



Axedale Golf Club Newsletter

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The Presidents Report --

Subject to a successful funding application, *The City of Greater Bendigo* in finalising its Recreation and Leisure Framework to support the higher use of many recreational pursuits will include the development of a much needed strategy looking to the future of Golf in Bendigo. The study while acknowledging the financial challenges faced by the individual Clubs will be aimed at ensuring the sustainability and growth of golf in Bendigo and the opportunities that may be created to make Bendigo a golf tourism destination.

The Strategy will be prepared in consultation with Clubs in the Greater Bendigo Region, requiring that Clubs provide details particular to each Club in regard to ownership, finances, tenure, membership public use, facilities, irrigation water etc.

Recommendations made in the Strategy would cover development opportunities, viability and sustainability, explore possible partnership arrangements, gaps in current facilities etc etc.

An issues paper would be prepared for feedback from stakeholders and the Community would be sought prior to submission to Council for endorsement.

Secretary David and yours truly attended the recent initial workshop.

Pending a successful funding outcome it is aimed for a consultant to be appointed in Feb-March 2012

Congratulations again to the respective winners of the Clubs Gold and Silver events with special mention of course to Club Champion for the 10th occasion and Medal of Medallist -- Lex Johnstone.

Congratulations also to Lex and Hayden on their Country week selection.

Unfortunately Sponsors day has been postponed to the New Year due to a small number accepting.

Course renovations (coring) also had some problems with several Green profiles to wet and cores not pulling out. This work may be attempted again possibly in the autumn pending availability of the Contractor.

The Club has written to the Road Traffic Authority requesting a review of speed limits along Mitchell Street.

Well done again to our Ladies for their Special day which apart from being a great fund raiser was as usual from all reports very entertaining, *thanks to the many clever ladies involved*.

On a sad note, Secretary recently received notice of Trevor Tully's resignation from all Committee positions for personal reasons.

As Chairman of Greens Committee Trevor carried out his role to my complete satisfaction ensuring that this Committee met regularly with all Greens Committee members being given opportunity to express their views on issues from course maintenance to improvements with decisions made in a democratic way.

I would also like to express my appreciation on behalf of the Committee and members for the enormous amount of time Trev put in on the Course assisting staff, regularly giving up to 3 days a week of his time over the past 6 years..

Garry Harrop has volunteered his Service to take on the Chairman of Greens Committee role for the next 12 months --Thanks Gazza

Graeme Rooke
President

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The match committee met again with a new member in Ian Kerr volunteering his services which are greatly appreciated
Outcomes from the meeting:

Thursday summer men's comp: Start time was discussed and it will remain the same 8am start.

Sunday Comp: After speaking with John Hill in regard to this comp it has been decided that no breakfast will be supplied for this event this year.

The following needs to be voted on at a committee level:

Mixed Foursomes: It was agreed that a change in format from current foursome to Canadian foursome play.

All events that currently have 18 hole playoff, be changed to sudden death, to complete the event on the day.

Committee also felt there should only be an overall Gross Champion and that the current Gross B & C grade be removed. Therefore the championships would have a Gross Champion, A, B & C grade, Veteran and Junior net and an overall Putting Champion.

The Junior net Champion be amended from a gold letter event to a silver event as we do not have a board for this event up in the club rooms

Summer Cup to be amended from best 3 of 6 rounds to just 3 rounds.

The match committee decided that the log between the 7th & 8th is an immovable obstruction and relief can be obtained. This has been put on the local rules board.

Event Winners:

Doubles Knockout : Craig Kealy & Harry Fiske-Kealy.

Monthly Medal Winner for October : Sam Balardi with 65 net

Medal of Medallists for 2011 : Lex Johnstone on a three way count back from Ian Martin & Harry Fiske-Kealy – 69 Net

Mixed Foursomes Champion play off : Still to be arranged.

Thank you to Len Rodda and Ian Kerr for obtaining all the trophies for presentation for the recent events. These were presented to those at Golf last Saturday.

New perpetual Trophies were also there for presentation. The Garry Harrop Trophy (Championship) and David Lubke Shield (Singles Knockout)

Rosters still have not been drawn up for the captain's room, however at this stage it is all being covered off, thank you to those who regularly turn up and offer help. With the computer up and running smoothly again we can now begin to train new volunteers in the procedures of the captains room.

BDGA : Still to advise tournament events and dates. Committee approval is sought to proceed with the same as previously held events as listed below.

March Autumn Tournament:

Friday 23rd – 4BBB Stableford Men & Women

Saturday 24th – 4BBB Stableford Men & Women

October Annual Tournament:

Friday 5th - Men's 4BBB Stableford

Saturday 6th - Mixed and Men's Pinehurst

Sunday 7th - Men's 36 holes

Yours in Golf.

Peter Elvey

Dates to remember

- * Men's Trip away
November 18, 19 & 20
- * Twilight golf From Friday Nov 25 meal & golf \$20
- * Thursday summer men's comp: Start time 8am start.

Medal of Medallists for 2011.

Congratulations to:

Marianne Dunn and Lex Johnstone

October monthly medal for the men was Sam Bilardi & the Ladies was cancelled due to the weather.

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Lady President's Report

The ladies Spring Luncheon was held on Friday 6th with 110 guests attending and 9 teams playing 9 holes of Irish Three Ball. Winners were a combination Alexandra & Axedale team so well done girls.

The luncheon was a roaring success with around \$2800 raised and a magnificent 'wedding breakfast' created by Annette Purdy and her catering team.

As the 'A' team is retiring from the kitchen this year, I would like to say how grateful I am to them for their incredibly hard work and especially to Annette for all her planning behind scenes and the hours that she has spent baking and preparing every time we had something to be catered for. We are so fortunate to have people like this in our club.

October is also the month we welcome our new committee and say goodbye to those who are leaving. A special word of thanks and appreciation must go to our retiring Captain, Irene Murdoch, who for the past two years has worked tirelessly in the position and coped with the many challenges of the role with quiet efficiency and good humour.

Irene's will be big shoes to fill but we are lucky to have some terrific people willing to take on the hard jobs and I know that Kaye Osterfield will bring her own style of leadership to our group. Yours truly will be president for another term with Carol Mellington stepping into the Vice President's position and one of our new members Robyn Weeks coming on board.

While the final decision rests with the General Committee the consensus among the ladies is that changing our tournament dates to October to be in line with the men creates some difficulties for girls who are involved in summer sports or who have family commitments, so we are hoping that things can remain as they are.

Unfortunately October Monthly Medal was abandoned due to bad weather but we won't whinge about the much needed rain. Our congratulations go to Marianne Dunn who is our Medal of Medallists for 2011.

Our Presentation Day sponsored by Warehouse Sales is on Wednesday 12th with a shared lunch, so we are hoping for a fine day and good attendance.

Good Golfing

Carmel Williams

Junior Development

Junior development officer Fred Kath is calling for expression of interest from current juniors and tentative new junior members for his coaching sessions he plans to hold Thursday evenings starting soon, possibly from 5 to 7pm and also one Sunday a month, please contact Fred through any member of the committee or direct to:

Email - dragonhall5@bigpond.com

Feed back required

A suggested change to the catering for the Annual Tournament Sunday 36 hole for next year is to have a roll or sandwich after the morning 18 holes and a main meal at the end of the day while scores are being compiled.

Please let president Graeme know your thoughts.



Lady Captain Kaye and Geoff Shaw presenting the Marilyn Shaw memorial tray to Maureen Grogan

Below - Scenes from the ladies spring luncheon held on Friday October 7 with 110 guests making a profit of \$2800

Well done all concerned.



The Royal Wedding of Prince William & Catherine

