

45th Australian Red Cross Charity Tournament

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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.

Entries for the Golf Tournament must be on the official entry form 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 paid at the Club House by either cash or eftpos.

<u>CLICK HERE TO OPEN OFFICIAL ON-LINE ENTRY FORM</u> - Print it out (second page) and fill it in and pay for your entry at the BGC Clubrooms with Cash or Eftpos

John McCreery - Club Captain

MAJOR RAFFLE

Fund raising is the main aim of this day, and in order to maximise our efforts we have organised a major raffle.

1st Prize is an AKAI 40" LED/DVD combo television set. Valued at \$500

and donated by The Good Guys of Brighton with the assistance of Trevor Spence. (New Member)



2nd Prize is a Shark one step folding golf push cart. Valued at \$230 and donated by Kingsley Ferguson (Brighton Pro Shop).



3rd Prize is a Wilson Staff lightweight golf bag. Valued at \$160 and donated by Kingsley Ferguson (Brighton Pro Shop).



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Are We There Yet??

With all these benefits

at such a reasonable

rate "isn't it time you

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you know to join the

Brighton Golf Club Inc.?"

Oh the memories these few words evoke!!

They might have been uttered by ourselves, our children or someone else but the result is still the same isn't it?

Whether at our destination or not what is clear for all to see is that until we look back toward our starting point we cannot properly appreciate how far we have come.

Let's take our own Golf Club for instance.

It is now early 2015. If we look back just four (4) years and three (3) months to 2010 our club was labouring under not one (1) but two (2) accounting systems which did not talk to each other. Our cash register at the bar was little more than a glorified calculator. This register could not be linked to either accounting system requiring a great deal of time and effort to reconcile critical club financial data.

Whilst this clearly was an issue for the volunteer Honorary Treasurer of the day it was also an issue for each and every club member. It meant that important resources were being absorbed in non productive effort which could be better directed to providing quality member services.

Voluntary assistance to maintain and improve member comfort in our clubrooms was spasmodic resulting in expensive outsourced labour to provide basic member amenities. This was an issue for all members because these expenses had to be met from subscriptions. So valuable income from annual dues was going to pay for these outsourced services.

Our club website was old, out of date and lacked the information and flexibility members in a modern club expect.

Our antiquated competition entry, results collation and results reporting systems did not compare well with systems in most modern clubs. So existing and potential new members of and to our club found it difficult to justify renewing with or joining the Brighton Golf Club Inc. They chose to join other local clubs where member benefits appeared greater than at our club.

To improve this situation your Committee of Management (CoM) resolved firstly to ask the members what they wanted. A Club Survey was conducted utilizing existing member expertise. Take a bow Jason Whatley and Peter Hennessy from Sweeney Research who provided this survey at no cost to you the member.

The result was an excellent, professional and very revealing analysis of our Club and its members. Priorities were drawn from this survey and action plans implemented.

So how does our club look just four (4) years and three (3) months down the track?

Firstly our upgraded Micropower accounting system has enabled the entire accounting function to be consolidated into one system including the register at the bar. Now all data is accurate and available to manage our club's affairs productively. The time saving alone has been substantial but the benefits don't stop there.

Having obtained significant improvements in our back office we can now direct those 'saved efforts' toward providing additional member benefits.

The formalizing of our band of regular volunteer members to maintain and improve our clubrooms and surrounds means that we can augment their work by additional volunteer members who assist with specific projects e.g. Line marking in the car park, renewing the beer delivery decking etc.

Every club member benefits directly from these voluntary services because we are not paying outsiders. Result – "You get more Bang for your Buck!!"

Our club website is unrecognizable from the one we had

before. Now you can obtain almost any detail you need about the club, check your own personal House Account balance, renew your subscription, check the results of any competition, read the current or back issues of the club newsletter (BGC News) and much more all from the comfort of your own home or anywhere in the world. In the past you would have had to wait and ask when you got to the club or look it

up in the newspaper. Very inconvenient!

So, "Are We There Yet?" No we are not - but as we look back to where we came from it is clear that we are certainly a lot further progressed toward our goal than we were just four (4) years and three (3) months ago.

A testament to these improved systems and the efforts of our volunteer members is that all this has been achieved for just a forty eight cent (\$0.48) per week increase in annual dues for Ordinary members. Increases in rates, charges and all other expenses outside our control are included in this figure. "Are You Getting Great Value for Money at the BGC? — You Sure Are!!"

With all these benefits at such a reasonable rate "Isn't it time you encouraged someone you know to join the Brighton Golf Club Inc.?"

Geoff Hergt

Honorary Secretary/Public Officer - BGC Inc

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Leaderboard Project a 'Scoring' Success!

On 5th February 2015 the much vaunted and discussed Power Plus Golf handicapping and scoring system went 'live' at the Brighton Golf Club. More commonly known as the 'Leaderboard Project' the system stood up well on the day it was launched.

At the time of publication the new system has been used on seven occasions and during that time the issues that have arisen have been addressed to the satisfaction of Members and it's useful to list some of those Questions with the Answers:

Q: How do I obtain a score card?

A: Click **HERE** to open the procedure.

Q: How do I scan a score card?

A: Click **HERE** to open the procedure.

Q: How should I enter my membership number?

A: THE LAST 3, 4 OR 5 DIGITS. But check your name.

Q: How do I insert my card for scanning?

A: FACE UP OR FACE DOWN IS OK.

Q: Is my card waterproof?

A: DEFINITELY NOT - KEEP IT DRY AT ALL TIMES.

Q: Do I mark my card with a Pen or pencil?

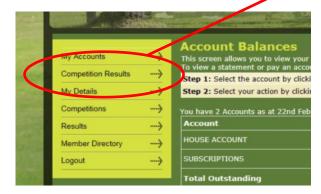
A: A PEN WILL ENSURE CLARITY FOR SCANNING.

Q: Where do I leave my card after scanning.

A: BIN ON THE RHS OF THE TOUCHSCREEN.

CHANGES TO CLUBLINK

Prior to the 7th February we accessed Competition Results' by clicking here

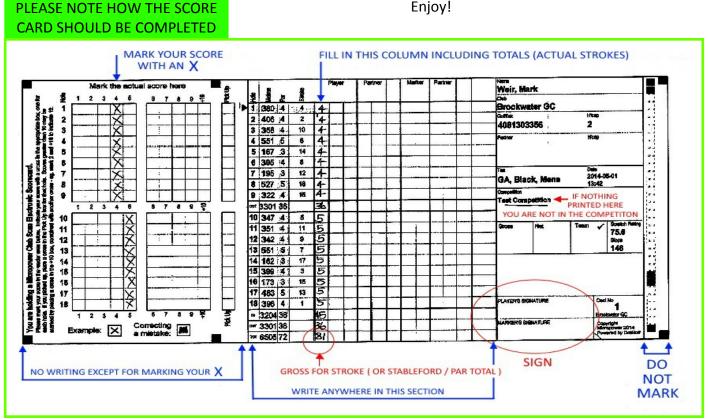


Now we can access both 'Competitions' and 'Results' separately by clicking on two new



Feel free to explore these two new menu items by clicking on any of the fields.

Enjoy!



Highlights of the February 10th 2015 CoM Meeting

UPDATE FROM L.M.S.:

KB began the discussion by outlining current issues at the BGC:- Progress of the Leaderboard project, Desire for an online ability to book tee times, Condition of the fairways etc.

KF responded by advising that the annual availability of water was currently around 20 megalitres for a course that requires approximately 60-70 megalitres to water all areas.

KF confirmed that a water harvesting project between Bayside Council and Brighton Golf Course was knocked back due to funding. KF advised that LMS are inquiring about the sinking of bores to obtain greater volume of water for the golf course. NMIT's (North Melb Institute of Technology) director of projects recently visited the site to discuss course requirements and work to be carried out over the next year.

Several other issues were raised with no impact upon the BGC.

- KF advised that major projects for the following year will include some improvements around the pro shop as well as a tee reconstruction of the 3rd tee box.
- Scope for tee returfing on the 4th & 6th tee boxes will be budget dependent. KF asked if there were any issues the club would like to discuss. Several were mentioned KF agreed to consider each where appropriate.
- L.M.S. works closely with fully qualified arborists to assess all trees on the course and conduct work accordingly.
- KF very supportive of club requests for specific arrangements e.g. Shotgun starts, Pennant tee off times, products for prizes etc.

Our arrangement with KF regarding Golf Access (GA) is now over two (2) years old with both BGC & L.M.S. happy with progress.

KF suggested that BGC market their membership to GA members through the pro shop. To assist with this GH will provide New GA 2015 Full Year application forms to KF.

The condition of the Ladies WC is an ongoing issue but is constantly under scrutiny.

KF asked if there was anything more that either himself or his staff, including the coaching staff, could do to assist BGC members?

A Seniors coaching clinic is currently available and the Juniors program has grown significantly.

MEGA RAFFLE:

KB then introduced member Jeff Taylor (JT) to discuss a new fundraising idea he had seen at Churchill Park GC.

JT outlined the innovative raffle concept which involved selling 1500 numbered tickets with the ticket price based on the ticket number e.g. Ticket # 100 would cost the purchaser \$1.

Ticket prices would be rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

Prizes would absorb approx. 40% of the funds raised and the balance would go directly to the club.

KB advised that the intention was to draw the winners of the raffle at the Annual Presentation Night in November 2015. That would give us approx. nine (9) months to sell the 1500 tickets.

Moved successfully that both KL & JT further research the practicalities of implementing the idea and report back to the CoM at the March CoM meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COM MEETING

<u>Discussion of Clubroom Sketches and colouring of same</u>

KB raised the fact that the issue was dealt with in the Minutes of the Impromptu CoM meeting held at the clubrooms on Tuesday December 16th 2014. It was suggested that once the new Notice Board is erected next to the Leaderboard TV that these sketches could be displayed again along with other appropriate material for member comment. There was significant discussion on the clubhouse roof and guttering but no decision resulted.

Financial Report: KB spoke to each section highlighting YTD amounts compared to both Last Year and this year's Budget. Savings made on printing of the new scorecard and advertising income helped to offset the anticipated costs. Bar income was a little behind budget. The Balance Sheet YTD is up due to revaluation of fixed assets.

Newsletter: Would ALL contributors to the "BGC NEWS" please ensure their copy gets to KB by the deadline for each issue. See Three Month Forward Planning sheet for Deadline Dates.

Secretary: GH confirmed that club admin was up to date. GH referred to the recent invoice from DDS on our rental of the MFC in which DDS had made a decimal point error so that our account was well over \$2400 when it should have been \$240 odd. The error was corrected by DDS. GH spoke to the revised simplified New Member Graph.

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Captain's Report: JMcC reminded us that the application of the Local Temporary Rule relating to the fairway on Hole 6 was rescinded on January 1st 2015 so that any ball on that garden bed should be played as it lies or a penalty taken i.e. NO FREE DROP.

He confirmed that the Scratch Pennant team would field a team in 2015. All Pennant teams have lists canvassing entrants.

Red Cross Day Charity event plans well in hand. Prizes have been arranged.

Membership: JMcC advised that the three new members were David Lock, Craig Mills & Bob Simpson.

Social Report: KB advised that a new sub committee had been formed chaired by Peter Jolly (PJ) and that future Social plans would commence as soon as PJ returns from holidays.

Committee Includes:

- Peter Jolly
- Erica Kreymborg
- Fiona Telford
- Cheryl Young
- Jenny Bahramis
- Keith Beggs

GENERAL BUSINESS

Life Members: Karl Lindberg (KL) reported both he and GH recommended that future nominations of Honorary Life Playing members be limited to 3% of the total Male and Female Full Playing club members or 8 whichever is the lesser. There is to be no limit to the number of Honorary Life Non Playing members. Moved Successfully. GH to research whether this can be a By Law or motion at an AGM.

Leaderboard Project: KB updated all on the Leaderboard Training session held today. Micropower are developing the software concurrently with BGC and other users in real time so allowances should be made for constant updates. KB confirmed that problems would occur and that everyone would need to be patient as we all learn to make the system work for the benefit of all concerned. The CoM then moved out to the "kiosk" in the foyer for a "hands on" run through conducted by KB.

Scorecards: Thank You letters to be written and sent to scorecard sponsors.

Count Backs: John McCreery (JMcC) advised that Count Backs will be the method for determining a winner for Club Medal where players finish with the same score.

Forward Planning: GH reviewed the plan highlighting

NEW BGC MEMBERS







David Lock

Craig Mills

Bob Simpson

David, Craig and Bob joined the Brighton Golf Club recently as a Full Playing Members.

May we wish them many years of happy golfing at the BGC.

this busy time of year.

Cheryl Young (CY) advised that Friday March 27th is the "Nine & Dine" event, this was added to the calendar. This is to be organised by the Social sub c/tee.

Treasurer's position: KB advised that at this stage no one has come forward to take on the Treasurer's role. Another ad to appear in the next issue of the BGC News.

Personnel movements: KB advised that he would be away from 15th & 21st Feb then 31st March & 8th Apr 2015.

Clubhouse spouting: JS to arrange a quote with his contact to check gutters and pointing of clubhouse roof.



GEOFFREY HERGT
February Birdie Comp Winner

End of CoM Meeting Highlights

HONORARY TREASURER NEEDED

If you are a member of the BGC, retired and have bookkeeping / accounting experience then please put your hand up to assist with all or part of this important Club administrative function. If you have any interest at all and would like to have a talk about it please contact me as soon as convenient.

Keith Beggs - President / Hon. Treasurer etc. etc. etc.

Captain's Report February 2015



The highlight for January was the first Hole in One for the year when Terry Brown hit the perfect shot on the 6th on Wednesday, 28th.

The Wednesday Ladies commence their competitions

for 2015 this month and I wish them good golfing for the year.

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE RESCINDED

The garden bed on the right hand side of the 6th fairway is no longer to be considered as GUR from January 1st, 2015. If a ball goes into this garden bed or any other garden bed it must be played as it lies or as per Rule 28. (Ball Unplayable)

NEW SCORE CARD SYSTEM COMMENCES

The new Leader Board Scorecard System will come into operation on Wednesday, 11th February, 2015. Detailed procedures for obtaining your scorecard and scanning it after your round will be displayed in the Club House.

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Fund raising is the main aim of this day, and in order to maximize our efforts we have organized 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 has been mailed to all Members. Tickets are \$2.50 each, so please try to sell them. All proceeds of the raffle go to the Australian Red Cross. Additionally, the Club House activities will include the traditional spinning wheel and donations of items suitable for this purpose would be greatly appreciated.

MEN'S SCRATCH, HANDICAP AND SENIORS PENNANT

The 2015 season of Pennant Competition is due to start on Thursday, 5^{th} March for the Senior's team and on Sunday, 29^{th} March for the Scratch and Handicap teams.

If you would like to play in one or more of the teams please write your name on the list above the computer at the Club House entrance. 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 make themselves available, so that we can have very competitive teams.

John McCreery Club Captain

Upcoming Events & Reminders

V.G.L. PENNANT SEASON STARTS: Check Page 7 and 8 for dates and locations. Come along and support the B.G.C. as our teams strive for success. Your attendance will be much appreciated by the players.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS CHARITY DAY: 21st March. Shot Gun Start at 8:00 am. Guest Day and after-event activities. Entry forms now available in the BGC Clubrooms or from the BGC website CLICK HERE.

AUTUMN TRIVIA NIGHT: Date soon to be announced. This event will be a similar format to the previously held successful Trivia Nights. Low entry fee and fun for all.

BGC Ladies Activities Jan/Feb 2015

Over December and January, summer golf was quietly and efficiently organised by Jan Kirsch for those members who had not fled their homes for more exotic, exciting or just different locations as is common at that time of year. It culminated in a happy lunch for about 28 members at Milanos, also capably arranged by Jan.

That set everyone up for a good start to the year with a Stableford round played in comfortable conditions. Winners for the day were: A grade: M. B grade: B. White, McGowan, grade: G. Murphy.

Some members who were unable to play came to lunch where they caught up with everyone and picked up the record book. If you haven't got yours yet, don't forget to sign for and collect one next time you are in the clubhouse.

The second week's competition was Stroke and as the weather was forecast as going to be 36 degrees, some members, perhaps fearing a 'stroke' of a different nature, pulled out, which was unfortunate as the expected high was not reached and in fact there was a cool breeze most of the day. It was Monthly Medal day and this was won by Judy Collins with a net 66. B grade was won by Jan Kirsch, 70. C grade by Pat Krause, 68.

Quite a few members played nine holes and the winner of that comp was D. Klein.

> It was also our first use of the electronic score cards which are quite easy to use but you do need a dark pencil to mark the boxes which the

> Coming up on the 19th March is the Tin Plate match against Albert Park played at Brighton, with our club barbeque dinner а afterwards for approximately 30 women. Let's hope we will have something to celebrate besides a good meal.



Rosemary Fry has once again organised the Brighton Pennant teams. There are two teams, A and C grade, and lots of willing emergencies. So good luck ladies, enjoy yourselves (and the lunches).

Jan Mayberry

Victorian Golf League 2015 Women's Pennant Draw

DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH			RESULT
March 02	1	1	A Grade	Burnley 1	VS	Brighton 1	
		3	C Grade	Yarrambat	VS	Brighton	
March 16	2	1	A Grade	Brighton 1	VS	Yarra Bend	2
		3	C Grade	Brighton	VS	Bundoora	
March 23	3	1	A Grade	Ivanhoe 1	VS	Brighton 1	
		3	C Grade	Ringwood	VS	Brighton	
March 30	4	1	A Grade	Brighton 1	VS	Burnley 1	
		3	C Grade	Brighton	Vs	Yarrambat	3
April 13	5	1	A Grade	Yarra Bend	VS	Brighton 1	c .
		3	C Grade	Bundoora	VS	Brighton	
April 20	6	1	A Grade	Brighton 1	VS	Ivanhoe 1	
		3	C Grade	Brighton	VS	Ringwood	0

Rosemary Fry Team One (A Grade)



Brighton Golf Club Ladies Pennant Captains 2015



Virginia Gattuso Team Two (C Grade)

Victorian Golf League 2015 Men's Pennant Draw

DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	TIME
Mar 5th	1	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Glen Waverley v Brighton	Away
Mar 12th	2	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Olinda	9:30
Mar 19th	3	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Dorset v Brighton	Away
Mar 26th	4	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Glen Waverley	9:30
Mar 29th	1	Scratch	Div 2	East Malvern v Brighton	Away
Mar 29th	1	Handicap	Div 1	Brighton v Australasian	8:30
Apr 9th	5	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Olinda v Brighton	Away
Apr 12th	2	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v Growling Frog	8:30
Apr 12th	2	Handicap	Div 1	Centenary Park v Brighton	Away
Apr 16th	6	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Dorset	9:30
Apr 19th	3	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v Altona Lakes	8:30
Apr 19th	3	Handicap	Div 1	Creekside v Brighton	Away
Apr 23rd	Final	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	TBA	TBA
Apr 26th	4	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v East Malvern	8:30
Apr 26th	4	Handicap	Div 1	Australasian v Brighton	Away
May 3rd	5	Scratch	Div 2	Growling Frog v Brighton	Away
May 3rd	5	Handicap	Div 1	Brighton v Centenary Park	8:30
May 17th	6	Scratch	Div 2	Altona Lakes v Brighton	Away
May 17th	6	Handicap	Div 1	Brighton v Creekside	8:30
May 24th	Final	Scratch	Div 2	Werribee Park	ТВА
May 31st	Final	Handicap	Div 1	Werribee Park	TBA

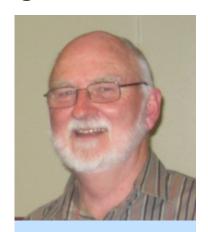
2015 BGC Pennant team Managers



Scratch
Chris Meehan



Handicap Peter Jolly



Seniors
John McCreery

YOUR PARROT, HE IS DEAD

At dawn the telephone rings.

"Hello, Señor Roy? This is Ernesto, the caretaker at your country house."

"Ah yes, Ernesto. What can I do for you? Is there a problem?"

"Um, I am just calling to advise you, Señor Roy, that your parrot, he is dead." "My parrot? Dead?"

The one that won the International competition?" "Si, Señor, that's the one."

"Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?"

"From eating the rotten meat, Señor Roy."

"Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat?"

"Nobody, Señor. He ate the meat of the dead horse."

"Dead horse? What dead horse?"

"The thoroughbred, Señor Roy."

"My prize thoroughbred is dead?"

"Yes, Señor Roy, he died from all that work pulling the water cart."

"Are you insane? What water cart?"

"The one we used to put out the fire, Señor."

"Good Lord! What fire are you talking about, man?"

"The one at your house, Señor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire."

"What the hell? Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle?!"

"Yes, Señor Roy."

"But there's electricity at the house! What was the candle for?"

"For the funeral, Señor Roy."

"WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL??!!"

"Your wife's, Señor Roy. She showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Ping G20 204g titanium head golf club with the TFC 149D graphite shaft."

SILENCE.....

LONG SILENCE.....

VERY LONG SILENCE.....

"Ernesto, if you broke that driver, you're in deep shit."



Monday Golf!



How about a third round of golf for the week?

Are you interested in having a hit on Mondays?

For more details please contact Mark Pearson - 0418 878 631





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Dear Members,

Golf Victoria has undertaken to make more accessible the Golf Victoria Magazine to club members.

After months of development Golf Victoria has released two new products to compliment the paper version of the bimonthly published magazine.

The June/July version of the magazine is available with an iPad version as well as electronic Magazine (eMag) version.

Golf Victoria has decided to make these two versions available to all Golf Club Members as well as continuing to supply the paper version to those who subscribe to it.

Both these new products will be updated every time the paper version of the magazine is released.

The iPad version at this stage is only available for iPad, but with its 'Come to life' photos and verbal interviews will be popular amongst Club Members. To register for either the iPad version or the eMag version or both please click on the image below.







If a minimum of 50% of the Brighton Golf Club membership registers online to receive the electronic version of the Golf Vic magazine the cost of the hard copies being supplied to the Club will be halved.

Time is running out so please click on the image above and this will take you to the Online-Registration page of the Golf Victoria website.

Regards

Keith Beggs President Brighton Golf Club Inc.

Brighton Golf Club Partners



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