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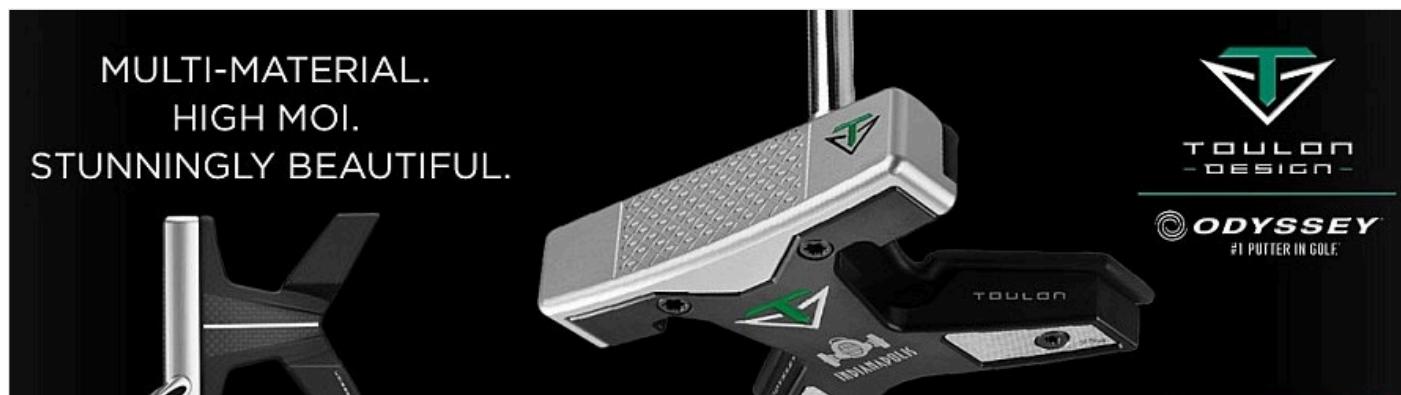


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## Back to the future

It all started earlier this year when work finally began. Members and visitors could not believe their eyes when they saw large earth moving machines ripping up the practice fairway, existing dams deepened, long standing trees cut down and general dislocation to the whole course.

A new layout of just nine (9) holes meant that players had to negotiate a challenging course to the drone of all this machinery going on around them. Playing that layout twice in the same round made for a "character building" experience to say the least!

Added to this the new layout was actually longer, by a whole kilometer, than the old layout. So it was physically as well as mentally stimulating.

On Saturday October 21st last the new, or should I say the return to the old, layout was opened to members. Clearly there is still a lot of work to be completed before the full benefit of the \$3 million upgrade takes full effect. However the indications are obvious that the money was not only well spent aesthetically but let's not forget that the whole idea is water harvesting. Sufficient water storage should now provide for these improvements to be enjoyed by players for many years to come.



**Top:** 11th tee water carry and bridge at right  
**Upper Middle:** Improved dam at 17th & 18th tees  
**Lower Middle:** Main dam from 11th tee  
**Bottom:** Practice fairway ready to be regrassed  
**Background:** 6th fairway down Sth Road from mound

The project, desired and talked about for so long by so many, was actually originated by our club. It was our members who petitioned the local community, our member, Jane Miller, who brought an architects view point to the discussions. Our committee members, spearheaded by Keith Beggs, who met with the course lessee, LMS, and worked with the Bayside Council to get this project up and running after council had canned it back in 2011. The twenty or so members who attended the council meeting when the final decision was made to approve the project was proof positive that this was an important decision for the community not just golfers.

So, here we are playing the new improved layout knowing that it will get even better as time goes on rather than deteriorate as it had been doing for years. We can be justly proud of the efforts of those club volunteers who have helped to make this upgrade the best we have seen on the course in decades. It is now time to share those benefits with those who are yet to join our club.

Invite and welcome your friends and colleagues to our club as we launch into our very own "Back to the Future"



**Top:** Widened and deepened dam behind 10th green  
**Upper Middle:** Rain Garden left of 10th green  
**Lower Middle:** 7th fairway from mound  
**Bottom:** 7th tee centre left with mound on right  
**Background:** 6th green from mound

# Glenn Martin Memorial AFL Grand Final Day



Each year we pause to honour a member who contributed so much to our club whilst he was with us. However the benefits of Glenn's generosity just keep producing year after year for us all.

This year again LMS and the Pro Shop enabled BGC members and guests to have exclusive access to the course by way of a 7.30am shotgun start. This meant that with players set to go on every hole of the course at the same time theoretically all players should finish their round at the same time too.

Depending which hole you started on would determine the time it took you to get back to the clubrooms after your round. So within a fairly short period all players were back in the clubrooms resulting in a surge of excitement and anticipation, dare I say, of almost chaos.

This is one time during the year when the clubrooms are "really jumping" in the early afternoon. Compared to any other Saturday it is just wonderful to see so many members and guests enjoying our facilities. House Manager David Heraud put on a special lunch for participants to ensure no one went away hungry. Club member Innes Ireland provided House of Golf benefit cards to each participant and many of the prizes won on the day.

Once the winners were announced folk who needed to leave to attend their usual Grand Final Day commitments had already enjoyed a memorable experience and there was still plenty of time before the big match started. Of course the club has a large screen TV so many stayed to watch the game.



What is interesting is that this year built on previous successful BGC Glenn Martin Memorial AFL Grand Final Days to cement this event as an important element of our club's annual calendar. The pics provide a glimpse of how our clubrooms were decked out for the occasion.

A big Thank You to David Heraud, Innes Ireland, LMS, other sponsors and club volunteers who helped to make this such a great day. Glenn would have been delighted.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
at the BGC Clubrooms

**7.30pm start**  
Please arrive between 7 and 7.20pm

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

# Highlights of CoM Meeting - 10 October 2017

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm. The six (6) CoM members present (quorum is five) approved the minutes from the September 12th CoM meeting.

Matters arising from minutes: Explore possibility of a BCC grant for the proposed BGC illuminated sign in carpark. Many items on AR are WIP for next CoM meeting, due to the apologies.

## Correspondence:

**Inwards:** VGL re update of BGC CoM member details and approval for motorised carts. Retirement of BGC auditor Peter Troedel. Petition compiled by member Mark Pearson re "preferred lies".

**Outwards:** Renewal letters to about 300 BGC members, All GA member letters mailed others available for collection by members in clubrooms.

## Treasurer provided written report:

- Normal financial reports not available in October, are being prepared for BGC accountant and Auditor and then AGM presentation and request for member approval.
- More members volunteering for bar duty would help BGC reduce our wages expenses.

## Secretary provided written report:

- Renewal invoices available in club rooms for all full members from October 4th. All GA members invoices mailed out.
- The BGC 5-year planning work to continue with new sub-com.
- Nomination forms for CoM positions are available in club rooms.
- A Club Manager position should be evaluated for the future operation of our club, should there not be enough member volunteers available in the future for the executive CoM positions.

## Captain provided written report:

- Glen Thomas and Shaun Barclay won the Pairs Match play Championship. Cheryl Young and Rosa Baernreuter won the Ladies Foursomes Championship.
- Men's Club Championships have been postponed until November.
- The BGC won the challenge vs the Vic Veterans and also the Bayside Golf Challenge.
- Sep/Oct Birdie Comp winner is Matt Costigan (12th) from 24 entries.
- No new full members signed up during September.

- BPGC will revert to a temporary 18-hole layout on October 21st.

## Ladies sub-com President provided report:

- Members have returned from holidays and now enjoy playing in nice Spring weather.
- The Brownlie Medal playoff is 25th October.
- Play and Stay at Barwon Heads on 29th October.
- The Captain's vs President's is on 1st November and the Ladies AGM on 15th November, followed by a Christmas Lunch in Mordialloc on 6th December.

## Marketing sub-com report

- Club promotional opportunities are being investigated, incl an event with LMS, when the BPGC 18-hole course has been re-opened and used for a while.
- "Co-sponsorship" opportunities and various promotional alternatives with known sponsors are being developed.

## House sub-com report:

- TBA

## General Business

- M, S and carried that Hon. Sec. prepare Notice of Motion for AGM to reduce required AGM quorum from 25 to 10 members present and entitled to vote

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Next CoM meeting 14th November at 7pm



**Matt Costigan**  
*Oct Birdie Comp Winner*

***You can be the greatest iron player in the world or the best putter, but if you can't get the ball in position to use your greatness, you can't win.***

***Chick Evans***  
*Professional Golfer*



## Brighton Secondary College Banned Night



When young, enthusiastic players have a chance to "strut their stuff" on stage with instruments that make loud but good noises it can make you wonder what the future holds??

Senior school students "jammed" – that's a musical term - in front of parents, teachers and family members to great applause. Actually some were good whilst others were very good!! Perhaps a promise of things to come?

From our (BGC) point of view here is yet another avenue for us to show the local community and businesses what we have to offer and perhaps bring to their notice this "hidden gem" which has been under their collective noses for the past 60+ years. Whilst most BGC members would be totally unaware of this excellent result in promoting our facility it is likely that ALL will benefit by more of this "outside" use of what we have come to take for granted.

With only one (1) paid member of staff the challenge of bringing new revenue to our club, from which we all benefit, requires a significant effort from our volunteer members. It is to them that we owe a great vote of THANKS.

I recall a famous person once saying "Ask not What my club can do for me? but rather, What can I do for my club". A sentiment as relevant today as it was in the 1960's. If you have a good idea why not share it with James Gardner or another committee member.



## BGC PRESENTATION NIGHT

**Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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# Captain's Report

## Highlights

September saw the completion of the Life Member's Trophy for the Men's Pairs Match Play Championship for 2017. The winners were Glenn Thomas and Shaun Barclay who defeated Jim McAlpine and Ray Brown in a closely fought match.

The Ladies had their Foursomes Championship decided with Cheryl Young and Rosa Baernreuther having the best stroke score of 209. The nett score went to the team of Maree McGowan and Lexie Cooper.

## Brighton Golf Course Construction Works

The Storm Water Harvesting Project on the Golf Course is nearing completion with the course expected to return to 18 holes on Saturday, 21st October, 2017. This date may change and will be confirmed when known. The construction works will not be finalised until sometime in late November, but we should be able to play 18 holes with some Out of Bounds and Ground Under Repair areas to be aware of during the course of play.

## Preferred Lies (Temporary Local Rule)

Due to the current condition of the Brighton Golf Course the Match Committee of the Brighton Golf Club has decided to introduce "preferred lies" through the green on the whole course, including the fairways, the rough and the greens.

This Temporary Local Rule comes into effect as of the 6th October, 2017, and will remain in force until further notice.

## Men's Club Championships

The Men's Club Championships have been postponed until November, due to the construction works on the Golf Course expected to continue into October before the course can revert back to 18 holes. The Syllabus for October and November will be amended and notices distributed for all players information.

## Brighton vs Victorian Veterans G. C.

The annual challenge match between the Victorian Veterans Golf Club and the Brighton Golf Club was held on Monday, 25th September at the Brighton Golf Course. The competition was Stableford with the best 5 scores from each team counting towards the result. With early scores favouring the Veterans it was not looking good for Brighton. However, the later players for Brighton made sure that the trophy stayed with Brighton winning 192 points to 186 points.

## The Bayside Golf Challenge

The annual Bayside Golf Challenge between the golf clubs at the three Bayside public golf courses of Elsternwick, Sandringham and Brighton was held on Sunday, 8th October at the Elsternwick Golf Course. The format of the competition is teams of eight playing par, with the aggregate of the eight scores determining the winning team. The early players for Brighton did well with a couple of plus scores being returned and by the halfway point we had a good lead over Elsternwick, with Sandringham coming up at the rear.

By the end of the day Brighton had a resounding victory with a total score of -15. Elsternwick finished on -21 and Sandringham -26. The Elsternwick team put on a BBQ lunch and a few drinks which was enjoyed by all. The best individual score for the day went to Brighton's Peter Jolly with +3.

## Brighton players do well at VGL Championships

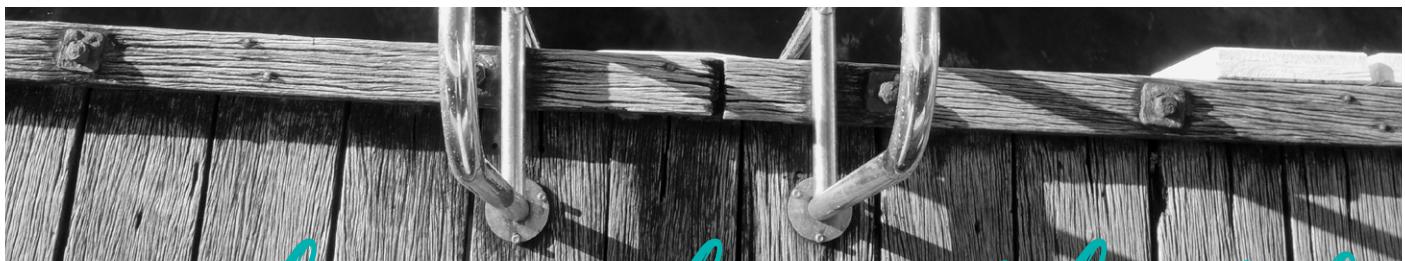
The VGL Seniors and Veterans Championships were held at Kingston Links Golf Course on Thursday, 12th October, 2017. Brighton entered 4 players and Brett Youl repeated his success of last year by winning the Veterans Championship with the best scratch score. John McCreery also had a good round coming runner up in the Best Nett score comp.

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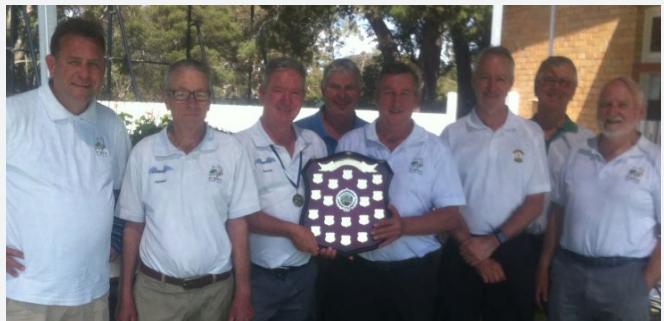


## Brighton Wins Bayside Challenge

On the 8th of October the Brighton team consisting of John McCreery, Chris Meehan, Peter Jolly, Mark Oglethorpe, Glenn Thomas, David Shutler, Brett Youl, and John Sutherland represented Brighton Golf Club in The Annual Bayside Shield at Elsternwick Golf Course.

Last year Elsternwick won followed by Sandringham and Brighton stone motherless last.

How times have changed and the might of our Brighton team smashed the opposition to claim what is rightfully ours "The Bayside Shield 2017" as Champions.



A great win for the club and also Peter Jolly who took out the medal with three up.

We look forward to hosting the event next year at Brighton.

# Ladies Activities

October has seen the return of some members from holidays (myself included) and some lovely Spring weather.

The October Monthly Medal Winner was Robyn Napolitano (she was also the August winner) - well done again Robyn! All the monthly medal winners will be playing off for the coveted Brownlie Medal on 25 October.

Nepean convincingly won the Shield from us this year (I won't say by how much!) but the golf and day was enjoyed by all. It was a good turnout with 14 players from each Club competing. Thanks to David for providing a delicious lunch and congratulations again to Nepean. We look forward to the rematch next year!

Upcoming events are - our Play and Stay at Barwon Heads on 29 October, Captain's vs President's Trophy day on 1 November, our AGM at 2pm on 15 November and to finish off the year, our Christmas Lunch at The Bay in Mordialloc on 6 December.

We are all watching with anticipation the completion of the course later this month.

**Pam Jones**  
Ladies President



**Monthly Medal Winner:** Robyn Napolitano

*"In every tournament there are a few rounds of super golf; without a doubt they are played subconsciously"*

**Chick Evans**  
Professional Golfer



**Shield Presentation Club Captains L - R Fiona Harvey Nepean & Sue Bamberry Brighton**



**Brighton & Nepean players**





## A fine bunch of bloke's - Dad's Army

This group of retired, mature members have been an integral part of our club for over 40 years. Playing early, circa 7am, Wednesday mornings they complete their round, enjoy each others company over a drink or two and are out of the clubrooms before midday.

Current leader Past Club President Lou Soligo said "We have about 18 regular players, play to our own Dad's Army handicap, usually a bit more generous than normal, have our own ball comp and a Christmas lunch at the end of each year."

The boys are happy to play early so that they have the rest of the day to do other things. Wednesday is also Ladies Day so Dad's Army players need to have completed their comp by the time the ladies, who teed off after 7am, are coming into the clubhouse.

It all works very well with a number of regular Saturday men joining this illustrious group of mature players once they too are retired.

With Juniors, regular Saturday players, Seniors and Dad's Army not to mention the Ladies our club really does have something for everyone who has the slightest interest in golf.

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## BGC Trivia Night

How often have you seen the clubrooms filled with members and guests on a Friday night??

On Friday October 6th last no less than 73 men and women, not all club members, filled the clubrooms for the much anticipated Trivia Night. This is an opportunity for teams (tables of participants) to name their own team and compete against other teams (tables) for the ultimate prize and bragging rights until the next Trivia Night, often six months away.

This time all the food was provided, drinks were available at the very reasonable club bar prices (this is where the club and members not participating on the night benefit) with the categories and questions provided by our Quiz Master extraordinaire Peter Jolly.



To ensure all bar profits go to the club the bar is manned by club member volunteers.

Much banter between tables ensued resulting in enjoyment being had by all participants many of whom, though not club members, are regular attendees at these fun nights.

On this occasion the BGC Ladies fielded a table and seemed to have a great time. Perhaps this could be the start of something BIG!?!?

With House Manager David Heraud, wife Robyn and friends helping out with the preparation, delivery and cleaning up of the food on the night it truly was a function of which we could and should all be proud. Funds raised on the night assist in the financial management of our club bringing services and benefits to ALL members.

The ultimate winning team was again captained by Alex Johnson.

Congratulations to all participants and a big Thank You to our major sponsors the Brighton Baths Health Club, Beach Road, Brighton and the House of Golf Kingston Centre. We are also very grateful for the support from our club member volunteers all of whom helped to make this function a great success.

### TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS



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# BGC Member Profiles



**GEOFF HERGT**

Geoff Hergt is a retired administrator interested in helping others. A 23 year BGC member Geoff was Club Secretary/Public Officer for 6 years and is now in his second year as BGC News editor.

In retirement Geoff is Secretary of the Opera Society, Treasurer of the Jaguar Car Club and organizer of meetings/guest speakers for his local community service club Kiwanis. He is also a Past National President of this worldwide Community Service Organization.

A 25 year RACV Club member Geoff is also involved with their Men's Group, active in their Library programs and an active member of the Dingley Village Men's Shed.

Makes you wonder what he does in his "spare time"?? Likes (passions) include music, travel, wine and great food.

Future goals: reduce a burgeoning golf handicap, see the golf course improved significantly and our club realize it's true potential.

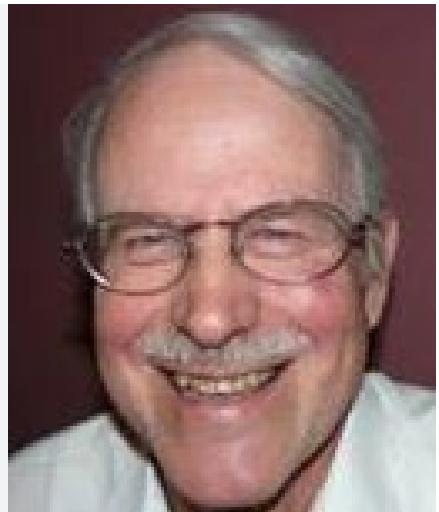
Karl & Eileen married in 1966 have 3 children & 5 grandchildren. A retired Mechanical Engineer and Marketer Karl is a 17 year BGC member the last two being BGC Secretary/Public Officer.

Moving from Sydney to Melbourne in the late 1990's Karl found golf again. The Brighton Public Golf Course and our club were close to his new home and he has been here ever since.

Karl enjoys volunteering with our club and is keen to encourage other members to become volunteers too.

Future plans : To travel, play more golf and spend more time with his family. Karl's particular likes are music, food, wine, reading, golf and naturally his family.

His "Wish List" includes : The fairways regressed, lots of sand in each bunker and to rebuild our clubhouse on the golf course with a long term lease.



**KARL LINDBERG**



**SUE WILLIAMS**

Sydney born/bred (Manly 30 yrs) Sue is a qualified teacher. Moving to the Melbourne bayside suburb of Mentone she is busy with piano teaching, professional piano playing, running, squash, tennis and her two (2) children along with partner Andrew and keeping house.

An 8 year member of BGC Sue prefers competition on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons as that suits her busy schedule. The flexibility of our time sheet is a great reason to be a BGC member. Formerly an 8 year member of Southern Golf Club Sue plays off a handicap of 15.9.

Competition with BGC members and clubhouse banter compliment her interests in music, theatre, dining out and her many sporting activities. Sue is also very involved in providing advocacy and service for our hearing impaired youngsters.

As our incoming Club Secretary Sue will be a valued member of our Club Committee of Management (CoM)



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