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Dear Members and Friends, welcome to the

## **Axedale Golf Club May Newsletter**



### **President's Report**

**Congratulations to all the winners of events for the last month.**

The golf course is in excellent condition, thanks to the staff, greens committee and the volunteers for their input. New works that have been undertaken are: Practice bunker near old pavilion and extension of cart tracks which not only gives direction of where carts go, but identifies when golfers are allowed a drop.

At the April Meeting, it was decided to form a sub committee to investigate the Organisational Structure of the club. Len Rodda was elected as Chairperson, and Peter Andrew, Raye Fleay and Rod Connelly were elected, and Andy Watson, Lesley Elvey and Gary Harrop were later included. I wish to thank all the members of the committee for their time and valuable input to the draft which was presented to the committee at the May meeting. Particularly to Len for organizing the meetings, and Peter Andrew for collating all the data.

A Special General Meeting on the vote for the change of organisation structure, will be 7pm 28 June at the Club rooms.

The Victorian Veterans Association has advised that they want their state championship to be hosted in Bendigo in 2018. Three clubs have been approached to put in a submission, those being Neangar Park, Belvoir Park and Axedale. The submission needs to be completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

The State Teams Championship is being held at Axedale on 20 – 22 October and we will be seeking assistance with catering etc. Ian Martin, Allan Andrews and John White are on the subcommittee to co-ordinate the weekend.

Finally:

Whoever said that “practice makes perfect” never played golf.

Rod Connelly

## Welcome to Our New Members

Keiran Nihill	Full
Paul Wilkinson	Full
Toby Wilkinson	Junior.



## Captain's Report

**Men's Pennant** – Started in late March and unfortunately out of the 4 divisions that Axedale GC had teams in, only the Div. 3 boys won through to the final (on May 7<sup>th</sup>). The Div. 3 boys squared their first match before winning the next two, stumbled a bit and lost their last round but because of good early form still qualified for the final. This year's finals were played at Axedale and some big thanks goes to all members who volunteered their time on this day to make the day a roaring success. As for our Div. 3 team, the boys were up against an undefeated Neanger GC team and took the match right up to the them, but alas, went down 3/2. Big thanks to all those that helped out around the club on the day, especially VC Andy Watson and Ian Martin and also Hayden Nielsen from the Delegates side of things.

Peter Nielsen Memorial – First round was played on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April with the second round being held on 27<sup>th</sup> May and final round contested on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. Some great scores were made with the leaders after the first round being John White (43) from Andrew McDougall (41) & Owen Davies (40).

**May's Monthly Medal winner** – Glenn Laity took out his first monthly medal at Axedale GC, and his first in many years at his previous club Garfield. Glenn won with a very good 77/11/66 with the course being 'tricked up' for the Men's Pennant final the next day.

Captain's Trophy – The Captain's Trophy (played over two rounds) for 2017 went to John Harrison. John had a very good first round of 41 and backed it up with a tidy 36 in the second round.

Singles Knock-Out is well underway with 16 qualifiers now down to 7 (Andy Watson beat Paul Pyke 1up and through to Semi-finals). Still to play are John Dunn v Ian Edwards, Pete Hoskin v Andy McDougall & Pete Thomas v Brett Moore. These matches must be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Natural Hazards** – The first Natural Hazards (mixed event) was held on April 23 with 30 players enjoying the day playing a Pinehurst round. All Natural Hazard days are sponsored by Lollies 2 Go and run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month through to November (check year book for dates). The winners with a resounding 88 / 23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> / 64<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> was the 'Team Strybosch', Kris & Tony. Kris had a great return to playing and it was nice Kris & 'Strop' took the 'lollies' as they have been long-time sponsor

**(AHS Auto Repairs) of the club.**

**Competition entries – We are still investigating the possible process of members swiping their Golflink Card for competition entry. The process – if taken up – would require members to swipe their Golflink Card (or possibly enter their Golflink number) and would automatically generate a card (printed from the computers printer). Further information on the initiative will be provided to members. It is believed that the process would greatly quicken the registering process and make the task of ‘send out’ easier for those members who volunteer their time in the Captain’s Office.**

**Captain’s Office Volunteers – Lesley Elvey has graciously offered her time to instruct any members interested in helping in the Captain’s Office in the computer process for setting up a competition (for entries) and the results process at the end of the day. Interested members will be able to attend ‘instruction nights’ on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Thanks**

**Rod Jacobs**



**Captain Rod with Men's May monthly medal winner Glen Laity**



## Lady President's Report

Axedale ladies have been busy visiting clubs in the district and beyond. We appreciate the effort members make to support these events. There will be many more opportunities to visit and play at local golf clubs in the coming months.

Sincere thanks are due to the members who have assisted with Veterans Day, Pennant at Axedale and the Natural Hazards events. It is great to have so many ladies prepared to give up their time to help in a variety of ways.

We offer our condolences to the family of Grace Whitechurch who passed away recently. Grace was a former President of the Ladies committee and is remembered with affection by past and present members.

Many of our members are heading north for the Winter so we wish them safe travels and also extend best wishes to those recovering from surgery or who have been unwell. A special get well wish to Bob Gunn from the Axedale Ladies.

Planning is underway for our Federation Bowl on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a highlight of our calendar and we expect many visitors to enjoy this event on our great course

## Raye Fleay



### **BERYL DAY**

**Carmel Harrison was our most recent winner of the “Beryl Day” – which was played Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.**

#### **Brief history**

**Beryl Welshman was a member of our club over 15 years ago. She was a great lady – always wore lipstick, a smile and high heels! Beryl was a very friendly lady that often said she would play golf in high heels if she were allowed. She was fiercely independent – to the point if you retrieved a ball out of the creek for her, she would promptly throw it back in saying if she couldn’t retrieve it herself she should not be playing. When Beryl left Axedale, it was decided to keep her happy ‘spirit’ with us – hence the “Beryl Day.” We have continued**

with this day for 15 years, and have decided that it is now time to pass the baton on to another great personality of our club – **LORRAINE GUNN**.

Lorraine was instrumental in introducing Saturday play for ladies. She has been a tireless worker for the Club for many years – and a great influence with the “Spring Luncheon”. We look forward to celebrating the “Lorraine Gunn Day” for many years to come.

## Dates to remember

Ladies championship

Round 1 May 24 - R2 May 31 - R3 June 7

including monthly medal.

Sunday May 28 - Natural hazards 4bbb Stableford.

Friday June 2 - Ladies Federation Bowl.

## Taylor's Trivia Ten - No.18

### TAYLOR'S TRIVIA TEN NO. 18

1. What is the best-known beach of Honolulu?
2. In which country was SBS's sports broadcaster Les Murray born?
3. “Today”, says Sally, “I'm precisely seven times as old as my daughter. However in 20 years time, I'll only be double her age”. How old is Sally?
4. Who won the Masters at Augusta in April this year?
5. For what tree is Norfolk Island noted?





## Lady Captain's Report

The golf season is in full swing with the Club well represented at G.C.V. and District club events.

Wednesday Monthly Medal winner - Helen  
Martin 97-23-74  
Saturday Monthly Medal winner - Marg  
Kerr 105-36-69

Congratulations and well done to both ladies.

The Double's Knockout is at the semi-final stage with two very close matches anticipated.

The foursome's Championship and the Club Championships will be competed for in the next few weeks.

Our two Pennant teams have won 2 out of their 3 matches with 2 more rounds to go. Our Div 2 team especially is very much in contention.

At the recent G.C.V. Drummond 4Ball, two of our girls, Ann Telford and Rosemary Winther, won Div 2 and also the Regional

R.W.,H. event and will play in the State final at the Kew Golf Club later in the year. Congrats to both girls. The club is very proud of you both.

Trish Shanahan continues her very successful Beginner's Clinics with 7 new ladies attending the most recent one. Thank you Trish.

Maureen Connelly and myself won the 2 Person Ambrose event at Marong's recent Opening Day.

Good golfing,  
Loretta

### **Greens Committee (Submitted by Peter Hoskin)**

Tree lopping: Still work to do on 1st tee.

Paths: Are looking good. Still need to link 10 and 18 (completed working bee of 2 May) and continuing with others. We need to erect signs directing drivers to use paths. We'll also design a map for cart drivers.

Fred and Brian are working on the Ladies 9th tee.

Discussion around next year's budget allowing for a new rough

mower. Do we buy new or lease; looking at figures.

New practice bunker up and going. We should see improved bunker play!?

Water use 56Mg from river.

April rainfall 122mm



Above and below are the Queensland golf trip group away for 7 days playing 5 rounds of golf on - Sanctuary Cove, Lakelands, Hope Island, Royal Pines and Palm Meadows



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