



What's happening to Brighton Public Golf Course?

Since the end of last summer Brighton Golf Club members have been questioning 'What's happening with the condition of the golf course?'.

This question arises out of the difficulty experienced when driving up the centre of some of the fairways only to land in a dry or grassy divot.

Landing in a bunker that hasn't been raked or under a bush with low lying foliage represents playing a crook shot resulting in the obvious penalty - not so with the fairways. Surely a golfer that loves his sport and enjoys playing the game should expect to be rewarded when playing a good shot and is entitled to ask **'What's happening to the Brighton Golf Course?'** when his ball lands in an un-repaired divot or on a patch of ground devoid of grass.

And of course they have every right to do so since the Golf Club is a Bayside City Council rate payer and every rate payer should raise questions when they become aware of the deteriorating condition of the community asset that we know so well - more so if it starts to affect the livelihood of a business relying on its good condition.

This article is to inform members that the sub-committee formed to look into this matter has been actively engaged in strategic discussions, due diligence and meetings with LMS and Bayside City Council (BCC).

Mindful of our excellent relationship with LMS we are keen to solve the problem jointly with LMS and all other stake holders.

Our initial due diligence via a request for FOI from BCC and on-line council meeting archives revealed that Council had discussed storm water harvesting and an

amount of funds had been put aside for the BPGC and Dendy Park. This has since been shelved until some future date.

Recently the sub-committee met with representatives of LMS and a plan was put together to meet with the BCC as soon as possible.

That meeting took place on Thursday 29th October at the BCC .

It seems from what was learnt at the meeting that money (of course) is the big issue. A short term solution to gain more water than is currently possible is to repair the pump system adjacent to Creswick Rd. using a possible \$42k allocated by BCC for the problem.

Agreement from Gary Bramich (LMS) and Council has been reached to try to sort the pit /dam drainage system and they are getting Kingsley's drawings and arranging to meet. Gary and Kingsley Ferguson and Ground staff will be doing this investigation on site.

In the mean time the sub-committee is working on new activities to lift this issue into the public profile to galvanise support. We will be designing a petition and flyers/doorknocks and will need the entire membership of this fine club to support the BGC Committee of Management in this endeavour.

More will be advised as we move forward.

Brighton Golf Course Condition - Sub-Committee



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Highlights of CoM Meeting - October 13 2015

Secretary:

Geoff Hergt (GH) referred to and discussed the Ballot Paper and covering letter which, according to the club rules, must be mailed to each eligible voting BGC member. The point being that there were eight (8) nominations on the Ballot Paper and only five (5) positions available.

Four (4) male and four (4) female candidates have nominated. As there was currently only one (1) nomination for each of the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Captain and Vice Captain should no more nominations be received by the deadline these four candidates will be declared elected at the 2015 AGM.

Our Rules require that each eligible voting club member be mailed a ballot paper. This will incur at a cost to the club of circa \$170.80 postage.

Captain's Report:

Club Captain John McCreery (JMcC) also mentioned that at the Oct New Member Night four (4) new male member applications were received being : Jim Warden, Shane Pallant, Brad Canter & Tony Millard. Shane, Brad & Tony are joining under special circumstances to bolster our Scratch Pennant team. Moved successfully that these new members be admitted to membership of the BGC.

Membership:

See above. This increase to our Club membership in October is less than in previous years at this time and places enormous pressure on keeping the members we currently have and reducing resignations to an absolute minimum.

Ladies Sub Committee Report:

Oct Medal Day raffle netted \$76 and all proceeds go to the club. Play and Stay BGC club members going to RACV Healesville this year number 24. Several prospective new lady members are anticipated before Christmas 2015.

Trivia Night:

Date set of Friday Nov 27th for the Spring Trivia Night.

[See Flyer on page 9](#)

House Sub Committee:

Beau Roberts (BR) advised that:

- The long awaited bar fridge had been provided by member Ron Van Pelt. We thank Ron for his kind generosity.
- He also recognised the efforts of Mark Pearson in painting the table tops in the clubrooms. Paint used for this purpose was provided by Club member Colin Joel and we also thank Colin for his support.

- Beau mentioned the inclusion of a variety of new lines available over the bar to assist members to obtain value by purchasing items on their House Account.

Annual Affiliation Fee payment: GH referred to an extensive email he had sent to all CoM members. BR made the point that the CoM should each year, at the time the next year's subscription components are set, increase the affiliation fee charged to members by an amount considered by the CoM to maintain a buffer between what the BGC charged members and what the VGL/GV/GA charged the BGC.

The issue is that the BGC does not know what the VGL/GV/GA charge per member will be until 15 months AFTER the BGC has charged and received that affiliation fee from our members.

We are charged in arrears on member numbers but are required to pay a current fee per member which bears no relevance to the amount the BGC charged each member 15 months earlier.

It was agreed to adopt BR's suggested option based on the number of VGL affiliated BGC Club members as at Sept 30th each year. Successful moved that the Affil fees to be set in Aug/Sept 2016 be increased by \$5 per affiliated member.

Variation in Junior age and Affiliation fees charged:

GH drew CoM members attention to the fact that the VGL Juniors age range is up to 17 yo whereas the BGC Juniors age range is from 12 to 21 yo. VGL Affiliation fees for Juniors are circa \$35.00 pa whereas BGC Juniors can pay up to \$70.00, the same as adults.

If we are to revert back to the VGL amount the BGC will have to either carry the additional cost between what the VGL charge the BGC and what the BGC charge each Junior or have two (2) separate Junior categories (and therefore charges) based on age. No decision was made at this stage as the number of Juniors was so low that it was not a current issue but could become one if the Juniors numbers increased.

Ongoing VGL Delegate:

John Sutherland (JS) agreed to carry on as Club Delegate and to offer his assistance in other areas even though he is not standing for re election to the CoM beyond the 2015 AGM.

President & Captains Day:

Catering arrangements confirmed.

Member status: Life Member and Past President Kevin Smith is very ill and Keith Williams is also unwell. Card has been sent to KW and a card will be sent to KS.

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CoM highlights of minutes continued.

Affiliation fee saving:

CY asked if a list of BGC members representing 50+% of ALL Club members eligible to receive the Golf Victoria mag registered to receive it by email would reduce the affil fee?

Treasurer's General Business:

- **Re-Wiring of LAN:** Quote received from Hikmah IT & Engineering did not include the works outlined in the invitation to quote. A subsequent meeting has since clarified our needs and a further quotation will be forthcoming.
- **Brighton Golf Course Condition Sub-Committee**
Many attempts to contact L.M.S. resulted today in a chat with him by phone. I conveyed to Gary that we are very anxious to meet with him ASAP as we are mindful of the early season deterioration of the golf course. I conveyed how useful it would be for him to visit us for a meeting so that some of the information contained in his previous emails and meetings recently held between LMS and BCC can be discussed at a sit down meeting. To this end a date of Tuesday 20th October at 11.00 am has been suggested and will be confirmed overnight. Meeting to be held at the BGC clubrooms.
- **Melbourne Cup Raffle**
347 sets of raffle tickets have been printed and posted to all members and a 'Melbourne Cup Raffle' button has now been added to the POS in preparation for ticket sales.
- **Pennant 2016**
To this date we have 14 Handicap pennant team members managed by Mark Oglethorpe. Three new members who I hope will pass approval tonight have been added to the all-important Scratch pennant team managed by Chris Meehan. The proposed season launch bar b que will be looked into as soon as time allows. I have asked John McCreery to take over the administration and supervision of the 2016 pennant teams. I will continue to provide assistance as and when necessary.
- **Hampton Bowling Club – Barefoot Bowls**
Invitation has been received from Hampton Bowling and Bayside Hockey Clubs to put together a team to compete with them playing in the above events on a casual basis. If any BGC member reading has an interest in participating please contact either Beau Roberts or Keith Beggs

Coming Club Raffles:

It was agreed that a Christmas 2015 raffle be conducted with hampers as 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes. Values to be

approx. \$300, \$200 & \$100 respectively with tickets at a price to be decided by CoM ASAP.

Bar Price Update:

BR displayed an updated computer spreadsheet of his proposal to upgrade the prices of all beverages available over the bar. Whilst bringing all prices up to current market values it was apparent that the BGC prices were still demonstrably lower than the same product available elsewhere. New prices to come into effect on Dec 1st 2015.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY WITHIN THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- Club 5-year Forward Planning: To be integrated with current discussions.
- Review of Rule 55 Expenditure: Review of Club Executive.
- Review and update CoM Job Position Descriptions in Procedure Manual.
- Treasurer replacement: Found possible candidate/s
- Quote to build fence to fix large BGC sign inside golf course: BR awaiting quote.
- IT cabling upgrade: Progress being made but still a WIP.
- Pennant discussions: Plan to bring Pennant players together to develop a team spirit at season launch. Time and date TBA.
- Annual Presentation Night arrangements: All matters in hand. Nominated VGL Officials to be invited. GH to send written invitations to Alex Johnson, George Weaver & Peter Ross.
- Access to Practice fairway for pennant teams: Achieved, needs to be ratified ASAP.
- Spring Trivia Night set for Friday Nov 27/11/15.



Geoff Hergt

OCTOBER Birdie Comp Winner

End of highlights of CoM minutes



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Captain's Report - October 2015

Highlights

With the year drawing to a close a number of major events are being finalised.

In the Men's section the Handicapper's Trophy has finished in a tie with Kevin Pearce and Mark Oglethorpe each having 47 points. The Life Time Trophies Shield held on Wednesdays was won by Mark Oglethorpe, who has had a very consistent year, after a play off with Paul Haringsma.

Congratulations also go to Wayne Troedson for scoring his first Hole in One at the 17th on Wednesday, 16th September.

The W. Lydster Memorial Trophy was taken out by James McAlpine and in the Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy for the Men's Match Play Champion, Marc Robinson overcame Stirling Hookway in a close fought final.

The V.G.L. Medal winners for this year will play off on the 24th October with the winner representing Brighton at the Settlers Run G. & C. C. on Sunday, 22nd November.

Glenn Martin Memorial Golf Day

With thanks to Kingsley Ferguson at the Pro Shop we again had a shot gun start for the Ambrose competition on the A.F.L. Grand Final Day. Congratulations went to the team of Glenn Thomas, Stephen Pap, Brad Munro and Colin Joell who like Hawthorn won back to back trophies for this event.

Following the round of golf it was good to see 70 – 80 people in the Club House enjoying the atmosphere. This represented an almost full field and the Pro Shop was able to top up any vacant spots with public players. Most of the players were able to complete their round in under 4 hours leaving plenty of time for any football arrangements.

The day was further enhanced with Club Member and sponsor of this event, Innes Ireland from The House of Golf, donating gift vouchers for every player to use in his Bentleigh store. A raffle for a donated golf bag raised \$270 for the Club that will go into the Future Fund.

V.G.L. Seniors & Veterans Championships

The VGL Men's Seniors and Veterans Championships were held at the Brighton Golf Course on Thursday, 8th October. While the greens had been cored and sanded recently the ground staff mowed the greens on the day to give the players the best surface to putt on given the circumstances for the event.

Brighton had 10 entrants in the field of 68 and we were not let down as two of our members took out major trophies. Congratulations go to Kevin Pearce who won the Veterans Championship with a round of 75 being the best scratch score and Ken Brown had the best nett score in the Veterans with a 62.

Many of the visiting players were disappointed with the condition of the Brighton course when compared to their own. Hopefully, something can be done with regard to watering of the course this coming summer before the course deteriorates even further.

Presentation Evening

The presentation of major trophies for the Saturday competitions for 2015 will be held on Saturday, November 14th at the Club House. The evening will consist of a 3 course dinner with presentations and speeches intermingled with food and refreshments. There will also be the presentation of the Winter Classic Cup to the premier team for 2015 and the final counting of votes for the winner of the Denis Farrell Medal. The cost will be \$30 per person and bookings can be made with either Bill Dooley or John McCreery.

John McCreery - Club Captain



Club Member Gary Troeth is offering for sale (as a set) a Golf Cart (2008) and single bogey trailer (Registered 2010). As can be seen in the photo the goods being offered for sale are in excellent condition with new batteries being fitted to the cart in 2013. Inspection available by appointment.

**Price: BGC Members - \$5000. Non Members - \$6000. Enquiries: Gary Troeth. P: 95792613
M:0400781259 E:wps956@gmail.com**

Golf Rules...Relief

This month I want to discuss Relief.....

How many times have you walked past a bunker and seen the rake up against the edge or placed like the photos above?

Do you realize that if your ball rolls into a bunker and rests against the rake it may make it difficult for you or your fellow players?

Yes you may remove the rake but if the ball moves, it **MUST** be replaced in the position it was originally found.

This may not offer you a stroke or it may be very difficult to play. For this reason, many courses ask players to return the **rakes into the sand**, facing the line that the fairway is oriented. This then allows any unfortunate player to at least have a shot (Please see next Issue).

Please consider this next time you walk past a bunker.

The other week I found 2 rakes on the 18 holes I walked that would have been acceptable. Kingsley, playing in the group in front of me, placed his rake perfectly. Thanks Kingsley!

The next relief that concerns me is on the 5th and 7th holes. Do you realize what the white paint on the trees mean?

If you read the 'Local Rules' sheet you will see that this defines an area of GUR. This means that relief can be achieved by taking the line of the painted trees and determining the nearest point of relief outside this boundary and then allowing the one(1) club length for a dropping zone.

The problem I have though, is the overhanging branches from a tree within the GUR are also considered to be GUR. So if you are in an area on the 7th and an overhanging branch from such a GUR tree affects your stance or swing, relief may be taken.

Again find the nearest point at which a stance and normal swing can be made, allow the one(1) club length to determine the dropping zone and achieve relief. You should remember that you don't have to take relief so if the best dropping zone you can take places you in a worse position, you can just elect to play it as it lies.

Finally, because it is GUR, if you are certain the ball is lost in this area, you can play a new ball from the position of relief that would have been best determined for where the ball would most probably be and continue **without penalty**.

Note: If you have other golf rules questions a member of the BGC match sub-committee will be pleased to assist.

2015 BGC Melbourne Cup Raffle

Winners:

1st Prize: Jim McAlpine drew horse #19 Prince of Penzance and won \$955.00

2nd Prize: Steve Panayi drew horse #8 Max Dynamite and won \$640.00

3rd Prize: Liz Willy drew horse #2 Criterion and won \$320.00

Congratulation to the winners and many thanks to all contributors for making this raffle an outstanding success.

Your Vote Counts!

As an Honorary Life or Ordinary Playing member of the Brighton Golf Club Inc. you have something that no one else has – A Vote.

Each year the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is the best time to exercise your right and vote.

This year, amongst other things, we will be deciding who manages our club for at least the next year and "Your Vote Counts".

This is your opportunity, even obligation, to actively participate in deciding who makes the decisions that will affect you. If you don't vote at this November's

AGM no one will know what you really think let alone be able to support your thoughts.

So, attend the AGM – it is likely to run for about 30 minutes, exercise your right to vote and make your thoughts known.

Just remember - You have a vote and Your Vote Counts.

This November 17th (Tuesday) 7.30pm at the clubrooms.

See you there!!

Geoff Hergt Hon. Secretary/Public Officer BGC Inc.

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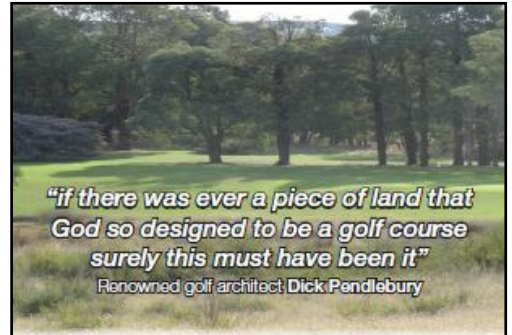
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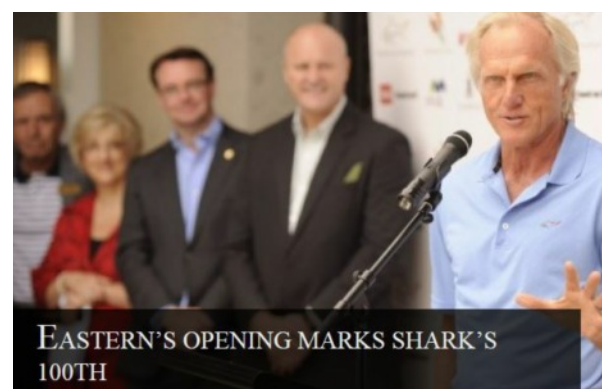
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Brighton Golf Club



2015 Major Trophy Presentation Night

Saturday November 14th

- 3 Course Meal
- Major Trophy Presentations
- Count for Denis Farrell medal for the best individual player for BGWC
- Presentation of the Winter classic Cup

Cost: Just \$30.00 per person

Come and enjoy the good company and support your Club Champions



BOOKINGS

Bookings can be made by contacting **Bill Dooley** on **9570 5578** or **0408 424 345** to arrange payment or make your payment in-person at the club

BGC Ladies Activities - August - Sept - Oct



Brownlie Silver Medallist - Avis McKenzie



August Medal - Sally Lindsay



September Medal - Rosie Hogan



October Medal - Jan Kirsch

Another event to look forward to is the mixed Ambrose with some of our male members teaming up with us on November 25th.

The men who played with us in past years told us how much they enjoyed the day so we are looking for an increase in the number of men putting their names on the list.

A week after that, December 2nd, is the Ladies Christmas lunch with no competition that day. How quickly the year has gone.

Nepean Shield Competition was won by the Nepean GC Ladies. We will have to gird our loins, pull up our socks, put our shoulders to the wheel, knock on wood, or anything else you can think of to get us over the line next year!

BGC 2015 Christmas Raffle

Yes! BGC Will be running a Christmas Raffle this year. This another fund raiser and your contribution will go to the cost of running the Club. We realise that it comes close on the heels of the Melbourne Cup raffle and we thank all contributors to that effort. So we are asking you again to dig deep for the benefit of the BGC.

Tickets are \$2.50 each and food hampers will be offered as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes. More information will be available as we get further organised. Cheryl Young will be putting the hampers together and John McCreery and I will be organising tickets etc.





Spring Trivia Night



★ A Brighton Golf Club **Spring** Trivia Night is now being organised and will be held this month.

In an effort to simplify provision of food and keep costs to a minimum we are asking attendees to 'bring a plate' of ready to eat food (oven available) or Pizza's may be ordered at the clubrooms and paid for by each table.

Tables of eight are available and drinks will be provided at our low bar prices as normal.

Cost is \$5:00 per head - Payable in advance by

- Cash
- EftPos
- House Account

To be held at the Brighton Golf Club, 99 Glencairn Ave., East Brighton

Date: 7:30 pm Friday 27th November

Book and pay at the Club or via our email address at bgolf@bigpond.net.au or with Peter Jolly on 0428 201 207 or Keith Beggs 0417 226 544

The reason for the change to the provision of food arose because of the cost of providing catered food of a reasonable quality and price and the impracticality of catering provided by BGC. We hope that the idea of bringing your own food is acceptable and not inconvenient for members and guests.

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