



# 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.

The year ahead looks promising with Eppalock full ensuring ample irrigation water, and continuing growth and hopefully increased numbers of tourists & Green Fee players.

It is great to see several new volunteers helping out Staff with routine course maintenance and grass cutting in recent weeks. The assistance enables Staff to concentrate on those outstanding time consuming issues which lead to course improvements but are placed on the back burner because of the routine maintenance demands.

The allocation of our full irrigation water entitlement from the Campaspe has provided for the return of our lush couch fairways and fast Bent grass greens attracting many holiday makers and visitors over the holiday period.

A Planning Permit application will be lodged in January following the Committees approval to the design and location of the 2 Bay Practice nets planned for the area pegged at the rear of the 18<sup>th</sup> Green.

Many new members would also be unaware that the Club leases an area of land from Coliban Water which abuts the 15<sup>th</sup> Tee extending approximately 60 metres into the Coliban land and then encompasses the area between this point and a line northerly towards the 13<sup>th</sup> Tee and southerly towards Fred's house.

This area would facilitate the future re-development (in many years down the track) of the 14<sup>th</sup> to a par 4 and the 15<sup>th</sup> to a par 5 subject of course to funding, and permits being granted.

Also for the information of members who in the future may seek approval to part payment of Fees due to financial difficulties or resign as a member, they need to be aware of the possible implications and the need to follow formal procedures.

Formal resignation by letter is necessary to ensure a write off of the current outstanding fees attached to your name, which would be listed as a debt to you, and may be required to be paid as part of any membership renewal.

Part payment arrangements for fees are also subject to committee approval and requests must be lodged in writing, this procedure and minute of approval is essential to ensure that full membership privileges will apply and all members are covered equally under the Club's Insurance with no avenue for Membership to be queried in the event of an incident.

Vice Captain Len has been approached by Belvoir Park for the Club to give consideration to an annual Golf challenge event which would be held at alternate courses each year.

The new Fixtures book is at the printers and will be made available to members in the next few weeks.

All the best for 2012

Graeme Rooke  
President



# CAPTAINS REPORT

## Event Winners:

- ⇒ Monthly Medal Winner for January : Ian Martin with 63 nett. Congratulations to Ian
- ⇒ There is one round of play left in the Summer Breakfast Championship which is Sunday 22 January, best 3 of 4 rounds.

## Other Items:

- \* Twilight and Sunday Breakfast golf have resumed after the Christmas Break.
- \* BDGA – President, Captain & Secretaries day at Eaglehawk Mixed Pinehurst, Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Golf Victoria – 2012 Rules of Golf Education Program – Club and State Level Accreditation workshops and exams at the Golf Victoria Office throughout the year. If anyone is interested please see me for details.

Good luck to all in the New Year and improved golfing.

Peter Elvey

Captain

## **Lady Presidents Report**

I'm still struggling with writing 2012 and probably will be until the end of the month! As usual, Christmas festivities have whooshed past and it seems we were just wishing each other compliments of the season and we have already had our first Monthly Medal comp for this year.

Our winner was Rosemary Griffin with Nett 73

Rosie also scooped the pool by winning the putting comp with 30 Putts

Bev Whelan is keeping up her good form and was runner up with Nett 74

Congratulations girls, a great way to start the New Year.

The course is looking magnificent and as always this is due to the work of our paid staff and the wonderful volunteers who spend so much of their leisure time keeping up with the maintenance. I'm sure they would much rather be playing on the course than mowing it so a big thanks to you from the rest of us who get come out and enjoy the benefits of your labour.

Our Wednesday Christmas break up was a fun day of golf with a shared lunch.

The Friday girls break up was at the Mc Ivor Hotel who is one of our sponsors.

We took up two large tables and there were no other patrons in the dining room, we're not sure if this just happened or planned by the staff due to the noise factor! Whatever the reason we all had a lovely meal and it was a great way to end our golfing year.

Good Golfing in 2012

Carmel Williams