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## Feature Story

# BGC Autumn Trivia Night - A great success!



In May this year, for the second year running, our Club ran its Autumn Trivia Night. With almost 70 members and guests in attendance the clubrooms were nearly maxed out yet there was adequate room for plenty of 'trivial' activity.

We are very grateful to all who attended and especially Bayside Mayor Cr James Long and his wife Cheryl, the Nepean Golf Club ladies and yet again fantastic support from new BGC social members the Bayside Hockey Club.

Based on the good achievement of last year's Autumn and Spring Trivia nights this function can be also regarded as a big success. Changes to the provision of food, as took place in Spring, achieved a bigger return to the bottom line.

Master of ceremonies and quizmaster Peter Jolly presented 14 rounds of questions which participants generally agreed had a better spread and reduced degree of difficulty than previously.

Bar service was handled expertly by past BGC Secretary Geoff Hergt, our new House Manager David Heraud and VP/Secretary Karl Lindberg.

In between rounds more fun and laughter was had with a paper plane competition and spontaneous questions and answers resulting in 6 winners taking home some quality bottles of quality wine.

The winners on the night were yet again the table manned by Life Member Alex Johnson and guests. They were awarded gift vouchers kindly donated by Innes Ireland of the House of Golf in Bentleigh.

The winner of the Raffle was Eileen Lindberg who won a \$50.00 Myer gift voucher "very unexpected" she said!

## Autumn Trivia Night - Results

Total Receipts	\$1480.00
Costs	\$666.00
Net	\$814.00

A great result for our now bi-annual fund raiser and again we learned a lot. Next time around we are planning to have fewer rounds of questions plus a slightly higher entry fee for the provision of nibbles for those that miss out on dinner.

Keith Beggs - President



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## Highlights of CoM Meeting - 10 May 2016

House Manager David Heraud (DH) was only able to stay for short time and was invited to present plans for kitchen upgrade to Class 2 and future catering activities. Moved successfully that upgrades from Class 3 to Class 2 as presented on prepared sheet describing needed upgrades to a total approximate cost of \$2,500 be approved.

DH advised he intends to qualify as the BGC Food Safety Supervisor, as required for a Class 2 kitchen. He already has RSA certificate and has done basic food handling course.

Quote of \$1500 received for fill-in asphalting from Peter Walton, but hold action until completion of bin washer installation, being part of complete works. CoM to formally vote/confirm acceptance.

Moved successfully that self-closing doors be considered for men's toilet. Method and costing to be provided to next CoM by DH.

Moved successfully that repair to webbing and seats of selected old clubroom chairs are carried out under guidance of DH at less than \$300. Carried.

BHC functions support was discussed and DH agreed it is part of House Manager role to coordinate with Bobby Quadara. KB agreed future newsletters would be used to encourage additional volunteers to support this and other important cash flow activities for BGC.

DH to co-ordinate next Escape Travel promo 7th June at our club rooms. Food service not required by BGC, only bar service.

PA and sound system to be checked out by DH.

DH then left meeting at about 7.30 pm

### TREASURER REPORT

Hon. Treasurer KB provided brief one page April 2016 report at meeting for each CoM member, spoke to sections and highlighted specific areas and answered questions. Full detailed reports are available in office for those requiring full details, as required by Rule 36 (a). KB also compared the YTD income and expense with previous year and budget and we are ahead of last year and in line with budget. Moved that Beau Roberts honorarium for 2015/16 be paid out. Although illness has prevented him

carrying out the role in full he is still assisting BGC to his fullest. Carried unanimously.

Moved successfully that BGC MasterCards (2) with CBA be cancelled ASAP as no CoM member is willing to assume personal liability for the account and that we operate without a credit facility for approx. one month on a trial basis.

### SECRETARY REPORT

KL advised that club admin is being dealt with in line with current requirements, and workload has reduced since DH assumed the House Manager role. We are in pro-rata period for membership fees. BHC continue to add to their special membership with BGC.

### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

JMcC provided copy of written May report for all CoM members. Pennant season is coming to a close, our Scratch team is doing well, but Handicap and Senior teams have been less successful. The Ladies No 1 team had a successful season but the No 2 team found the competition challenging. Temporary Local Rule - Preferred Lies still in place. Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy comp is being played now and Ladies Club Championships commence in May.

## New BGC Members

The following membership applicants were recently accepted unanimously by the Committee of Management into the Brighton Golf Club.

**Peter Fischer**

**Sophie Miles**

**Sandra Lindsey**

We wish these new Members many years of happy golfing at BGC.



**Cec Dixon**  
*April Birdie Comp Winner*



## Highlights of CoM Meeting - 10 May 2016

Slow play was mentioned and reminder that lowest handicap player in the group should assist his group to stay in touch with group playing in front.

New members nominated; Peter Fischer, Sophie Miles and Sandra Lindsey. Birdie Comp Winner Cec Dixon.

### SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

Trivia night confirmed for Friday 20th May, generally as per last year. KB advised expected number are around 80.

### HOUSE SUB COMMITTEE

DH reported progress and new plans at the beginning of meeting as noted above. Continuation of established programs and progress with new ideas is clearly noticeable.

### COURSE SUB COMMITTEE

Treasurer's written General Business Report April 2016 informs that BCC has fully funded the Water Harvesting Project over two budget years at nearly \$3 million. The project starts in March 2017 and will take up to one year to complete and that the balance is funded in the 2017/18 BCC budget. KB and Jane Millar commended for persistently continuing this project and encouraging many club volunteers to provide many hours of work helping to achieve this very important outcome for BGC now and for our future playing conditions on BPGC.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- BHC membership is growing past 80 and their use of our clubhouse facilities are growing to both their and our joint benefit.
- Upgrade of LAN is WIP.
- Trivia Night 20th May is nearly "sold out" if all TBC are confirmed. BHC has booked three tables.
- Red Cross Day resulted in a net result to Red Cross of \$5,999.44. Moved successfully that cheque be prepared for mailing to Australian Red Cross.
- David Heraud has replaced Beau Roberts as signatory with CBA, joining KB and KL as club signatories on cheques.

- KB requested a minimum \$10 credit transaction at CBA terminal. Agreed to keep eye on use over next month as PayWave is quicker than handling cash. Annual cost for terminal is around \$1,750.00. Decision on minimum transaction deferred to June meeting.
- Our BGC inwards office fax number 0592 7841 has not been available to BGC for last couple of years, due to cancellation by Telstra (without our knowledge) in 2014 and allocation to other entity. KL tried to send fax to our phone number 9592 7806 but it could not connect (this number is often on answering m/c and cannot switch to fax reception). Further work required to connect new printer/computer combination to enable fax reception. Encourage email communication in preference to fax.
- Moved successfully that quote from Collective Loop (CL)/Half Price Printing (HPP) be accepted for 10,000 BGC score cards.
- Confirmed that one "petty cash" system, currently in operation, will serve all BGC activities including for the BGC Ladies sub-committee.
- Moved that up-front payment of joining fee (\$100) be made available on web site to comply with Rule 19 (a) for those applying for membership using our web site. There was no seconder and the motion lapsed, but idea is to be further researched for future CoM meeting.



Slow play...





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I was the new team manager this year and it was a hard year for me coordinating administrative matters as well as playing good golf for Brighton. But I liked my role in managing the selection and inductions into a competitive squad.

Members were continuously asked if they would get involved in pennant for 6 Sundays in April and May to compete in VGL competitions. A squad of 12 was used throughout the year with



John Collins winning the Best and Fairest award at years end. A spirit existed within the playing group each week and we tried to win our matches with the drive of being successful..

Our home games let us down and we succumbed to Division 3 in 2017.

A special mention to Alex Johnson who acted as scorer and advisor to me about how the players were performing on the course each progressive stage of matches. We found our opposition formidable and subsequently went down 0/6 for the year.

On a brighter note we blooded some potentially great match players for coming seasons ahead.

Players - Oglethorpe, Walton, Collins, Sommeruelle, Gaud, C.Mills, J.Mills, Gardiner, Thomas, Arundell, Munro, Fish, were selected to represent our mighty ambitious task of winning a flag for the club this year. I found them all to meet the challenge of our Pennant duties in a timely and courageous manner..

It would be my pleasure to do the job of Team Manager and captain of the twos next year and meet the challenge all over again in 2017. Although I am disappointed about our outcome of a hopeful premiership, lesson learned will be my driving force for our Pennant success. We at Brighton, are proud and don't like the bitter pill of losing, but we keep the philosophy of aiming high to shoot low.

Good luck to the Ones who take on Westgate GC in the final at Werribee in two weeks time.

Yours sincerely,

Mark A. Oglethorpe.

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## 2016 Pennant Program

### Fixture & Results

DATE	RND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	RESULTS	TIME
Mar 3rd	1	Seniors	David Graham	Lakeside v Brighton	4.5 - 1.5	Away
Mar 10th	2	Seniors	David Graham	Brighton v Camberwell	3.5 - 2.5	9:30
Mar 17th	3	Seniors	David Graham	Altona Lakes v Brighton	4.0 - 2.0	Away
Mar 31st	4	Seniors	David Graham	Brighton v Lakeside	3.0 - 3.0	9:30
Apr 7th	5	Seniors	David Graham	Camberwell v Brighton	3.0 - 3.0	Away
Apr 10th	1	Scratch	Diu 3	C'burn Willmott v Brighton	4.0 - 4.0	8:30
Apr 10th	1	Handicap	Diu 2	Brighton v Camberwell	2.0 - 6.0	8:30
Apr 14th	6	Seniors	David Graham	Brighton v Altona Lakes	4.0 - 2.0	9:30
Apr 17th	2	Scratch	Diu 3	Brighton v Westgate	5.0 - 3.0	8:30
Apr 17th	2	Handicap	Diu 2	Mt Martha v Brighton	6.5 - 1.5	Away
Apr 24th	3	Scratch	Diu 3	Burnley v Brighton	3.5 - 4.5	Away
Apr 24th	3	Handicap	Diu 2	Brighton v Riverview	3.5 - 4.5	8:30
May 1st	4	Scratch	Diu 3	Brighton v C'burn Willmott	6.5 - 1.5	8:30
May 1st	4	Handicap	Diu 2	Camberwell v Brighton	7.0 - 1.0	Away
May 15th	5	Scratch	Diu 3	Westgate v Brighton	5.0 - 3.0	Away
May 15th	5	Handicap	Diu 2	Brighton v Mt Martha	3.0 - 5.0	8:30
May 22nd	6	Scratch	Diu 3	Brighton v Burnley	4.5 - 3.5	8:30
May 22nd	6	Handicap	Diu 2	Riverview v Brighton	6.0 - 2.0	Away
Jun 5th	Final	Scratch	Diu 3	Werribee Park		

### Scratch Ladder

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	MF	MA	PTS
1	Westgate	6	4.0	1.0	1.0	28.5	19.5	18.0
2	Brighton	6	4.0	1.0	1.0	27.5	20.5	18.0
3	Burnley	6	1.0	3.0	2.0	22.5	25.5	8.0
4	Craigieburn Willmott	6	0.0	4.0	2.0	17.5	30.5	4.0



## BGC Ladies Activities

**It has been a busy month in our golf world at Brighton – most especially due to our Ladies' Club Championships which were played in reasonable weather on 4, 11 and 18 June in conjunction with the Brighton Cup which was won by Jillian Cox who was also our Monthly Medal Winner. CONGRATULATIONS! The winners of the Championship categories have not yet been announced.**

**Our Movie Nights have not been as popular as we had initially envisaged. Hopefully there will be more ladies who will attend next month's outing.**

**Our Club had a wonderful achievement by Rose Baernreuther on 25 May as she achieved a Hole-in-One on the 6th. It was Rosa's first and hopefully the start of a glorious 'purple' patch for her as she also won A Grade. CONGRATULATIONS!**

**The Brighton Golf Club Ladies' Charity Day will be held on 15 June. Again we are raising much needed funds for Sandringham Hospital's new Day Procedure Centre Capital Appeal. By donating to this Appeal we will be helping to care for current and future generations of the Bayside community and others. Donations of \$5,000 or greater will be acknowledged in a prominent location near the entrance to the new Centre and donations of \$500 or more will be acknowledged on Honour Boards within the Centre. So far we have raised \$330 from our 'Pop Up Golf Shop' on Guest Day.**

**The Ladies will play Irish Stableford which should be fun for us all. There will be a catered lunch available on the day as well as complimentary tea and coffee. Drinks at Bar prices.**

**Prizes will be awarded for Nearest The Pin, Longest Drive and the Putting Competition. We will have a 'Money Tree' and an auction of many substantial items on the day – as well as Raffles. We are fortunate as we have a sizeable number of participants for the day.**

**We thank all members who have contributed lovely wines for our major raffle of the Wine Rack with 36 bottles of wine (valued at \$700).**

**We also thank those who have contributed goods to our "Aladdin's Cave" of treasures which will be sold on the day. We are able to take donations up until the day but these must be sellable.**

**Of course, many thanks to Kingsley Ferguson, Manager of Brighton Public Golf Course for his outstanding contributions and for his assistance in this endeavour.**

**Also grateful thanks to Innes Ireland of "The House of Golf" Bentleigh for his continued generosity.**

**But special thanks to our members and committee whose work and contributions make our Charity Day one of the best. Hopefully it will be a wonderful success.**

**Family commitments force me to take an indefinite Leave of Absence but Margaret Mooney will be the new Ladies President.**

**I wish you all well.**

**Rose-Marie Hogan**



## BGC Ladies Activities

### CAPTAIN'S NEWS FOR MAY

Well another successful competition for the Championships was held over the month of May, 32 entrants started the competition with only 16 completing the whole 3 rounds. The winners will be announced in the June edition of the BGC News newsletter.

Congratulations to all who completed the 3 weeks of stroke a testament to your dedication. We have been lucky weather wise for May and Wednesdays, who knows how long it will continue but we hope to see you out on the golf course braving the cool winds.

Competitions for June include the continuation of the Brighton Medley, Medal Day, Charity Day , 4BBB Stableford so get your partners organised and Secretary's Trophy round one.

The VGL delegates meeting held in Ringwood at the beginning of the month highlighted the need for club members to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by the VGL to participate in the competitions held at other golf courses. These competitions are open to all members affiliated with the VGL . They are exceptionally well run with a great lunch on great courses. Please see the notice board at the club and speak to Jan Smallman or myself if you would like to enter. Your club pays for some of these competitions which many other clubs do not, so lets get out there and represent Brighton.

On the social scene Pennant dinner was held during the month of May. We were hoping it would be a celebration of great excitement for a very successful season, but not to be. The evening however was a great night held at the Half Moon Hotel in Brighton. We were having such a good time we forgot to take photos, maybe next year!



**Jill Cox**  
*Monthly Medal Winner*

The monthly movie nights organised by Lyn was meet with great anticipation and enthusiasm so lets support this regular social outing to begin again in June.

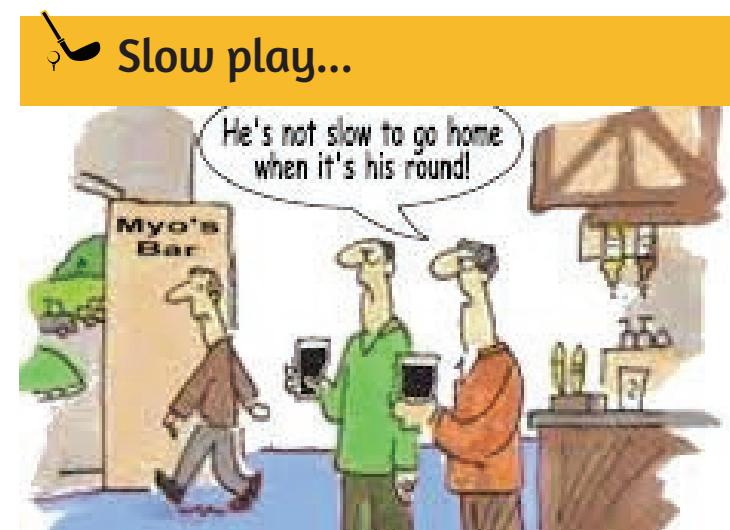
I would like to thank Rosie Hogan for her support during her time as President and hope her leave of absence will not be for too long. Her enthusiasm and dedication in the few months in the role will be hard to match.

Sue Bamberry – Lady Captain

### Ladies Hole-In-One-Winner



The ladies Hole-In-One-Winner Rosa Baernreuther on the 6th hole on 25th May.





## Captain's Report

*By John McCreery (Club Captain)*

### PENNANT COMPETITION

The Pennant Season is drawing to a close with mixed fortunes for most of our teams. The Men's Scratch Team, after the home and away rounds have finished second on the ladder by percentage only. They had four wins, one draw and one loss for the season and will play in the final against Westgate at Werribee on Sunday, 5th June. We wish the Scratch Team all the best. The team would appreciate as many Members as possible to make the trip to Werribee and support them on to victory.

The Men's Handicap Team unfortunately have struggled to be competitive this year and have been relegated to Division 3. They have found it difficult to win matches with a lot of new players playing Pennant for the first time. Hopefully, with this experience behind them they will achieve better results next year.

The Men's Seniors Team as reported last month had a poor season by their recent standards. The team finished a close third having had two drawn matches which cost them a place in the final.

The Ladies No. 1 Team had a reasonable season finishing an unlucky third in 'A' Grade after the home and away matches. While they missed out on the final it was a very good effort by this team playing in the top division.

The Ladies No. 2 Team playing in 'D' Grade found the opposition a bit more consistent and finished in fourth position on the ladder. All players enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to doing better next year.

### SLOW PLAY

It has been brought to my attention that some groups have been falling behind the group in front of them and not really making an attempt to catch up. While we have all been in the situation where we have to look for a lost ball in the trees or long grass and lose time because of it and I know we also have to deal with public golfers on the course.

I would like all Members to be aware of their position in the field, and that is just behind the group in front of you. I know players have routines when they play shots, and I am not

asking you to change that, but there are a couple of simple things to do where you can soon catch up. Please walk quickly between shots and when you come off the green have one player go directly to the next tee and hit off. He or she can mark the card after hitting off. You may think this would not save much time, but try it next time your group drops behind and you will be surprised how quickly you catch up.

### CARE OF THE COURSE

With the recent wet conditions on the course, special attention needs to be taken by all players so that your game of golf can be enjoyed to the upmost.

1. Always carry a sand bucket to repair divots. Not just your own diuot but others left by unthinking golfers.
2. Always carry a pitch mark repairer, and again, don't only repair your own mark but others that you see. The Pro Shop sell pitch mark repairers for \$1.00.
3. Always rake the bunkers after use.
4. Always take your buggy around the back of bunkers, to limit the damage to the narrow strip of grass between the green and the bunker.

### THE FRED MEEHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

A reminder to the members who are in the Men's Match Play Championship that Round 2 must be played by June 4th.

### The funny side of life...

*The owner of a golf course in Port Douglas was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical assistance.*



*He called her into his office and said, "You graduated at the James Cook University and I need some help."*

*If I were to give you \$20,000 minus 14%, how much would you take off?"*

*The secretary thought for a moment and then replied, "Everything but my earrings."*



## Around the grounds



### Barwon Plate Winners

After winning the Barwon Plate we backed up and won the Barwon Cup. A great effort and a great weekend.



The winning Barwon Plate & Barwon Cup team.  
From left to right: Peter Walton, Peter Jolly,  
John Collins, Chris Somerville



### Food & Bar Service Volunteers



Since taking on board the Bayside Hockey Club and recent successful hiring of the BGC clubrooms for various functions the question of how we continue do this profitably has been raised.

A small band of volunteers generously donates their time and effort to assist behind the bar and with other duties, and whilst we applaud and appreciate their involvement, we would like to spread the work load by expanding the bar and food service volunteers group so that we don't kill their enthusiasm. Most functions do not generate enough revenue through the bar to be able to employ staff.

This is really important to our continued drive for an alternative revenue stream – the utilization of club facilities. Importantly for you the BGC Member it will help to keep down your annual fees.

David will collate a list of “likely bar (persons)” that are able to help across the bar, even if you have never pulled a beer before it's a great time to learn!!!

With members support and only a few hours of your time we can make functions a great success and you may get to know more of your fellow golfers as well.

Please register your interest with David Heraud our House Manager.

Keith Beggs  
President



## 🏌️ BGC Green Fees Booking & Cash Reconciliation System

Prior to 2007 (9 years ago) a manual computer system was put in place at BGC where green fees payments in cash were collected via the bar cash drawer and the green fees booking sheet, much the same as now, was taken over to the pro shop to identify who had paid to play on a specific date. A payment for the green fees for that date was subsequently made to LMS.

This was laborious process involving two people handling cash, often after the day's trading on Wednesday evenings.

In those days I had a bit free time to think and I thought there had to be better way of doing this. Armed with the latest computer programming tool called Microsoft Access 97 (which I had used extensively in my electrical engineering business) I set to task to design a program which would eliminate a lot of the manual work mentioned above.



This turned out to be very successful and has been continually improved as circumstances required. Saving a load of time it's now used to not only provide a) a semi- automated Green Fees Booking system and a report which is emailed to the pro shop, but also b) for the weekly cash drawer reconciliation and banking report. We've come to rely on it and its stability.

Until recently, when it crashed! Being a 19 year old Microsoft program it was unsupported and so technical assistance was not available. It was also difficult to find help locally from Access 97 'experts'. I was eventually successful in getting help through an on-line chat-room somewhere in the UK. The fix was unbelievably simple but not commonly known. It rectified a fault that occurs with computer codes that 'go out of whack' after a period of time. We were lucky!

So, I think now is the time for the club to look for a solution that will prevent another collapse of the existing system or replace it with an alternative as I won't always be around to solve these types of problems.

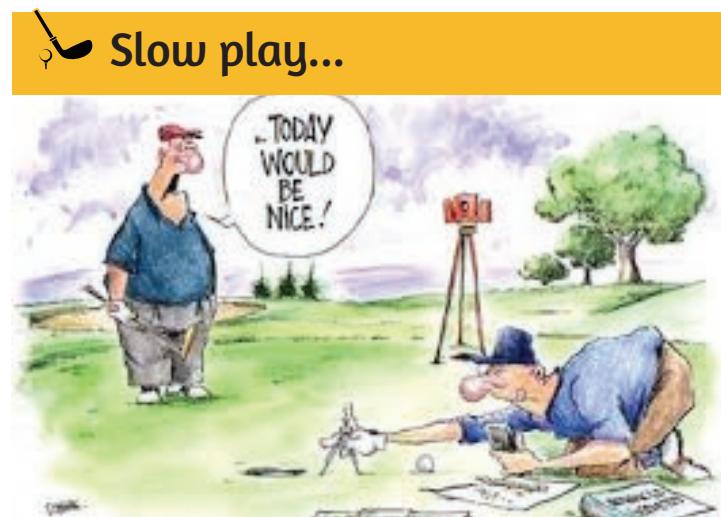
Options are:

1. Rebuild the existing system using the latest Microsoft Access program. This would need to be done by a company specialising in Access. This would also provide an opportunity of going totally digital by booking green fees via a clubroom touchscreen with the added facility of paying by credit card. It's also possible to extend this to booking and payments from wherever you are when away from the clubrooms. Money (currently cash or EftPos) would then not need to be handled at all by club volunteers or bar staff who, it must be said are continually making mistakes which need to be adjusted in the back office.
2. Find a system that is close to what we need from Micropower or another company specialising in this area and have it customised.

I would welcome any comments, ideas or suggestions. Please keep in mind that this is principally for the Green Fees Booking system. The Cash Reconciliation system will not be available bundled with a Green Fees system and at worst could be done manually.

If any Member or Member's friend or relative can provide expert assistance in a rebuild please contact me ASAP.

Keith (0417 226 544)



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## Around the grounds



What's this?

### WIN A BGC Green Fee!



Let's make this real easy.

**What was the name of the short partner in the movie The Blues Bros?**

Be the first to guess where this picture was taken and win a BGC green fee **worth \$31**. Simply email or visit the club and tell us your answer. Good Luck!

## The Owl



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This little fellow is strategically placed adjacent to various greens on the Brighton Public Golf Course to scare the ducks away. This is serious stuff. If your golf ball is on the putting green and duck poo is on the line between your ball and the hole you can only remove the poo if it does not interfere with the playing surface.

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