



Axedale Golf Club Newsletter

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and hope the year ahead brings good health and much pleasure from your golf and involvement with the club.

Last year you will recall the festive season did not get off to a good start with a branch falling on the power line over the river causing a fire and disconnecting power to the river pumps on Christmas Eve resulting in damage to Club assets and several headaches for Superintendent Glen.

This year the river flooding also created some pump station issues with a large red gum on the bank edge falling into the river across the downstream steel stay to the pontoon supporting the suction inlet. To top it all off as home time approached for staff on xmas eve a quick water of several dry spots on the 18th green seemed a good move ---not so --- the Greenside sprinklers all decided to jam and could not be turned off through the computer Glen left several hours later after manually blocking all the Greenside sprinklers at the 18th and then converting the 180 degree surrounds sprinklers to 360 degree and reprogramming the computer to see us through the xmas period.

As you would all be aware the locusts have been another issue come to try us, although numbers have dropped away over the past few weeks, several breeding areas have been located around the course which will be sprayed at the appropriate time.

All the best for 2011

Graeme Rooke
President

Stop Press -- The club suffers major flood damage.
Report and photos on page two.

Dates to remember

Men's Pennant

Starts in March &

Ladies starts in April

see Captains Ian & Irene if
you wish to play.

Axedale CBA Strathdale
Autumn Tournament

CAPTAINS REPORT

January 2011.

Thanks to Peter Elvey for stepping into the Vice Captain's role for the remainder of the year, taking over from Stu McGibbon who has resigned due to work and family commitments, and I hope that he enjoys the support of all our members in the Club.

Congratulations to John Geldart for winning this months monthly medal with a fantastic score on the day (breaking the 60 nett. mark). Three rounds of the Summer Cup have been played with Andrew Czuzman currently well in front of the field; this Saturday we will play the rescheduled fourth round which was washed out last Saturday due to the massive flooding of our Course.

Fields have been good over the Christmas period with over 40 playing on Thursday mornings and about 70 playing at the weekends.

New fixture books and score cards are currently with the printers and should be available within a fortnight.

January Monthly Medalists

Congratulations to
Marianne Dunn &
John Geldart



Above - The Cricket pavilion



The Scout shed used for storing members golf carts



The 17th Tee



The Machinery taken to higher ground at the 3rd Tee



Sunrise across the Fairways 4, 5 & 7 next morning

Report on condition at Axedale Golf Club on and around January 13, 2011 After the flood

Seven holes on the river side of the course were 3 to 4 metres under water causing considerable damage.

Damage was to.

- ⇒ Pumping station where three pumps and motors were under water
- ⇒ Power boards at the electricity supply point was under water
- ⇒ Several bunkers were washed out and need to be rebuilt
- ⇒ Storage shed – loss of fertilizer and damage to some equipment
- ⇒ Damage to paths and tracks
- ⇒ Fairways - Several large gum trees fell across
- ⇒ Debris piled up against trees and other objects
- ⇒ Loss of tee markers and signage
- ⇒ Sediment deposits on greens and fairways
- ⇒ Total estimated cost would be around 30 to 40 thousand dollars