

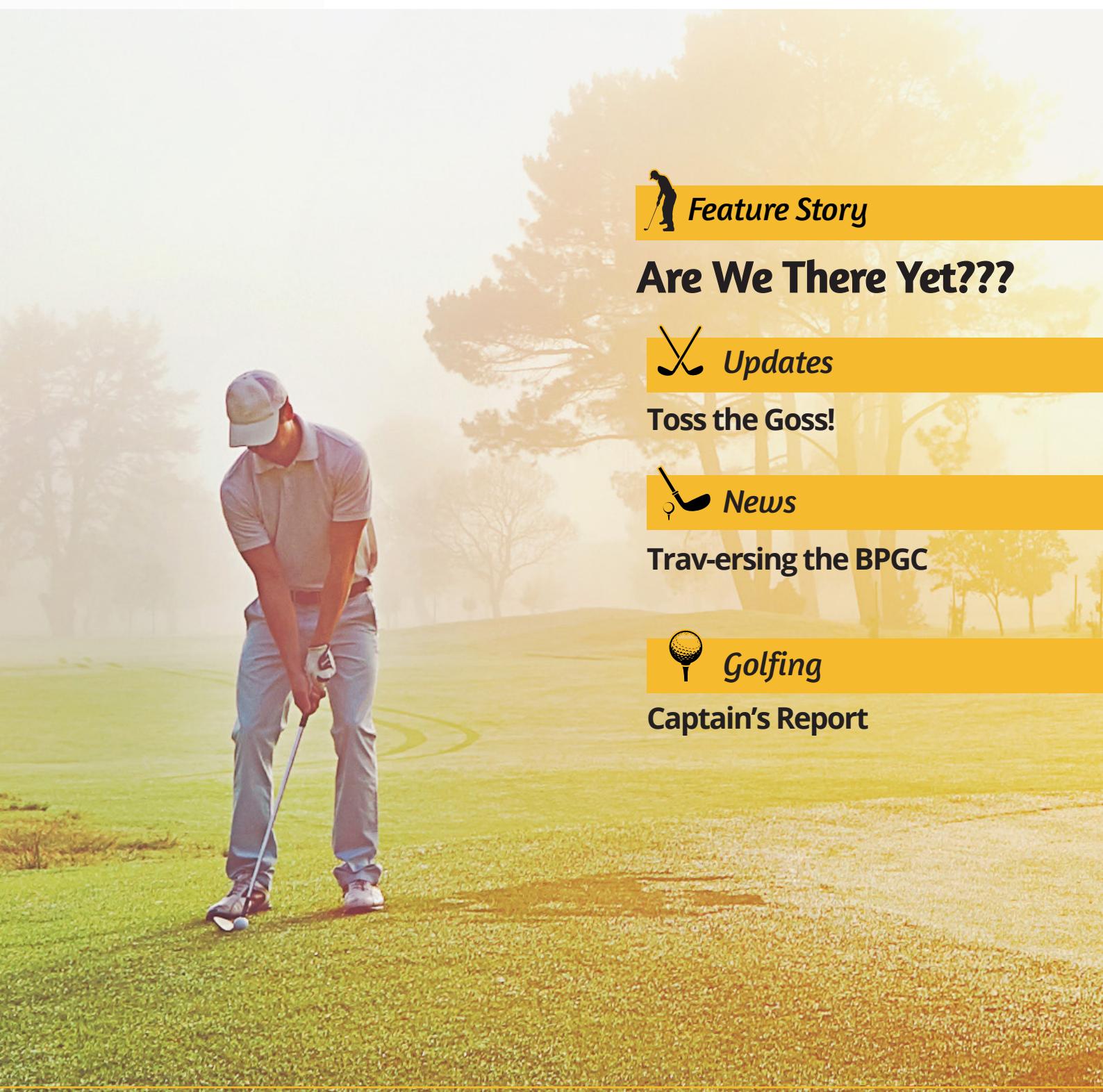


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Are We There Yet???

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? For those of us who are in the financial arena (e.g. accountants, business leaders/managers, financial advisors, etc.), June 30/July 1 means the end of one and the beginning of another financial year – so for them "We Are There Now".

Still, for others who work on a calendar year (ie. January to December) the month of July is only halfway there. But for ALL BGC members, we are almost there because our year begins on October 1st and ends on the following September 30th. So by July our 2018 is 75% done.

So, what is still to happen in OUR 2018 year?

The Men's Winter Classic comp is down to the pointy end with Round 13 of 14 due to be played on July 28th and the finals scheduled for August.

Whilst the BGC Ladies have already decided their Club Champs for the year the Men's Stroke Championships will be played over three consecutive weeks from October 13th.

The ladies still have several Major Trophies to play for from August to October.

One of our biggest days each year is the Glenn Martin Memorial AFL Grand Final Day scheduled for September 29th this year.

We have a shotgun start so that everyone is finished by circa noon; we enjoy lunch in the clubrooms and settle in to watch the BIG game.



This is what it looked like AFTER the rush – It was huge you gotta be there!!

So there is a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks before we can confidently declare – Yes, we really are there!!

All details are in your Club Syllabus. If you don't have one, get it either from the bar or a committee member.

This is what it looked like AFTER the rush – It was huge, you gotta be there!!

"It is not new to say that golf is a game played one stroke at a time. But it took me many strokes to realize it"

**Bobby Jones
Professional Golfer**



Trau-ersing the Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC)

- The merger of the Elsternwick members to Brighton on a Saturday has run reasonably smoothly and we would like to thank the Brighton members for being accommodating. We apologise to the players who had to move from a preferred tee time. As the sun rises earlier they will be able to regain tee times prior to 8am. The month of June is the hardest month to introduce more players as the days have the shortest number of daylight hours, but for the rest of the year all players should be able to gain tee times very close to their preferred option. Having the Elsternwick members here will be a great benefit to all parties with the potential of the two clubs joining in the future.
- The 5th green is now open and is playing well. We have sourced grass from Elsternwick and are using it to patch up the greens which are still struggling from the hard summer period.
- With Bluefit coming in to buy out LMS (looking like mid August) a new superintendent will be employed. The new super has previously run Gisborne Golf Club and has a wealth of knowledge so will be a great asset to the team. The current staff are doing a great job in the recovery of the course from the SWHP (Storm Water Harvesting Program) and the new super will add to this.
- The toilets on the course are now completely operational so no more holding on till the turn!



The wife said "here's \$40, get the dog a warm jacket. If there's any money left, get yourself a beer."

- Keep an eye out for numerous different coaching programs coming up. The coaches at Brighton can ensure you don't struggle with your game through winter.
- With the unavoidable price rise this financial year, we wanted to still look after the members for being loyal and sticking with the club through the SWHP. There will now be the option for members to purchase a "member loyalty card". For this card you purchase 7 rounds and get your 8th for free. If you divide the price of the card by the 8 rounds, the cost per round nets back to \$30.60 which is nearly \$2 cheaper than what golfers were paying last financial year for a round.
- If any members have questions, concerns or requests, Travis's door is always open and happy to help.

We look forward to the warmer weather growth period to see how quickly the course returns to the great facility we know and love.

Happy Golfing



Travis Harrison
Managing Professional

"You drive for show and putt for dough"

Al Balding
Professional golfer



Brighton Golf Club



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Contact John McCreery on 0415 504 066 for more details

Visit www.brightongolfclub.com.au for more info

Toss The Goss!

Something new to get you going

Recently we were advised of a new publication for the Bayside area to be known as the Active By the Bay Newsletter. This is a Bayside City Council initiative calling on all sporting clubs in the area to advise this quarterly publication of activities being undertaken within their clubs.

The idea is to interest local residents in "Getting Active" in their own suburb.

Our own golf club has been proactive in providing newsworthy articles and access to our BGC News monthly newsletter in the hope that we can obtain good coverage in this new publication and attract new club members.

Golf Vic leads the way

Speaking of new initiatives Golf Vic has launched their Vision 2025 which is designed to gain more participation by females in what has long been considered a male-dominated sport. With the development of Women's cricket and football, it is felt that golf too should recognize and support a greater involvement of females in our sport. Our committee is already aware of and working towards this end. Watch this space.

Our Lady of the Bar is back

Yes, that smiling face we have been used to seeing and whom we have missed recently is back from her visit to relos in Poland. The lovely Bonnie is back on Saturday's, Yeah!!



I'm late; I'm late for a very important date!!! (Who remembers where that comes from??)

This phrase will ring true for a BGC afternoon player who shall remain nameless. Immediately after playing his tee shot at the first, an errant shot, to say the least, his mobile phone rang. That was the first problem!! It was a message which occurs once a year reminding him of "a very important date" and what he should be thinking about. It wasn't golf. That was the second problem!! Upon realizing his predicament his first reaction was to find his errant golf ball. That was the third problem!! Anyhow, Happy 48th Wedding Anniversary, Tom. Hopefully, it all worked out well in the end..... I bet you don't forget the 49th???

Seen recently on a Saturday in the Clubrooms

Yes, rising from the sick list back to club management was Club Life Member, Past President, and Club Treasurer Keith Beggs having fully recovered from back surgery. Looking fit and well, it's great to have him back with us again.



As soon as the new course superintendent commences work at the BPGC our team of club member volunteers will recommence their role in maintaining the course with the aim of improving the golfing experience of ALL golfers on the BPGC. Not just BGC members.

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.

Highlights of CoM Meeting - 10 July 2018

Date: Tuesday 10th July, 2018

Venue: Brighton Golf Club

Present: James Mcalpine, John McCreery, Sue Williams, Robyn Napolitano (Until 8pm), Virginia Gattuso,

Apologies: Keith Beggs, Giles Toler, Pam Jones, Rosemary Fry, David Heraud, Trevor George

Motion Acceptance Of Previous Committee Meeting 12/6/2018 Minutes:

Motion to accept the 12/6/2018 Brighton Golf Club Committee of Management Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting.

(M) SW (S) JMCC PASSED

Correspondence:

Inwards:

13/6/2018- Australian Red Cross, thank you letter

28/6/2018- VGL, 2018 Golf Victoria Junior Pennant

28/6/2018- Gary Troeth, letter regarding BPGC green fee increase

29/6/2018- VGL, 2019 Pennant

2/7/2018- VGL, 2019 Senor's Pennant

2/7/2018- VGL, Motorised Transport

5/7/2018- VGL, Annual Report 2017

5/7/2018- VGL, Women's Events

Outwards:

13/6/2018- Letter Of Introduction, Jack Mooney

13/6/2018- Letter Of Introduction, Colin Vickers

13/6/2018- Letter Of Introduction, Ethan Chan

16/6/2018- Letter Of Introduction, Grant Hiscock

20/6/2018- Letter Of Introduction, Roger Bourne

20/6/2018- Vgl, Pennant Rule Enquiry

Motion:

For RN and J Mca to have a general discussion with DH on ways of reducing bar staff hours.

(M) RN (S) VG PASSED

Action:

J Mca and RN to organise the meeting. In preparation for this general discussion, SW to provide RN and jmca with all the Treasurer's Reports covering letters (stating wages and bar income) from 2017 and 2018.

Birdie Winner: Rod Boucher

Motion Acceptance:

Motion to accept as a Member of the Brighton Golf Club, Thomas Walton.

(M) J mcc (S) SW PASSED

Motion Acceptance:

Motion to accept all the tabled Reports.

(M) J mcc (S) VG PASSED

With one Committee Member having to leave the meeting early, a quorum was no longer present, therefore, the meeting was closed at 8:05pm.

All General Business: deferred to the next meeting.



Rod Boucher
July Birdie Winner

So I'm getting older and I'm not as well balanced as I once was and my Doctor recommended I put a bar in my shower. I have to say, I'm really quite happy with it.



“
Golf balls are like eggs...
They're white.
They're sold by the dozen.
And a week later you have to
buy more.



Captain's Report

Highlights.

I think the highlight for last month is the new maintenance Company on the Golf Course, Top Cut, they have a roller for the greens. Except for the previously damaged sections of the greens, most Members will have noticed the much-improved surface for putting on all greens.

Saturday Time Sheet Changes.

With the closure of the Elsternwick Golf Course on June 30th, the Course Management has asked the Elsternwick Golf Club Members to play on the Brighton Golf Course. This along with the lack of early daylight will affect the tee times of Brighton Club Members for the next couple of months. Please check the time sheet each week as your tee times will vary a little.

Brighton Golf Course Construction Works.

The Water Harvesting Project has been completed as far as the Contractor is concerned and the Council has now taken over the completion of any outstanding works.



When the dams reach a suitable level the sprinkler systems on the fairways will be tested for any leaks or damaged sprinklers and pipelines. Once any required repairs are completed the Golf Course should then be able to be regularly watered when necessary. This, of course, is dependent on the water level in the dams, the water requirements of Dendy Park and the cost of this water to the Course Management.

Playing Balls that go into the Dams and Water Gardens.

Many Members are still a little confused with how to play the Dam areas and the Water Gardens that have red stakes around them indicating a lateral water hazard. Because the dams have been recently constructed the soil surrounding them is loose and players must not enter them to play or retrieve a ball. The player under a penalty of one stroke must play a new ball outside the red stakes at the point of entry or play as near as possible at the spot where the previous ball was last played.

The two Water Gardens near the 10th fairway and the 10th green, must not be entered to play or retrieve a ball as hitting off the stones could be dangerous and the water plants could be damaged. The player under a penalty of one shot must play a new ball outside the red stakes at the point of entry or play as near as possible at the point where the ball was last played.

Men's Match Play Championship.

The third round of the Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy, Singles Match Play, has been completed and players still in the draw must complete the fourth round of matches by Saturday, 25th August 2018.

John McCreery – Club Captain

"I play in the low 80's. If it's any hotter than that, I don't play"

*Joe E Louis
Comedian*

Ladies Activities

President Pam says:

July has seen numbers down with colder weather and quite a few members on holidays in warmer climates.

Our July medal winner was Barbara Phelan - well done Barbara.

We received the sad news that a former member, Betsy Colletta, passed away. Betsy, a Past Captain of our BGC Ladies, returned to the US of A with her husband who had been here in the land of OZ on secondment from his company in the US. A well-respected and valued member of the BGC Ladies Betsy will be sadly missed.



Pam Jones
Lady President



July Medal Winner Barbara Phelan

VALE – Jim (Bear) Wilks



It is with surprise, shock and great sadness that we bid farewell to club member Jim Wilks.

Having been a member for only a short time, almost four (4) years, Jim was well known to many members having won a number of events and representing our club in the 2018 Seniors Pennant team.

Jim's funeral details, although imminent, will be advised as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Recently his health deteriorated rapidly resulting in his passing a little over a week ago.

A Life Member of the East Brighton Football Club Jim had many friends in the Brighton area and family in both country Victoria and the ACT. This combination makes the final arrangements more complicated than would otherwise be the case.

Detailed announcements are expected within the next few days.

BGC Member Profiles



JAN MAYBERRY

Jan Mayberry and husband Peter have a daughter and live close to the course.

Educated in Hughesdale and Bentleigh, Jan worked in the library at Monash Uni with passed BGC member Glenn Martin, recognized each year with our AFL Grand Final Day event.

A 5-year BGC member Jan, Marilyn Jamieson, and Glenda Murphy were playing our course when BGC lady member Cheryl Young suggested they join our club.

The rest as they say "is history". In 2017 Jan won the Ladies Matchplay comp, B Grade Championship and enough weekly comps "to keep her coming back".

Interestingly Jan's father, Jack Harwood, was a BGC member playing back in the '60s. She still has his membership card which shows his handicap as 17.

What you may not know is that many ladies pics that appear in the BGC News originate from Jan and are often taken on her mobile phone.



LOU SOLIGO

Lou and Mary married 52 yrs. ago and have 2 sons. Both successful in business, Richard at Bunnings, Andrew at Berwick Mazda.

A Life Member Fitzroy/Brisbane Lions AFL Club, Treasurer Lion Hunters coterie group, a Foundation Member Waverley Hawks Junior FC and the Steel Club of Victoria (SCV), Lou has been their Treasurer for 26 years.

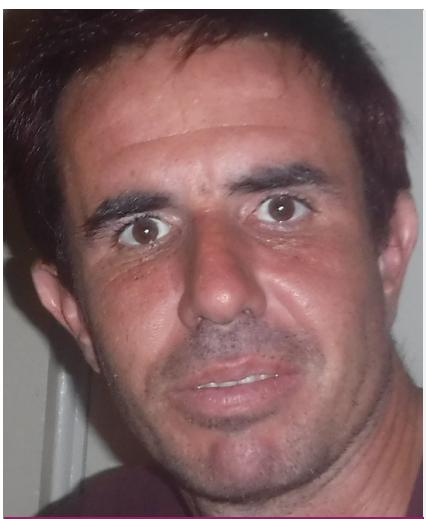
Through Glen Allen Special School SCV helps families of disabled children and others, distributing \$800k + in 26 years.

Before retiring in 2003 Lou was a 42yr stainless steel industry man. Starting several companies retiring as General Manager/Partner.

A 22yr BGC member Lou joined because he was invited by Club Captain Paul Mullen. He became a Committeeman then President from 2009 – 2012.

Lou loves traveling, playing regular Pennant squash, gardening, family gatherings and, of course, BGC golf.

He thinks all members should invite a friend for a game of golf on Saturday to enjoy what the BGC has to offer.



MATT COSTIGAN

Matt Costigan has made a BIG Splash since joining our club 12 months ago.

Playing off a handicap of just 1, Yes ONE makes him a very special golfer and a great asset, especially to our Scratch Pennant team.

He currently has the lowest handicap in our club.

This is his brief story: A tall, humble person Matt is single, has no ties and works with one of our largest food retailers, after achieving his VCE and specialized in Hospitality at William Angliss Institute.

Matt's love of golf extends to pennant; we are very pleased it does. He loves the people and fun of the BGC and is certainly destined to have his name on our honour boards.

Matt has already won a Monthly Birdie comp. Particular "likes" are making birdies, cold beer and socializing. Matt is also looking forward to an improving course. Amen to that Matt!!

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