

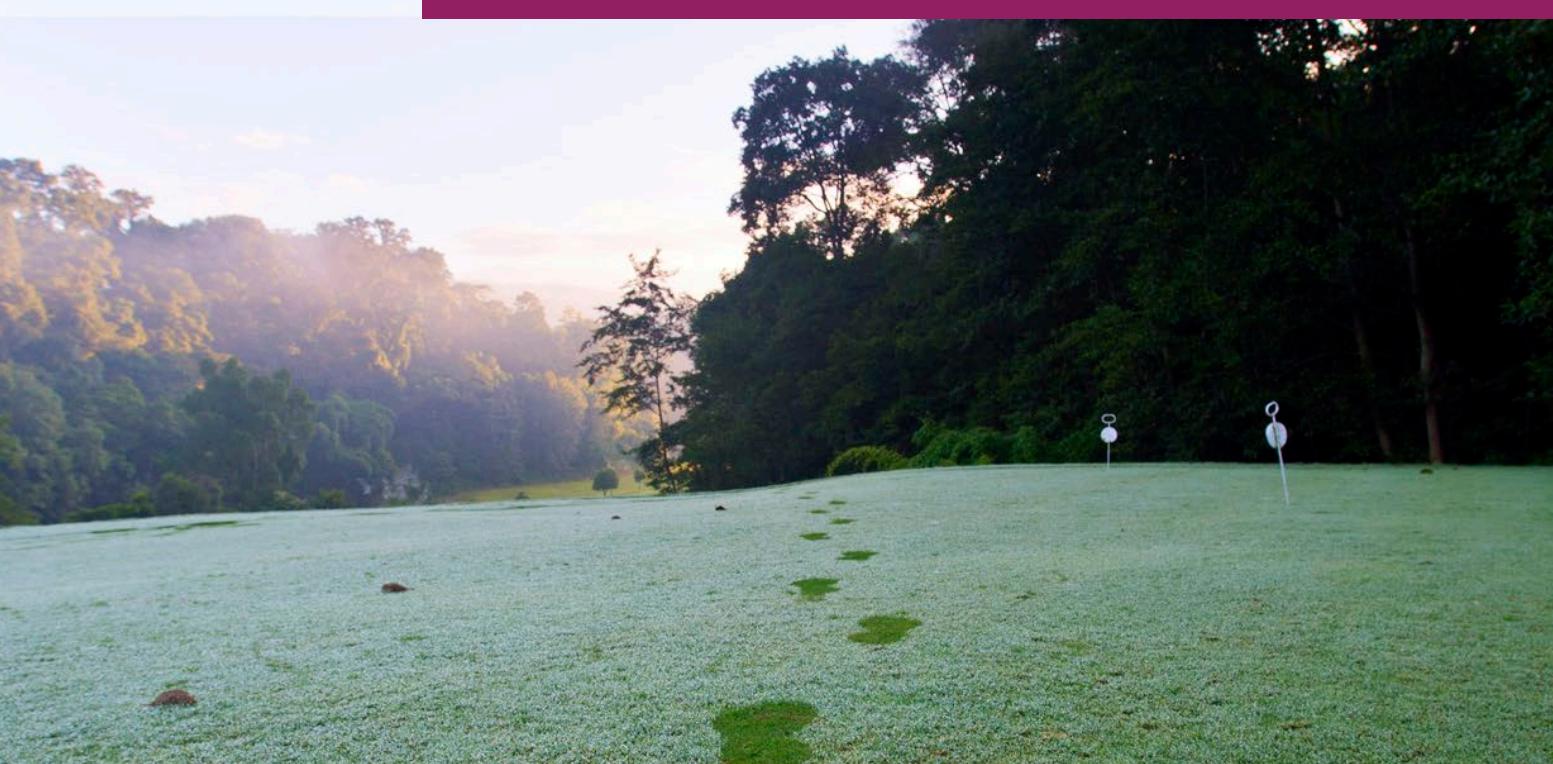


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# BGC News

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## Feature Story

# 2016 Scratch Pennant Results



After two desperately unlucky “relegations” in 3 years the Club scratch team found itself in VGL Division 3 for 2016. A committee was formed with the aim of improving our on field performances and ultimate goal of becoming the major force in VGL. This clearly meant recruitment of good solid committed players to bolster the nucleus of those already at the club.

Within 3 months of the 2015 season we had welcomed 3 new members: Brad Carter and Anthony Millard introduced by Simon Meehan and Shane Pallant introduced by Ryan Radford. So our season commenced with an away game at Craigieburn/Wilmott Park.

## GAME 1

Things started out well with most players in front or close. Anthony Millard played brilliantly in disposing of his opponent 9 and 7. Alistair Salmon and Marc Robinson won convincingly but things went pear shaped on the 18th hole, a short down hill par 3. 4 of our team played 18 and all we needed was one player to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the hole for a team win. All 4 lost the hole and we went away with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ ’d rubber. Not the worst result but very unconvincing. Put it down to first game nerves, but we had to get better quickly.

**Winners: Anthony, Alistair, Marc.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ’s to Ryan & Chris M.**



## Feature Story

# 2016 Scratch Pennant Results

### GAME 2

Game 2 was against Westgate at home. Improve we did with a 4 and 2 ½'s to 2 and 2 ½'s win. Chris Meehan had his best win for many years 7 and 6 whilst Marc Robinson and Chris Teseriero also won well. Back on track as Westgate had won their first game which meant we were on top of the Division.

**Winners:** Chris M, Marc, Chris T, Shane. ½'s to Simon Meehan & Brett Youl.

### GAME 3

Game 3 away to Burnley and we clawed our way to a win 4 and ½ to 3 and ½. Although only a 9 hole course it was the pick of the bunch condition wise. A credit to the Yarra council and I would recommend it definitely worth playing. Terrific fairways and fast greens.

**Winners:** Chris M, Ryan, Alistair & Shane with Brad getting an important ½.

### GAME 4

Game 4 home to Craigieburn/Wilmott Park. Our best home/away win for the year 6 and ½ to 1 and ½.

**Winners were** Chris T, Shane, Marc, Alistair, Ryan, Simon & Brad ½'d

### GAME 5

Game 5 away to Westgate: At this point of the season it was almost impossible for us to miss the final however we did lower our colours to Westgate losing 3/5.

**Winners on a very tricky layout were** Ryan, Marc & Brad.

### GAME 6

Game 6 home to Burnley. With a final spot wrapped up it is difficult to get fully revved up but important to keep up momentum. We got the points however, winning 4 and ½ to 3 and ½.

**Winners were** Alistair Marc Chris M and Brett whilst Gary Murrells ½'d.

### AND NOW THE FINAL

In very sloppy wintery conditions we ventured to Werribee to face Westgate with the winner to be promoted. The team (in playing order from 1 to 8) was: **Shane, Brad, Alistair, Chris T, Simon, Marc, Anthony & Chris M.**

To say we saved our best for last would best describe the team's performance, with not one player lowering the club's colours. After Shane, Chris T, Marc and Simon had won convincingly and with Brad 3 up with 3 to go the final was decided and so the other matches were called in. Alistair was one up playing 16, Chris M square after 17 and Anthony 1 down after 17. What a tremendous result, what a great team effort.

### AND SO FOR THE THANK-YOU'S

Firstly to all 11 who represented the club this year, for their hard work and dedication. To their wives/partners/family who had to put up with their mood swings, and unavailability for other things throughout the long season.

To all the caddies and supporters throughout – wonderful to have someone pushing your clubs around and keeping you focussed on the task, and to see supporters giving up their time to cheer us along.





## Feature Story

# 2016 Scratch Pennant Results

And finally thanks to the President, Captain and committee for their support of pennant, for without it nothing would happen. The meals and refreshments afterwards are always greatly received but it is comforting to know they are committed to the pennant cause.

In giving my acceptance speech as the winning manager I urged all other clubs to do as we have done this year – go out and get players who will make their individual clubs stronger and also strengthen the competition. VGL scratch has been around for 82 years and deserves to be strong and healthy.

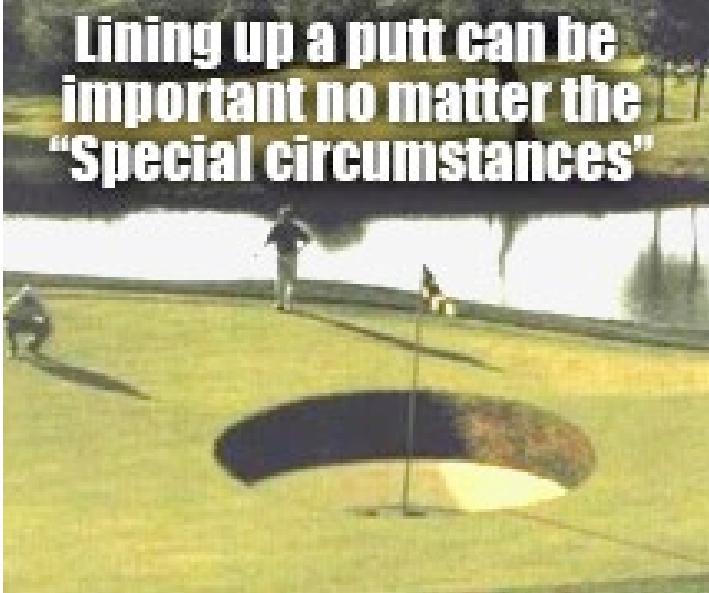
We will not rest on our laurels, for when the back slapping is over the reality hits that we have only taken one step towards our ultimate goal of the Division 1 flag. We need to recruit more players to make spots in the side harder to attain – no walk up starts, so if any members know a friend, acquaintance, workmate, etc who fits the bill then by all means get them to the Club post haste.

With the course works starting in the next 12 months we hope to see dramatic improvement to fairways and greens that will bring Brighton back to very good condition and along with the club facilities, the envy of all other VGL Clubs.

**Cheers to a successful 2016 – GO BRIGHTON !!**



**Lining up a putt can be important no matter the "Special circumstances"**



**Last pic taken by golf paparazzi – FORE !!!!!**





## Passing of Honorary Life Member Kevin Smith



Kevin Smith or Smithy as he was affectionately known joined the Brighton Golf Club in 1983 as a playing member and it wasn't long before he became involved in a wide range of club activities including administration, bar and kitchen duty and provision of food services at pennant lunches and functions and in this he was sometimes ably assisted by his devoted wife Jude.

In 2010 he was instrumental in implementing a suggestion put forward by club member Trevor George that clubhouse cleaning be taken over by them and Marg Ward thus saving the club several thousand dollars a year. This eventually developed into what is now known at the club as volunteers Tuesday where more than cleaning gets done by a small devoted team of club members every week.



He was a committed Club Member who made a huge contribution during his time there. Even now those of us that were at the club during Smithy's time can see evidence of the enormous amount of visible work that he performed.

And who can forget that Saturday morning food. Hamburgers with the lot, Egg and Bacon Sangers accompanied with French Fries or Dim Sims if you were a bit of a snob. Saturday club golfers often arrived at the clubhouse early and ate a hearty breakfast before their game. The food was memorable and Smithy prepared it with loving care in the club kitchen.



Smithy was a serial mischief maker. Way back in the day, when he still drove his truck, he used to talk about how hard it was to drive around the narrow streets of the Melbourne CBD, bloody cars he said park all over the place. He had a taxi truck which needed a muffler...badly. One Saturday at the Club he was in a particularly jovial mood and I asked him why he was so happy. He said mate you should have been with me yesterday. did I stick up those bastards in their Mercs and BMW's, parking in the bloody loading zones. I said with great trepidation what did you do Smithy? He replied, "Well I finished my load for the day and headed back to the Swanson St entrance of Little Collins St. Heading west I dropped the old jalopy into first gear and gunned it all way to Queen St." "Well!" He said. "All the bloody car alarms went off..there were people running everywhere. I nearly pissed myself laughing. Still am."



## Passing of Honorary Life Member Kevin Smith



Kevin either liked you or he did not. He didn't suffer fools gladly and this was often taken the wrong way: and if you knew the Brighton Golf Club membership like I do he had plenty of reasons to get upset. sometimes they'd try the patience of a saint.

Anyway whatever you might think of Smithy he had a heart of gold. He spoke to me often about the joy of being a granddad and of the wonderful support from Jude and the rest of his family. Let's face it folks we'd be nothing and achieve nothing without the backing of our partners. So this is also a celebration of the partnership that was so evident when seeing Jude and Smithy happily working together at the club and at the various functions and pennant lunches.what a team!



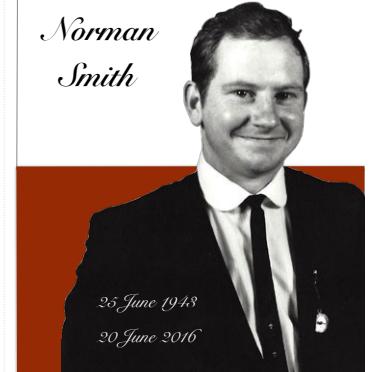
Rest in Peace Smithy. although you're gone from this world you leave a fantastic legacy which won't be forgotten.



May the winds of love blow softly  
and whisper for you to hear  
that we will love and remember you  
and forever keep you near.

If we could have a lifetime wish  
a wish that could come true  
we would want to wish with all our hearts  
for yesterday and you.

*A celebration of the life of  
Kevin  
Norman  
Smith*





## Highlights of CoM Meeting - 14 June 2016

### TREASURER REPORT

Hon. Treasurer KB provided brief one page May 2016 report at meeting for each CoM member, spoke to sections and highlighted specific areas and answered questions. Full detailed reports are available in office for those requiring full details, as required by Rule 36 (a). KB also compared the YTD income and expense with previous year and budget and we are ahead of last year but a little behind the budget. Important to remember that expenditure not provided in the budget need to be carefully considered by the CoM before going ahead. Spending should be appropriate to income. KB away 28/8 to 11/9 which is co-ordinated with accounting persons, DB and PC. New button has been added to POS to enable Name, Date and playing time to be added to receipt for Green Fees.

### SECRETARY REPORT

KL advised that club admin is being dealt with in line with current requirements. We are in pro-rata period for membership fees. A few new full members and Access junior members coming through pro-shop.

### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

JMcC provided copy of written June report for all CoM members. Highlights; Pennant Scratch team won the final, but Handicap and Senior teams were less successful. Scratch team appreciated the drinks and food provided at club rooms after their return from Werribee final and we are likely to have them back for next year. Temporary Local Rule - Preferred Lies still in place. Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy Round 3 to be completed by July 16th. Reminder to all members to use the leader score board system correctly when scanning their cards after the round.

### LADIES SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

RH provided copy of written June report for all CoM members and spoke to it. Maree McGowan is confirmed as the BGC Ladies 2016 Club champion. Request to alter rules for entering club championships from (p19,b) to those of the men (p15,10). Match committee needs to make decision to change the Syllabus. Hole in one by Rose Baernreuther. Charity Day 15th June is for Sandringham Hospital. BPGC Pro-shop (Kingsley Ferguson) and House of Golf (Innes Ireland) given special thanks for their generosity. RH is taking indefinite leave from the Lady Presidency and Margaret Mooney will now serve as both Lady President

and Lady Secretary. Hope this works out ok. Thanks from KB to RH for her role following Cheryl Young.

### SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

Trivia night held Friday 20 May was a great success, full House including participation from Bayside Hockey Club and Nepean Women's GC. More in GB.

### HOUSE SUB COMMITTEE

DH reported progress with window repairs, house chair repairs, delivery of 20 "ice-cream" chairs from RSL. Letter of thanks to RSL to be decided? Discussion about Ladies Charity day arrangements. Future arrangement to use our Class 2 kitchen facility to sell our venue better. DH role as our current House Manager to be better explained to members and paid staff.

### COURSE SUB COMMITTEE

See General business (Item 1)

## New BGC Members

The following membership applicants were recently accepted unanimously by the Committee of Management into the Brighton Golf Club.

**Tom Buzzia**

**Vicky King**

**Sue Williams**

**Arthur Toler**

**Hugo Steedman**

We wish these new Members many years of happy golfing at BGC.



**Chris Allen**  
May/June Birdie Comp Winner



## Highlights of CoM Meeting - 14 June 2016

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Peter Franklyn from BCC attended a meeting at BGC with the course sub-com. He was a past golfer and designed the harvesting project in 2010/2011. Discussions considered the positions of the "rain gardens" and the use of the course in the transition. Kingsley Ferguson is fully included in the discussions and the required change of the course in the interim to be able provide a playable 18 hole golf course for BGC and others. Good communication is good to see.
- Scratch Pennant teams win covered above.
- Asphalting completed near bin area - BHC shed/s still under consideration.
- BGC Trivia Night 20th May was a successful club event. BGC, BHC and NWGC members attended and a nearly full house enjoyed the event. Peter Jolly officiated as MC and BCC Mayor James Long and his wife were our special guests. RSA considerations are being evaluated. Time of event 6.30 to 11.30 pm was a little too long and will be revisited for future events.
- New debit cards from CBA have replaced the CBA credit cards and effectiveness is being monitored.

- Minimum credit card limit of \$10 still under consideration
- BGC Liquor licences and Nominee is WIP as described above.
- Upgrade to Class 2 kitchen is progressing as described above.
- Booking sheet alternatives are being investigated, should the Old Faithful Access (KB) system fail again. Fall back is manual copy for pro-shop of booking sheet in clubrooms and manually calculated green fees payment to LMS.
- Look at affiliation fees with VGL for 2016/17.
- Upgrade BGC letterheads to include Inc. Number A15468J NBN number and remove our non-working fax number.



### Green Fee Pricing Update

Player	9 Holes	18 Holes	Item	6 Mth	12 Mth
<b>ADULT (7 days)</b>	\$23.00	\$32.50	<b>PLATINUM</b> (Unlimited play 7 days)	\$799	\$1,299
Concession (Mon – Fri only) No concessions available for Pensioners on Sat/Sun/Public Hols			<b>GOLF CART</b> (Unlimited Usage)	N/A	\$600
<b>PENSIONER/STUDENT</b>	\$16.50	\$23.00	Changes commence for payment through BGC System on July 2nd for date of play July 16th		
After 12 noon (Mon – Fri only) No concessions available on Sat/Sun/Public Hols			Changes commence for all other players ie. Public as at July 1st 2016		
<b>SENIORS</b>	\$20.00	\$29.00			



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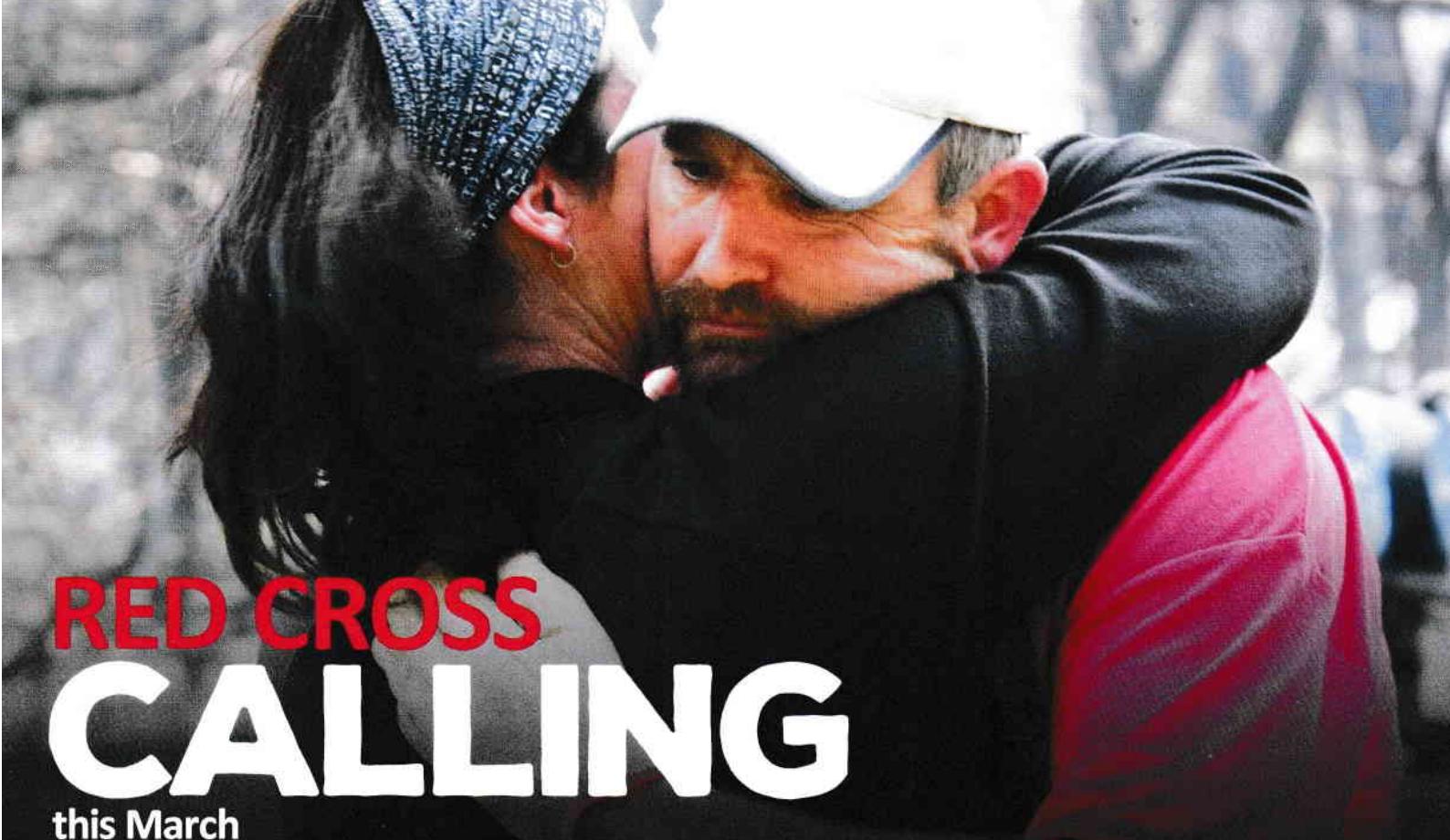
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Judy Slatyer  
Chief Executive Officer



## Golf Course Upgrade

**THIS IS AN UPGRADED PLAN OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED FOR THE SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR BRIGHTON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE AND DENDY PARK**

The project is fully funded over two budget years. It will start in March 2017 with the \$0.5m funds in the 2016/2017 budget and go for approx. 9 - 12 months – with the balance being funded in 17/18 budget.

### RAIN GARDEN

Raingardens are specially designed garden beds which filter stormwater runoff from surrounding areas or stormwater pipes. They're also called bio-retention systems as they provide biological treatment of stormwater using soil, plants, roots and microbes.

### TOTAL STORAGE

30ML (30 million litres)

### BUFFER STORAGE

815m<sup>3</sup> (815,000 litres)

### STORAGE LAKE 2

This is a new lake in front of the 11th Tee

### GREEN LINE

New pipe to deliver water to the three dams from the Buffer Storage

### RED LINE

New Pipe to supply water to Dendy Park for the BPGC water storage.

### AS AT 10TH JUNE 2016 - MORE INFORMATION FOLLOWS

Information continues to flow between Bayside City Council, Leisure Management Systems and Brighton Golf Club which is a promising sign that all parties are interested in seeing this project through to a carefully considered conclusion. There has been a couple of key matters mentioned in recent correspondence that we can share with members.

### RAIN GARDEN 1

In regards to the location of rain garden 1, there is general satisfaction with this location and size and accept that it will double as a hazard for course patrons to avoid as well as integral part of the harvesting project.



### Brighton Golf Course / Dendy Park Stormwater Harvesting Project



To view project plans [CLICK HERE](#)



## Golf Course Upgrade

### RAIN GARDEN 2

In regards to the location of rain garden 2, it is believed that this rain garden should be moved approximately 3-4 metres west from its current location as it is felt that it is too close to the edge of the 10th green for suitable player traffic management and playing surface maintenance once completed. The current path used by players to protect the playing surface would either need to be reinstated if the current location was used otherwise the current path could remain if the rain garden is moved slightly. As previously mentioned the 2 tea-trees that would require removal are regarded as being in a poor condition and could be removed prior to works commencing.

### ARE RAINGARDENS TO BE REGARDED AS HAZARDOUS AREAS?

In consideration of the comments from Brighton Golf Club match committee, it is jointly agreed that the gardens must be marked as a hazard however regardless of the classification: be it a water hazard, environmentally sensitive area or another title, it is felt that any form of fencing would not only be unsightly but also inhibit the ease of maintenance of the surrounding area. It is also felt that some concise signage at the edge of the rain gardens stating that there is to be no entry into the area for ball retrieval or any other reason would suffice and would keep in line with the proposed signage around the dams stating no entry due to deep water.

As far as golf rules regarding relief from the infrastructure, this is something I will discuss with all the golf clubs at a later date once the final verdict on the gardens is made.

### PUMP SHED ON 2ND HOLE

With regards to the location of the proposed pump shed on the second hole we would propose this be moved from its current position (on this plan) to a new position adjacent to the current pump shed near the 11th tee for the below for various reasons.

### POTENTIAL DRAINAGE PROBLEM

The head greens keeper has mentioned a potential drainage problem on the 2nd fairway adjacent to storage Lake 2 with the proposed increase to the height of the dam walls. Due to the closed drain that crosses the 7th, 4th and 2nd fairways this area is susceptible to holding water and currently drains into the dam and he is concerned that the raised dam walls will inhibit the ability of the water to run into the dam without some level of drainage to disperse the water. This is something that can be decided closer to the commencement of the project but should be raised none the less.





## BGC Ladies Activities

### CAPTAIN'S NEWS FOR JUNE

Well as another wintry month passes by June has been another successful month for the Ladies.

Our big event this month was our Charity Day in support of the Sandringham hospital, with over 65 playing golfers it was a challenge to get every one in for lunch on time, so thanks to those who hit off early to help facilitate this. Our luscious lunch catered for by Andrea again this year was enjoyed by the 80 ladies filling the club rooms to the brim, what a joyous site it was. I believe the figure raised was \$5,600 which is a fantastic effort for such a small number with very generous hearts. Thanks go to all lady members and their generous donations and in particular the Committee for this great effort.

The Monthly medal was won by Sally Lindsay in a hard fought play off with Maree McGowan. Congratulations Sally.

The foursomes competition last Monday 27th at Southern Golf Club was another great day put on by the VGL. These competitions are to facilitate public course club members to play at some of the more exclusive golf clubs for a reasonable cost. We urge you to consider these events and attempt to make room in the diary. The more players the cheaper it becomes for all and assists in securing the courses for the future. Unfortunately Mary Paula and I could not master the fast greens or bunkers or fairways!! Despite this we had a great day, where the weather- although a little chilly the rain mostly held off.

### Club Championships Results - May

Club Champion	Maree McGowan
Brighton Cup	Jill Cox
B Grade	Liz Willy
C Grade	Leigh Surkitt

I apologise for the delay in this announcement.

Happy golfing and again best wishes to those away through illness, injury or family matters.

Sue Bamberry  
Ladies Captain

 BGC Ladies Charity Day



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**Sally Lindsay**  
*Monthly Medal Winner*



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## Captain's Report

By John McCreery (Club Captain)

### PENNANT COMPETITION

The end of May saw the Pennant season draw to a close. The Men's Scratch Team was the star attraction for us with a very good season culminating in a decisive victory in the final. Congratulations go to this team not only for winning but in introducing new players to the Club to really strengthen the team after a few lean years. A detailed account of the final is in another part of the newsletter.

In general with all our Pennant teams I would like to thank all the players and caddies who generously gave their time to represent the Club. I would also like to make a special thank you to Karl Lindberg for his time and work in providing meals on the Men's Pennant days and to David Heraud who capably took over from Karl for the last three rounds. Also, Barry Goring for moving the tee markers for the Men's matches and Jim Mayfield for helping out with the drinks for the Ladies teams and cleaning up on the day after Pennant matches.

### THE FRED MEEHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Play in the Men's Singles Match Play Championship is continuing with Round 3 matches to be completed by July 16th.

### LEADER SCORE BOARD SYSTEM

Some Members are still having difficulty in obtaining the correct result when scanning their finished card. One of the major problems is that some markers are drawing too large an X on the score card. The X only needs to be small and must be within the square under the correct number. If the X is large and goes outside the square into the line for another hole the scanner may pick up the end of that X and give an incorrect score for that adjacent hole. When you scan your card please check that the score shown on the screen agrees with that on your card. If it does not agree you should touch EDIT and check the scores for each hole and alter any incorrect ones.

If you still have problems please ask someone who does know or write a note on your card for the Handicapper to sort it out.

### DNF (DID NOT FINISH) IN STROKE COMPETITION

Players who play out the 18 holes but for whatever reason decide to take a DNF on an early hole or any hole for that matter should continue to have their score recorded on the other holes. With the GA Handicap System using the Stableford format your card can still be entered for handicap purposes, however, it would not be valid for the days Stroke competition.

If you DNF during a Stroke round DO NOT SCAN YOUR CARD, but leave it in the tray under the touch screen and the Handicapper will enter it later.



### Marking Your BGC Scorecard

Since the introduction of the BGC Print and Scan automatic score card system many problems have been overcome by both the BGC members and the handicapping staff working together to deal with week to week issues. However there are just a couple of items that need a bit more diligence by members to save our handicapper valuable time when dealing with the end of day score cards.

1. The grid on the left hand side of the card is where you place your 'crosses' to enable the scanner to 'read' your score. Unless this is done neatly the scanner gets very confused and is likely to either reject the card or indicate an incorrect score.

So we are asking members to please ensure that the cross (X) you place in each individual square on the grid is neat and does not extend outside of the square as shown in the attached illustrations.

CORRECT					INCORRECT						
Hole	1	2	3	4	5	Hole	1	2	3	4	5
1						1					
2						2					
3						3					
4			X			4					
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2. The other matter which is equally important is to check your score and then save the scan by pressing **SAVE** on the touchscreen.



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