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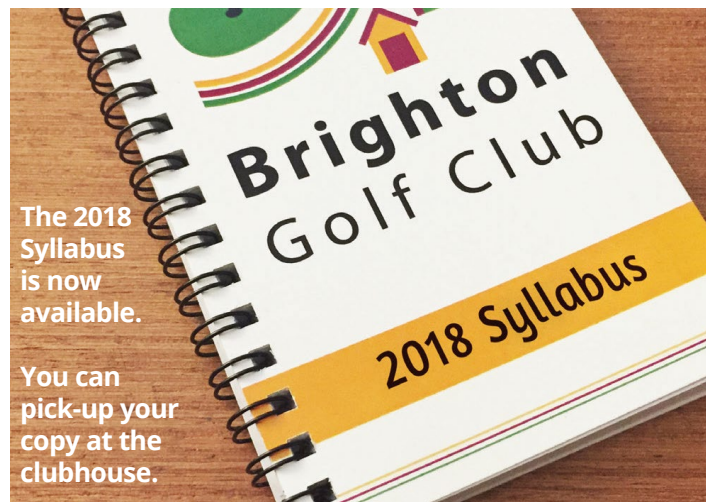
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Welcome to the Bi-Monthly BGC News

Welcome to the Bi-Monthly BGC News. The BGC Committee of Management (CoM) has decided to trial a bi-monthly, rather than a monthly, edition of our BGC News commencing with this Nov/Dec 2018 edition. In the coming months the Jan/Feb 2019 BGC News will be released in late February and the Mar/April edition in late April.

Your comments and feedback would be greatly appreciated by your CoM as it will assist them in making a final decision to either retain the bi-monthly frequency or reverting back to a monthly edition. It is anticipated that this decision will be made in either April or May 2019. So, here is your opportunity to "Have Your Say".



BGC Men's Presentation Night 2018

Here is a complete list of trophies won and presented on Saturday November 17th 2018.

Our Master of Ceremonies (MC) was Club Captain John McCreery ably supported by a variety of dedicated club members including Club President Jim McAlpine, outgoing Club Treasurer, and Life Member Keith Beggs, current VGL President and BGC Life Member Alex Johnson, Bill Dooley, and Andrew Blunden.

The format for the night was a sit down dinner interspersed by presentations with a great time had by club members, partners and guests alike.

Club member David Heraud with his capable and convivial band of helpers again provided a sumptuous meal whilst the bar was well patronized.

The first presentations made were:

The 4BBB Par Club Champions Jeff Fujii and Stirling Hookway followed by:

The Captains Trophy won by Club Junior Lachlan Cook, next was the Dr McCallum's Veterans Trophy won by Alex Johnson.

The Lifetime Trophies Shield was won by Don Barrett whilst

The Life Members Trophy was won by the pairing of Brett Youl and Adam Fish

By then, it was time for a short break after which:

The Volunteers Trophy was won by Rod Boucher along with the Handicappers Trophy

Alex Johnson was then invited to assist before he takes a well earned rest and trip around Australia in his motor home.

The VGL Medallist of Medallists was won by David Combe whilst the Club Medallist of Medallists was won by Jeff Fujii.

The winner of the W.Lydster Memorial Trophy was none other than our President Jim McAlpine.

This brought us to the recognition of our two best performing Pennant teams, namely our Scratch and Handicap teams. With representatives of both teams in attendance, it was a joyous occasion as emphasized by Scratch team Captain Chris Meehan who confirmed the long and fraught battle to win all three divisions in successive years to claim the major prize and place our club back where it should be – ON TOP. The Handicap team also won their final.

Representing his uncle Fred, Simon Meehan then presented the Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy for the Club Matchplay Champion for 2018 to John Collins.

"The sport isn't like any other where a player can take out all that is eating him on an opponent. In golf, it's strictly you against your clubs."

Bob Rosburg
Professional Golfer



This brought us to the delights of the kitchen with the serving of the main course.

After the meal it was time to conduct the call of the card by counting the points scored to decide the Best Individual Player of the Winter Classic Cup and presentation of the trophy to the winning team. It was a tense time as the points were read out in true AFL Brownlow style. It was a very close run thing but finally the Best Individual Player was named as BGC Junior Lachlan Cook. In a tie for second place just one point behind were Ray Desmond and Craig Davis. The Winning team for the second time was The Daybreakers captained by Rod Boucher.

By now, attendees were looking for something sweet with dessert arriving just in time.

To round out the evening, the final trophies were presented with:

The Tom Stewart Memorial Trophy and The President's Trophy, both going to Matt Costigan.

Last but by no means least was the presentation of the Club Champions for 2018. These were:

Club Junior Champ - Lachlan Cook

Club C Grade Champ - Bill Rigby

Club B Grade Champ for the 6th time - Russell Whyte

Club A Grade Champ - John Collins

Club Open Champ - Ryan Radford

Congratulations to all the winners and especially to all who competed. Whilst every comp must have a winner, it is a wonderful thing just to compete.

A huge THANK YOU goes to Bill Dooley for his organization of the night making yet another great success for our club.



2018 Club Champs L - R
Lachlan Cook, Bill Rigby and John Collins

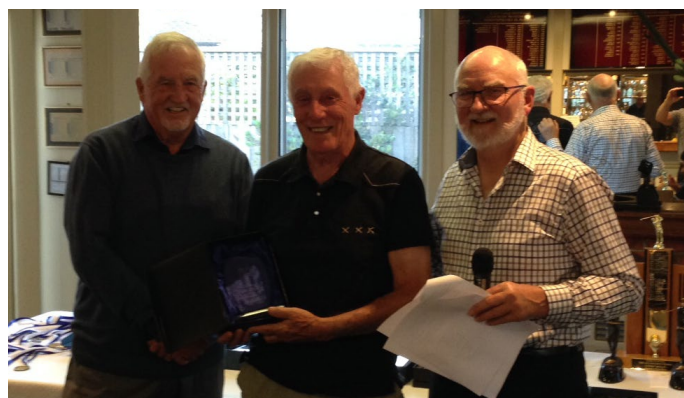


Ryan Radford



Russell Whyte





Brighton Golf Club Inc. - Annual General Meeting 2018

Date & time : Tuesday November 20th 2018, 7.30pm
Venue: Clubrooms, Glencairn Ave, Brighton East
Present : 28 members plus 5 Life Members

Motion to accept all reports tabled without amendment was approved by a show of hands.

Election of Committee of Management (CoM) for 2018/19 Malcolm Turner was elected as Honorary Treasurer for a 2 year period whilst Trevor George, David Heraud, Richard Britton, Brett Youl, Rosemary Fry, and Robyn Napolitano were elected as Committee members each for a 1 year term. All elections approved by a show of hands.

Motions to approve the appointment of Club Auditors Zamsky Accounting and the payment of Honorariums of \$2,000 each for the Secretary and Treasurer and \$1,000 for the Club Captain were approved by a show of hands. The House Managers honorarium was held over.

Notices of business:

The matter of member phone numbers being printed in the Club Annual Syllabus was suggested by Alex Johnson to be resolved by member approval.



It was also suggested by Alex Johnson that given the aging demographic of the Male Club Members consideration be given to reintroducing the Men's D Grade Club Championship.

The roles of Wednesday & Saturday Club Caterer and appointment of a House Manager should be decided by the Club Committee of Management.

Honorary Life Member, Past Club President, Captain, and current VGL President Alex Johnson made a presentation to Keith Beggs in recognition of his many years of service to the club. This service extends to almost 20 years in the role of Club Treasurer.

The formal business of the AGM was then concluded.

This was followed by a much anticipated address from Head Professional and Manager of the Brighton Public Golf Course, Travis Harrison.

Should any member require a copy of the Minutes, they are available from the Club Secretary.



**Past Club President,
Honorary Life
Member and
longtime Club
Treasurer
Keith Beggs**



**Honorary Life
Member, Past
Club President &
Captain current VGL
President
Alex Johnson**

BGC Club Committee of Management (CoM) for the 2018 - 2019 year

President	Jim McAlpine (second year)
Vice President	David Hartigan
Club Secretary	Sue Williams
Club Treasurer	Malcolm Turner
Club Captain	John McCreery
Vice Captain	Giles Toler
Committee	Rosemary Fry
	Robyn Napolitano
	Brett Youl
	Trevor George
	Richard Britton
	David Heraud
	Virginia Gattuso (Ex Officio)
	Marilyn Jamieson (Ex Officio)

Whilst the roles of Club President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Captain are two (2) year terms all other positions are for a one (1) year term and are therefore elected (re-elected) each year at the Club AGM.

Individual pictures and contact details are available on the club website www.brightongolfclub.com.au



Trav-ersing the Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC)

I am advised by the Managing Pro Travis Harrison that the Pro Shop and course are very busy at this time of the year with bookings for both players and tuition along with managing the course improvements.

As a result, we have no report for this edition but we can all see the results of the more efficient harvesting of storm water and the recent rains.

Not only are all the dams full but course management recently had to employ a pumping unit to redirect excessive water to where it could be used to better effect. Talk about "It never rains but it pours."

All this augurs well for the coming Summer conditions when watering of the fairways will become a priority.

You will have noticed the excellent state of the greens after considerable work has been carried out. Maintaining them in their current terrific state will be a top priority when things get dry and hot.

So, finally and after a somewhat tortuous time, it would appear that we are starting to reap the rewards of the good work and dollars spent over the past couple of years.

As we celebrate the coming festive season, we might raise a glass or two and toast "the much improved playing conditions on the BPGC."

Travis will be back for the next edition of BGC News.



Travis Harrison
Managing Professional

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"You start to choke when you drive through the front gate. On the first hole, you just want to make contact with the ball".

Hale Irwin
Professional Golfer



Toss The Goss!

When NASA started sending astronauts into space, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, Congress approved a program and NASA scientists spent a decade and over \$165 million developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, on almost any surface and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300C.

The Russians used a pencil...

An Oldie but a Goodie - Vale Dot Haslem

Dorothy(Dot)Haslem held the record for the longest membership of our club, an astonishing 54 years. Joining in 1964, serving as Ladies Sub-Committee (as it was then), President in 1977/78 & 1978/79 (that's 40 years ago), Dot and husband Lionel went on to manage both the kitchen, bar, and Club Merchandise - I bought my first BGC Polo shirt and pullover from them in 1994. With the passing of Lionel many years ago, Dot, a BGC Life Member, had not been an active member in her later years although she sometimes visited the club and enjoyed old friendships. Dot was 92 yoa.



Dot Haslem

Vale Neil Sargood and Pam Gregory

Neil joined our club in August 2012, usually played on Wednesdays with Bruce Drane, Wayne Troedson, and Steve Smith. An active church member with a jovial outlook, Neil was always up for a joke.

He was also a wonderful supporter of his Subaru WRX which he loved to chat about.

Neil was born on Sept 8th 1939, which made him just 79 yoa and will be sadly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.



Neil Sargood

We have also been advised of the passing on last December 2nd of past lady member Sue Gregory. Sue often played with the Saturday girls in the early morning. Amongst other things, Sue was the partner of longtime VGL Treasurer Peter Ross. A popular BGC member and friend of current BGC Secretary Sue Williams through tennis for some thirty years, Sue Gregory will be sadly missed.

Your 2019 Club Syllabus will be available from the clubhouse in the coming weeks. Of course, your 2018 Syllabus has all the fixtures through until the end of January 2019 so you don't need to concern yourselves just yet.

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.



November

Results, Men's Championships and VGL Medalist of Medalists completed November 17th see elsewhere in this edition for all the placings Club Medalist of Medalists Jeff Fujii on 9 up beat Zac Powell on 7 up.

Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy went to John Collins over Glenn Thomas but had to go to the 19th hole.

2019 New Rules, January 1st 2019 sees the new R & A come into force. All details available in the Clubrooms. Go to www.golf.org.au/newrules for videos of each new rule.

Time Sheet Changes, Saturday players are reminded to check the sheet as times may change.

December

Reminder for both the 2019 New Rules (in effect from January 1st 2019) and the Time Sheet Changes

New Local Rule regarding Tree Roots comes into effect 1st January, 2019.

While we have had free relief from tree roots on the fairways for some years, under the new Interpretation of the Rules of Golf players on the Brighton Golf Course will get free relief from treeroots in the rough, except for a restricted area around any tree trunks.

In circumstances where exposed tree roots are found in the short rough close to the fairway, a player can choose to treat such tree roots as ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. As the width of the rough on the Brighton Golf Course varies greatly the Match Committee has decided to restrict any relief from tree roots that are within a driver club length of the tree trunk. So, if your ball is within a driver club length of a tree trunk you do not get free relief from tree roots, and must play the ball as it lies unless you choose to take a penalty drop.

John McCreery – Club Captain

This Could be you!!!!

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 Hergt 9551 5478, 0438 433 424 or geoffrey.hergt@bigpond.com



Geoff Hergt
BGC News Editor

"What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive – the white ball sailing up into the sky, growing smaller and smaller, then suddenly reaching it's apex, curving, falling and finally dropping to the turf to roll some more, just the way I planned it."

Arnold Palme
Professional Golfer



"Another year nearly over! November/December brought us some memorable rounds of golf (and some less memorable) with the weather mostly being very kind to us.

The course is looking so much better and I love that we are all supporting Travis and the Club.

We have three new Committee members - Julie Butcher, Barbara Phelan and Leigh Surkitt who I am sure will be a great asset to the Committee.

Our Xmas lunch was held at the West Brighton Club - a fabulous venue with great food and wine. I think everyone had a wonderful time.

I wish you all a very happy Xmas and a healthy 2019".



Marilyn Jaimeson
Lady President

The Captain's Call

A big THANK YOU goes out to the ladies who completed their terms on the Ladies Committee. Particularly Pam Jones- Past President and Sue Bamberry- Past Captain for their many hours of dedicated work on behalf of all the ladies. Their work ensured smooth running of the competitions and the special events that were held throughout the year. We had the most successful Charity Day for many years which raised over \$6000 for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. This was the result of a determined team effort from the whole committee and shows how effective we can be with a good plan and many hands doing their jobs to combine for a great result.

Our Annual Meeting over and straight on to the most important part of the day – THE WINNERS!!

We saw some exciting results in the various competitions over the year, with several being determined by only one or two points/strokes and ladies waiting in eager anticipation for the last group to come in. We are fortunate to have the "Leader board" updating as the cards are entered and this has led to a crowd congregating around the display and joking banter about the results.

Seen on the course – Who could it be???

This person was seen trying to play golf on a hot day in this seldom seen outfit. In the past it was thought to have been Cec Dixon masquerading as someone else but this time it is an unknown person who, for the benefit of our entire membership, shall remain nameless. If you recognize him, let me know!! The Editor
bgolf@bigpond.net.au



2018 Major Trophy Winners

Life Member's Trophy - Rita Varma
President's Trophy - Helen Crowther
Captain's Trophy - Jan Mayberry
Secretary's Trophy - Marilyn Jamieson
Brighton Medley - Marilyn Jamieson
Club Champion

A Grade- Maree McGowan

B Grade- Helen Tuddenham

Brighton Cup Net Winner - Cheryl Young

Brighton Knock- out Matchplay - Jan Mayberry

Brownlie Silver Medal - Cheryl Young

Foursomes Championships

Gross- Lyn Sutcliffe, Sue Bamberry

Net- Sally Jones, Pam Jones



2018 Minor Trophy Winners

Most Improved Handicap – Robyn Napolitano

Putting Competition - Maree McGowan

Eclectic Rd1 - Virginia Gattuso

Eclectic Rd2 - Maree McGowan

Last week we had a very enjoyable Mixed Ambrose Competition with the men and a lot of jocularly prevailed regarding errant shots, and one or another member not performing to expectations!!?? We look forward to the next mixed event that is scheduled for the end of February 2019.

I'm looking forward to my term as Captain. Please bear with me as I'm on my "L" plates for a while.

Summer Golf- will be coordinated by Avis McKenzie for Wednesdays and I look forward to seeing many Ladies there. Don't forget the sunscreen.

Congratulations to all our winners and I wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

Yours in golf- hit straight,
Robyn Napolitano
Lady Captain



**Club Lady Champion
A Grade
Maree McGowan**



**Club Lady Champion
B Grade
Helen Tuddenham**

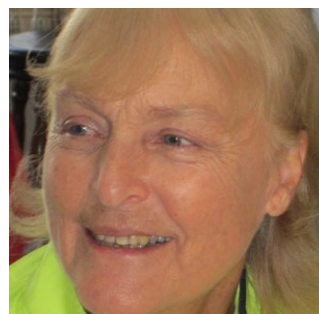
BGC Ladies Office bearers for 2018/19



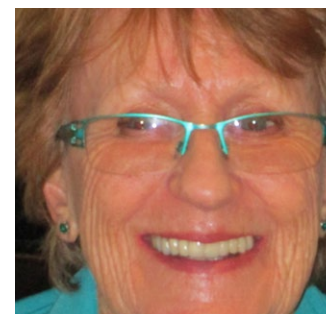
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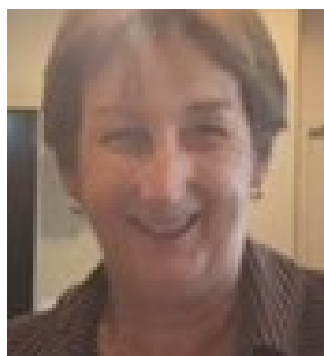


**Secretary
Virginia Gattuso**



**Treasurer
Jan Smallman**

Assistants : Secretary and Minute Secretary Lyn Sutcliffe, Treasurer Barbara Leech



**Lyn
Sutcliffe**



**Barbara
Leech**

Season's Greetings

President Jim McAlpine and the Committee of Management (CoM) of the Brighton Golf Club Inc extend Best Wishes to all members and their families for a happy, safe and joyous festive season. The new calendar year, 2019, is shaping up to be one of our best to date which makes this an excellent time to invite family, friends and colleagues to join us as members of our club.



November Birdie Winner was :- Brett Youl
December Birdie Winner was :- Robert Wong

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.



Brett Youl



Robert Wong



BGC Member Profiles

Here Is Something A Bit Different

We are trialing a new initiative with the purpose of members recognizing and better understanding their fellow Club Members.

For a number of years now we have introduced new and reviewed existing members on an individual basis. Our new initiative is to recognize playing groups, who they are, when they play, and any interesting tidbits regarding their particular group.

Our inaugural group is the Ken Brown, Russell Montgomery, Angelo Mercuri, and David Shutler four.

These guys are somewhat unique in that they were mid morning Saturday players who now play early Saturday mornings. Their tee off time now being circa 6.48 to 6.56 am.

Not content with playing Saturdays they also play in the Dad's Army group early Wednesday mornings and on Mondays as well. Just the thought of it all makes my eyes water!!

This group has been playing together for circa 2 years and enjoy a friendly rivalry regarding who will be the first to score a "Hole in One". This involves a small financial reward for the scorer of the "ace" donated by the other members of the team.

So far, Ken Brown is the only member of the group to score a "Hole in One" but fortunately (for his team mates) that was before he joined this group so it was not a financial burden on the others in the team.

It is often the camaraderie and banter that exists between the members of a playing group that motivates the individual members to greater heights. Many awards have been achieved as a result of this good natured fun.

If your group has a story to tell and you would like to see them featured here, then send the details and pic to the BGC News Editor bgolf@bigpond.net.au



L – R DAVID SHUTLER, RUSSELL MONTGOMERY, KEN BROWN AND ANGELO MERCURI



WALTER KONIECZNY

Walter and wife Elizabeth Konieczny have two grown up boys, Lukas and Adam.

Although retired, Walter spent most of his working life as a technician in the precious metals and stones business.

Originally joining our club as a Golf Access member, Walter felt he would like to learn more about the game of golf and perhaps play in competitions. He has just become a full member of our club and plays in a regular group early each Saturday morning.

Apart from the competitive element the other main attraction of our club is the nearness to home.

Golf obviously, swimming, and music are amongst Walter's "likes," although he is often involved with their children and grandchildren helping out now that he has retired. Sounds like a familiar story.

Walter's main aim at our club is to become a better golfer.

VALE - Kathleen Mills

With much sadness we were told of the death of Kath, who had been holidaying in W.A. with her son and extended family, when a bad fall caused her to be admitted into Royal Perth Hospital in a coma from which she did not recover

Kath was one of our long-time members, having joined the Brighton Golf Club in 1976, and was involved in all Club activities, including being a member of the Ladies' Sub-Committee for several years, prior to being elected Lady President in 1986. Kath was one of the first two Lady Members to be elected to the Committee of Management when the Incorporation Act of 1981 allowed Lady Members (previously "Associate Members") to be nominated for positions on Club Boards and Management Committees.

Kath was very proud to be one of that select group who have achieved a Hole-in-One, which she did on the then 15th (now the 6th) hole.

In 2012, due to declining health, Kath transferred to the Social Playing Category, and, in 2014, to Social Non-Playing. However, she attended the Club regularly each Wednesday for lunch and as a participant in the Solo Card group.



Gone but not forgotten

A 1945 model, who over his 73 years achieved more than most because he was always prepared to "give it a go." This one characteristic could be said to have been his hallmark.

In the living memory of more than 100 BGC members, friends and family who attended Beaus' service at the BGC Clubrooms on last Friday November 30th, no one could remember our clubrooms ever being the location of a funeral service. Certainly, a Memorial service but never a Funeral service. So, like many things during his 73 years with us, Beau was unique, even in his passing.

During the service conducted by a civil celebrant, BGC members Keith Beggs and Simon Meehan spoke of the enormous contribution Beau made over many, many years. This service to others not only benefitted BGC members individually but was a strong and positive influence on the direction taken by successive club Committees of Management.

Beau was a Past Club Captain and Past Club President for which his efforts were rewarded by being elected a Life Member. However, his dedication to serving our members extended well beyond a club leadership role. Beau was House Manager for a number of years, he was pivotal in the upgrading of the Club Logo, new Club Pennant shirts, and the introduction of the much admired current Leaderboard system.

One ambitious project Beau spearheaded was to takeover the management of the Brighton Public Golf Course. His argument was that he could see our club as a very interested party in the urgent work required to maintain and develop the course, that we would do a better job than an outside organization. Whilst his plan did not come to fruition the level of effort, enthusiasm and commitment to the task was indisputable.

A Vietnam Vet in the frontline of the conflict, a surveyor by profession and petrol head by choice, Beau was always dependable and someone upon whom you could rely to get the job done.

Though he may no longer be with us, his example, enthusiasm, and determination to achieve the desired result will live long in the hearts and minds of BGC members and others. RIP.

[Link to Eulogy](#)



Farewell Beau



Front and Rear shot of mourners



Our valued Brighton Golf Club partners

