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Daylight Saving Time Change

A reminder that by 3am on Sunday April 1st 2018 you need to TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACKWARD 1 HOUR. If you don't you will be out of sync with everyone else by 1 hour.



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When is a Cross not a Cross?

2018 BGC Red Cross Charity Day gets Big Tick

Saturday March 17th was a warm, some might say, hot day with ever increasing winds gusting across a very dry course.

With many afternoon players joining the 8am Shotgun start we trudged out to our starting hole hoping the day would improve. It didn't. In fact the 33 degree forecast got closer and closer the further we went until by the end most players were happy to complete their round and get into the relative comfort of the clubhouse.

It was here that the fun really began.

This annual event drew members, guests and sponsors from many quarters so a stroke comp, including the Callaway system for players without a handicap, was employed. A field of circa 80 players retired to the clubrooms for lunch, a cleansing ale and a little fundraising for the Red Cross.

Whilst the final amount raised for this very worthwhile charity is not yet known the winning players of the various prizes were :- Simon Meehan for the low handicappers, John Sutherland, for the slightly higher handicappers and Sue Williams for the Ladies. Well done to each.

Following a popular and successful fundraising effort by member David Combe the main Red Cross Raffle was drawn with the winners being :- 1st Prize BGC Lady member Helen Tuddenham, 2nd Prize BGC Male member Lindsay Quinnell and 3rd prize BGC Lady member Therese Talbot. Their prizes are noted on your raffle tickets.

So all in all a great day, despite the difficult conditions. A huge thanks to all who helped put the day together. You would appreciate that as our largest annual fundraising event there are many dozens of people and hundreds of man (person) hours required to make it all work. Grateful thanks also to our generous sponsors many of whom have been with us year after year.

It did work well and the Red Cross are the beneficiaries. Thank you to all concerned.



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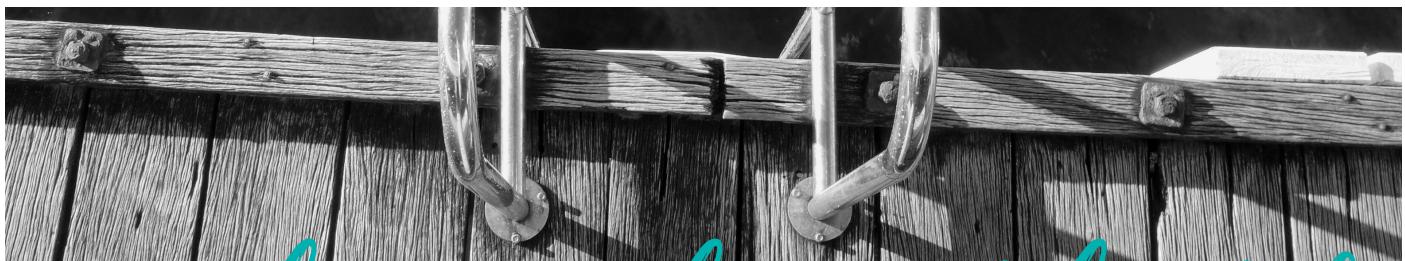
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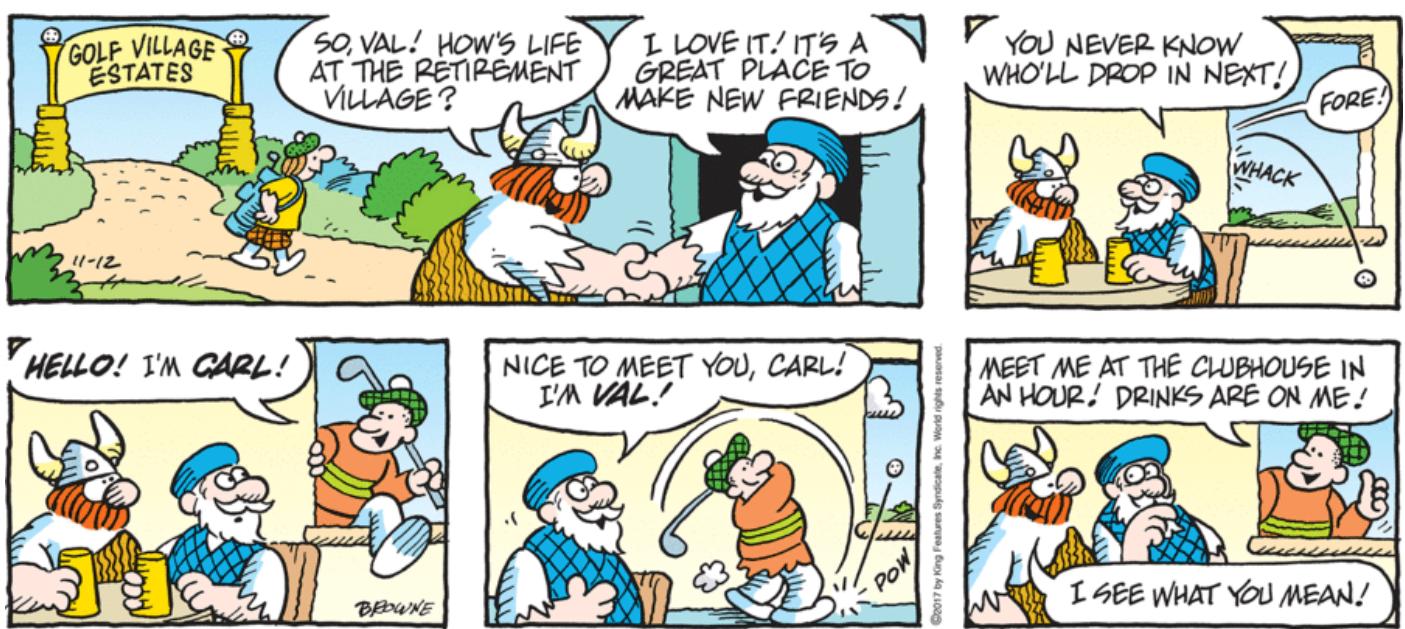


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Pennant Flags – How Long – How Many – How Good??

Last month in the February edition of BGC News we looked at the Pennant Season, the different Grades of Pennant and how YOU can participate either as a player or as a caddie.

Let's now look at that proud history of achievement that so many of our members have accomplished over so many, many years.

Here is a list of the Pennant Flags that adorn our clubhouse meeting room. This list was painstakingly put together by our recently elected Club Secretary Sue Williams, thank you Sue, ably supported by our Club Captain John McCreery.

So what does it tell us?

Firstly, there are an awful lot of these Pennants. Secondly, they have been accumulated over a very long time, 60+ years. That is quite an achievement!! Thirdly, four sections of our club membership are represented ie. Juniors, Men, Women and Seniors.

Interestingly here is a wealth of successful history, peculiar to our club, yet very few members would have any idea what they mean.

These Pennants have been achieved by regular members of our club just like you and me. They have been won often on courses foreign to us who tend to play the same course repeatedly. It is also worth noting that each Pennant Season is measured in weeks not months like our own Winter Classic Competition which extends almost as long as the whole AFL Footy Season ie April to September.

So where to from here?

Well, we are not all going to be Pennant players or caddies but the least we could do is to take an interest in how our various teams go each week during the season. Look for results posted on notice boards, published in BGC News or simply ask around after your own round of a Wednesday or Saturday.

We could tangibly display that interest by joining fellow members who follow the players around the course in the gallery. This could be at Home matches or both Home and Away matches. See the fixtures in the February BGC News or around the clubhouse.

Pennant – the ultimate golfing challenge where our club has excelled in the past and who knows with your support and interest will do it again very soon. Watch This Space!!!



Pennant Flags adorn the ceiling

Pennant Flags – How Long – How Many – How Good??

Brigthon Golf Club Pennant Flags

Men's Pennant Flags

1955 - Men's A Grade
1956 - Men's A Grade
1957 - Men's A Grade
1958 - Men's A Grade
1958 - Men's B Grade
1963 - Men's B Grade
1968 - Men's C Grade
1975 - Men's A Grade, Division 1
1976 - Men's B Grade, Division 2
1980 - Men's A Grade
1982 - Men's A Grade, Division 3
1982 - Men's B Grade, Division 3
1984 - Men's A Grade
1987 - Men's B Grade, Division 2
1987 - Men's C Grade, Division 2
1989 - Men's A Grade, Division 2
1989 - Men's B Grade, Division 1
1990 - Men's A Grade, Division 1
1991 - Men's B Grade, Division 1
1994 - Men's A Grade, Division 2
1995 - Men's A Grade, Division 1
1995 - Men's C Grade, Division 1
1995 - Men's A Grade, Division 1
2000 - Men's Handicap, Division 3
2002 - Men's Handicap, Division 2
2004 - Men's Scratch, Division 2
2006 - Men's Scratch, Division 1
2007 - Men's Scratch, Division 1
2007 - Men's Handicap, Division 3
2009 - Men's Scratch, Division 1
2009 - Men's Handicap, Division 3
2011 - Men's Handicap, Division 2
2016 - Men's Scratch, Division 3
2017 - Men's Scratch, Division 2

Women's Pennant Flags

1957 - Women's B Grade
1961 - Women's B Grade
1967 - Women's B Grade
1967 - Women's B Grade
1968 - Women's A Grade
1969 - Women's A Grade
1973 - Women's A Grade
1974 - Women's A Grade
1975 - Women's A Grade
1977 - Women's E Grade
1989 - Women's C Grade
1992 - Women's A Grade
1993 - Women's B Grade
1994 - Women's A Grade
1999 - Women's B Grade
2000 - Women's D Grade

Senior Men's Pennant Flags

2013 - Seniors' Norman Von Nida Division
2015 - Seniors' Norman Von Nida Division

Junior's Pennant Flags

1981 - Juniors' Spring
1989 - Juniors' Division 1
2005 - Juniors' Division 1
2006 - Juniors' Division 1
2008 - Juniors' Division 2
2009 - Juniors' Division 1

Stop Press... Stop Press

The BGC Mens Scratch Pennant Team won their first match this season 5 and 3 against Growling Frog at Sandringham on Sunday March 25th. Congratulations to the Scratch team. Full wrap of the BGC 2018 Pennant Teams in the April edition



"Any game where a man 60 can beat a man 30 ain't no game".

*Burt Shotten
Major League Baseball Manager*



Our BGC Junior Program Takes Off

We had 3 new Juniors join, please welcome Conor Doherty, Lachlan Cook and Arthur Toler. If you see them around the club or on the course please take the time to say Hi.

Conor played in the comp on Saturday for the first time and came 20th out of 53. Well done Conor. Arte and Lachie are having to put some cards in to get their handicaps. I am sure we will see them on the comp board soon.

All the Juniors are signed up members of our resident PGA Golf program with Travis and Zac over at the Pro Shop. Travis's team at the Pro Shop run a great program and we at the BGC are very proud to be able to offer a competition pathway for the Juniors.

We are talking with Golf Victoria to join their regional Junior Pennant competition in October/November 2018 with a view to playing clubs such as Metro, Victoria and Kingston Heath. Well that's the Dream!!!

Please can I thank the whole team at BGC for helping to set them up in the system and for making their first comp at BGC a fun and great experience. A big thank you to David Heraud and his team for the great burgers and drinks after the round that really topped off a great day.

Cheers Giles."



Giles and the Juniors again

New Club Vice President Required

The current incumbent, Giles Toler, has moved over to become the Vice Captain so we need a new Club Vice President.

No, this is not the President of Vice but rather an important role on the BGC Committee of Management (CoM). Often seen as the President in waiting this role could just as easily be filled by a lady as a man. We have members in both categories!!

Ideally the candidate will have experience in leading a group and be willing to stand in on those rare occasions when the President is unavailable.

All assistance and training, if required, is available and will be provided free. This is a rewarding role for which the selected applicant will receive the same remuneration as all other of our club volunteers.

This is YOUR opportunity to make your mark. All enquiries to President Jim McAlpine, Vice Pres. Giles Toler, Treasurer Keith Beggs or Secretary Sue Williams, contact details for these folk are in your Club Syllabus



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Toss The Goss!

Rumour has it that whilst the course is very dry at the moment testing of the new irrigation system and harvesting of the underground drainage system are about to begin – watch this space.

BGC male member Gienek Mieszelewicz (Mizelevits) has had a health scare but is now home from hospital and recovering well. He hopes to be back playing golf very soon.

Kevin Nicholls played his first round in the Red Cross Charity Day following his knee op. Although negotiating the course in a motorized cart he is reported to have smashed a drive 280+ metres (I believe that is metres not kilometres!!) so all looks to be improving at pace.

Beau Roberts was sighted in the clubrooms on Red Cross Charity Day looking and sounding like he is back on top of things.

Following the advice that two of our lady members had gone to Sri Lanka to play golf I believe that another two have gone to Rich River for 10 days to play golf and generally get up to mischief – whatever that means??

BGC member and former jockey Tom Govern is back playing golf after a 15 month layoff due a shoulder issue. The Red Cross Charity Day was his reintroduction to “the game we love” and although he did well he said “It’s just nice to be back out there again, whether I play well or not is incidental”. Given the weather on the day his return could be seen as a “baptism of fire”.

Club Captain John McCreery made a stunning return also for the Red Cross Charity Day, not to play but, to lead the proceedings. You will recall that John too recently had a knee reconstruction which has gone so well that he is only weeks away from playing golf again. He suggested that as the new knee has now taken pressure off the other knee he may not need to have that knee done as well. Good news indeed.

Remember if you are aware of an item that you think would fit this segment of club life tell me about it, hopefully with an appropriate pic. Send you ideas and pics to :- Editor BGC News bgolf@bigpond.net.au

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AMAZING GOLF IN MISSION HILLS, THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD, THE BELLARIVE PENINSULA AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Highlights of CoM Meeting - 13 March 2018

Date: Tuesday 13th March, 2018

Venue: Brighton Golf Club

Chairperson: President James McAlpine opened the meeting at 7:05pm

Present: James McAlpine, Giles Toler, John McCreery, Sue Williams, David Heraud, Rosemary Fry, Robyn Napolitano,

Apologies: Pamela Jones, Keith Beggs, Trevor George, Virginia Gattuso, Doris Klein

Motion Acceptance of Previous Committee

Meeting 13/2/2018 Minutes: Motion to accept the 13/2/2018 Brighton Golf Club Committee of Management Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. (M) JMcC (S) RF PASSED

Matters Arising from Minutes 13/2/2018: It was noted that JMcC references in the Minutes need to be recorded as JMcC and JMcA.

Motion Acceptance: Motion to accept as a Member of the Brighton Golf Club, Grant Rogerson. (M) JMcC (S) SW PASSED.

Motion of Thanks: To GT for acting as Club Captain whilst J McC was recovering from surgery. (M) J McC (M) RN PASSED

BIRDIE WINNER: Peter Samut

Motion Acceptance: Motion to accept all the tabled Reports. (M) RN (S) GT PASSED

General Business:

Meeting Room Air-Conditioner: DH is continuing to follow up the purchase arrangements.

New Honour Boards: JMcC is continuing to follow up the purchase arrangements.

BGC Illuminated Sing: SW presented quotes for three variations of illuminated signs.

Motion: To accept the quote for the erection of an 1800mm x 800mm single-sided illuminated sign with LED lighting for \$3275 plus GST from b&lneonsigns. (M) SW (M) RF PASSED

Red Cross Day: DH reported that 15 holes were sponsored and that 72 golfers had booked in to play. J McC noted due to the present state of the course numbers were expected to be down.

BGC Committee Replacement: SW to ask GH to advertise in the BGC Newsletter that there is a vacancy for a BGC Vice President.

2-4-1 Members Refund:

Motion: To approve full refunds to two newly joined BGC Members minus their \$75 VGL Affiliation Fees. (M) DH (S) RF PASSED

Member Correspondence and Donation:

Motion: To not accept an offer of a financial donation. (M) DH (S) GT PASSED

Ladies Locker Room New Furniture:

Motion: To purchase new Ladies locker room furniture up to the value of \$1,000. (M) J McC (S) RN PASSED

Junior Memberships and Competitions: GT reported that the new Juniors felt very welcome and were enjoying their new BGC playing experience.

Working with Children Checks: It was noted that BGC needs to be mindful of the requirement of the Working with Children Checks with the new BGC incoming Juniors.

US Masters Competition: GT to look at potentially running a golf event over the weekend of the US Masters. GT to post a Notice of Interest to BGC Members informing them of the concept and the event details.

Bayside Hockey Club:

Motion: To approve one extra BGC key access to Brighton Hockey Club. (M) DH (S) GT PASSED



Peter Samut
March Birdie Winner

"The average expert player – if he's lucky – hits 6, 8 or 10 real good shots in a round. The rest are real good misses".

Tommy Armour - Professional golfer

Captain's Report

Highlights

The final of the Men's pairs match play was decided with the title going to Brett Youl and Adam Fish in a closely fought match over Matt Costigan and Mark Oglethorpe.

The Pennant Season started early this month for the Ladies and the Senior Men with the Men's Scratch and Handicap Teams commencing towards the end of March.

Brighton Golf Course Construction Works

Please note that an information sheet on how the construction works effect each of the 18 holes is available near where you get your score card. This sheet gives you the current Temporary Local Rules for playing each hole. These Rules will change as the construction works wind down and new notices will be displayed in the Club House.

The main change recently has been on Hole 2 where the construction barrier on the right hand side of the fairway has been removed and replaced with a rope and post fence. This area between the rope and the water hazard pegs around the dam is now GUR and you must play the ball on the fairway side of the rope at the nearest point but not closer to the hole.

Red Cross Charity Day

Our annual Red Cross Charity Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, 17th March, 2018. The numbers playing this year were down probably due to the condition of the course, however, I would like to thank all members who played on this special day. Also, I would like to thank all the businesses and Members that sponsored holes and donated goods for the spinning wheel and raffles. A detailed round up of all results from the day are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

Brief Pennant Results Update

Seniors won their first match 3 and a half to 2 and a half and drew their second match 3 all. Handicap and Scratch teams start their short season circa late March – Watch This Space

John McCreery – Club Captain

“Golf : A game where the ball always lies poorly and the players well”.

Curios of our Course Reconstruction

When it came time to empty the dams (lakes) as part of the reconstruction work it was found that in fact they were the home for many, many turtles. Modern thinking being what it is the council felt that they couldn't just relocate them but rather had to find a temporary new home for them then put them back once the dams (lakes) were completed.

This presented something of a dilemma. Where do you keep literally dozens and dozens of little turtles alive temporarily then transfer them back to the "new" dams (lakes) when they were finished??. Enter Derek, something of a curio himself, being a local resident he liked to walk the course when the golfers had gone home.

Derek saw himself as the "keeper of turtles" whilst they were in their temporary home. Trouble was these little devils were the homing type who were keen to get back to the dams which, although not known to the turtles, were now empty, dry and big, holes in the ground – no place for a self respecting turtle, large or small!!

So Derek used to make sure that they didn't wander too far from their comfy little temporary dam at the end of the 11th green. He would deliver them back to their temporary home asap lest the local dogs and foxes etc got them.

During the months of reconstruction work Derek, "keeper of turtles", maintained a watchful eye over these little critters and took many pics of folk who would come to see how the work was going. Hence the collage of pics all taken by Derek.



Derek's photo collection

Ladies Activities

The last day of Summer (Feb 28th) was hot, windy and the course was very dry. The fairways were rock hard making for lots of bounce and run and the greens were challenging. Given that every team had the same conditions to contend with you could say it was fair, but it sure was a true test of skill.

"Mixed" does not mean befuddled but rather teams were made up of three (3) ladies and one (1) male member of our club. Yes, there were eight (8) men who played this Wednesday morning, traditionally a Ladies Day.

We toiled long and hard in trying conditions only to find that the first team out finished up the winners on the day. Of course David Heraud had to get back early because he then had to "slave over a hot stove" to provide lunch for us all. He had already "slaved over a hot golf course". Thanks David much appreciated.

All in all it really was a great round of fun enjoyed by all who participated. Perhaps we should do it again soon?!



L to R Rosa Baernreuther, Joy Fay, Maree McGowan and David Heraud

Wednesday Ladies Golf,

After a stormy start with some strong winds and gum tree limbs falling from trees we postponed our first Medal day for the year to the following week. Two of the ladies came in with fantastic scores with Barb Leech taking the Medal for Feb, whilst our March Medal was won by Helen Tuddenham. Congratulations ladies.

Normally an early Saturday morning player Glenda Thomas had the "shot of a lifetime" with the BGC Ladies on a Wednesday when she scored a Hole In One. Congratulations Glenda.

Our Mixed Ambrose event at the end of Feb was also a huge success with eight guys coming to join us for the day. This was won by the team of Maree McGowan, Jo Fay, Rosa Baernreuther and David Heraud. He managed to get in a game of golf AND make the lunches for us all. Keep the date free guys for the next one towards the end of the year.

Around the end of Feb we have our Annual Challenge against Lakeside Ladies at Albert Park. This event is keenly contested in great friendly spirit with encouragement from opposition and team partners alike. The early morning rain gave way to a glorious night with 38 ladies chatting well into the evening, "Tossing the Goss" as Geoff would say. We play for the coveted Tin Plate as seen below however it was not ours to bring home this year. Most scores were very close but one of their players came in with 23 points for nine holes - I believe this was the clincher.

Our pennant season could also have begun on a brighter note with our first match being a loss to Yarra Bend. Their course is in excellent condition which should have made our job a little easier but not to be. Still there are lots more matches to play, so maybe next time.

Go Girls!!

Sue Bamberry



The coveted Tin Plate

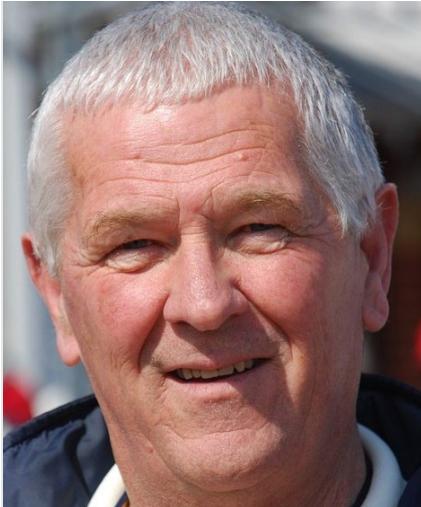


Glenda Thomas Hole in One



Helen Tuddenham winner March Medal

BGC Member Profiles



IAN CAVE

Club member Ian and Kerin Cave have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Following his education at Sandringham Secondary College Ian worked in the banking industry for 30 years until resigning and joining the MCG as part of their Events Staff.

Joining the BGC at about the same time as the Pearce/Combe group was introducing a number of new members to our club Ian, like most of us, has yet to achieve his first "Hole in One". So it remains a goal to be achieved in the future.

Due to his involvement with the MGC Ian gets the opportunity to play bowls with the MCC. This is his secret sporting love. He also enjoys socializing with friends and of course family.

Ian participates as a member of the BGC volunteers who work regularly on the course to improve our golfing experience.

James (Bear), (Mick) Wilks lived in Brighton most of his life but recently moved to Hampton East. Single retired and having been a Social Member of the club for a number of years he felt it was time to become a "real" member about seven years ago.

He wanted an official Australian Golf Handicap and to play competition golf having previously been involved with the East Brighton Football Club and the Cluden Cricket Club and only playing golf on a Sunday.

James enjoys the camaraderie of the members and the banter between players after the game. A notable achievement was a Hole in One on the 11th and playing Pennant for our club.

Amongst his future goals is to play Pennant in a winning BGC team and to win a grade in the Annual Club Championships.



JAMES WILKS



JOHN QUINN

John Quinn and partner Gillian are starting their new life after John retired from a career spanning 38 years at Monash University.

Playing local football whilst growing up in the South Caulfield area John was invited by friends Jason and Craig Mills, also BGC members, to join our club.

What immediately appealed to John was that our location was close to home, he already had friends who were members, the atmosphere is great and the other members he has met are friendly and welcoming.

Although only joining 1 year ago John is proud of winning a recent Irish Stableford round with a record breaking 98pts. He would love to beat Craig, a very handy golfer, and is keen to beat Craig's brother Jason as often as possible. So, a little friendly competition there.

John looks forward to enjoying his retirement with Gill, playing golf and travelling around Australia.



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