

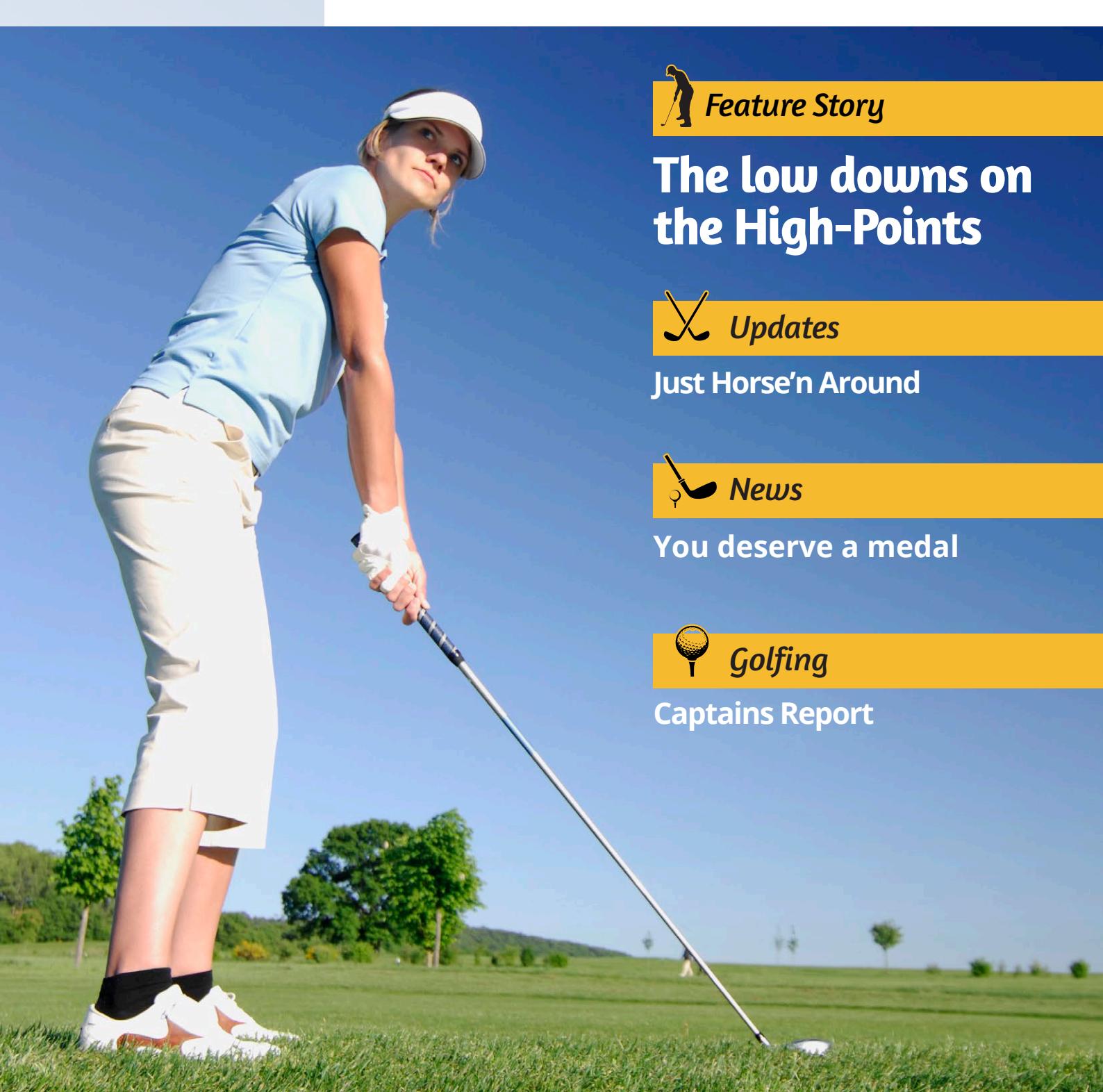


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the High-Points**



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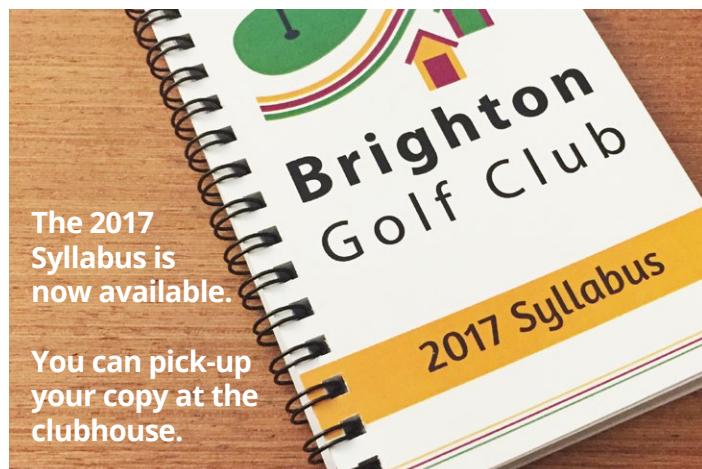
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The low-down on the High Points



Membership Renewals

It's true that the last few months of the Club's calendar year is a very busy time for administrative staff in the preparation and delivery of Members Renewal Invoices. As it has been in years prior this process starts around the beginning of September and concludes towards the end of November. Various methods have been tried in reducing the amount of back office work involved; including for instance a couple of years ago, emailing the invoices. This was unfortunately a dismal failure due to as much as 20% of members' email addresses being out of date.

Being the second most important revenue stream for the Club ways and means of achieving improved efficiency in the delivery and receipting process of membership renewals is an ongoing undertaking. This year I'm happy to say, in spite of various computer problems, we achieved a very satisfactory result and Sue Williams was on board to witness and be involved in the process which will bode well for her when she soon takes over from Karl Lindberg as Hon Secretary.

With the advent of the Micropower online members' portal Venue Manager a system is now in place which completely automates the receipting process up to the point of bank reconciliation.

So, notwithstanding those that opted to pay their subs by cash or EftPos, a big thank you to those members who made the effort to persevere with the website outages and proceeded to pay online.

Computer and POS outages

Talk about testing the patience of a saint, the last four months have been very worrying following a number of computer virus attacks and more recently the crash of the office PC. Various people have been involved in the restoration of our electronic systems that hold data vital to the club's efficient operation and functionality and to those that have assisted; both Members and Non-Members I thank you.

Trivia Night

The 2017 Spring Trivia Night was held on 6th October and was a resounding success especially in raising additional funds to support the club. With over 76 patrons attending we managed to raise \$1,520 at the door (less \$912 for catering), Plus \$551 from the raffle and a bar take of \$1,250 gross. This is our best effort yet and congratulations to all that assisted in the organising and conducting of the event.

Melbourne Cup Raffle

This was also a fund raising success with \$2,850 being raised less prizes and expenses. A full report will be inserted in the December 2017 edition of the BGC News.

NBN Has Arrived

Telstra have advised that the BGC will be connected to the NBN on 1st December 2017. Preparations are in place with cables and equipment to hopefully make this upgrade a smooth process. BUT PLEASE NOTE that the WIFI password you have been using will become redundant on or after the 1st December. The new password will be available at the bar via the bar person with a notice posted in the Clubrooms.



Membership

I look forward to working with the new Committee of Management in developing ideas and initiatives to grow the Membership. The existing and previous committees have done their best but with three new committee members for 2017/2018 it'll be interesting to see what develops from their fresh thoughts and aspirations.

One thing we must be mindful of is that whilst a lot of effort will be needed to reach a membership target, whatever that might be, it's essential that the CoM and existing members in general work together to improve the way we care for each other and enjoy our physical as well as our social golfing experience.

For instance if a new member joins the Club and you don't know who they are identify yourself with that person and welcome him/her personally to the club. Have a drink or chat with that person to make them feel comfortable in a room full of strangers. I think you get my drift. Don't leave it to the CoM; help out where you can with volunteering your labour or expertise for the benefit of the whole Club. Plus, if you have any thoughts, ideas or complaints don't bottle them up let us know about it. We can't improve what we don't know about.

BPGC Water Harvesting Project

The setbacks being experienced by the contractors for this project are certainly evident by the continued work and equipment located near the project's buffer storage (practice fairway). The frustration caused by the discovery of an unexpected sewer pipe can only be imagined with 4 weeks yet to go before completion.

Plus the difficulty LMS is having with unreliable course water reticulation plans and equipment which I am assured by Travis (Managing Professional) is being worked on as their knowledge of what lies below and above the ground improves.

The angst of our long suffering Members, as they continue to play the new layout where some areas of the golf course are very ordinary indeed, especially the greens, is understandable but again we ask for your patience whilst numerous course and project issues are resolved.

It seems to be the case that generally Members are starting to feel good about what's going to develop from this temporary period of golfing disruption. The engineering involved with the rain gardens, layout and reestablishment of the lakes is really amazing and we can all now see what is going to be made possible.

Members can be assured that your Committee of Management will work closely with LMS when required to support them as effectively as possible to see a successful conclusion to what looks like being a wonderful course design. I am convinced that one day we will look back on these worrying matters and say "well it was all worth it".



Please be patient people and keep positive.

Keith Beggs

Treasurer/Acting President



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Golf & what it all means



Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good strong drink.

You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

If you find you do not mind playing Golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip ...your life is in serious trouble.



Just Horse'n Around

For many years now our club has run a Calcutta on the Melbourne Cup. The idea is that each club member is invited to participate in a raffle to win a horse in the Big Race. Tickets are drawn out of a barrel until each horse in the race is aligned with a participating club member. Those members are then advised of their horse so they now have a vested interest in the running of the Race That Stops a Nation.

A promo flyer, tickets, address labels and much organization goes into enabling all members to "join in the fun" with 60% of the pool going back to club members and the balance to help run the club.

Obviously this "doesn't just happen". A small band of keen volunteers each year do all the "leg work" necessary to "make it happen". This group is ably led by Kevin "Tubby" Pearce. Kevin this year enjoyed the support of Ian Cave, David Comb, Don Fraser, Jim Mayfield, Karl Lindberg, David Heraud, David Hartigan and Geoff Hergt who can be seen filling all the envelopes prior to mailing them out.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday December 5th 2017
at the BGC Clubrooms

7.30pm start
Please arrive between 7 and 7.20pm

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

So if you received your envelope in the mail and took up the opportunity to participate you now have some idea just how it all came about.

Ironically many of these same volunteers are the guys who, every Friday, work on the course to make it more playable and to lessen the time it takes to play your round. Lets' hear it for the club member volunteers!!

**SHE LEFT A NOTE
ON THE FRIDGE SAYING,
"THIS ISN'T
WORKING, GOODBYE."**



**I OPENED IT AND
IT WORKS JUST FINE!**



Brighton Golf Course Newsletter

November 2017

We are approaching completion. Outstanding works for completion of Council's \$2.95 million stormwater harvesting project at Brighton Golf Course include the construction of the Melbourne Water Drain diversion structure, pump installations, final landscaping, systems testing and clean-up.

The project will see around 86 Megalitres of water diverted from the Melbourne Water stormwater system each year that will be naturally treated and used to water both the Brighton Golf Course and areas of Dendy Park.

Work to date

- The topsoiling of all lakes is completed
- The rockwork beaching within the lakes is completed
- Construction of the two rain gardens including planting is completed
- 70% of mulching and shrub planting is completed
- Concrete pits and pump station for the buffer storage is completed
- The practice fairway has been reshaped, grassed and is operational
- Construction of the diversion structure is underway
- The turtles are being fed and will be relocated back to the dams before Christmas



Completion date

All works are scheduled to be completed by the 22 December 2017

Leisure Management Services update

Brighton is back to 18 holes! It feels great to say that. The hard slog is over and we can all now enjoy getting back to the original layout with a few exciting improvements. There have been some great stories of triumph and failure on the new 11th water hole. This is sure to provide a challenge to even the most seasoned golfer. The hole will really become a feature of the course once completely finished, with water flowing around the side of the tee of area from one dam to the other.

The storm water harvesting system is still about a month off being fully operational so with summer approaching we hope for some more rainfall to fill the dams. Once the system is operational, as soon as we get a rain event then we will be harvesting the water which will give us the ability to keep the course looking great year round. Previously we only had one month of water storage and no ability to capture stormwater, hence very dry summers.

As we are getting close to Christmas so it's once again time for our annual Christmas golf challenge. The event is held on Friday 15th December and sells out every year due to being such a fun event. The day includes: Lunch, free clinics, long drive comp, supplier giveaways, 9 hole competition, live music, drinks and heaps of prizes!

For bookings call the proshop on 95921388 or fill out an entry next time you are at the course.

Below is a photo of the first shots hit on the new hole by some of our Junior Tiger Golfers.

Happy Golfing
Brighton Golf Course



Highlights of CoM Meeting - 27 November 2017

Acting Chairman opened meeting at 7pm. Seven (7) members present (quorum is five) approved the minutes from the October 10th CoM meeting, in the presence of three invited guests; the incoming President, Jim McAlpine, Vice President, Giles Toler and incoming Hon. Secretary, Sue Williams took the minutes.

Correspondence:

Inwards: VGL, 2018 mens event dates. Member resignations and nominations for CoM positions.

Outwards: New member letter to David Sanders. Mel. Cup raffle results in the 10th Nov. Herald-Sun.

Reports

Treasurer

- No financial reports - prepared for Auditor and AGM presentation 5th Dec for member approval
- Need more club members to increase revenue and more bar duty volunteers to reduce our bar wages
- Financial improvements are likely when course conditions improve and more club activity can be generated

Secretary

- Memberships and advised resignations have been processed, now following up un-financial members
- The BGC 5-year planning to re-start with new sub-com. from December
- A future Club Manager position to be evaluated by new sub-com from December
- Future club house alternatives to be evaluated by new sub-com from December
- All available CoM positions for 2017-18 have been filled. The AGM is 5th December starting 7.30pm

Captain

- Craig Mills won VGL Medal of Medallists, Peter Bimbi Club Medal of Medallists and Sue Bamberry the Brownlie Silver Medal (Ladies Medal of Medallists)
- Men's 3-round Club Championships are under way
- The BGC major trophy presentation is 2nd December at 6.30pm
- Oct/Nov Birdie Comp winner Alwyn Abraham (4th)
- New full member David Sanders approved unanimously
- The BPGC water harvesting project is progressing but is running late and LMS are having low pressure problems with the course watering system requiring hand watering of the greens

Ladies sub-com President

- Changes made to deciding winners of major trophies
- The Brownlie Medal playoff was won by Sue Bamberry
- President's team narrowly won the President's trophy against the Captain's team
- Play and Stay at Barwon Heads 29th October was thoroughly successful and is re-booked for next year
- The Ladies sub-com AGM was held 15th November, with presentations to all winners
- The mixed Ambrose with the BGC men is 29th November, followed by The Christmas Lunch in Mordialloc on 6th December

Marketing sub-com

- Club promotional opportunities are investigated, incl events with LMS, are planned when the BPGC 18-hole course has been fully re-opened and successfully used for a while without construction GURs
- "Co-sponsorship" opportunities and promo alternatives with known sponsors are being developed

House sub-com

Further progress is being made with internal and external maintenance and repairs. Additional member volunteers are welcome on Tuesdays when the House sub-com carries out this kind of work. New lounge chairs have arrived and new honour boards are being organised.

General Business

M, S and carried that all purchasing over bar is now "pay as you go", no "tabs" for time being. New shirt and BGC logo designs are being prepared by Lady sub-com for later presentation of ideas to CoM. Acquiring a defibrillator, by BGC fund raising, is still a work in progress.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Next CoM meeting Monday 11th December at 7pm



Alwyn Abraham
Nov Birdie Comp Winner



You Deserve a Medal!!

Each month throughout the year the Men play one round of golf for the VGL Medal for that month.

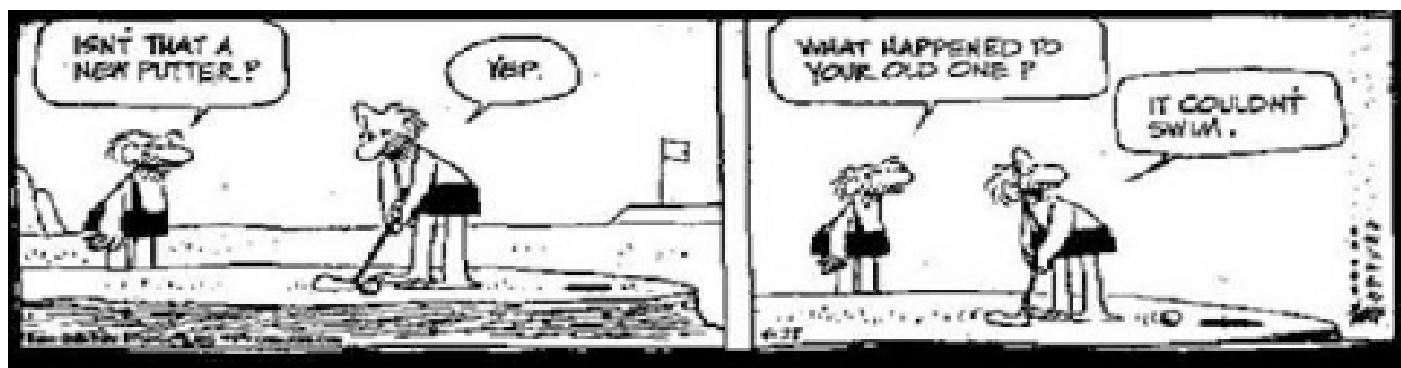
Winners of these competitions within our club compete in October for the Medal of Medalists Award, again within our own club.

That winner then goes on to represent our club in the VGL Medalist of Medalists competition the following October. This competition decides the VGL Medalist of Medalists for that year from amongst all VGL clubs.

The 2017 BGC Medal of Medalists for our club was Peter Bimbi with a score of 6up. Congratulations Peter we look forward to you "bringing home the bacon" next October.

Speaking of the VGL comp in October our very own Craig Mills WON the VGL Medalist of Medalists for 2017 beating all comers to claim the prize for himself, and of course, for OUR club. Great work Craig we are proud of your efforts and congratulate you on your achievement.

Congratulations also to Sue Bamberry who won the "Brownie" Silver Medal for 2017 which is the Ladies equivalent of the Men's Club Medal of Medalist Award.



Captain's Report

Highlights

During October the Men's VGL Medallist of Medallists was played with Craig Mills winning with a score of 63 nett. Craig will represent the Club at Patterson River Golf Course where he will play off against the winners from all the other VGL Clubs.

We also had the Men's Club Medallist of Medallists play off with Peter Bimbi coming out on top with a fine score of 6 up.

The Ladies also had their Club Medallist of Medallists, known as the Brownlie Silver Medal with Sue Bamberry winning.

Brighton Golf Course Construction Works

The Storm Water Harvesting Project on the Golf Course is nearing completion, but due to unexpected delays the finish date is unknown. At least we are able to play the 18 holes, with some minor restrictions, and all the Members are generally finding golf enjoyable again.

Unfortunately, due to lack of water pressure the greens have had limited watering and have suffered. The Course Management is aware of the situation and have had the ground staff working overtime to hand water the greens to get them in a playable condition.

Preferred Lies (Temporary Local Rule)

Please note: As of Saturday, 4th November, 2017 the Match Committee of the Brighton Golf Club has made one amendment to the "preferred lies" through the green as introduced on the 6th October.

A ball that is within one club length of a tree trunk MUST be played as it lies, unless the tree is less than 2 club lengths in height.

A ball lying on a fairway or in the rough, OTHER THAN NEAR A TREE TRUNK, may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position.

"If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork like they do a golf club they'd starve to death."

Sam Snead
Professional golfer

If the ball is in the rough and you decide to take a preferred lie you must place the ball in the rough.

The player must place the ball within one club length and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay.

On the green the player may place the ball within a hand span of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay.

Any breach of these conditions will incur a one shot penalty.

Saturday Player's Presentation Evening

On Saturday, 2nd December we will have the annual presentation of major trophies.

Also, presentation to the Scratch Pennant winning team and the Winter Classic winning team as well as the final count for the Denis Farrell Medal.

The evening will commence at 6:30 pm and will include a 3 course dinner. Please notify the organizers if you or your guests have any special meal requirements.

Cost is \$35 per person payable in advance to Bill Dooley or John McCreery.



Ladies Activities

How time is flying by as the end of the calendar year is fast approaching and our events wind up. We have been busy with a fantastic weekend at Barwon Heads at the beginning of the month. 24 Ladies made their way to the lovely accommodation of Barwon heads golf club with 9 holes at Thirteenth beach on the Sunday afternoon and 18 holes on the Monday.

We have a perpetual trophy this year won by Marilyn Jamieson, Marg Mooney, Liz Stevens and Caroline Stennieken. We mostly avoided the hail storm which came at lunch time thankfully. This morning of golf was followed by a lovely lunch with all looking forward to next year. All of our gazetted events are essentially finished for the year in time for the AGM held on the 15th Nov.

Thanks to the outgoing committee for their hard work during the year and welcome to new committee members taking on the mantle for next year. I have included a few photos of our presentations to the lucky winners.

We now look forward to the mixed Ambrose to finish off the year with the fellas, our end of year lunch at the Bay and a quiet Christmas and some enjoyable golf.

I look forward to some summer golf on hopefully a nice green golf course.

Wishing you all a Merry and Safe Christmas.

Sue Bamberry
Brighton Lady Captain

BGC PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday December 2nd 2017

at the BGC Clubrooms
Glencairn Ave, Brighton East

Three course meal
\$35 per person – drinks at bar prices

6.30pm start

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

Contact Bill Dooley 0408 424 344



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Woodrow Wilson
28th American President

Ladies Activities

Major Trophy Winners 2017

Life members trophy	Sue Bamberry
Presidents trophy	Jenny Barhamis
Captains trophy	Robyn Napolitano
Secretary's trophy	Jenny Vallence
Brighton Medley	Jo Fay
Club champion	A. Lyn Sutcliffe
	B. Pam Jones
	C. None
Brighton cup winner (Net)	Lyn Sutcliffe
Brighton Knockout matchplay	Jan Mayberry
Brownlie Silver Medal	Sue Bamberry
Foursomes championships (Gross)	Cheryl Young and Rosa
Foursomes championships (Net)	Cheryl Young and Rosa

Minor Trophy Winners 2017

Most improved handicap 2017	Robyn Napolitano
Putting Competition-stroke days	Maree Mc Gowan
Eclectic Rd 1	Not held
Eclectic Rd 2	Not held



Foursome winners



Life members winner



Knockout winner



Presidents trophy winner

Ladies Activities



Club Champion



Brighton medley



Brighton Cup



Brownlie Silver medal



Secretary's trophy



B-Grade Champion

BGC Member Profiles



LARRY LEE

Larry and Helen Lee have two sons, Steven and Andrew. Larry joined our club in 2000 and is now a retired Electrician having been a Product Manager and Technical Sales Rep earlier in his working career.

Apart from a keen golfer Larry was a Queen's Scout, "B" Grade Squash winner and coached several levels of football (soccer).

Joining the BGC was easy for Larry as he was introduced by a friend and the club was "5 minutes from home". But why has he stayed so long? Ironically because of the guys he plays with - not just golf - although he has had two Holes in One.

Larry is a bit of a cook, loves travelling, completing Sudoku puzzles and fixing things.

Around the course he'd love to reduce his handicap, see more sand in the bunkers, the Pro Shop monitor public players and the carrying and using of sand buckets.

Michael is a 45 year member of our club. He joined so long ago that he has forgotten why he did it? Now retired Michael obtained a Business Law degree and has lived and worked in East Africa, Yemen and many places in Europe. Married to Janet they have two children and many grand children.

After 45 years playing golf Michael says "He likes the social side of our club and really values the camaraderie between his golfing mates and of course his grandchildren".

If he could Michael would change "Old Peoples Health" but is grateful to the members of the BGC for providing an environment where he can play his favorite game each week in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Whilst most members live within a 5km radius of the club these qualities are so important that Michael travels many klms each week to be at the BGC.



MICHAEL PAYNE



TREVOR MCGILTON

Trevor McGilton and wife Naomi have three sons (remember the TV show My Three Sons?) and three grandchildren. A Mechanical Engineer Trevor worked for thirty years with Trane Australia (nothing to do with the railways) suppliers of Commercial Aircon equipment.

Trevor is a Charter Member (there from the start) and Past President of Brighton North Rotary Club and has been a BGC member for the past two years.

When asked why he joined BGC he commented "Bill Dooley said I should"- so he did. A great reason for staying a member is the friendships made and the welcoming nature of the club in general. The fact that it is closed to home is also a big plus.

Trevor would love to reduce his handicap but to do that he believes that the fairways need to be improved. Hopefully, with the significant work being done, we are close to that happening.



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