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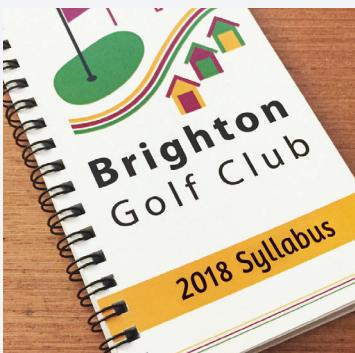
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# What Can I Expect from the BGC in 2018?

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This is so much more than just an annual fixture book. To take over from the 2017 Club Syllabus the 2018 Club Syllabus will be bigger and better than ever encouraging members to get involved in all that our club has to offer. Due out late in January.

Not only will this year's Syllabus have important and helpful information about club events, both golfing and social, but it will highlight the ability of members to avail themselves and their friends of the excellent facilities we know as the Brighton Golf Club



## Trivia Nights

These are being planned for February, May and August. Look for the dates in your 2018 Syllabus. They are always soooo much fun that your friends will want to be in it too!



## Red Cross Annual Charity Day

Over the years our club has raised tens of thousands of much needed dollars for this very worthwhile organization and 2018 will be no exception. Mark your diary now Saturday 17th March 2018.



## AFL Grand Final Day

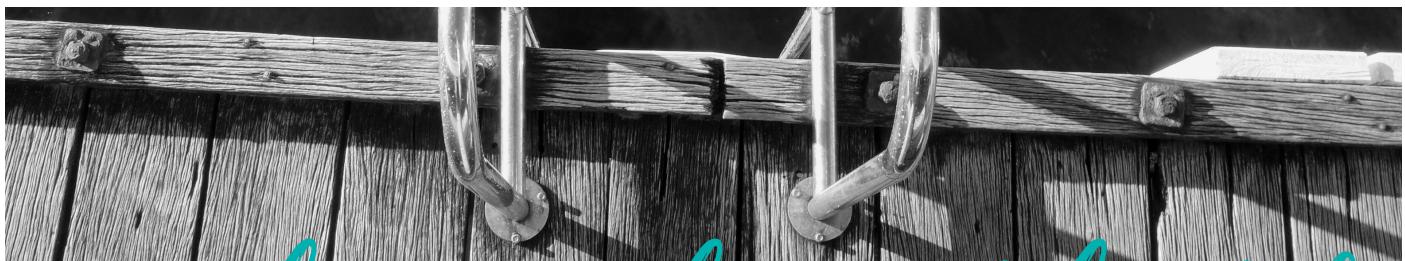
The Glenn Martin Memorial event will again be staged this year on Saturday Sept 29th. This is a great opportunity to involve your friends, workmates and colleagues for a Shot Gun start so that it is all over before the BIG game begins.



## Melbourne Cup

This year a Special Cup Eve event is planned to acknowledge this world renowned sporting fixture. So mark Monday November 5th 2018 in your diary as a date not to be missed.

Not bad hey!! Perhaps we could even squeeze in a game of golf now and again?? Don't forget to collect your copy of the 2018 Club Syllabus.



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## VALE – Paul Kirsch



It is not often that we recognize the passing of a present non member who had relatively few years of BGC membership. However Paul was not just an ordinary member. In the few years that he and wife Jan were members of our club Paul was a great contributor.

A Pennant player, winner of a number of club awards and volunteer bar steward Paul served as a committee member and proof reader for our monthly newsletter, ably assisted by Jan, they were both much respected and admired by all members.

Living in Port Melbourne they regularly travelled past several golf clubs to the BGC where we were the beneficiaries of their support.

Our club today is the better for their recent past contribution.



## They Have Arrived!

You will recall that Treasurer Keith Beggs mentioned in last Sept's Edition of BGC News that new couches had been ordered and were due for delivery by the New Year. Well, they have arrived!!

As you can see from the pic members are loving the comfort of this new member benefit whilst watching, on the BIG TV, the Boxing Day Test at the MCG. All

this whilst being close to home with all the facilities and atmosphere of our very own club.

We really do have a wonderful asset for members to enjoy with fellow members, or for their own private function. Talk to House Manager David Heraud about how YOU can share this terrific facility with your friends and family.

## An Important Message from Your Club Management

As you will be aware Victoria is currently experiencing extreme heat.

We would like to share with you some suggestions for you and your loved ones to ensure you keep cool and safe.

If you are going to be in contact with any Brighton Golf Club members over the next week could you please make them aware there may be power outages and share the following safety messages with them as well.

- Drink water. Even if you don't feel thirsty. Always take a bottle with you
- Hot cars kill. Never leave kids, adults or pets in cars. The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.
- Keep cool. Seek out air-conditioned buildings, draw your blinds, use a fan, take cool showers.
- Plan ahead. Schedule activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising in the heat. If you must go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.

- Dress lightly in loose, light-coloured clothing.
- Use a wet towel and hand-held or battery powered fan to stay cool.
- Keep your mobile phone charged to stay up-to-date with emergency information. The VIC Emergency Hotline number is 1800 226 226, TV (Sky News) and ABC local radio are good sources of emergency information
- Check-in on others. Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, the elderly, the young, people with a medical condition and don't forget your pets.
- If you begin to feel unwell call Nurse on Call (1300 60 60 24) or Emergency 000

Thank you for your help and take care.

*This message is not new, in fact it was borrowed from the Red Cross, but it IS very relevant to us too. Your Committee of Management is very keen that ALL members, family and friends stay well hydrated, cool and safe especially during this hot weather.*

**BGC Committee of Management**



## Course Update from the Man in Charge

**The Storm Water Harvesting Project (SWHP)** has been delayed due to extra expenses council has incurred during the project which were not forecasted. The total completion date with everything operational may not be till March 2018. Hopefully the contractor will be out of the majority of the course by mid Feb but there is still a bit of work to do on the offtake structure (back of practice fairway). The biggest issue the delay in the SWHP has caused is with the irrigation system. This has left us with no pressure to run the system hence the greens have been struggling through summer. Our staff have had to hand water greens which is a time consuming task taking man hours away from other required jobs. It has been frustrating for all involved and we apologize for the current state of the greens but we have done everything possible to keep them going.

**The lease agreement** between Leisure Management Services (LMS) and council has been re-assessed by lawyers and has found that council are actually responsible for all end of life issues for building and maintenance. These issues have always previously been put back on LMS which has taken large amounts of money out of our budgets to meet this requirement. This is great for the course/golfers because it means that funds are now available for much needed upgrades to toilets, buildings, ground staff sheds and irrigation system which will now happen. It may not all be straight away but a plan will be rolled out to implement improvements moving forward. This also frees up budgets for LMS to spend on other course/facility improvements.

**Green fees will stay at the same amount** until we are happy the course is back to good condition. The fees were meant to go up end of the last financial year.

We welcome any feedback from the club, look forward to working together this year to provide great events and help build membership for BGC.

**As always there will be numerous coaching programs** offered to help improve your game. We also offer full club fitting to make sure your clubs are correct and happy to match prices with any of the major golf shops. Just ask the question and we will help out.



**Travis Harrison**  
*BPGC - Managing Professional*

***"Golf is an ideal diversion,  
but a ruinous disease."***

**Bertie Charles Forbes**  
*Magazine Editor*



## Toss The Goss!

**Did you see** the double page spread in the Dec/Jan issue of Golf Victoria's mag? It features our very own Brighton Public Golf Course Pro Travis Harrison in the story "Travis A Coach for All Seasons". Certainly worth a read if you haven't already seen it, pages 38 & 39.



Golf Vic - Magazine Cover



Travis Harrison



Golf Vic - Travis Story pages 38 and 39

# Toss The Goss!

The **2018 Club Syllabus** (Fixture book) delivery has been delayed as negotiations continue regarding advertising. The 2017 Syllabus covers weekly comps through until the end of January 2018 so members should have no problems with events until then. The 2018 Syllabus should be available by the end of the month.



A **number of members** have commented positively on the ability to find, retrieve and even play their ball out from under tea tree, low tree branches and poorly maintained bunkers resulting in faster play and a more enjoyable round of golf. Much of this work has been completed to everyone's benefit by a dedicated group of BGC Male members acting in a voluntary capacity. Thanks guys.



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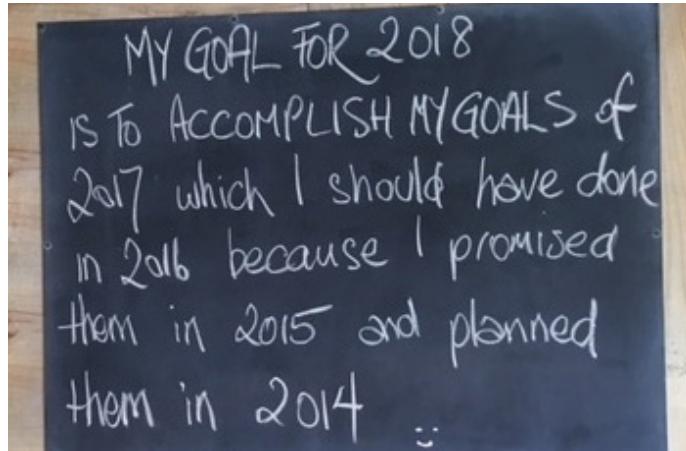
BGC volunteers improving things for everyone all around the course

A **relatively new member** to our club who was recently elected to the Committee of Management (CoM) is keen to see the BGC Juniors reactivated. He is working constructively with other members to bring this about. Watch This Space!!!

A little Birdie told me that:

- Ian Gibb had a fall but is recovering and will go into rehab' as soon as a small complication has been healed.
- Trevor George was recently readmitted to Cabrini suffering a chest infection.

We wish them both a speedy recovery.



Recently seen in a local coffee shop



Always putting others first!!



## Five Undeniable Facts of Life

**1. Don't educate your children to be rich.** Educate them to be happy so when they grow up they will know the value of things... not the price.

**2. Best awarded words in London...** "Eat your food as your medicines, otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."

**3. The One who loves you will never leave you for another** because even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.

**4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human...** only a few really understand it.

**5. You are loved when you are born.** You will be loved when you die. In between, YOU have to manage!!!

Remember... If you just want to walk fast, walk alone, but if you want to walk far, walk together!



## EX DEMO DAY

**WHEN:** Friday 9th February

**TIME:** 11:00am to 3:00pm

**Everyone welcome**

**All stock up to 60% OFF**

Every 18 months the major companies release new product, & to make room for this gear we are selling all our demo stock of the current models.

Cobra, Callaway, Srixon & Taylor Made clubs will be available to try & buy at a discounted price.

Professional staff will ensure the correct clubs are selected for you.



# Highlights of CoM Meeting - 9 January 2018

**Present:** James McAlpine, Giles Toler, John McCreery, Sue Williams, Keith Beggs, David Heraud, Robyn Napolitano, Pamela Jones, Karl Lindberg (guest)

**Apologies:** Trevor George, Doris Klein, Rosemary Fry, Virginia Gattuso

## Motion Acceptance of Previous Committee

**Meeting 11/12/2017 Minutes:** Motion to accept the 11/12/2017 Brighton Golf Club Committee of Management Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. (M) JMc (S) RN MOTION PASSED

**Honorary Treasurer's Report:** KB presented the Financial Accounts for December 2017. Whilst this is a relatively quiet time for most sections of our club it is a busy time for finances due to volunteers being on leave and a larger workload for those who are available.

**Motion Acceptance:** Motion to accept as Members of the Brighton Golf Club, Jasper Flynn, Matthew Ford, Dirk Gierlach and Joshua Carter. (M) JMc (S) PJ PASSED

BIRDIE WINNER: Russell Montgomery

**Club Match Sub-Committee:** JMc presented the Club Match Sub-Committee Report. JMc reported that Meetings are held every two months. The Match Sub-Committee altered the preferred lies through the green. The exception to be, if a ball lies within a club length of a tree trunk, the ball is to be played as it lies.

**Motion:** Motion of thanks to DH for his work in promoting the hiring of the BGC Clubrooms. (M) SW (S) KB PASSED

**Motion Acceptance:** Motion to accept all the tabled Reports. (M) RN (S) PJ PASSED

## General Business:

**Red Cross Day 17/3/2018:** A discussion was held regarding the planning and organising of the 2018 Red Cross Day.

**Motion:** For DH to seek some interested BGC Members to form an Events Sub-Committee for the Red Cross Day. (M) SW (S) RN PASSED

**Practice Net:** Quotes are presently being researched for different types of netting.

**Weekly Fundraising Raffle:** The BGC weekly fundraising raffle to start Saturday 13th February 2018.

The \$2 tickets will be sold at the bar, will be available for purchase each Wednesday and Saturday and will be drawn each Saturday or when the sheet has been filled.

## BGC 2018 Syllabus:

With the withdrawal of the advertiser in the BGC Syllabus, the pages have been replaced with BGC advertisements for Clubroom hire, Trivia Nights 23/2/2018, 25/5/2018 and 31/8/2018, Red Cross Day 17/3/2018, AFL Grand Final Day Event 29/9/2018, and a Melbourne Cup Eve Event 5/11/2018. It was also decided that the BGC Committee of Management review the 2018 format of the Syllabus prior to the 2019 submission.

**2 for 1 Membership:** A discussion was held regarding the 2 for 1 Membership.

**Motion:** Motion to reinstate the 2 for 1 Membership to be offered throughout the year with the condition that two new people join together. (M) SW (S) KB PASSED

**New BGC Couches and Coffe Tables:** New coffee tables to accompany the new couches to be delivered this month.

## Men's Club Medal:

**Motion:** Motion for the Club to reintroduce a pendant Club medal for the Men's monthly winners. (M) JMc (S) KB PASSED.



**Russell Montgomery**  
*Jan Birdie Winner*

*"When the squirrels and birds see us on the tee, they start scattering. We've set back the mating season in Texas 90 days."*

**John Plumley**  
*Rice golf coach, on his teams driving*

# SURVIVE THE HEAT

Heat kills more Australians than any other natural disaster



## DRINK WATER

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**SURVIVE THE HEAT**  
Visit [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

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or see your doctor if you are unwell.  
In an emergency, call 000.

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# Captain's Report

## Highlights

The main highlight in December was a Hole in One by a relatively new Member, Matt Costigan, who achieved the perfect shot at the 6th hole on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December.

Also, the VGL held the Champion of Champions and Medallist of Medallists at the Patterson River Golf Course on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Chris Tesoriero came a close fourth in the champions section and Craig Mills finished in the top ten for the medallists.

## Brighton Golf Course Construction Works

Please note that any obvious areas of abnormal ground condition due to the construction works is ground under repair (GUR) and the player may take relief to the nearest point out of that ground condition. The area to the left of the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway under the pine trees where there is loose soil is currently GUR as is the wood chips on the hill behind the trees, and a player must take relief from these two areas.

Players must not enter any areas within the dam walls to retrieve a ball. Anyone doing so will be disqualified from that day's competition. The tops of the dam walls have been planted to reduce erosion and the soil is still very loose.

## 2018 Pennant Season

The Pennant Season for the Ladies starts on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is a great way to improve your golf game, so, Ladies who would like to play please contact the Pennant Manager, Rosemary Fry.

The Men's Senior team will commence on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March and the Scratch and Handicap teams first round of matches are on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March.

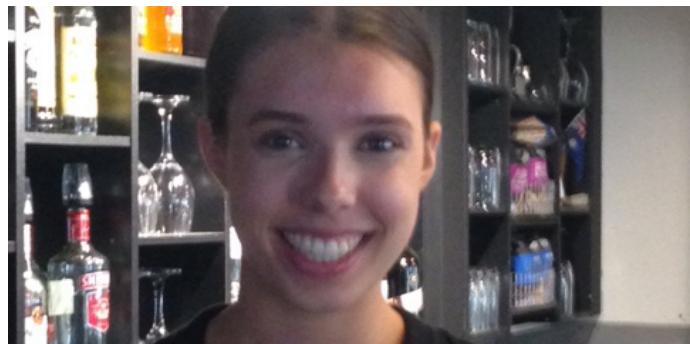
The Scratch Team Manager will be Chris Meehan, Handicap Team Manager, Peter Nowak and the Senior Team Manager, Peter Bimbi. All teams would welcome any players interested in playing golf in this team environment of Pennant golf. Please contact the Team managers.

## Who's Minding the Shop?

Members, and especially Saturday players, will have noted that we've been enjoying the services of a lovely young lady as our Bar Steward. Her name is Jessica Thatcher. Jess has just successfully completed her Year 12 and is moving to Perth WA in early February 2018 to take up a place with the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Here she will study theatre management with the intention of ultimately managing a theatre company.

You might reasonably think "Well if Jess is only with us for such a short time what's the big deal?"

The answer is that in the true tradition of looking after those who look after you Jess has already organized a friend to take her place as our Saturday Bar Steward from early February onwards. So, watch this space!!



Jess Thatcher - BGC Bar Steward

Interestingly this same attitude prevails in other areas of our club. Just consider the many benefits enjoyed by all because member volunteers provide their services for free. If they didn't and we had to pay outsiders to do all those tasks our annual subs would be a great deal more. In other words we would be paying more for what we are already receiving.

## Stop Press Stop Press

Recently a discussion between Travis Harrison, the Managing Pro at Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC) and our BGC Committee of Management regarding current and future work to improve the course has resulted in a document. This is in the form of questions put to Travis at the CoM meeting and answers provided by Travis during and after the meeting.

All members who have registered their current email address with the club will receive this in the next few days.

Travis, LMS (the course lessee) and our club are working together to improve the course for all players.

Thankyou, your Club Committee of Management.

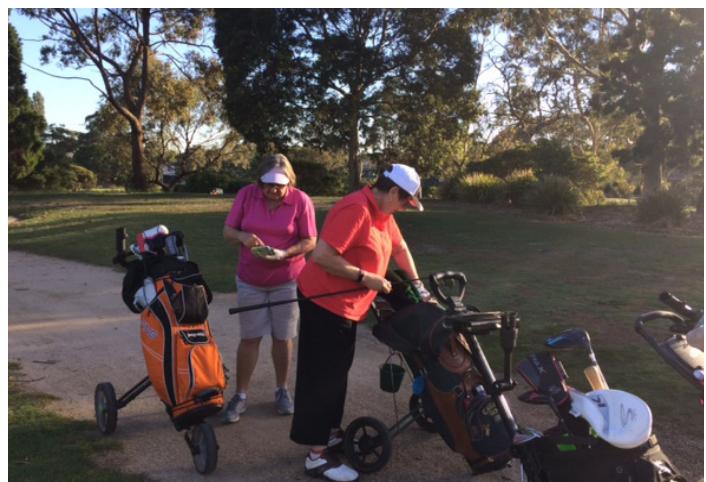
# Ladies Activities

Ladies Summer Golf is often thought of as being easy but as you and I both know "Golf" is NEVER easy!!

So gird up the loins ladies the real battle begins on Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Be There or Be Square



Ladies Summer Golf – Surveying the battle plan



Preparing the weaponry prior to commencing the battle



Taking a strategic stance



Battle in "full swing" – take THAT!!



Settling the nerves after the battle – Thank goodness that's over!!

*"Golf is the only game where the worst player gets the best of it. They get more out of it with regard to exercise and enjoyment. The good player gets worried over the slightest mistake, whereas the poor player makes too many mistakes to worry over them."*

*David Lloyd George*

# BGC Member Profiles



**CHRIS ALLAN**

Chris and Kay Allan have a daughter Siobhan. Chris was educated at Whitehalls Technical School Bendigo and has been a BGC member for 22 years.

Working with clients of Community Aged Care means that Chris spends his working day tending to the needs of the elderly which can be many and varied from normal day to day activities to accompanying them to concerts. He recently accompanied a client on an overseas trip to Asia.

Chris initially joined because he wanted to play club golf close to home but has found the camaraderie of fellow members and achieving many trophies including four (4) VGL and Club Medals good reasons to stay.

With the locality of the course, a well run and enjoyable club atmosphere Chris is looking forward to the current course upgrade making his golfing experience yet another great reason to remain a member for many years to come.



**GILES TOLER**

Giles and Angela have two children Samantha, Arthur and dog Tofu. Both kids are Junior Tiger golfers at Brighton Golf Course (BPGC). Arte and his mates now want to join the BGC to play in weekly comps.

A 5 year BGC member Giles wants to continue representing the club in Handicap Pennant.

Our Vice President, Giles is keen to support a local Golf Club with a long history, just 2 years from its 125th anniversary. He considers it a privilege to help both the community and volunteer members by growing the golfing tradition at BGC. The Storm Water Harvesting Project will enable the BPGC to return to its circa 1980s best and improve all categories of club membership. His achievements include a hole in one at Commonwealth GC, Giles also plans to win some of the silver wear at the BGC, if only to give it a good polish!!!!



**MARC ROBINSON**

Marc Robinson has one child and works with a company where his ideas and skill with tools enable him to show his real worth. A BGC member for the past eight years Marc has achieved considerable success. A Hole in One, Two Pennant flags, Medal of Medalists and Match Play Champion testify to this handy golfer's ability. He plays off 8.

It can be surprising to learn the real reason for someone joining our club. In Marc's case it was keeping on the straight and narrow which has encouraged him to "keep on keeping on".

Often new friendships made and just being part of a supportive environment will enable achievements beyond a new member's wildest dreams. This can inspire individuals and lead to even greater achievement. It is not unusual for the game of golf to come second in this all important order of priorities.



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