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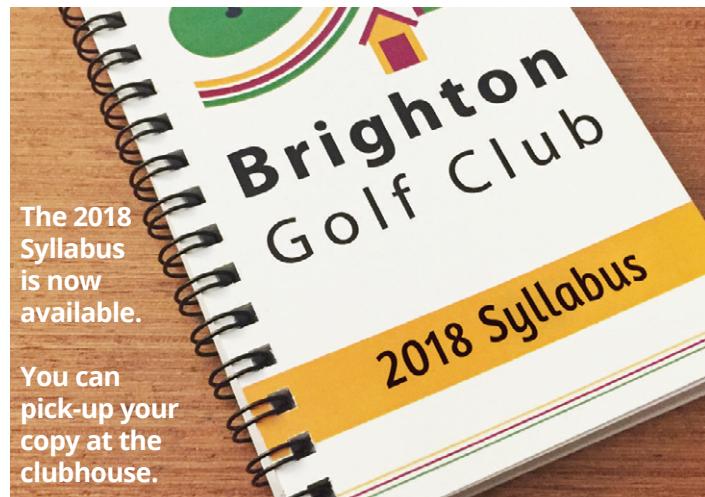
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How Did You Go in the 2018 Men's Club Champs??

This year has seen a very mixed bag of opportunities won and lost, along with some quite unpredictable weather conditions.

Our first round was played in near perfect weather conditions on Saturday, October 13th with some quite good scores being recorded.

However by the second round, Saturday, October 20th , the course received some much needed rain. So much so that the round had to be abandoned as many morning players had no alternative but to walk off the course with fairways flooded and greens under water. The daily comp results stood.

This meant that the second round of the Champs had to be postponed until Saturday, October 27th (this had been planned to be the third and final round of the 2018 Champs).

On that occasion the weather turned on a cool, but fine day and again some good scores resulted.

The third round had to be moved into November so whilst at the time of writing the final result is not known it is eagerly anticipated.

What is interesting is that many man hours have been expended in preparing the course (greens mown before each round etc) and literally millions of dollars spent improving the course for the Annual Championships only for the weather to have the final say and delay the result.

No matter how you finish in this year's Men's Club Champs we can look forward to doing it all again next year on what by then should be an even better playing surface.



Perhaps like good wine we will improve with age??

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"Hey is this room out of bounds?"

Celebrity footballer to a started employee after hitting his tee shot through a large plate glass window in the clubhouse.



Trau-ersing the Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC)

I hope everyone has played well over your club championships and congrats to the eventual winners.

So there have been a lot of decisions pending and work being completed at the golf course recently which has lead to Brighton becoming a huge rumour mill! I have heard some great stories with most of them lacking the truth, so the following is what's actually happening.

- SWHP: The Storm Water Harvesting Project is up and running and successfully harvesting water. There were some ongoing electrical issues with the pumps which lead to them continually turning off but these have now been rectified. We have gone 2 weeks with no hiccups, fingers crossed this continues. The major issue with the SWHP is a design issue that has lead to not enough water going into the buffer storage tanks from the storm water drain during a rain event. For example, during our last large rain event 1 Mega Liter was harvested, this was predicted to be 3MLs with the amount of rain that fell. The engineer is looking into the offtake structure to work out a way to get more water to flow into the buffer storage tanks. The other issue with the SWHP is getting the council/contractor to finish the final touches to the course that they have left damaged, eg. 6th fairway, 10th fairway, right hand side 10th green and 11th fairway. Council has engaged their Citywide landscape department to undertake the work but anything at council takes time, that's the frustration. We are continually pushing council to finish these areas as the golfers are the ones suffering.

- Building works: The toilets at the Pro shop are currently being quoted to be refurbished, once again council takes their time on this issue but hopefully repairs/upgrades will happen within the next month or two.

- LMS/Blue fit sale: The sale of LMS to Blue fit has partly fallen through as they could not agree on final terms. Blue fit has purchased the management rights to Oakleigh and Glen Waverly GCs and Bayfit leisure centre from LMS but not the rest of the LMS courses. LMS will continue to run these courses and are now looking into long-term plans to ensure future success. From the golfers perspective nothing will change, its business as usual.

- Course Staff: Top Cut (a company of LMS) will continue to run the grounds, they have done this since May and there has been significant improvement in the playing surfaces. They will have 4 staff on full time with David Jenkins being in charge and myself overseeing their work. The greens have just received their annual coring/sanding and should be back to good condition in the next 2 weeks. The difference this year is we actually have access to water so they won't suffer/be burnt like last year when water was an issue.

If anyone has any questions or has heard rumours please feel free to come to me directly and I'm happy to chat and provide the truth. Chinese whispers are no good for anyone!

Happy golfing to you all and hopefully you back a winner this spring racing season.



Travis Harrison
Managing Professional

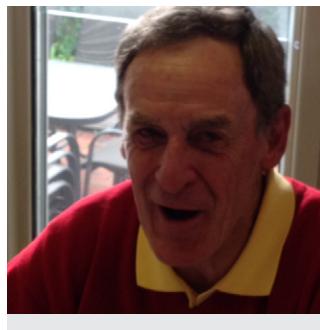
Toss The Goss!

Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC) and Bayside City Council (BCC)

It appears that influential members of the council were unaware of the issues relating to the delays in improvements on the course. We are advised that this matter has been addressed and that attention will be paid in the near future. Since the \$3 million upgrade has taken place the Elsternwick Golf Course has closed making the BPGC all the more important to the council and ratepayers. Let's see what happens!!

Recently seen at the club

A regular early morning player who came up from Frankston each week has moved to Warragul. This player also endured a recent spell of ill health. The combination of these two things meant that up until the last Saturday in October we had not seen him for quite some time.



Bernie Coyle

*"Through years of experience,
I have found that air offers
less resistance than dirt".*

Jack Nicklaus
Professional Golfer

It was very pleasing to enjoy the company of this committed and passionate golfer albeit that due to the distance travelled we might not see him quite so regularly in the future as we have done in the past.

New Members at our club

Now that the BPGC has undergone a huge renovation and things are starting to settle down it is pleasing to see new members joining our club. Whilst some are completely new others are moving to full club membership from the previous Golf Access alternative. You may recall that when RACV bought the Golf Access business some years ago those players who did not want to go over to the RACV had no real alternative.

Since the changes occurred our club has taken them on so that their ability to retain their officially recognized handicap is maintained. These former Golf Access members are encouraged to become full BGC members and enjoy all the benefits offered by our club. Recently this has begun to occur.



Walter Koznieczny

With the possibility of members from the former Elsternwick Golf Club who now play on the BPGC also joining our club and an ever improving course to play on the future is looking bright.

Most new members advise that the relative nearness to home and friendly atmosphere are the primary reasons for joining our club rather than any other.

The Annual Presentation Night

Yes, it's that time of year again. Saturday, November 17th at the clubrooms commencing at 6.30pm. Dinner is only \$35 per person with drinks at our very reasonable bar prices.

This is the only time during the entire year when we have an opportunity to recognize our Major Trophy Winners. If previous occasions are any guide this will be a fun night of recognition and yet another opportunity to enjoy the social rather than just the golfing side of our club and its members. See you there!!

Remember if you have an article, pic or both of something that would be of interest to your fellow members send it to bgolf@bigpond.net.au addressed to the BGC News Editor.

Who Says You Don't Know Anything??

Given the need to look at reducing costs and/or increasing income at OUR club YOUR ideas and positive feedback will help shape the future now more than ever before.

The Committee of Management (CoM) are keen to hear positive and constructive ideas from any and all members about any aspect of club life with a view to:

- a) Making each member's experience more enjoyable.
- b) Increasing income to reduce the cost to YOU the member
- c) Reducing costs associated with running our club
- d) Broadening our membership base
- e) Better utilizing our current assets

These are just a few thought starters so let's have your ideas. After all, as BGC members you are in the best position to know what is required to encourage new members and improve our current facilities.

Remember, if you would like to see money spent you should first consider where that money is going to come from. It's just like home isn't it!!

'Ave A Go Ya Mug!!!

Who'd like to "Ave A Go" at being the Editor of our BGC News??

Firstly, no prior experience is necessary – in fact, it is preferred. Start date circa June 2019. Remuneration is "out of this world" – literally.

You get to call the shots by informing all members of what's going on now, what's coming up in the future and any scandal you might "hear on the grapevine".

Depending on how you see it this could be a very influential position to be in.

So, come on who's prepared to "Give It A Go??"

Contact current editor Geoff Herdt 9551 5478, 0438 433 424 or geoffrey.herdg@bigpond.com

Try This For Size

The BGC Committee of Management (CoM) are keen to trial a new idea. Rather than having a newsletter every month we are going to trial a newsletter every alternate month. This trial will commence with the November/December edition which is planned to be distributed prior to Christmas 2018. The next edition will be the January/February 2019 edition due for distribution at the end of February.

By then feedback will indicate whether this becomes the norm or not.

Obviously, your participation in this trial will greatly assist the CoM's ability to decide which is the better way to go. Again YOUR feedback matters.

So there you are, yet another initiative by your own CoM to enable our club to run even more smoothly.

It's YOUR Big Chance!!

Our club's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 20th in the clubrooms at 7.30pm.

Why Should YOU be There?

Firstly, to find out what is going on in YOUR club
Secondly, to hear directly from Travis Harrison (Managing Pro at the BPGC) about current and future plans for the course we play on each week
Thirdly, to ask any questions you might have regarding either the course or YOUR club.

This is YOUR Big Chance because it only happens once a year and it concerns YOU.

So don't allow apathy to stand in the way of your understanding of what is ACTUALLY going on. Attend the meeting and hear it directly from those who are making it happen.

Who knows YOUR questions might just highlight what other members are thinking but have not yet asked those questions themselves.

YOUR attendance and contribution IS important!!

BGC Annual Presentation Night November 17th 2018

Over the past twelve months, there have been many outstanding achievements made by BGC members

This Once a Year opportunity to recognize and congratulate those Winners is our way of saying "Well Done" and to share a little of the glory they have achieved.

Festivities begin at 6.30pm at our clubrooms with a sumptuous dinner followed by presentations made to all our very worthy great members.

The meal is only \$35 per person with drinks at our very reasonable bar prices.

So come one, come all and join in the celebrations as we recognize and congratulate the BGC Winners of 2018.

Who knows it could be YOU next year, if you are not being recognized and awarded this year.

Contact Bill Dooley on 0408 424 344 or 9570 5578 at billdooley26@gmail.com

"Being a left-handed golfer is a big advantage. No one knows enough about your swing to mess you up with advice."

*Bob Charles
Professional Golfer*



Your Queries Answered

Recently Treasurer Keith Beggs emailed members in response to queries received regarding the increase in member fees for the current 2018/19 year.

Some of the points made were:

Firstly, through hard work and a review of all income and expenses it was obvious that despite advances made, the fees would have to increase to ensure the future of our club. No big news there, it happens to us all over time in everything we do.

Secondly, Keith advised that whilst successful efforts have been made to increase club income from sources outside our own club membership, costs over which we have no control have been increasing at a greater rate.

What may not be fully recognized is that through the voluntary efforts of many members during each year the annual dues of each member are significantly reduced compared to what we would be paying if that work was done for us by normal commercial means ie. paid employees, contractors etc.

Thirdly, increases in fees have been kept to an absolute minimum. Following no increase at all in three (3) years the current rates are aligned to the nationwide rate of inflation. This is the minimum to ensure continuity of current services provided.

So what do we get for our subs:

- a) Regular weekly competitions for which quality trophies are awarded
- b) A simple system for booking future rounds and paying green fees at no additional cost.

- c) Comfortable well appointed clubrooms
- d) Bitumen off street car parking
- e) Bar and food services
- d) A Leaderboard system to enable members to follow their own progress in competitions or handicap from anywhere in the world
- e) Simple and accurate scorecard printing and scanning
- f) A well managed club run entirely by volunteers except for two paid bar staff. Meaning that most members can enjoy all that is available with no additional cost or effort by themselves.
- g) Annual affiliation fees providing additional competition opportunities, insurance, competition fees, house account to name but a few.

Let's remember too that it was through the efforts of our own members petitioning local residents and lobbying the Bayside Council, that ensured the largest investment in many years, circa \$3ml, was spent improving both the course we play on and the adjacent Dendy Park.

Through the diligent efforts of many club members we have established and maintain a close working relationship with the Managing Pro – Travis Harrison – to both encourage new members into our club and also provide monthly updates on course improvements.

When all these benefits are combined what is obvious is that the value for money proposition at our club is as good or better than any locally available alternative.

Captain's Report



Highlights.

During September the Men's Par 4BBBB Club Championship was played over two rounds, with Jeff Fujii and Stirling Hookway winning with a score of 18 up.

A shotgun start was held for the Glenn Martin Memorial Golf Day, on the day of the AFL grand final, so that all players would have plenty of time afterwards for any arrangements to do with the football. The House of Golf through Club Member, Innes Ireland, donated gift vouchers to all players and there was a raffle of a major prize that raised \$315.00 for the Club.

Men's Club Championships.

The Club Championships for Open, A grade, B Grade, C Grade and Junior will be played over three Saturdays commencing on the 13th October.

Presentation Evening for Saturday Players.

The annual Presentation Evening will be held on Saturday, 17th November, 2018. All major trophies will be presented along with engraved medallions to the winning Scratch and Handicap winning Pennant teams.

Also, there will be a presentation to the winning Winter Classic team and you will hear the voting in the final few weeks for the Dinis Farrell Medal. There will be a 3-course meal at cost of \$35.00 per head. Bookings must be done by 3rd November with Bill Dooley, 0408 424 344 or John McCreery, 0415 504 066.

2019 New Rules.

On the 1st January, 2019 the R & A and Golf Australia will have new Rules of Golf coming into effect. Members will have seen flyers and posters at the Clubhouse showing some of the major changes and more information along with a new Rules book will be available before the end of 2018. Members can also go on to the website www.golf.org.au/newrules for more information and watch short videos of each major change.

Saturday Time Sheet Changes.

Saturday players are reminded to please check the time sheet each week as your tee times will vary a little, especially with daylight saving commencing in early October.

John McCreery – Club Captain

New Service to BGC Members

Our club has obtained the ability to offer our members a unique opportunity.

Over many years this "Entertainment Book" has provided great benefits to those using it whilst at the same time acting as a valuable fundraiser for the provider of this service – in this case - Our Club.

It truly is a Win-Win for all concerned as the benefits of this time honoured service are shared equally by the service provider eg, restaurant, theatre, accommodation etc. the seller of the book (our club) and the user of the service – YOU the BGC member.

Order yours from the club now and start enjoying the benefits straight away.



Highlights of CoM Meeting - October 2018



October Birdie Winner was Rod Boucher.

There were no specific items of interest from the Oct Committee of Management meeting. However, members are reminded that a transcript of the meeting is available upon request from the Club Secretary.



Rod Boucher
October Birdie Winner

Ladies' Activities

October already - where has the year gone?!

What fun we had at our Play & Stay at Barwon Heads. The weather was good and so was the company. Sue Bamberry won our 9 hole Stableford competition whilst the Ambrose event held on Monday was won by Julie Butcher, Heather D'Arcy, Lyn Tritton and Jan Mayberry. Thanks again for all your organising Marilyn and Sue.

A new member, Cheryl Brooks, was our October monthly medal winner. Congratulations Cheryl. The monthly medal winners - 9 in total - will be competing for the Brownlee Medal on 31 October. Good luck girls.

Myself along with Robyn Napolitano represented Brighton at a VGL Stableford event at Box Hill Golf Club this month. It is a beautiful course but with lots of water hazards. Unfortunately, Robyn and I were unsuccessful, but we had a great day enjoying the company of ladies from various clubs around Melbourne.

The Nepean Shield - our yearly match against Nepean Golf Club - due to unforeseen circumstances has been postponed until Thursday 15 November. Let's hope we bring the Shield back to Brighton this year!

Also just a reminder the Ladies AGM will be held after golf on 14 November.

Enjoy the weather and golf everyone.

BGC Member Profiles



REG HORE

Reg and Suzie Hore have three children aged between 42 and 48 years.

An Account Manager (Sales Manager) with Sleepeezee Australia, Reg has only recently joined the BGC and is enjoying the nearness to home, circa 7 minutes away.

An ardent AFL Hawthorn FC, supporter Reg, has been a Committee Member of the Social Club there for many years, will next year achieve his 50 year MCC membership and is interested in Cricket, Horse Racing and dogs, the latter as pets rather than racing.

Prior to joining our club, Reg had been a member of Kew GC for 27 years, but found the travel to and from was just taking too long. Now he could walk in a few minutes.

Reg would love to win Tatts and see the world at peace. Many BGC members would join you in achieving those goals Reg.



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