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Golf Club



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Reminder: VGL Pennant starts February / March 2016



Feature

Australian Red Cross Charity Day

RED CROSS CALLING

On Saturday, 12th March, 2016 we will be hosting the annual Red Cross Open Charity Golf Tournament. The Australian Red Cross is the major charity that our Club collects for and a special effort from all our members would be greatly appreciated.

The golf course management, Leisure Management Services, are once again supporting this event by allowing a SHOT-GUN START utilizing the complete course for the morning which will allow all players to attend the Club House for the fund raising activities at the same time.

Entries for the Golf Tournament close on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2016, and are open to non-handicap players as well. This is a guest day, so invite your friends along for a game. The field is limited and green fees must be payed at the Club House by either cash or eftpos.

Fund raising is the main aim of this day, and in order to maximise our efforts we have organised a major raffle giving ALL Club members the opportunity to participate, not only those in attendance on the day. A book of eight raffle tickets is also enclosed, and at \$2.50 per ticket, please try to sell them. All proceeds of the raffle go to the Australian Red Cross.

If you require more books, please contact anyone on the Committee.

Additionally after the game of golf, the Club House activities will include the traditional spinning wheel and donations of items suitable for this purpose would be greatly appreciated. You are invited to attend the afternoon festivities even if you cannot play in the golf competition on the day.

You are hereby invited to participate in any way possible to make the day a success. Especially if you can donate any items that can be used on the spinning wheel.

Remember that the Red Cross helps a lot of people in times of disaster, so please help the Brighton Golf Club help the Red Cross.

MAJOR RAFFLE

1st PRIZE

Value \$400



A luxury overnight accommodation for two at The Langham Melbourne. The package includes breakfast, valet car parking, access to the heated swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and rain shower.

2nd PRIZE

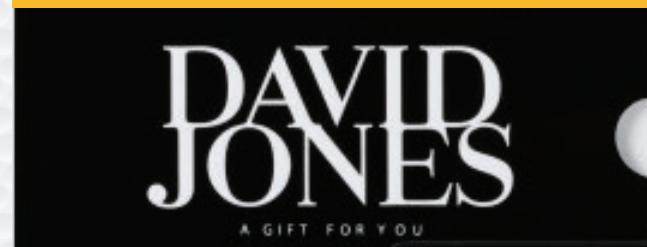
Value \$200



A Gift Card that can be used at Myer or any of the Coles Group Stores such as Coles, Officeworks, Vintage Cellars, Liquorland, Kmart and Target.

3rd PRIZE

Value \$200



3rd Prize is a Gift Card that can be used at any David Jones store.

Raffle books together with the money must be returned to the Club by 6.00pm on Wednesday, 9th March, 2016. All cheque payments must be made out to the Brighton Golf Club.



Highlights of CoM Meeting - 9 February 2016

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hon. Treasurer KB provided brief end December 2015 report (2 pages) at meeting for each CoM member and spoke to each section highlighting specific areas and answered questions. Full detailed reports will be available in office for those requiring full details, as required by Rule 36.

SECRETARY

KL (new sec) advised that club admin is being dealt with in line with current requirements, but noted that the work is more extensive and time consuming than initially anticipated. Further Micropower in using member and a/c system vital for proper use by Secretary.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

- JMcC provided written report and highlighted Local Rules changes, the March Red Cross day and donations required for the spinning wheel and the 2016 Pennant Season arrangements for Ladies' and Men's teams and a Season Launch Day Sunday February 21.
- January/February Birdie Comp Winner – Alistair Salmon 2nd hole 6/2/16

LADIES SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Ladies had a successful start of their golf year in February. DNF rules for ladies not able to complete 18 holes. Drop zone and alternatives on 9th hole.

HOUSE SUB COMMITTEE

BR informed he will be away soon and tabled a "whilst I am away document" setting out what needs to be done. The potential to find a new House Mgr for next year was canvassed and will be the subject of articles in future newsletters. Concern was raised and the potential requirement to employ a Club Mgr/Secretary/House Mgr/Book keeper was seriously raised. BHC function Saturday April 2nd 2-8pm was noted and members to be further informed in Newsletters. New wine labels in process for bar sales.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Social Media (SM). KB informed the CoM of progress with our SM activities on Facebook for both Club and Ladies own page and asked that more member activity would be appreciated to increase our presence on Facebook and on petition sites concerning the sustainable water project with BCC. The bulk email

about water harvesting sent in January was read by many but disappointingly only 15 members came to the advertised meeting on 21/1. In spite of this poor attendance the door knocking campaign still achieved over 1600 petition by a small dedicated team. SM and Website comments received from Member Moira Kemp was read to CoM and tabled as useful input for consideration.

- BGC Course condition project. KB presented written report of recent activities and advised that sub-com representatives would meet with Mayor and councillors Wednesday 10th to present the petition project to Council.
- Replacement of cistern in men's change room. M BR S KL that about \$350.00 be approved. Carried
- Proposed change to pro-rata period of 3 mths instead of 6 M KL, not Seconded.
- LAN and HIK software quote of about \$2,500 to be accepted M BR S KL. Carried. UPS expenditure deferred.
- M KL that joining fee for Junior applicants be removed, not Seconded.
- BHC/BGC co-op plans had been email voted 7 for 2 no reply. Draft agreement sent to BHC tabled by KB. M KL S BR. Discussions with BHC reported and extensively discussed. Agreed to also include food handling, termination and annual review clauses in draft. Requested that appropriate legal advice should be obtained by KB from SIAG at reasonable cost. BHC may have 1 x 3 m lockable equipment shed behind club house and be responsible for own insurance. Social Members at \$15 pa and \$0 House a/c that can be topped up. Bond of \$250 required for BHC functions. Carried. Action KB/KL for new membership category in Micropower.



Alistair Salmon
Jan/Feb Birdie Comp Winner



Highlights of CoM Meeting - 9 February 2016

- Public Toilets both Men and Women at BPGC in poor state, considered a health hazard by several CoM members. Continue ongoing discussion with LMS for needed improvement, current state discouraging new members to join.
- Function booked by Escape Travel, Black Rock, for Wednesday March 16th for about 80 people 6pm to 8pm, requiring bar service. Bar assistance offered by JMcC, H. Darcy, R. Fry, KL
- Action Report (AR) February had been emailed to all CoM members and was tabled and each item 306 – 513 discussed and amended as required. New updated AR will be email distributed separately.
- Moved KL S KB that a plaque be obtained and attached to Van Pelt fridge as acknowledgment of his donation. Carried. Action JMcC
- BD/JMcC reported discussion with young low h/c player, currently working in Golf World golf shop regarding possible membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman (KB) at 9.15 pm.



GOLF JOKES: Four retired men...

Four retired men play golf together once a week for many years. One day on 16th hole that runs along side the highway, a funeral procession drives by. One man says to the others, "Stop and remove your hats, show some respect."

Afterward, one of the other men asked him what got into him. "I have never seen you show anybody any respect."

The first man replied: "I was married to her for 65 years."



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How Social Media can help our petition & membership

Introduction

Businesses, government groups, clubs and charities all use Social Media to connect with existing customers and to attract new customers. Social Media is a powerful, cost-effective and well-established promotional tool.

The BGC now has a plan to attract new members to the club by using Social Media. The club needs your help though, as it's only through the support of all members that this plan will achieve this important goal.

Benefits of Social Media

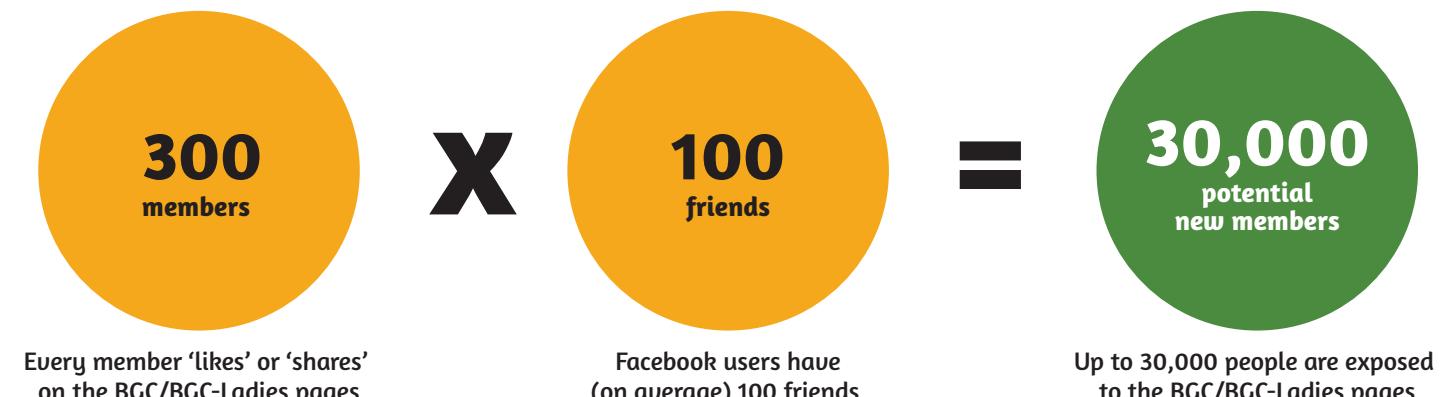


How do Likes, Shares & Comments help?

Facebook 'likes', 'shares' and comments all help to advertise the BGC to people other than members. If a member 'likes' the BGC/BGC - Ladies Facebook page, they will receive all updates that are posted to the page.

If any member 'shares' or comments about something on the BGC/BGC - Ladies Facebook page, this will appear to their Facebook friends. This helps create exposure for the club and creates opportunities to attract new members.

Using the power of Social Media to promote the Brighton Golf Club



SO WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

1

Visit the **Brighton Golf Club** or **Brighton Golf Club - Ladies** Facebook pages & 'like' the page

2

Visit our **Change.Org Petition** page and sign the petition (using the fields on the right-hand side of the page)



BGC Ladies Activities

LADIES PENNANT

Two ladies pennant teams have been registered for the 2016 season.

They are:-

- A grade - Marie Goddard, Sue Bamberry, Sally Ezerins, Rosemary Fry (captain) and Maria Parnham.
- D grade - Barbara Leech, Marilyn Jamieson, Jan Smallman, Jenny Bahramis and Virginia Gattuso (captain)

The ladies have been partaking in the practice sessions run by Travis Harrison and are looking forward to the season launch and a successful season.

Rosemary Fry

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We all love our Club. The members are extremely generous and those on the Ladies' Committee (17 in number) work very hard for the benefit of all members but especially the Ladies. The duties of each person on Committee are diverse and the opinion of each of these ladies is valued as is their contribution to the efficiency of the Club in providing an enjoyable environment for us all.

Special friendships have been formed whilst working together and hopefully these friendships will continue for many years, well after Committee days are over.

Each of our Committee members are approachable with regards to complaints and criticism but also praise. Remember we are all here on a voluntary basis and try our very best to keep all members happy.

In this regard, I would welcome applications for the position of Vice-President. Please contact any of the Committee if you would be interested in the position.

Rose-Marie Hogan



OUR TWO-FOR-ONE OFFER

Even with the erratic behaviour of our weather patterns, the course is easily playable so time to reign in some new members.

The fairways are visually improved with the abundance of water they have received since last year and playability has increased on the greens.

The course is user friendly for us "golf tragics" as well as for social golfers and satisfies our needs with regard to environment and facilities and also fulfils our golf and social requirements. Although many of us only play at Brighton, we all require a unique skill set in order to have a successful round, regardless of the number of times we have played the course. Challenging.

With the 'TWO FOR ONE' special offer, perhaps we can persuade friends and family to join and enjoy the Club as we do.

This is a limited offer so do not delay too long in passing the information on to everyone who will listen!





BGC Ladies Activities

The ladies competition has begun in earnest with good turn ups for the sometimes wet Wednesday competition. We can't complain though this is good for the course.

Our first Medal day competition with a great field of 31 starters, who fronted up for the stroke day, was won convincingly by Jan Smallman with a net score of 65. A fantastic effort! We look forward to some more great fields as the months continue.

Upcoming events include the fierce but friendly competition held with Lakeside annually for the coveted Tin Plate. We have 16 competitors who will hopefully bring home the trophy and I will fill you in on the results with the next issue.

Our pennant teams are ready to begin the next season and we wish all girls the best of luck for the end of the month. Some practice matches have been arranged and some coaching from Travis with some helpful tips undertaken, I am sure it will all help

Go Brighton!

Sue Bamberry

Forthcoming dates to remember

EASTER RAFFLE	RED CROSS CHARITY DAY	LADIES STROKE AMBROSE MIXED	LADIES GUEST DAY AMBROSE
			
9 MARCH, 2016 A chocolate basket may be coming your way!	12 MARCH, 2016 All donations and support gratefully accepted	16 MARCH, 2016 A fun day for all!	20 APRIL, 2016 Keep the date and organise your guest well in-advance



2016 Ladies Pennant Program

DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	HOME/AWAY
Feb 29	1	Brighton	A Grade	Normanby Park v's Brighton	Away
Feb 29	1	Brighton 2	D Grade	Brighton 2 v's Bundoora Park	Home
Mar 7	2	Brighton	A Grade	Riverview 1 v's Brighton	Away
Mar 7	2	Brighton 2	D Grade	Glen Waverly 2 v's Brighton 2	Away
Mar 21	3	Brighton	A Grade	Brighton v's Riverside/Ess 1	Home
Mar 21	3	Brighton 2	D Grade	Brighton 2 v's Riverside/Ess 2	Home
Apr 4	4	Brighton	A Grade	Brighton v's Normanby Park	Home
Apr 4	4	Brighton 2	D Grade	Bundoora Park v's Brighton 2	Away
Apr 11	5	Brighton	A Grade	Brighton v's Riverview 1	Home
Apr 11	5	Brighton 2	D Grade	Brighton 2 v's Glen Waverly 2	Home
Apr 18	6	Brighton	A Grade	Riverside/Ess 1 v's Brighton	Away
Apr 18	6	Brighton 2	D Grade	Riverside/Ess 2 v's Brighton 2	Away



1. BGC Ladies 'A' & 'D' Grade Pennant Teams
2. Sue Bamberry (BGC Ladies Captain) & Jan Smallman - February Medal Winner
3. Sue Bamberry (BGC Ladies Captain) & Rosemary Fry - 'B' Grade Pennant Captain
4. Sue Bamberry (BGC Ladies Captain) & Virginia Gattuso - 'D' Grade Pennant Captain

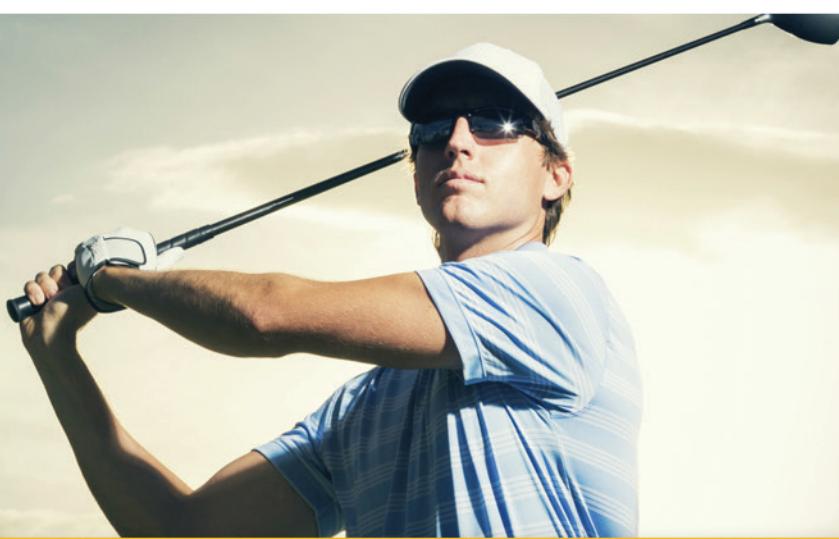




2016 Pennant Program

DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	TIME
Mar 3rd	1	Seniors	David Graham	Lakeside v Brighton	Away
Mar 10th	2	Seniors	David Graham	Brighton v Camberwell	9:30
Mar 17th	3	Seniors	David Graham	Altona Lakes v Brighton	Away
Mar 31st	4	Seniors	David Graham	Brighton v Lakeside	9:30
Apr 7th	5	Seniors	David Graham	Camberwell v Brighton	Away
Apr 10th	1	Scratch	Div 3	C'burn Willmott v Brighton	8:30
Apr 10th	1	Handicap	Div 2	Brighton v Camberwell	8:30
Apr 14th	6	Seniors	David Graham	Brighton v Altona Lakes	9:30
Apr 17th	2	Scratch	Div 3	Brighton v Westgate	8:30
Apr 17th	2	Handicap	Div 2	Mt Martha v Brighton	Away
Apr 21st	Final	Seniors	David Graham	Amstel Park	Noon
Apr 24th	3	Scratch	Div 3	Burnley v Brighton	Away
Apr 24th	3	Handicap	Div 2	Brighton v Riverview	8:30
May 1st	4	Scratch	Div 3	Brighton v C'burn Willmott	8:30
May 1st	4	Handicap	Div 2	Camberwell v Brighton	Away
May 15th	5	Scratch	Div 3	Westgate v Brighton	Away
May 15th	5	Handicap	Div 2	Brighton v Mt Martha	8:30
May 22nd	6	Scratch	Div 3	Brighton v Burnley	8:30
May 22nd	6	Handicap	Div 2	Riverview v Brighton	Away
Jun 5th	Final	Scratch	Div 3	Werribee Park	
May 29th	Final	Handicap	Div 2	Werribee Park	





46th ANNUAL RED CROSS OPEN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday 12th March

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Additionally, the Club House activities will include the traditional spinning wheel.

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RAFFLE TICKETS HELP OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

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Captain's Report

By John McCreery (Club Captain)

The highlight for January was the first Hole in One for the year when Mark Slatter hit the perfect shot on the 13th on Saturday, 30th.

The Wednesday Ladies commence their competitions for 2016 this month and I wish them good golfing for the year.

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE RESCINDED

The old bunker on the right hand side of the 7th fairway that was filled in over 12 months ago is no longer to be considered as GUR from January 1st, 2016. If a ball goes into this area it must be played as it lies or as per Rule 28. (Ball Unplayable)

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES ADDED

Members will have noticed that the ground staff have filled in two bunkers recently. The bunker at the rear of the 8th green and the bunker on the right hand side of the 13th fairway. Both bunkers have been filled in with loose material and are poorly grassed and the Match Committee has classified them as GUR as of January 1st, 2016. If a ball goes into either of these areas a player may lift and drop to the nearest point of relief outside the perimeter of the old bunker.

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PENNANT SEASON COMMENCES

The 2016 season of Pennant Competition is due to start in early March for the Ladies and Men's Seniors team. The Men's Scratch and Handicap teams will commence on Sunday, 10th April.

If you would like to play in one of the teams please contact the team manager. Do not expect the team managers to chase you up just because you played last year. I would like to see as many Members as possible be available, so that we can have very competitive teams.

GOLF JOKES: Poor Harry....

Noting that her husband looked more haggard and disgruntled than usual after his weekly golf game, his wife asked what was wrong.

He answered, "Well, on the fourth hole, Harry had a heart attack and died. It was terrible! The entire rest of the day, it was hit the ball, drag Harry, hit the ball, drag Harry!"





Rules of Golf

By John McCreery (Club Captain)



Recently I read this article in a golf article and saw it as a follow up to the idea of the ball moving after it is replaced as discussed in the January edition. I also noticed that this idea is also discussed in the February edition of the Golf Magazine, available at the Golf Course.

"I often play golf in the UK and Spain and I've noticed this always causes some confusion when we discuss the golf we've watched on TV. You see players replacing their ball on the putting green but they do not remove the ball-marker and then the player goes back to touch and rotate the ball to align it. Is this allowed? I thought this would be a penalty situation?"

Answer: Rule 20-4 is applicable in this situation. If the player's ball in play has been lifted, it is again in play when dropped or placed. Therefore, on the putting green, the ball is in play as soon as it is replaced on the ground, even if the ball-marker is still in position.

It is at this point that the player must be careful as the ball is now back in play. If the player carelessly caused the ball to move, the penalty under Rule 18-2 would be applied. The fact that the ball-marker is on the ground marking the ball's position does not exempt the player from the penalty.

However, while the ball is in play when it was replaced with the ball-marker still on the ground, the position of the ball is also still effectively marked. Therefore, if the player wished to touch, lift or rotate the ball, the player can do so without penalty as the position of the ball is still marked. Once the ball-marker is removed, the player is prohibited from touching the ball other than as provided in the Rules (Rule 18-2).

If a player was to putt with the ball-marker still in position, generally there is no penalty, but it is not good practice to do so. Moreover, if the ball-marker was shaped in such a way that it could or did aid in alignment, the player is subject to penalty under Rule 8-2b (Indicating Line of Play On the Putting Green).



The Note to Rule 20-1 recommends that the position of the ball should be marked by placing a ball-marker, small coin or other similar object immediately behind the ball. While the shape of a ball-marker may take any form, as a general guideline, a ball-marker should not be larger than 2 inch by 2 inch square and should not be deeper than 0.25 inches.

This Note to Rule 20-1 is a recommendation of best practice, but there is no penalty for failing to act in accordance with the Note. Examples of methods of marking the position of the ball that are commonly used but are not recommended are:

- placing a toe of a club at the side of, or behind the ball
- using a tee
- using a loose impediment
- scratching a line on the ground, provided the putting green is not tested and a line for putting is not indicated

As the latter may cause damage to the putting surface, this practice is to be discouraged if you don't want to experience the wrath of the greenkeeper!

It is worth noting that under Rule 20-1, it is necessary to physically mark the position of the ball. Reference to a mark or blemish on the ground does not constitute marking the position of the ball.



Score Cards Re-Order

Since the introduction of the PowerPlus Golf Competition/ Handicapping and Leaderboard system early this year it is time again to re-order a new batch of scorecards. Expressions of interest for advertising on the cards will again soon be sought.

As at date of publication approx. 7500 cards have been passed through the new system which has survived the early trials and tribulations of members who understandably took some time to become acclimatised to what is now regarded as a great time saver and a profound benefit to Ray Desmond our reliable handicapper who used to spend nights and weekends attending to the various issues related to score card accuracy.

To further improve the reliability and continued good performance of the score card printer BGC has entered into a contract with Digital Document Solutions (DDS) to supply, maintain and monitor 24/7 the existing OKI score cards printer and a new replacement (OKI) for the office photocopier (Sharp) which has become a liability rather than a useful piece of office equipment. This will all be done for little more than we are currently paying for the existing photocopier.

It will also mean saying goodbye to the Fax machine and the Fuji-Xerox desktop printer which was used for when we needed a quality print reproduction. The new OKI will handle all of that.

BGC House Manager - Important Notice to Members

Your Club is urgently seeking expressions of interest from members who may have an interest in the duties of HOUSE MANAGER at the Brighton Golf Club. The current manager Beau Roberts is due to retire at EOFY - 30th September 2016.

This position includes:

- Management of the repair and maintenance of the Clubhouse and fittings internally and externally and report to the CoM any major items that need prompt attention
- Being involved in bar duties plus management of the bar stock and staff.
- Collection from suppliers (3) of various items such as bar food and beverages and cleaning and kitchen items.
- A full list of duties will be available during interview.

This position Of House Manager comes with an Honorarium dependent on the amount of involvement the volunteer is prepared to take on board. This job can be as big or as little as the applicant is comfortable with and the CoM is prepared to listen to any suggestions resulting from this advertisement.



If applications for this position are not received by the end of March 2016 your Committee of Management will call an Extraordinary General Meeting of Club members for a full and frank discussion on the matter.

Please contact: The Secretary BGC by email or phone.

Keith Beggs
President



SURVIVE THE HEAT

Heat kills more Australians than any other natural disaster



DRINK WATER

Even if you don't feel thirsty, drink water. Take a bottle with you always.



HOT CARS KILL

Never leave kids, adults or pets in hot 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 and dress in light and loose clothing made from natural fabrics.



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.



HELP 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.

SURVIVE THE HEAT
Visit betterhealth.vic.gov.au

For more information visit the Better Health Channel.
Call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24
or see your doctor if you are unwell.
In an emergency, call 000.



Members Classified Page

Contact Keith Beggs to have your information included

Items For Sale

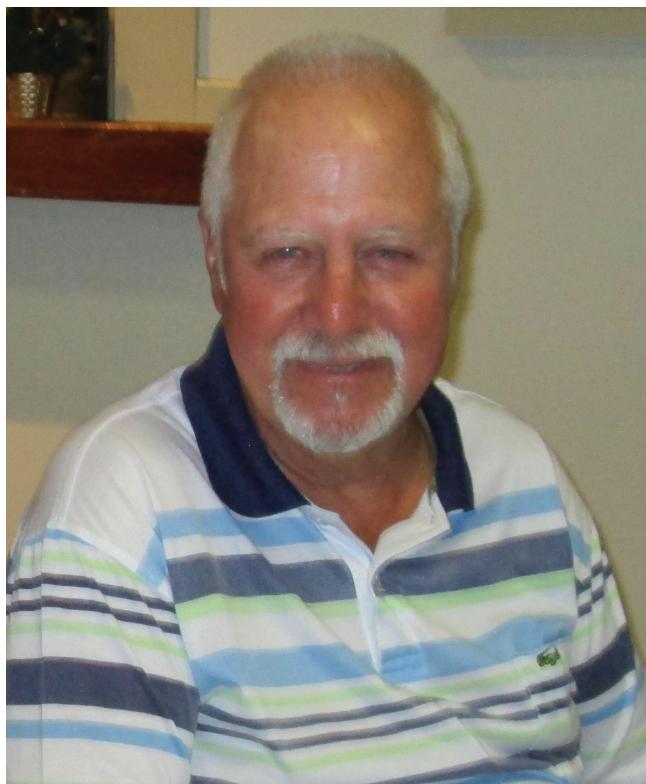


Club Member Gary Troeth is offering for sale (as a set) a Golf Cart (2008) and single bogey trailer (Registered 2010). As can be seen in the photo the goods being offered for sale are in excellent condition with new batteries being fitted to the cart in 2013. Inspection available by appointment.

Price: BGC Members - \$5000. Non Members - \$6000

Enquiries: Gary Troeth. P: 95792613 M:0400781259 E:wps956@gmail.com

Down but not out!



Members may have seen or heard about the current situation with BGC Life Member Beau Roberts. He came down with a bacterial lung infection a couple of months ago and received extensive treatment to the extent that it got him back on his feet and added a couple of kilos to the 10 odd that he lost.

He then took a short trip to Thailand where he hoped to sit under palm tree and knock back a few sherbets. Unfortunately shortly after arriving there he met with an unfortunate accident forcing him to cut short his long awaited holiday.

On his return to Australia and following doctors orders Beau is now in Cabrini Hospital Brighton undergoing tests to find out what in the hell is making him so crook.

Beau if you read this we all pass on our best wishes mate for a speedy recovery.

Keith Beggs
President



Our valued Brighton Golf Club partners



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of the BGC and it's members



Managed by supportive BGC member
Innes Ireland



Owned and managed by Lindsay Kerr.
Supplies all BGC trophies.



Owned and managed by supportive
BGC member Simon Meehan



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