



**Brighton**  
Golf Club

# BGC News

## April Edition



## Do it Right, Do it Now, DIY



**New Layout, New Challenge, New Course!!**



**King of the Kitchen**



**Our Course - not so Coarse**



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Technology, especially in the area of electronics, is causing a revolution in all facets of our lives and OUR club is no exception.

Coming to a computer screen (or similar device) near you is a whole new array of features that will fascinate and excite you with all manner of possibilities.

Here are just a few:

a) Remember when booking a tee time required you to “put a ball in the race and wait your turn”?

**Now** you can complete the GF Booking Sheet in the clubrooms, make a GF payment at the bar and Bob's your uncle.

b) We used to write then post a cheque to renew our annual subscription

**Now** we simply login and do it online with our credit card. It's instantaneous, accurate and completed in one fell swoop.

## FEATURED ARTICLE



c) If you changed your postal address, email address or phone number you had to tell someone and they would have to update your details for you.

**Now** you just login to the club website and DIY from the comfort of your own home and in your own time. Again, it is right because YOU did it.

d) The Members Website Portal Clublink is being upgraded and will have a new look and feel about it. Security issues have been taken care of allowing you to pay your subs or top up your house account more easily than previously possible. This will be known in future as Venue Manager.

e) A new system allowing new membership applicants to pay their Joining Fee up front is being designed, speeding up the membership application process. We recognize that our procedures must be streamlined if we are to take advantage of the many hits we are receiving on our Website from membership applicants.

f) When your annual fees invoice arrives in early October you may note that it has been redesigned to show the preferred method of payment is now ON-LINE. To assist you with this your personal login details are provided to help you to pay though the BGC Website thus instantly updating your financial status. Please assist the BGC back office staff by taking up this option.

You will receive full details of these and more exciting new features to your club membership in the very near future.

So enjoy what you have always wanted "Control over your OWN life". Here is how - Do It Right, Do It Now and DIY.



# Brighton Golf Club



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# Highlights of CoM Meeting - 11 Apr 2017

The draft 5-year plan is now Work In Progress (WIP). More facts, data and analysis is required. The BGC Course Storm Water Harvesting project now expected to start end April will enable more positive future assumptions about growing the membership during 2018-19.

**Junior member initiatives** - Possible Father/Mother and Son/Daughter member combinations. A new sub com established to handle Junior member issues and work cooperatively with LMS pro-shop. A few members have shown interest in promoting junior events at BGC.

**Treasurer provided** March 2017 report for each CoM member present. More detailed reports are available in office for those members requiring full details, as required by Rule 36 (a). Total BGC income at this time is less than comparable period last year. Red Cross Day financial results nearly complete and better \$ result compared to last year is expected. CoM carried a motion that BGC donate \$150 to Red Cross Day. Trivia night income better than last year.

**Secretary provided** a written report to all CoM members. Membership applications are currently being processed to our promotional "2for1"offer for full members and the lower pro-rata fees for other categories, available between April 1st and 30th September, 2017. Our club's 50th anniversary in our current club house was celebrated on 23rd March, 2003, thus next year we reach "seniors" age, but are still going strong, like many of our older members. The Marketing and Events sub-com will be planning suitable 65 year celebrations.

## Captain reported:

- Pennant Season has continued for both Ladies and Men's teams with mixed results. The Fred Meehan (BGC Match Play Championship) Trophy, Round 1 matches must be played by April 29th. The Ladies Championships commence Wednesday May 3rd .
- The first BGC round using the temporary 9-hole layout will be 29th April.
- A group of BGC members have put their hands up to do course maintenance on Fridays led by our Captain and Head Pro Travis Harrison. Anyone interested please contact David Combe.

**Ladies sub-com reported** low playing numbers currently due to various conditions, but 9-hole play is well attended and as weather improves more 18-hole players are expected. The Ladies prefer the blue tees in more forward positions, Captain looking into the issue.

## Marketing sub-com:

- Follow up from the BGC RCD indicates sponsors willing to pursue mutual opportunities with BGC.

- Upgrade to BGC website by CL to allow application and payment of applicable joining fee directly on the BGC web site is in process of implementation. The sub-com is working on a number of Social Media and web applications to attract new members. The costs are intended to be covered by sponsorship and/or advertising opportunities.
- BGC Vice Captain, at invitation of Travis Harrison attended seminar for golf clubs involved with Social Media and BGC is already active but more is planned to allow BGC to tap into Social Media opportunities.
- St Patrick's Day Trivia Night was again a successful evening. A regular "Club Night" during winter using our Class 2 kitchen is under consideration.

**House sub-com** reported that kitchen to Class 2 is working well. That BGC maintenance crew are doing painting, attending the court yard, and fixing out side club house lighting etc. Our neighbour and member Ian Howison has volunteered to manage our council bins. A specialist will be used to maintain our beer lines. The CoM carried a motion that a defibrillator unit should be available in our club rooms, considering the member age demographic, to be financed by fund raising from our BGC membership.

**Our BHC Social Members** have published their 2017 fixtures and say they are happy at BGC and will continue using our clubhouse and facilities after their matches and for their training and social activities. They have erected a small equipment shed near our club house. We are happy to have them with us.



**Angelo Mercuri**  
Mar/Apr Birdie Comp Winner

## HERE'S A FLASH!!

At their council meeting this week the Bayside City Council voted to retain the **Elsternwick Golf Course** as a... Yes, you guessed it a Golf Course!!! Thus saving it from the ravages of a developer.

What with our course improvements underway and now this it seems like council favours golfers in the Bayside area.

Remember "You Heard It First" from YOUR Golf Club!!

# Our Course - not so Coarse!!

As our Golf Club hopefully moves into a new era with the water harvesting program, we are still troubled by the lack of course maintenance. Unfortunately we have a lack of ground staff to carry out the required amount of work to keep the course in playable condition.

Without playing any blame game the amount of Ground Staff available is far from adequate to carry out this work.

So a group of club members sanctioned by Club Captain John McCreery and Head Pro Travis Harrison have put their hands up to help out. This will be in the form of once a week keeping the course neat and tidy with whatever needs doing under the guidance of Travis. The work will be carried out on Friday mornings or afternoons (to be determined).

The more people we get the easier our tasks will be and would mean maybe you will be required once a month for a few hours only.

So come on - roll up your sleeves and have a crack and let's get the course back to how it used to look.

Anybody interested please contact me (David Combe on 0427856062). The time to stop complaining about the state of the course may start here (me included).

**David Combe**  
BGC Club Member and course maintenance volunteer.



# New Layout, New Challenge, New Course!!

At long last the work has begun with the changes soon beginning to take shape.

But spare a moment for the past as we race head long into the future. Those of us who played the course on Saturday April 22nd 2017 were making history whether we realized it or not.

The Brighton Public Golf Course will never again be able to be played in the same configuration as it was on that day. A unique opportunity afforded to those who made the effort.

As the improvements are implemented and the course takes on a new look those who "made history" will be able to look back and remember, for better or worse, what used to be our challenge each time we played the course.

The plans, the effort, the lobbying, the stress and strain of making worthwhile and meaningful improvements which will be shared by many thousands of players over the coming years will all be forgotten.

There will be detractors, as there always are, but our experience of playing the game we love will be enhanced by the work being carried out now. A strange irony will haunt the memories of those of us who have worked so hard to get the changes everyone knew should happen, everyone wanted, but so few actually brought them about.

Yes, as the history books which fill the shelves of libraries all over the world attest. So much is owed by so many to so few.

Let's enjoy the fruits of our labour as we navigate the New Layout, rise to the New Challenge and experience the New Course. It will never be the same again.

## Brighton Public Golf Course temporary 9 hole layout as from 29th April 2017



Note: 1. Dotted lines are direction of play. Full lines are where you cross from each green to the next tee in play.

2. 1/1 - The first number represents the first hole of play and is played twice. The second number is the actual course hole number.

New temporary 9 Hole Layout for the Brighton Public Golf Course

# Captain's Report

The main event of interest over the last month has been the start of the Pennant season. The Men's Senior Team commenced competition in early March and had mixed results with two halved matches at home that made it difficult to get into the final. With one round to go this team was on top of the ladder but needed the win or at least halve the last round. Unfortunately, we lost 3 and a half to 2 and a half at Lakeside, so, the Seniors will not be in the final this year.

The Ladies also started in early March with two teams competing. Both teams have found wins hard to come by, but have improved as the season has progressed. In the Ladies Pennant only the top team in each group goes on to play in the final, so, our teams have missed out. All players enjoyed the experience and are determined to do better next year.

The Men's Scratch and Handicap teams started in early April and both teams have high hopes for this season. In the first round the Scratch team had a loss at Ringwood and the Handicap team drew their match at home with Ringwood.

The second round saw the Scratch team have a draw with Dorset and the Handicap go down at Elsternwick. In the third round both teams had a win, with the Scratch team defeating East Malvern and the Handicap team taking a nail biter over Lakeside.

## THE FRED MEEHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

A reminder to the members who are in the Men's Match Play Championship that Round 1 matches must be played by April 29th. Round 2 must be completed by June 3rd.

## LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A reminder to the Ladies that the Club Championships commence on Wednesday, May 3rd and will continue for the next two weeks. We would like as many Members as possible to play all three weeks to make certain that there is a winner in each grade.

## King of the Kitchen



Our New Kitchen (King Heraud's lair)



King Heraud in his lair

In biblical times King Herod was an important figure. In our times (like now) David Heraud (sounds the same) is a very important figure as well.

Have you ever noticed that anyone who provides you sustenance assumes "very important" status!?!? ie Mother

So when OUR "King" Heraud organized the renovation of our kitchen and became the provedore of wonderful, tasty delights he assumed a role so important that it befits the title of King.

Now see the King in his lair doing what he does best....



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# 2017 Pennant Program

## MENS

DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	TIME	RESULT
Mar 2nd	1	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Centenary Park v Brighton	9.30	5.0 - 1.0
Mar 9th	2	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Glen Waverley	8.48	5.0 - 1.0
Mar 16th	3	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Lakeside	8.48	3.0 - 3.0
Mar 23rd	4	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Centenary Park	8.48	3.0 - 3.0
Mar 30th	5	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Glen Waverley v Brighton	8.30	1.5 - 4.5
Apr 2nd	1	Scratch	Div 2	Ringwood v Brighton	8.36	6.0 - 2.0
Apr 2nd	1	Handicap	Div 3	Brighton v Ringwood	8.32	4.0 - 4.0
Apr 6th	6	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Lakeside v Brighton	8.00	3.5 - 2.5
Apr 9th	2	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v Dorset	8.32	4.0 - 4.0
Apr 9th	2	Handicap	Div 3	Elsternwick Park v Brighton	7.30	7.5 - 0.5
Apr 20th	Final	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Played at Kingston Links	TBA	5.0 - 1.0
Apr 23rd	3	Scratch	Div 2	East Malvern v Brighton	8.13	2.5 - 5.5
Apr 23rd	3	Handicap	Div 3	Brighton v Lakeside	8.32	5.0 - 3.0
Apr 30th	4	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v Ringwood	8.32	
Apr 30th	4	Handicap	Div 3	Ringwood v Brighton	9.08	
May 7th	5	Scratch	Div 2	Dorset v Brighton	8.36	
May 7th	5	Handicap	Div 3	Brighton v Elsternwick Park	8.32	
May 21st	6	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v East Malvern	8.32	
May 21st	6	Handicap	Div 3	Lakeside v Brighton	8.00	
May 28th	Final	Scratch	Div 2	Werribee Park	TBA	
Jun 4th	Final	Handicap	Div 3	Werribee Park	TBA	

## LADIES

DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	TIME	RESULT
Feb 27th	1	Brighton 1	A Grade	Riverside/Ess 1 v Brighton 1	7.50	4.0 - 1.0
Feb 27th	1	Brighton 2	C Grade	Glen Waverley 2 v Brighton 2	8.00	4.0 - 1.0
Mar 6th	2	Brighton 1	A Grade	Brighton 1 v Riverview 1	6.56	2.0 - 3.0
Mar 6th	2	Brighton 2	C Grade	Brighton 2 v Malverndale 2	7.12	1.5 - 3.5
Mar 20th	3	Brighton 1	A Grade	Brighton 1 v Ringwood 1	7.12	2.5 - 2.5
Mar 20th	3	Brighton 2	C Grade	Bundoora Park v Brighton 2	8.00	3.0 - 2.0
Mar 27th	4	Brighton 1	A Grade	Brighton 1 v Riverside/Ess 1	6.56	3.0 - 2.0
Mar 27th	4	Brighton 2	C Grade	Brighton 2 v Glen Waverley 2	7.12	3.0 - 2.0
Apr 3rd	5	Brighton 1	A Grade	Riverview 1 v Brighton 1	7.38	5.0 - 0.0
Apr 3rd	5	Brighton 2	C Grade	Malverndale 2 v Brighton 2	7.45	4.0 - 1.0
Apr 10th	6	Brighton 1	A Grade	Ringwood 1 / v Brighton 1	7.48	5.0 - 1.0
Apr 10th	5	Brighton 2	C Grade	Brighton 2 v Bundoora Park	7.12	Not Played
Apr 24th	Final	Brighton 1	A Grade	Riverview v East Bentleigh		0.5 - 4.5
Apr 24th	Final	Brighton 2	C Grade	Sandringham v Bundoora		1.5 - 3.5



# 2017 Pennant Program

## VGL DIVISION 2 SCRATCH

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	MF	MA	PTS
1	Dorset	3	2.0	0.0	1.0	14.5	9.5	10.0
2	Brighton	3	1.0	1.0	1.0	11.5	12.5	6.0
3	Ringwood	3	1.0	2.0	0.0	11.0	13.0	4.0
4	East Malvern	3	1.0	2.0	0.0	11.0	13.0	4.0

## VGL DIVISION 3 HANDICAP

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	MF	MA	PTS
1	Ringwood	3	2.0	0.0	1.0	18.5	5.5	10.0
2	Elsternwick Park 1	3	2.0	1.0	0.0	16.5	7.5	8.0
3	Brighton	3	1.0	1.0	1.0	9.5	14.5	6.0
4	Lakeside	3	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.5	20.5	0.0

## VGL SENIORS NORMAN VON NIDA

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	MF	MA	PTS
1	Lakeside Swans	6	2.0	0.0	4.0	19.5	16.5	16.0
2	Centenary Park Blue	6	2.0	1.0	3.0	21.5	14.5	14.0
3	Brighton	6	2.0	2.0	2.0	19.0	17.0	12.0
4	Glen Waverly 1	6	0.0	3.0	3.0	12.0	24.0	6.0

## VGL WOMEN'S PENNANT A GRADE

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	MF	MA	PTS
1	Riverview 1	6	5.0	1.0	0.0	20.5	9.5	5.0
2	Riverside/Ess 1	6	3.0	3.0	0.0	14.5	15.5	3.0
3	Ringwood 1	6	2.0	3.0	1.0	16.5	13.5	2.5
4	Brighton 1	6	1.0	4.0	1.0	8.5	21.5	1.5

## VGL WOMEN'S PENNANT C GRADE

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	MF	MA	PTS
1	Bundoora Park	5	4.0	1.0	0.0	19.5	10.5	4.0
2	Glen Waverly 2	6	4.0	2.0	0.0	16.5	13.5	4.0
3	Malvernndale 2	6	2.0	4.0	0.0	13.0	17.0	2.0
4	Brighton 2	5	1.0	4.0	0.0	11.0	19.0	1.0



## Ladies Activities

Auis McKenzie was the April medal winner. Congratulations Auis.

April has seen some nice weather for our Wednesday competition. Our Guest Day is on Wednesday 26 April with an Ambrose competition, raffles and lunch, so let's hope the good weather continues for this fun event.

Our pennant season experienced a few difficulties with some of our players and several of our emergencies having injuries. Several members stepped up and helped us out and we were able to field teams each week in both grades. Although we were competitive both teams finished fourth in our respective sections.

As usual we had an enjoyable season, delicious lunches were supplied by David our house manager this year and he was helped by Lyn Sutcliffe and Robyn Napolitano. Pennant is not only good for your golf, we meet lots of lovely ladies and play on other courses. Please give consideration to competing next year, it is a lot of fun.

Pam Jones  
Lady President



Auis McKenzie

## BGC in 2017 ANZAC Day Parade



### LEST WE FORGET

Our members can sometimes pop up in the most unexpected of places. Here is a member (Guess Who???) that scored the opportunity of driving some vets in this year's ANZAC Day Parade.

If you have done something a bit unusual recently we would love to hear about it.



Waiting in line for that special war veteran. It's then into the ANZAC Day Parade. An intrepid golfer doesn't mind the rain or hail but prefers the "shine"



# BGC Member Profiles



**ANGELO MERCURI**

Angelo and wife Jane have two (2) boys Simon and Andrew

Ange is a retired Bank Manager having spent most of his working life with the CBA then after taking a package joined the Bendigo Bank at Thrift Park Parkdale as their Manager until his retirement.

To prove that rising to the top did not require a university degree Ange worked his way to the top by sheer “guts and determination”. He had an HSC combined with lots of Street Smarts and experience. University education cannot teach you those skills.

A long time member of our club Angelo's reason for joining initially was to get a handicap and reduce it. He loves the camaraderie of the members and his playing partners, has a secret desire to score a Hole in One but enjoys Fishing, Golf (obviously) and travelling overseas.



**BRETT YOUL**

Now here is a man of many talents.

Brett came to the BGC after moving from Craigieburn to the city. Following the move he was looking for another Division One club and luckily for us he found the BGC.

Semi retired and married to Vivianne they have two girls and a boy, Claire, Cameron and Michelle.

Although achieving Uni Entrance Brett is still taking his “Gap Year” but just loves the wonderful atmosphere and good friends he has made at the BGC.

Brett is a handy golfer off a single figure mark. He has won two VGL Vets Championships and been in two BGC Scratch Pennant Flag teams. Whilst he is keen to maintain a handicap in single figures he also likes movies and dining out.

If he would change anything it wouldn't be at the BGC but rather the Victorian Premier!!



**DAVID LEONG**

And now for something completely different!!

David Leong is Australian born (Melbourne) with a Chinese family history.

He and wife Carmen have two girls Monique and Stephanie. David is the CIO (Chief Information Officer) for legal firm Arnold Bloch Leibler.

David holds a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Physics and Computer Science but claims he did not join the BGC for golf but rather for the “awesome members” – that's us folks!!

What maintains David's interest is the “clubhouse banter and the social side of the club”

Despite all this he is a capable golfer having won a Monthly Medal in 2015. Here is another member who would like to see a TAB terminal in the clubhouse.

Amongst David's greatest “likes” are the Saturday morning players and the clubhouse frivolity between them. He suggests keeping the club the way it is right now.

How good is a club that offers this amount of diversity!?!?



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