 4th January.

Rod Jacobs and myself have had a meeting regarding the coming 12 months golf program.

A happy Christmas to everyone and good golfing in 2017.

Loretta Prowse.

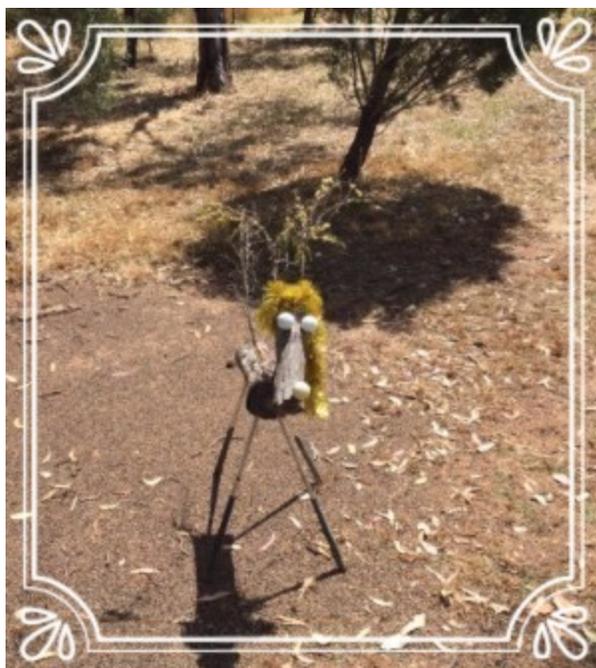
Reminder: Club vouchers only have a six month use by date.

December Monthly Medal Winners



December Monthly Medal Winner - Bernie Fitzgerald
Gross 91 / 30 / 61 nett pictured with Captain Rod

December Ladies Monthly medal winner - Sue O'Connor



Down the right hand side of the 15th fairway the reindeer has come out for Christmas most suspect it is the work of neighbour Fred.



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he Axedale Recreation reserve Committee of Management have just completed painting the exterior of the multi purpose clubrooms thanks to a \$5000 grant from the Geater city of Bendigo small grants program, pictured is local painter Dennis Roney (Below) who gained the contract.



Men's Christmas break up Held December 22 was a great success with 115 players competing in an ambrose, thanks to Len Rodda for the effort he put into the day recruiting player and organizing the day also the head of catering Helen Martin and all her hard working team for a wonderful job.

The day was again generously sponsored by Mulqueen Funerals & MGR Accountants - Peter Mulqueen was present to present the trophies.



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