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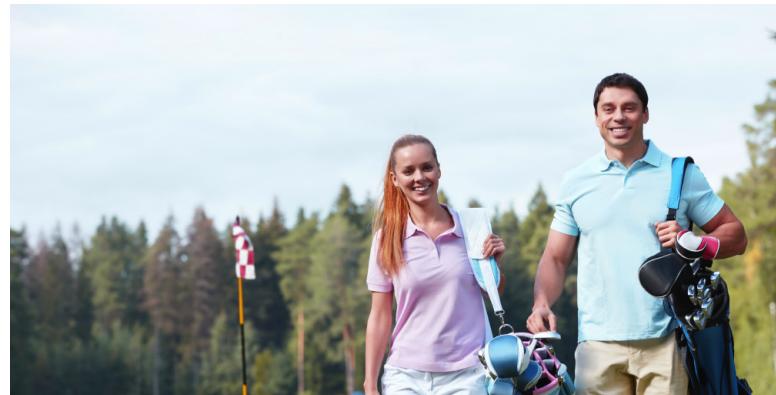
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Feature Story

BGC in Winter – What a CLASSIC!



Who would have thought that AFL Footy and Golf could have so much in common?

BGC members Andrew Blunden and Bill Dooley (pictured) – That's who.

Not only did these two (2) conceive a winter comp along the lines of the AFL Footy season fixture but they have planned it, presented it, played in it and maintained all the records with regular posts on the club website. Then as if that wasn't enough they will culminate the season by awarding the winning team with a fine trophy at the Club Presentation Night in November.

Included is the Denis Farrell Best and Fairest award to the most consistent player over the entire comp.

Now in its third season this one (1) initiative has done more than anything else to maintain member interest during those months when playing golf is even more of a challenge than usual. The comp has created much banter among groups of members after each round and encouraged individuals to lift their own game to new heights – just for their team.

Complacency suggests that this very successful new event on the club calendar would be taken for granted. But thanks to the creativity, enthusiasm and dedication of just two (2) club members sixty eight (68) fellow club member players over a fourteen (14) week period – not including the finals – had a new reason to turn up and play golf each Saturday.

Andrew Blunden and Bill Dooley – take a bow – our club and members Thank You for ALL you have done for us.

Geoff Hergt



All That Glitters Is Not GOLF



2015 Spring Season - A Grade - Kooyong Team
L to R Jill Scott, Megan Ridgway, Captain Heather Macfarlane and Coach/Team Manager Karon 'Chooky' Fowler



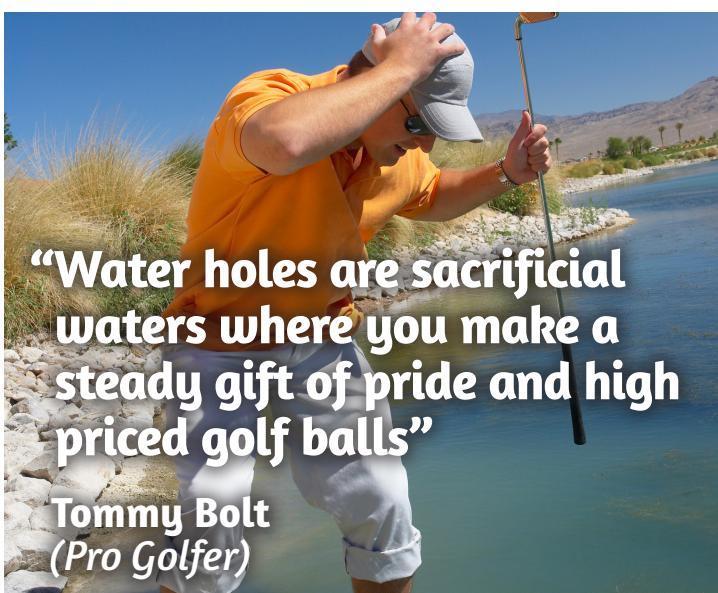
2016 Autumn Season - A Grade - Kooyong Team
L to R Coach/Team Manager Karon 'Chooky' Fowler, Captain Heather Macfarlane, Megan Ridgway, Jill Scott

BGC Lady member Karon "Chooky" Fowler has achieved notable success with the Kooyong Women's Squash team as their Coach. No mean feat when you have a hearing impairment!!

As Coach Karon assisted the team during the Spring Season to achieve the Runners Up Title, although a disappointing scoreline saw them lose a close match 7-8 in the final. However redemption was not far away when they became Autumn Season Premiers last June for the second time with a convincing winning score of 9-1.

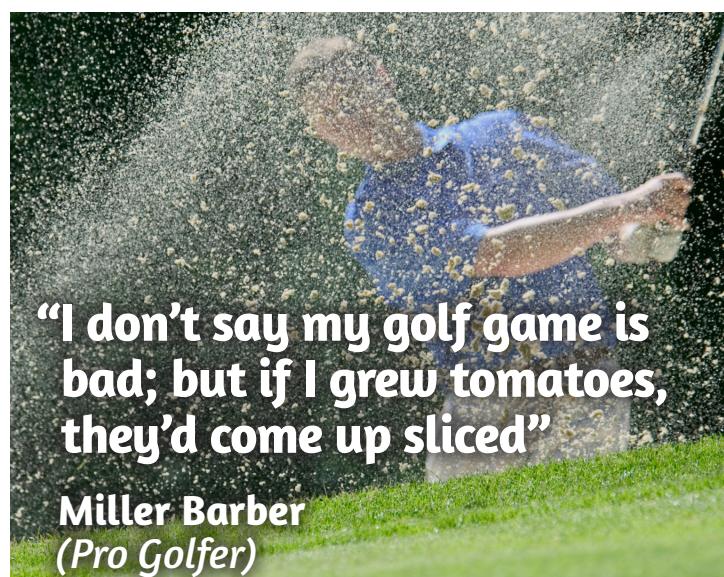
Coach Karon said "It was a matter of learning from the defeat, putting a positive strategy in place and then doing the 'hard yards' to make it a reality".

Whilst Karon was both delighted and humbled by the teams success she is extremely proud of the collective effort and results achieved. Receiving trophies for a job well done the whole team, including coach Karon, are looking forward to the coming season as the reigning champions.



"Water holes are sacrificial waters where you make a steady gift of pride and high priced golf balls"

**Tommy Bolt
(Pro Golfer)**



"I don't say my golf game is bad; but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced"

**Miller Barber
(Pro Golfer)**



Highlights of CoM Meeting - 12 July 2016

MATTERS ARISING from correspondence

Moved successfully that mobile phone numbers be included in Syllabus for 2017, if not available land line number. Erin Ralph from insurer PSC invited to visit BGC when convenient. KB looking for additional money counters to back-up when KB and others are away. KL to acknowledge letter from VGL re correct procedure for future nominations for the VGL Champion of Champions event.

TREASURER REPORT

Hon. Treasurer KB provided June 2016 report for each CoM member present, 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). New Debit Card Transaction a/c (replacing previous credit card a/c)

KB compared the YTD income and expense with previous year and budget and we are ahead of last year on Total Income and Budget but Total Expenses are above last year and budget and although Net Surplus is above last year it is behind this year's budget. Action is being taken to reduce expenses for remainder of financial year, ending 30th September, endeavouring to bring Net Surplus in line with the budget.

KB reported Ladies Charity Day, for Sandringham Hospital, resulted in \$5,877.91 being raised. M(MM) S(CY) that cheque be raised for this amount. Carried

KB called a 2016/17 budget meeting at 10am on Tuesday 26/7/16 to receive CoM input regarding planned income and expense items that effect the P&L account.

KB is away 28/8 to 11/9, which is coordinated with accounting persons, DB and PC. KB would like "restricted membership" changed to "Access Members" in club figures. KB to attend Micropower "road show" 27/7/16, to keep up with any new developments that may help BGC.

SECRETARY REPORT

KL advised that club admin is in line with current requirements. We are in pro-rata period for membership fees. To date we have signed up 20 new full members and 23 Golf Access members. Moved successfully that old BGC fax number be removed from BGC letter head.

Work is being done by KB/JB on new BGC letterhead, incorporating our Reg No A15468J. It is currently available in draft form whilst KB tries to improve the layout.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

JMcC provided copy of written July report for all CoM members. Highlights; Good numbers of members playing both Wednesday and Saturday Temporary Local Rule - Preferred Lies still in place. Winning Stroke Foursome pair on July 23rd can represent BGC in VGL Open Foursomes on September 18th.

LADIES SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Margaret Mooney (MM) has just taken over as Lady Secretary, thus no report this month, but general discussion about Ladies Raffle, Ladies Charity Day for Sandringham Hospital was very successful and net earnings as per Treasurer's report will be sent to the hospital.

New BGC Members

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

Adam Mao

David Thompson

Mrs M Schuyt

Mr J Schuyt

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



John McCreery
May/June Birdie Comp Winner



Highlights of CoM Meeting - 12 July 2016

SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

KB advised a Spring Trivia Night is planned, date TBA. A car boot sale in BGC car park is also being discussed, date TBA. KL to check any BCC requirements for car boot sale. BD reported planning for Winter Classic presentation night and dinner is progressing and will be similar to last year. Same caterer but awaiting quote to determine the entry cost for this year, JMcC is following up. Last year entry was \$30, but may need to be increased for this year?

GENERAL BUSINESS

- In VGL Pennant next year BGC will field three (3) Men's teams and two (2) Ladies teams, as per this year.
- Discussions ongoing regarding outside storage shed for Bayside Hockey Club (BHC).
- Minimum \$10.00 POS sale amount is not to be implemented at this time, as swipe takes less time than credit card and cash processing.

- BGC has two (2) liquor licences. KL investigated the reason for these with VCGLR and the second licence, number 36104438 (cost is only \$200+) is required for "pre-booked" functions which allows patrons to enter our licensed premises without "signing in". Without that licence all patrons to functions like Escape Travel, would have to sign in as a visitor, which would make hiring our club rooms for such events more complicated.
- KB reported that BHC Social BGC membership has reached 84 paid up members, and other BHC members coming this year need to sign-in to BGC.
- KB advised that Geoff Hergt was offered and accepted the role of Newsletter Editor and KB will continue to assist him. Reports and articles from now on to be sent to Geoff Hergt.



Member Profile - Scott Millington

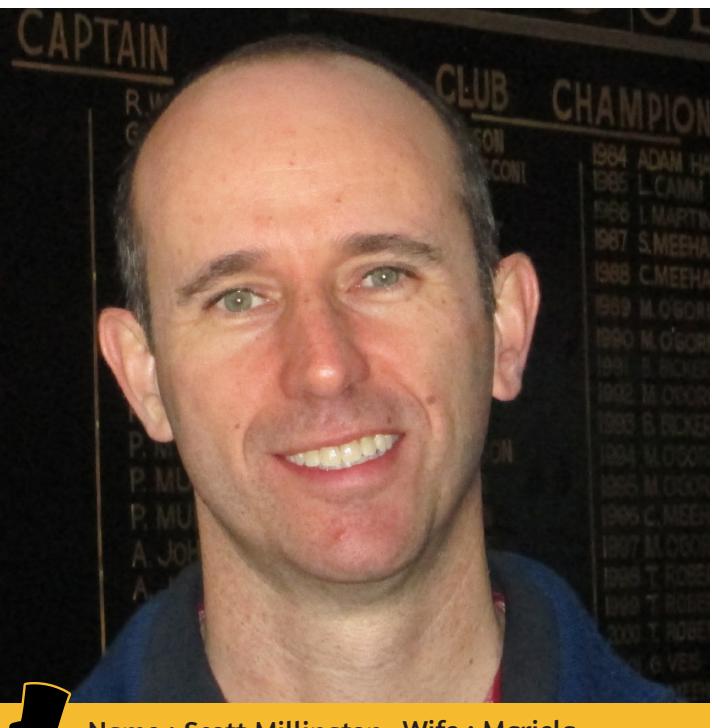
Scott is a Sales Manager with Lexmark office equipment. He has a Bachelor of Business from University of Technology, Sydney and a Master of Business from Charles Sturt University.

Playing golf in Sydney then moving to Melbourne Scott was keen to maintain his level of skill and make new friends. By joining our club he has achieved both. A relatively new member, since December 2015, Scott says "The relaxed and friendly atmosphere at BGC is just what I was looking for".

Amongst his most memorable golfing experiences Scott counts playing in the Australian Masters Pro Am at Huntingdale with Peter Lonard as the best. Also on his "bucket list" is playing the top courses in Britain.. ah.. one day!?!?

Scott is confident of improving his putting skills as he enjoys the supportive atmosphere at our club.

Playing off a handicap of 20 Scott hopes to reduce that very soon.



Name : Scott Millington Wife : Mariela
Suburb : Elwood Family : Son – Hayden



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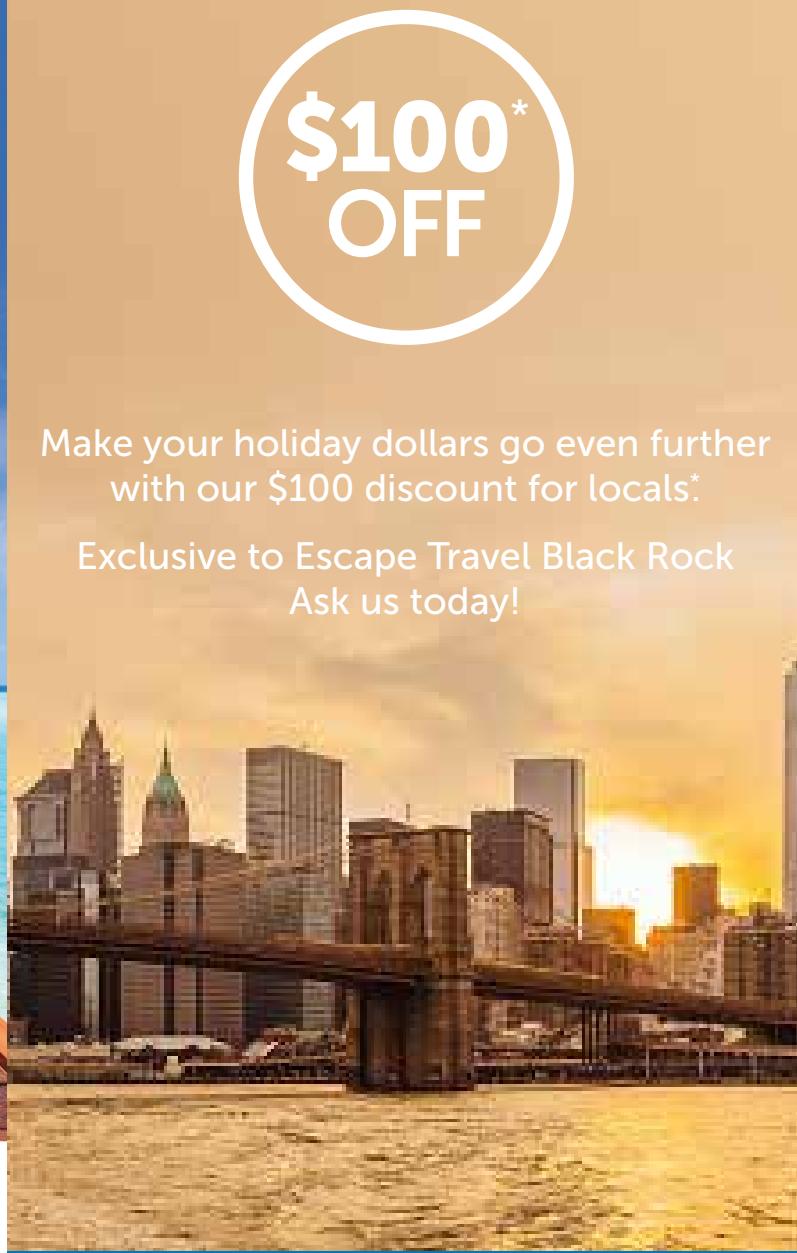
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Health challenges of Beau Roberts



President Keith Beggs has asked me to expand on my health issues over the past couple of years as apparently some of you are interested. It has been a very trying time with many ups and downs, but let's start at the beginning. Over 12 years ago, just as a result of regular blood testing, I was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia, begging the question of how do you come to have it, what does it mean, what do we do and what do we expect?

I think most of you know that I was sent to Vietnam in 1966 in the very first Task Force into that Country and as a pioneer we were required to establish a major forward base from the jungle/rubber plantations at Nui Dat. To accomplish this a lot of vegetation defoliants were used all loosely termed "Agent Orange" which later have all been accepted as having cancer causing properties, although this continues to not be officially recognised by any Governments or manufacturers. The ramifications are too huge.

I mention this because no-one will admit that this exposure is the direct cause of the incredibly high incidence of cancers in Vietnam Veterans, way above the community average, not to mention lasting effects on populations of various Asian Countries. So many of my companions from that era are now battling with some form of cancer related issues.

However, to my own case, the aforementioned CLL continued for many years just being monitored, then a couple of years ago some strange things began to happen. Firstly I developed what could only be described as "pneumonia" for lack of an accurate diagnosis. I lost weight, developed some eating difficulties and spent a little time in hospital. All of these events were attributed to weakening of my immune system and attempts were made to strengthen it. Some irregularities were found in many of the lymph glands located around the body between neck and groin. Over the next few months I underwent chemotherapy infusions, moved on to an oral therapy, but this coincided with another episode of that mysterious illness which again could only be described as "pneumonia" because it could not be accurately identified. This again knocked the stuffing out of me and required some time in hospital, again no exact diagnosis could be found or treatment path established. Strengthening of my immune system was deemed necessary.

Then earlier this year, after a disastrous trip to Thailand and subsequent stay in hospital, I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. An intensive chemotherapy program was put in place where I received 4 – 5 hours of infusion treatments every 2 weeks which has been on-going for nearly 6 months. Along the way there have been many attempts to boost my immune system including blood transfusions, but I am delighted to report that this week (mid July) I was informed that the cancers (and there were many) are now in REMISSION and although the treatment has another month to run, I'm confident that we are heading in the right direction. It now requires me to build myself up again.

The toll has been significant, with almost 20 kg's of weight lost, almost total loss of hair, a significant loss of strength and condition, I haven't even played golf since December 2015. There have been occasions at the Club when people haven't even recognised me, but all along I have had tremendous support from many friends at the Club whose encouragement I really appreciate. Also the staff at Cabrini Hospital Brighton have been superb and I can't thank them enough.

Beau Roberts, July 2016.



BGC Ladies Activities

CAPTAIN'S NEWS FOR JULY

A wet and cold month July has nearly passed and we hope now for some nicer weather coming our way. Despite this Ladies Day was cancelled only once, with some brave souls venturing out, to be rewarded with a drop in the gale force winds and even a little sunshine – too bad about the 4 degree temperature! This is nothing for the hardy.

Photo of the very enthusiastic - Robyn Napolitano.

Jan Smallman is our Medal winner for the month of July- to add to her collection from February, well done Jan.

Our Charity Day was a great success, more details to follow. There are some other clubs holding their Charity Day events in the month of September I hope we can reciprocate with some members going to play. Please see Jan Smallman if interested, it is a great opportunity to play other courses.

We look forward to seeing players returning from holidays to be invigorated and enthusiastic with tales of sunshine and good times

Sue Bamberry



"My best score ever is 103, but I've only been playing for 15 years"

Alex Karras

(Detroit Lions defensive lineman)



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Captain's Report

By John McCreery (Club Captain)

Throughout June and so far in July we have had good numbers playing on Saturdays and Wednesdays despite the indifferent weather conditions. While the scores haven't been anything to write home about, probably due to the soft ground and windy weather, it is good to see members enjoying their game of golf.

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.

- Always carry a sand bucket to repair divots. Not just your own divot but others left by unthinking golfers.
- 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.
- Always rake the bunkers after use.
- 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.

MEN'S STROKE FOURSOMES PAIRS

The winning team of the Men's Foursomes competition on July 23rd will represent Brighton in the VGL Open Foursomes to be held on Sunday, September 18th. So, organise your partner early as the Handicapper would like to pre print score cards for this event.

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A reminder to the Men that the Club Championships are to be played in August this year.

BAYSIDE SHIELD CHALLENGE

The annual Bayside Golf Challenge between the Golf Clubs at the 3 bayside public golf courses of Sandringham, Elsternwick and ourselves will be played at the Sandringham Golf Course this year, date to be organised. A list will be put up on the notice board in due course for Members who would like to play in this event.





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