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President's Report

STOP PRESS

If you thought our inaugural Pro-Am was a great event, then you are not alone: We've just been nominated by the Victorian Golf Industry as a finalist for the 2018/19 Victorian PGA Pro Am of the Year (Regional) Award. The winner will be announced at a dinner to be held at The Arts Centre Melbourne on Friday 9 August, 2019. The award is a joint initiative between the PGA, Golf Victoria, the Victorian Golf Course Superintendents Association and Golf Management Victoria. Our Club will be represented on the night. Fingers crossed we'll bring home the trophy, but even to be nominated was a feather in the caps of those dozens of Club volunteers who made the day so memorable.



ABOVE: Tuesday volunteers working to keep you warm - from left to right: Greg 'Andy Maher' Hamilton, Lex Johnstone and evergreen Ian Kerr. All together now ... "I'm a lumberjack and I'm okay!"

President's Report

I recently announced to members that our Superintendent, Glen Frewin has decided in the interests of his work/life balance to step down from his role – but remain on staff in a support position, so that we can continue to benefit from his 16 years of knowledge and experience of our course. Glen has overseen many improvements at Axedale and we are indebted to him for his efforts in developing the course to the level that it is now at. Glen's health has, at times, impeded his ability to be as actively involved as he would want to be, but his knowledge of turf and his industry contacts have combined to produce greens that are the envy of many clubs in our district and even further afield – as visiting golfers often provide glowing comment about the presentation of our course. This status was reinforced by a number of the professionals that attended our augural Pro-Am in January.

I am sure all Members have appreciated Glen's dedication to producing the best possible golfing conditions for us over many years – a sincere thank you to Glen from all of us.

Last month, I commented on the role of volunteers in fostering a healthy club. The Australian Sports Commission [2012] published a Healthy Clubs “Checklist” in which it was stated that “healthy clubs have good people doing great things” – this, of course, includes not only paid personnel but also volunteers.

It was also noted that if a club understands its workforce, the number of people and skills required for the various roles, then it is better placed to achieve its desired outcomes.

Simply put, this is all about workforce planning to ensure that the club has - * the right people * in the right roles * for the right time * with the right skills, and * at the right cost.

With our Annual General Meeting soon upon us, I again ask: If you think that you may be able to make a contribution to any area of the Club operations, please consider. We often get to the AGM with the General Committee positions firmed up in terms of the required nominations, but this is not the case in the majority of the sub-committees which are just as vital in maintaining a healthy Club. Again, I urge you to consider one of these roles. Forms were emailed to you but are also available at the clubhouse.

The Golfing Pathways project has now reached the final stages – with just a few sections now awaiting asphaltting. Compliments have already been received from visiting players – this was particularly the case during our last Natural Hazards Day [June 23] when we had visitors from Rich River, Neangar Park, Bendigo, Kyabram Valley View, Deniliquin and Hepburn Springs amongst the 52-player field. We are planning for an event to note the successful completion of the project and to thank all those involved.

Since the June newsletter, a couple of major competition events have been decided. Geoff Arundell, scored a total of 72 Stableford points to win the Charlie Cugley Cup, whilst Peter Stringer’s win over Steven Lee in the final of the Men’s Singles Knockout resulted in a memorable acceptance speech by Peter when accepting the David Lubke trophy. The same evening saw many Life Members present when Joe Holland returned to present Garry Harrop with Joe Holland Cup – congratulations to all concerned. We now await the final round of the Peter Nielsen Memorial which is always a special day with Peter’s family on hand to present the trophy.

Last month, I made particular note of the need for Members to take care in the wet and soggy conditions and for cart drivers especially to be aware of and avoid the various “no-go” areas on our course. I highly commend to Members the Pitch Marks repair video that was emailed out on June 16.

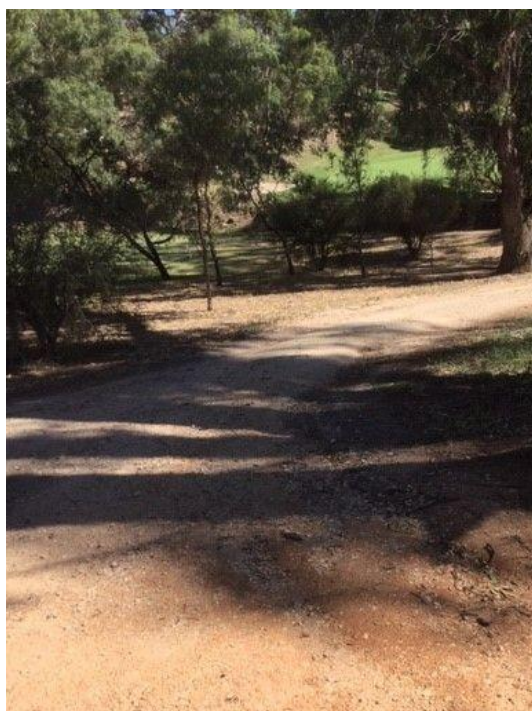
Best wishes to all

Andrew Watson [President]

And for this month – “There are now more golf clubs in the world than Gideon Bibles, more golf balls than missionaries and, if every golfer in the world, male and female were laid end to end, I for one would leave them there”.

Michael Parkinson [President – Anti-Golf Association/Sunday Times – London 1975.

Below: Before and after shots of the path below the 6th tee. Can Members please try to avoid driving or walking on new earth laid beside recently asphalted paths - thank you.



Lady President's report

Winter is certainly here and here comes the rain, which is a bonus in one way as was badly needed, but meant golf cancelled on one Wednesday this month.

Thank you to the ladies who have been making lovely soup for the players to have when they finish golf. It creates a great vibe in the clubhouse when everyone sits around and enjoys the soup and a chat.

Numbers have been very good, approx. 40, even though quite a few holidaying overseas and up north – half their luck. Welcome back to Raye Fleay from her trip to USA. Great to have her back and already working on Spring Luncheon Extravaganza.

Thank you to Sue Minne who has been standing in for Maureen Connelly as Secretary for the past month. Maureen is in Perth awaiting the arrival of a new grandchild. We all send her our regards and hope all goes well.

The Natural Hazards day on the last Sunday in June, run by Lesley Elvey, was a great success with a record number of 52, including quite a few visiting clubs. A very enjoyable day and lovely afternoon tea with Carmel Harrison organising ladies to provide yummy cakes.

The \$3000 grant from Golf Australia has been confirmed and in our account. Now we need to proceed with sorting out a storage area so Trish can store these items. Still throwing around a few ideas but have to be mindful of having a secure storage area. Trish ran a clinic last Sunday and had quite a few ladies there, yet again.

Our next major event will be the Annual General Meeting in August. Watch this space.

- Helen Martin



LEFT: Pam Davies was our Monthly Medallist for July, continuing her fine form with a win in the Silver Spoon event the following week.

From the Skipper

MEN'S CAPTAIN: Rod Threlfall

It has been a huge month of competitions in June with a total of 545 players playing in the men's competitions during the month.

Monthly Medal winner in June was Paul Blakely with a score of 90/23/67. Congratulations to Paul.

Mid-week qualifier winner in May is Peter Elvey with 39 Stableford points. Well done Peter.

Congratulations to Club Life Member Garry Harrop who won the Joe Holland Cup. Garry was presented with his trophy by Joe Holland and Graham Nielsen who also sponsors the event.

Congratulations are also extended to Stuart McGibbon and Hayden Nielsen who teamed up to win the 27-Hole Canadian Foursome Championships. Their score of 112 was one ahead of Fred Kath and David Ivey. In third place were Peter Williamson and Peter Elvey.

On 22 June I had the pleasure of playing in the group which included the finalists of the Singles Knockout. The match was really tight for most of the day, however eventual winner Peter Stringer drew away late to win 4/3 over Steven Lee. Congratulations to Peter on this win. Peter was presented with the trophy by Life Member David Lubke.

Peter was particularly appreciative of his all of his previous opponents which included David Lubke and eventual finalist Steven Lee.

Last week the final round of the Peter Nielsen Memorial was washed out. A new date for this final round has been set – Saturday 20 July. Members will be notified via weekly presentations and an email to ensure everyone is well informed of the change.

Sunday 4 August is the date for our challenge match with our ‘sister’ club Belvoir Park. A registration sheet will be placed in the clubhouse so Members can register to play in this important event for both clubs.

Our course continues to go through change with the asphalt paths looking great and providing clear areas for walkers and cart drivers to traverse the course. We all must however be mindful that there is a lot of new area next to the paths which are being top-dressed and seeded. All Members are encouraged to stay off these new areas to allow the ground to establish itself and the grass to grow.

Late news – Bill Gaskell was presented with an award at the recent Pennant awards night held at Neangar Park GC. Bill was an undefeated player, playing in the Open division. Well done to Bill on this significant result.

AND IT'S A WARM AXEDALE WELCOME TO ...

Welcome to new Member:

Bradley Knight

Upcoming events

LADIES PINK DAY (Wed 24 July)

Charity three-ball event, Christmas-in-July & Friends day. Invite your guests along.

NATURAL HAZARDS (Sun 28 July)

Canadian. (Sponsored by Lollies2Go)

BELDALE CUP

Sunday 4 August, at Axedale. Please enter your names on the sheet in the clubhouse so we are strongly represented. (Sponsored by Napier Park Funerals)

NATURAL HAZARDS (Sun 18 August - change of date)

4-ball Stableford Aggregate. (Sponsored by Lollies2Go)

PETER CRONE MND DAY (Sun 25 August)

4-Person Ambrose. \$200 per team includes breakfast roll and finger food after play. 8.30 breakfast with a 10.00am tee-off. Entries filling fast, so send your team to secretary@axedalegc.com.au

COUNTRY TOURNAMENTS

The Winter country tournament season is now underway. Please check the notice boards in the clubrooms for details.

NOEL HONEYCHURCH DAY (Sun 13 October)

Watch for details about this popular day in aid of Mandurang Fire Brigade and the Leukaemia Foundation.

AXEDALE GC ANNUAL TOURNAMENT (Wed 23 Oct - Sun 27 Oct)

Advance notice. This event has been shifted from its traditional August time to mid-Spring when the weather should be more favorable and the course in good condition.



For all your party needs. Many thanks to Paul Pyke for his continued support of the Club.
Please try to support Paul and our other sponsors.

