

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



Brighton Golf Club

Report on the 2016 AGM

Whilst educational, instructive and inspirational this year saw a repeat of previous years in that less than 10% of club members attended. The effect this has on ALL members is that whilst a quorum existed, making decisions binding, 100% of members golfing experience for the next 12 months was decided by less than 1 in 10 club members. It really does smack of the “tail wagging the dog”!!

The 2016 Annual General Meeting was :-

Educational because the inner workings of club operations, volunteers and just how things actually get done are laid bare on this one occasion each year.

Instructive because it not only shows what has been done and how it was achieved but also how things might be, or are being planned to be, done better during the current year.

Inspirational because there is not another organization in our industry (sport) that has achieved so much in such a relatively short time and yet has real workable plans already on the go to achieve much, much more in the future.

All this with virtually 100% voluntary effort.

Members who each pay thousands of dollars per year to belong to Private Golf Clubs expect, but do not always receive, the same benefits. That’s why so many of them have joined our club.

Just as members of our club have for almost 100 years enjoyed the fruits of the labours of their fellow members and the decisions they have acted upon over the years. So will many hundreds of new members in the future benefit from the decisions and actions being taken RIGHT NOW to develop and improve what we are told by outsiders is Best In Class.

So, as they say in the classics, “The ball is at your feet – where will you hit it to??” As we know in golf nothing happens until YOU hit the ball.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

BRIGHTON GOLF CLUB Inc. Reg. No. A15468J

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Held Tuesday 15th November 2016 at the clubrooms

Time : Start 7.40pm Finish : 8.40pm Duration : 1hr
Chair : President Keith Beggs (KB) opened the meeting and welcomed all members present.

A quorum of twenty five (25) eligible voting members was present prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Present : Twenty seven (27) members, as per signed Attendance Sheets. Male members totaled 21 and Female members six. Five (5) Life members were present; Keith Beggs, Alex Johnson, Jim Mayfield, Colin McDonald, Avis McKenzie, who were recognized individually by name.

Apologies : Geoff Hergt, John Sutherland, Pam Jones, Ryl Leetham, Jan Smallman, Virginia Gattuso.

Deceased : Special mention was made of longtime club members Kevin Smith, Andrea Whitney and Dooreen Sweeney who had passed away during the 2015/2016 golfing year. A period of silence was observed in their memory.

Minutes of the previous meeting :

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the clubrooms on Tuesday November 17th 2015 were attached to agenda. M (A Fish) S (Ray Desmond) that minutes be accepted as a true and correct record as printed. Carried by show of hands.

Matters arising : There were no matters arising

Reports : The President, Secretary, Club Captain, House Manager and President of the Ladies Sub-Committee presented printed reports to all members present.

KB spoke about the income brought into the club during the year by the Bayside Hockey Club. He updated members on the initiatives taken by our club to improve the condition of the Brighton Public Golf Course with both LMS and the Bayside City Council acknowledging the time and effort made by many club members which has resulted in the water harvesting project going ahead during 2017. KB also emphasized the importance of club member volunteers to the ongoing viability of our club.

New Secretary Karl Lindberg (KL) thanked past Secretary Geoff Hergt, President Keith Beggs, Captain John McCreery and Handicapper Ray Desmond for help in doing the Secretary job, presented current member number trends and mentioned the valuable work carried out by club member volunteers

Captain John McCreery (JMcC) thanked the many club volunteers who assisted him during the past year, particularly Wayne Troedson, Ray Desmond and Bill Dooley. His report provided a resume of the club competitions and the Pennant season.

David Heraud presented the House Manager's report detailing the role and importance of club member volunteers in maintaining the club house and improving member enjoyment with additional services and items available over the bar.

Marg Mooney's report outlined the activities of the BGC Ladies highlighting the successes achieved in the raising of additional much needed funds for the club and for charities.

After members had some time to consider the reports Moved P. Charlewood (PC) Seconded Sue Bamerry (SB) that the reports above as presented be accepted. Carried by a show of hands. All reports are available to members on request to the Secretary.

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Consideration and acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements for year ending 30th September 2016.

Accountant Ryan Radford had assisted KB with the Financial Statements before they were delivered to our Auditor Troedel Adams & Co. for auditing. The Audited Set of Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September were made available to all members at the meeting, who requested them. KB highlighted aspects of the report, e.g. moderate capital expenditure on computer hardware, electrical upgrade, website rebuild, and a binwasher in preparation for upgrading our kitchen from Class 3 to Class 2. He mentioned our BGC charity work resulted in about \$12,000 shared between Red Cross and Sandringham Hospital. KB thanked all BGC volunteers who have helped during the year and mentioned his assistants, Peter Charlewood and Don Barrett.

M(LSoligo) S (AFish) that Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements be agreed to. Carried by a show of hands.

Appointment of Auditor for 2017 :

M(KB) S(KL) that Troedel Adams & Co. be appointed as the Club Auditor for the 2017 Year. Carried by a show of hands.

Notices of Motion : No motions had been received.

Approval of Honorariums :

M(KL) S (LS) that total Honorariums continue at \$9,000, as approved since 2006, Split: Treasurer \$2,000, Secretary and Captain \$1,000 each, House Manager \$5,000. Motion was carried by a show of hands.

Election of Committee of Management for 2016/2017 :

The Secretary provided each member present with current BGC office holders remaining in office until AGM 2017, being;

- Tresurer Keith Beggs
- Secretary Karl Lindberg
- Captain John McCreery

The new candidates duly nominated unopposed, being:

- President Bruce Drane (two years)
- Vice President Keith Beggs (two years)
- Vice Captain Wayne Troedson

And General Committee (one year), unopposed, being:

- David Heraud (also House Manager)
- Rosemary Fry
- James Gardiner
- Trevor George
- Pam Jones (Ladies sub CoM President - ex officio - with vote)
- Marg Mooney

New BGC President Bruce Drane took the chair and brought the formal part of the meeting to a close. The Chairman then invited questions from the floor

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Questions from the floor

1. (S. Smith) How is BGC membership holding up? (KL) about same as last year, although some members have been slow in paying. Also refer Secretary Report.
2. (L. Soligo) Trading result - profitability seems to have deteriorated? KB took question on notice and undertook to check and advise.
3. (J. Gardiner) What membership category are the Bayside Hockey Club members? Special Social members (\$15) who can access clubrooms for rest and bar refreshments on days when club is open.

The meeting was closed at 20.40 by President Bruce Drane who thanked all members for their attendance and offered them a drink from the bar, on the club.

The next AGM of the Brighton Golf Club Inc will be at 7.30pm Tuesday November 14th 2017 at the clubrooms.

President's Report 2016

Dear Members,

This past year I have been privileged to have undertaken two office bearer roles i.e. Treasurer and also that of President. This wasn't the plan, nor did it meet with approval from the Auditor, but that's what happened. These two roles gave me a great insight into the way the Club continues to operate and run effectively for the benefit of all Members. I also have enjoyed the challenges this dynamic Club brings and the people I have met, both Members and non-members.

It's heartening that the advertised calls for help have been heard and responded to by the various new volunteers that will lighten the load that others and I on the Committee of Management have carried these last two years and I say thank you.

Over the last 12 months the Club has been successful in a couple of areas of importance:

- Improving the reliability of the various components and connectivity of the electric network (LAN) that we have come to rely on. The situation in the office with the cabling and bits and pieces of electric equipment such as the two PC's, the modem and that piece of junk we used to call the multi-function center have now either been replaced or rewired, relocated or sent to the tip. There have been a couple of hiccups during the process but the office, small as it is, is now functioning comfortably and reliably.
- On the 9th April this year a formal agreement was reached between the Bayside Hockey Club and Brighton Golf Club thus ending the previous casual arrangement that proved to be so successful for both parties. We subsequently welcomed eighty four BHC members as social members of the BGC. I'm sure I speak for all BGC members when I say how delighted we are to have this group of people hold their functions at and enjoy the facilities of our Club and we hope our relationship grows even stronger in time.
- I'm privileged to have been involved in the inaugural meeting of the 2015/2016 pennant sub-committee. It gave me an opportunity to learn a lot about the rules and how the teams were organized plus the hard work that goes into getting a result during the term of the Pennant Season. This came at a time when BGC won the Scratch Division 3 Pennant flag and I thank all participants, golfers, caddies and volunteers for making this possible.
- The Sustainable Water Supply for Brighton Golf Course and Dendy Park sub-committee formed in April of 2015 met regularly during the last 12 months to push forward with getting a positive result for an improvement to the condition of the Brighton Public Golf Course via the introduction of a Sustainable Water Supply using a water harvesting technique. Much has been published about this and you will have learnt that success was achieved when the Bayside Council voted in favour of supporting the petition that was put to council on 26th April 2016.

We have since had discussions with LMS via Travis Harrison and Steve Fernee, Civil Projects Coordinator City Assets & Projects Bayside City Council.

An important meeting was held with Travis on 27th October when a group of Club golfers played a planned 9 hole layout to be played during the duration of the water harvesting project followed with a chat session chaired by Travis and attended by Peter Franklyn the previous project manager. All attendees agreed that this meeting held a lot of hope for a successful outcome for the project particularly since Travis was so enthusiastic about growing the relationship between LMS and the playing public, particularly the Golf clubs.

I now direct you for more information to the transcript of that meeting, which I table tonight, and which will also be published in the BGC November 2016 Newsletter due to be published soon. A map of the new temporary 9 hole layout will be mounted in the clubrooms very soon.

I'd like to thank all members of the sub-committee that volunteered generously with their time and effort. Particularly Jane Millar who was instrumental in communicating to council and LMS so effectively our steadfast desire for a successful outcome. And also to previous BGC Member and past BCC Councilor Bruce Lowe who championed the cause throughout the campaign.

- On 12th April 2016 Member David Heraud was nominated successfully on to the Committee of Management and the role as BGC House Manager. Under David's direction and CoM approval the Club kitchen is now undergoing a Class 2 refurbishment to allow the BGC to improve its quality of food provided at future Club and private functions and on Saturdays. The plan is to advertise the availability of the Clubhouse which is regarded by many as underutilized. More will be advised as this project progresses.

President's Report 2016

As has been said many times in the past and continues to be the case - this club wouldn't be viable if were not for the voluntary support we receive from many of our Members. These people are all named throughout the Annual Reports but I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for their ongoing efforts.

Each and every week a happy group of members arrive at the club on Tuesdays to do the banking, mow the lawns, stock the bar, vacuum the club rooms and clean the toilets, repair fences, paint the white car park lines, do the weeding and planting of trees and flowers. This is all done in the very best of spirits and is finished off with a coffee and a good old laugh around the table.

Just as important to the Club's ongoing viability is the help we get from the many supporters of the club. Throughout the year these guys are asked to put their hands in their pockets for this and that and I would like to acknowledge the assistance received from them during 2015/2016:

- Ron van Pelt – VAN PELT BUILDERS
- Colin Joel – DULUX
- Innes Ireland – HOUSE of GOLF
- PSC Insurance Brokers
- Digital Document Solutions - DDS
- Lindsay Kerr - LIFETIME TROPHIES
- Escape Travel Black Rock

On a personal note I would like to thank all members of the committee of management for their support. All have made a valued contribution throughout the year particularly Karl Lindberg who has been a very helpful Vice President and capable Hon. Secretary. Karl is a calming influence which helped me during some trying times this year.

I would also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge a guy that has perfected the skill of flying under the radar at BGC. Bill Dooley has been a wonderful and diligent committee member, undertaking the varied responsibilities of:

- Member Welfare
- Care of Membership applicants
- Saturday Raffle organizer
- BGC Winter Classic coordinator with Andrew Blunden

Bill has made a huge contribution to the Club via these roles and has carried them all out in a timely and classy fashion. We will miss you on committee Bill but we hope you enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle and have fun with your family. We all wish you well for the future...Happy Golfing mate!

During the year I knew that I'd bitten off more than I could chew with the two roles mentioned and I asked past Hon. Secretary Geoff Hergt would he take on the role as Editor of the BGC News newsletter to which he agreed, much to my relief. Although now not on committee he is still willing to help with that time consuming task, plus assisting with bar duties from time to time. Thank you Geoff.

In finishing I'd like to thank Bruce Drane for putting himself forward for the role of BGC President for the next two years. Bruce will bring new ideas and a great deal of enthusiastic know how with him. I'll assist as required and invite all Members support Bruce in this important Club role.

Keith Beggs

President

Brighton Golf Club Inc.

15th November 2015

Hon. Secretary's Report 2016

This is my first year as Hon. Secretary and I thank our past Secretary Geoff Hergt and Treasurer Keith Begg for training me in the many tasks that the Secretary is required to perform for our club to remain "legal". I now appeal to any member to join me as assistant Secretary to help out and learn "the ropes" and then hopefully take over when my term ends at the next AGM in November 2017.

The administration of our incorporated (Reg No A15468J) non-profit sports club follows the requirements set out by CAV (Consumer Affairs Victoria) and as set out in our own December 2015, Rules of Association .

The day to day running of our club is performed entirely by club volunteers. The future success of our club is totally dependent on a few dedicated club members, who freely offer their time, in some cases over many, many years, to keep our small club running at minimum cost and maximum efficiency. Our past Secretary Geoff Hergt calculated that unpaid hours volunteered (by 20 - 30 volunteers) to our club, by keen club members, is in the order of 8,000 hrs per year. Imagine if we had to pay \$20 per hour for it, it would cost us \$160,000.

To assist us in running the club and to give proper service to all members we now have an updated computer server system, including membership records, competition card printing, scanning and handicapping, a modern club website, wifi access in club rooms, foyer monitor, club room TV screens and a modern office multi function copying unit which enables copying, scanning, emailing and other membership functions essential to keep our member records up to date. All work performed daily by our President/Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Captain, Handicapper, Trophy Steward, Booking Sheet Manager, and other volunteers, is made a little easier and more efficient thanks to these modern facilities.

If we, the members of BGC Inc., had to pay commercial rates to have the same amount of work performed by paid employees our membership fees would increase beyond reasonable and that would of course quickly make our club, which has financially just broken even over the last few years, financially not viable.

Club volunteers (Geoff Hergt and Keith Beggs) also produce a comprehensive monthly email newsletter including; member news, CoM Minutes, monthly financial performance, golfing activities and results and information about social activities.

We began this financial year with a total of 224 full members (152 male, 70 female and two juniors) in our main member categories and we currently have 211 (147, 62 and 2) in those categories, thus we have so far lost a few more members than we gained during the year. We may still gain a few before finally "closing the books".

In year 2000, we had 348 full members (240 male, 98 female and 10 juniors), but membership gradually fell until about 2010, when it levelled out at roughly the current numbers. I believe the loss of membership was due to two major influences; * a gradual deterioration of the public course we play on, due to neglect by BCC and their leaseholders and a sustained draught (2006 until 2011) and thus lack of rain water and ** a changing social environment, where individuals and families are much time poorer.

BGC took over the Golf Access program in 2013 and this year we started with 77 Golf Access members and we now have about 80.

This year we introduced a special Bayside Hockey Club (BHC) member category, and over 90 members, who use our rooms for social functions, joined us and they use our club house for their after game relaxation and for their official club and social meetings, to both our benefit.

We cater for the GA and BHC members because they contribute to our bar and food sales and they may, over time, be converted to full club members as they experience our club, club room facilities and our improving food offer (class 2 kitchen) planned for 2017/18.

From an assets and cash flow perspective our club can conveniently be compared to an "old retired couple" living in a "rich suburb on the age pension".

We are rich in assets, thanks to the improved land value of 97 and 99 Glencairn Ave., but we have an old and deteriorating club house that will require substantial and likely expensive upgrades/repairs in the years ahead, if we remain here, and we currently have a very limited cash flow with which to cover those upgrades/repairs.

Hon. Secretary's Report 2016

Our Future Fund currently about \$50,000 will keep us "safe" for a while, but as our President Keith Beggs recently outlined in his "BGC Inc. The Big Picture" article in our Newsletter we need to consider using our strong asset position to position our club for a more secure future.

We need to find new ways of growing our membership and adding profitable new cash flow activities to our club. We realise this will not be easy during the next two years whilst the golf course is being re-worked. A marketing/events sub-committee has begun working on this important task.

The long awaited BPGC and Dendy Park water harvesting project and planned con-current course improvements that will be undertaken by BCC in 2017/18, should help us in achieving some future membership growth, but we are in a competitive sports market and considerable efforts, on several fronts, will be needed by BGC to succeed in gaining more members.

The CoM has already approved funds for upgrading our class 3 kitchen to Class 2 operation, which will allow our House Manager to offer better hospitality in the club rooms for both members and for other outside organisations, which we expect will help achieve better utilisation of our kitchen and bar facilities under our existing liquor licensing arrangements.

Therefore "Ask not what my club can do for me - but rather what I can do for my club"

Karl Lindberg

Secretary

Brighton Golf Club Inc.

Treasurer's Report 2016

Brighton Golf Club Inc.

Treasurers Report

Financial Year 1st Oct 2015 – 30th Sept 2016

Dear Members,

An **Audited Set of Financial Statements** for the **Brighton Golf Club Inc.** for the year ended **30th September 2016** has been prepared by Ryan Radford of KPR Financial & Marketing Services Pty and audited by Peter Troedel of Peter Troedel and Assoc. and is now tabled this evening for your information.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This is comprised of various statements and declarations from the Auditor plus four (4) reports containing the 2015 YTD figures (LHS) and the 2016 YTD figures (RHS).

1. TRADING ACCOUNTS

This report shows that Bar Sales increased again by approx. \$7,000 for the third year running. Unfortunately any benefit from this has been dragged back due to bar expenses which are reflected in the Profit on Bar Trading result.

2. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

This report is a summarised version of the normal monthly BGC Profit & Loss report presented to the Committee of Management. This year would have been much worse had it not been for the BHC bar income which amounted to \$6,698 for the year.

3. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

This report is a summarised version of the normal BGC monthly Balance Sheet presented to the Committee of Management. It details the assets in the club and the liabilities.

Fixed Assets

- a. Although there has been an increase in the rated value of the BGC Land at valuation this figure remains unchanged as compared to last year but will be reviewed annually as directed by the Committee of Management.
- b. Various capital expenses were incurred and have been added to the report for depreciation purposes
 - Replacement men's urinal
 - Local Area Network (LAN) equipment rewired and re-located to rear room.
 - BGC Website rebuilt using new and improved platform
 - Purchase and installation of Bin Washer and sink in preparation for kitchen upgrade/license.

Fixed Liabilities - Nil

4. STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

This report shows the movements of club assets and liabilities comparing 2014/2015 with 2015/2016.

CHARITY

Australian Red Cross (ARC)

A successful 2016 Red Cross day was achieved with a dedicated sub-committee in control and outstanding support from members, sponsors and the ladies of the Australian Red Cross (ARC) Brighton Unit. Net result paid to ARC - \$5999.44.

Sandringham Hospital

Organised by the BGC Ladies this project resulted in a net of \$5877.91.

A total amount of \$11,877.91 was raised for charity at the Brighton Golf Club during 2015/2016. ***A truly magnificent result, well done to all concerned.***

Treasurer's Report 2016

GREEN FEES BOOKING SYSTEM

Both Malcolm Turner and Club Secretary Karl Lindberg work together to keep this system operating and on occasions backed up by John Sutherland. I thank them all for their dedication in this important voluntary Club role.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I'd now like to acknowledge the assistance from various people whose help this year is much appreciated.

Firstly to Peter Charlewood and Don Barrett who make themselves available throughout the year on Tuesdays to assist with banking and clerical duties.

And also to my fellow CoM colleagues especially Hon Secretary Karl Lindberg (VP) whom I've worked very closely with this year to ensure that any issues raised, at and in between CoM meetings, were handled promptly and effectively to ensure the smooth running of the Club. Thanks guys and the rest of the committee for your assistance and support.

I'd also like to thank all of the BGC member volunteers who generously give of their free time to carry out work that sometimes would otherwise be done by sub-contractors, at great expense to the club. Their contribution to the viability of the club is hereby acknowledged and highly appreciated.

GENERALLY

And so another year ends for the Brighton Golf Club and a new year begins. The Club has again not lost any money nor has it gained any.

There is a lot to feel good about as this year closes: the year has been eventful and productive and I look forward to working with the 2016/17 Committee of Management, which has three new members, to help with the planning and initiatives that have been put in place to improve the social and golfing experience that we have all come to enjoy at BGC.

Keith Beggs

Honorary Treasurer
Brighton Golf Club Inc.
15th November 2016

Captain's Report 2016

As Club Captain I have appreciated the general support that all Members have given me throughout the year. In particular, I would like to thank the Handicapper, Ray Desmond, for his commitment and enthusiasm to the job and the Assistant Handicapper, Ken Brown, who is now completing the Men's competition cards on Wednesdays. The Secretary, Karl Lindberg, is always available to find any information or write a letter or send an email when required. Also, the Trophy Steward, Mark Pearson, for his excellent job in contacting the competition winners and acquiring a varied range of trophies and the Vice Captain, Wayne Troedson for his assistance.

Bill Dooley requires a special thank you as he is the Club's New Member Liaison Officer where he is the first point of contact for potential new Members and is the Welfare Officer who keeps the Club informed of any Members who are unwell. He also fires up the weekly Saturday raffle and organises the Winter Classic team event as well as helping with the cleaning of the Club House. And if that is not enough, he instigated the Presentation Dinner and organises the Members to turn up. Bill has decided to retire from the Committee this year, so, we will need someone to step up to take over from him.

The Match Committee consisted of Ray Desmond, Barry Goring, Andrew Blunden, Sue Bamberry, Jo Fay and John McCreery. I consider that this Committee has done an excellent job over the year as hardly any contentious issues needed to be considered. All playing Members were kept well informed of upcoming events and any changes to the Temporary Local Rules.

I would like to thank the Ladies Captain, Sue Bamberry and the Ladies Handicapper, Jo Fay, for their excellent work in running the Ladies competitions throughout the year. Also, I would like to thank the President of the Ladies Sub-Committee, Rosie Hogan, for the work she did in organising various functions for the Ladies to raise money for charities and the Club. Unfortunately, Rosie had to retire midway through the year due to family commitments and her role was more than adequately taken over by Marg Mooney. Thank you Marg.

Three other important members who help out in various ways to see that the Men's competitions run well are, Barry Goring, Malcolm Turner and John Sutherland.

Barry moves the markers before and after each competition and I thank him for his commitment to this job. Malcolm and John do the Saturday booking sheet and finalise the green fee payments before transferring the booked times to the Pro Shop.

I would also like to thank Karl Lindberg and David Heraud for preparing the lunches for the Men's home Pennant matches throughout the season. They have continued the tradition of Brighton always putting on the best meal of any Club. A special thank you goes to Jim Mayfield for his help on both the Men's and Ladies Pennant days with bar duties and cleaning up afterwards.

There are others who have helped me at certain times through the year, and while I haven't put your name in this report be assured, that I do appreciate your efforts.

Therefore, you can see that it takes a lot of work to run our competitions, and by having so many people who offer their services freely it makes my job much easier. However, if there are any more Members who would like to help in some way, even if it is to give one of the above a break now and then, please let me know.

The Membership Sub-Committee consisting of Bill Dooley and John McCreery has continued its good work in informing all prospective members of the relevant alternatives concerning Club Membership. Our total membership is down by a small number from last year, but when compared with surrounding Clubs we are not doing too badly. Just on five years ago we introduced a separate level of membership for Access Members. This membership is for golfers who would like to have a G A Handicap but do not want to join a Club. We are able to facilitate this for them so that they receive a Golfink Card and have insurance protection. They play in competitions on the course conducted by the Pro Shop but cannot play in our Club competitions other than on Guest Days. The number of Access Members is currently around 85.

A special commendation goes to the Course condition Sub-Committee that consisted of Keith Beggs, Beau Roberts, Jane Millar, Wayne Troedson, Karl Lindberg, Sue Bamberry, Jan Smallman and John McCreery. This Committee was formed towards the end of summer in early 2016 to see what could be done about the deteriorating condition of the golf course, particularly the fairways.

Captain's Report 2016

After meetings with the Course Management and Bayside Councillors and staff it emerged that a design for a sustainable water supply for the golf course and Dendy Park had been designed in 2011, but did not go ahead due to rains in 2012. So, it was decided to run a petition and speak to local ratepayers. In no time 1,600 signatures were collected and forwarded to the Council to get this water project back on the agenda. This was successful and Council approved that the construction go ahead. Currently the tender process is taking place where the successful contractor will be chosen.

Council expect the work to commence in February, 2017 and be completed by September, 2017. For about 6 months of the of the construction period the golf course will operate as a 9 hole course. This will be some short term pain for a long term gain.

The Pennant teams had mixed results this year with only one team reaching the final.

The Men's Scratch Team playing in Division 3 had a very good season that culminated in winning the Pennant. Due to the efforts of existing members of this team the Club picked up three very good low markers at the start of the year. This team started slowly with a draw in the first match, but then proceeded to win every match except for the last home and away match at the difficult Westgate Course. The final was against Westgate at the Werribee Golf Course and Brighton dominated the day by winning before all individual matches were completed. The winning team was Chris Meehan, Simon Meehan, Marc Robinson, Shane Pallant, Brad Carter, Anthony Millard, Chris Tesoriero and Alistair Salmon. Also playing during the season were Ryan Radford, Brett Youl and Gary Murrells. Special congratulations go to Chris Meehan for his astute captaincy and management of this team.

The Men's Handicap Team also struggled to win matches this year and was relegated to Division 3. This team is keen to improve their performance and new players are required if we are to improve next year.

The Men's Seniors Team missed out on final by percentage. While they had a reasonable season in winning half of the home and away matches they did not win enough individual matches. The side was a bit disjointed through the season with a number of good players being unavailable for a number of the matches. Hopefully, players will get their priorities right next year at take their holidays out of the Pennant season.

The Ladies fielded two Pennant teams this year in 'A' Grade and 'D' Grade. The 'A' Grade team had a good season finishing a close second after the home and away matches. Unfortunately, only the top team goes through to the final. The 'D' Grade team found the opposition a bit more consistent and finished third on the ladder. All players enjoyed the challenge and are keen to do better next year.

The year's major charity event for Saturday players was the Annual Red Cross Charity Day where \$6,000 was raised by the Club for the Red Cross Calling Appeal. Thanks must go to the Members and local businesses who donated goods for the raffle and spinning wheel prizes. Also, thank you to the Members and local businesses that sponsored holes on the course for the competition. Special thank you to Bruce Arundell for running the spinning wheel during the afternoon.

Another special event was the Glenn Martin Memorial Golf Day, held on the AFL grand final day. Club Member, Innes Ireland and the House of Golf provided gift vouchers to all participating players that made the day even more enjoyable. Both the above events were shot gun starts and our thanks go to Kingsley Ferguson at the Pro Shop for giving the Club this opportunity.

For the fifth year running the VGL Men's Seniors and Veterans Championships were held at the Brighton Golf Course with the Brighton Golf Club providing meals and refreshments to the players. Brighton entered 10 players for the day and had success with Brett Youl taking out the Veteran's Championship.

Competition for all the Club's Major Trophies were very closely fought out this year. Congratulations go to all the winners, and to the rest of us, better luck next year.

Captain's Report 2016

The Men's Major Trophy Winners for 2016 are as follows:

1. Club Champions	Open	Ryan Radford	224
	A Grade	John Collins	234
	B Grade	Peter Jolly	262
	C Grade	Adam Fish	279
2. Best Nett Club Championships		David Combe	203
3. Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy		John Sutherland	
<i>(Match Play Champion)</i>			
4. Handicapper's Trophy		Rod Boucher	46
<i>(Aggregate of points given in Singles Competitions from Jan. to Oct.)</i>			
5. Life Member's Trophy	Brad Munro	Stephen Pap	
<i>(Pairs Match Play Champions)</i>			
6. W Lydster Memorial Trophy		Russell White	11up
<i>(Par Aggregate – best 6 of 8 rounds)</i>			
7. Tom Stewart Memorial Trophy		David Combe	74.6
<i>(Average of 5 best scores from VGL Medal rounds)</i>			
8. President's Trophy		Gary Murrells	150
<i>(Total of 2 stroke rounds – best gross score)</i>			
9. Captain's Trophy		Peter Jolly	126
<i>(Total of 2 stroke rounds – best nett score)</i>			
10. 4BBB Championship	Bruce Drane	Steve Smith	16up
<i>(Aggregate of 2 rounds of 4BBB Par)</i>			
11. Dr McCallum's Veterans Trophy		Rob Boucher	75
<i>(Aggregate of 2 stableford rounds for 60 years and over)</i>			
12. The Volunteer's Trophy	3 Event Medley	David Shutler	51
<i>Following a play off with Ray Desmond. (Aggregate of points given in 1 round each of stroke, par & stableford)</i>			
13. VGL Medallist of Medallists		Steve Smith	65
14. Club Medallist of Medallists		Jeff Fujii	7up
15. Lifetime Trophies Shield		Mark Oglethorpe	185
<i>(Wednesday Comp. Aggregate of best 5 from 8 stableford rounds)</i>			
16. Van Pelt Builders Trophy		Peter Nowak	317
<i>(Wednesday Comp. Aggregate of best 5 from 8 stroke rounds)</i>			

The Ladies Major Trophy Winners for 2016 are as follows:

1. Club Champion	Maree McGowan	(3 stroke rounds – best gross)	
2. B Grade Champion	Liz Willy	(3 stroke rounds – best gross)	
3. C Grade Champion	Leigh Surkitt	(3 stroke rounds – best gross)	
4. Brighton Cup	Jill Cox	(3 stroke rounds – best nett)	
5. Match Play Champion	Virginia Gattuso		
6. President's Trophy	Sue Bamberry	(Total of 2 par rounds)	
7. Captain's Trophy	Pam Jones	(2 stroke rounds – best nett)	
8. Secretary's Trophy	Sue Bamberry	(Aggregate of 2 stableford rounds)	
9. Brighton Medley	Sally Lindsay	(Agg of points in 1 round ea of stroke, par & s/ford)	
10. Life Member's Trophy	Maureen Gaynor	(2 stroke rounds – best nett)	
11. Foursomes Champions	Gross	Virginia Gattuso	Sally Lindsay
	Nett	Heather Darcy	Pam Jones
12. Brownlie Silver Medal	Pam Jones	(Medallist of Medallists)	

John McCreery

Club Captain

Lady President's Report 2016

As caretaker president of The Ladies' Sub-Committee I would like to present my report for the 2015/2016 golfing year.

Ladies' Guest Day

This was a very successful day, the invited guests joining us for a delicious lunch after playing golf. Money raised on the day with raffles and sales from the golf table came to \$335.00.

Charity Day

This was another huge success with the Ladies raising \$5877 for the Sandringham Hospital. This money is to be put toward the hospitals new Day Procedure Centre.

Ladies' Monthly Medal Days

Each month on Medal Day the ladies conduct a raffle. Money raised averaged \$80.00 over the year, all of which has gone to the club.

As in previous years 2016 has been a very busy year for our Ladies Pennant was successfully completed. The Brighton/Nepean Shield 'Match Play Event' was played and won by Brighton. The Tin Cup challenge was played in good spirit, so to our weekly competitions. We received many invitations to play golf at other clubs and many ladies accepted. Very soon we will be enjoying Christmas Lunch at the Savoy Hotel Brighton.

It has also been a very disruptive year. In March our secretary resigned from the committee and in June our then President took leave of absence. We began with 17 committee members, there are only 13 remaining. These remaining members have been marvellous. All duties were distributed and accepted with never a complaint. I thank them all most sincerely. Without their cooperation my task would have been impossible.

Cheryl's journal proved to be invaluable and will be passed on to our next Lady President with great ceremony.

In closing I would like to thank The Committee of Management for all their Assistance throughout the year and the Ladies look forward to another successful year in 2017.

Margaret Mooney

Caretaker President

Ladies Sub Committee Brighton Golf Club

House Manager's Report 2016

My first year as house manager at the club has been a case of coming to terms with the many facets of the Club's operations.

The most important part I have learned is the vital role that volunteers play in the upkeep of the rooms and facilities and if any member wants to contribute in any way it is most satisfying to know you have some small part in the running of the club.

The weekly jobs of keeping the garden and grounds clean and tidy along with weekly cleaning are vital to members' enjoyment of the club.

The past few months have seen painting of internal walls and trims of which many members have commented on the update.

This coincides with the moving of Honor Boards in preparation of new boards being erected over the next few months.

There is an ongoing program of repairing chair frames where possible and if successful seat webbing will be repaired as well in the New Year.

This year I have undertaken courses in Responsible Service of Alcohol, Food Handling and Accreditation as the Food Safety Supervisor for the Club. All these courses were undertaken at William Angliss College seen by the industry as the best training facility in the Hospitality Industry.

This is in preparation for upgrading the kitchen from Class 3 to Class 2 which will hopefully happen soon. This approved Bin Wash Facility has already been installed at the rear of the Clubhouse.

The next 12 months will see changes to the front room to make the room more inviting and useable by members and making it a great place to display the Club's history.

We intend to repaint and freshen the Bar area.

All this along with the improvements to the Kitchen is with the aim to increase the use of the Club's facilities both by Members and attract potential parties to hire the Clubrooms to increase revenue.

This is in conjunction with the Marketing and events sub-committee recently formed.

We will continue to revue Bar sales and make changes where necessary to improve both choice and revenue where possible.

We will freshen up the front garden area to a more contemporary look in the coming year and remove older bushes that have become untidy.

I look forward to Member input and assistance over the next 12 months to improve facilities at the club and please approach me at any time with your suggestions.

David Heraud

House Manager
Brighton Golf Club

2015/2016 Club Financials Audited

All financial details of our club are available to each financial member of the club upon request.

These details are private and confidential and therefore only available to eligible club members.

Brighton Golf Club Inc. - End of the Golfing Year

This is the end of the 2016 Golfing Year Club Annual Report for the Brighton Golf Club.