



BGC Ladies Charity Day - Again a Huge Success

We were lucky with the weather for our Charity day 18 holes Irish 4 ball.

A full field of members, guests and other clubs played in ideal conditions.

The team winners with 99 points, comprised Virginia Gattuso, Jenny Bahramis, Libby Theodore and Jill Hosken.

Individual winners were guest Libby Theodore with 43 points and our own Barbara Hannon with 42.

The longest drives were Sue Bambury and guest Jan Criswick from Woodlands.

Nearest the pin were Maureen Gaynor and guest Anne McNabb.

The 9 hole competition was won by Lyn Tritton with 21 points.

A special moment for the winning team came with an eagle on the 14th by Libby Theodore.

The 12 raffled baskets of goodies went to good homes and the auction of donated items was successful. The trash and treasure also brought in over \$600.

Our president Cheryl Young was warmly thanked by Libby Theodore for the club's organization of yet another great charity day.

It was an excellent effort by the committee with very generous donations of time and goods.

Jan Mayberry



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Highlights of CoM Meeting - June 9 2015

Financial Report: KB felt that there were no causes for concern at this time. Subscriptions at this time are about \$2000 down on what we had expected by this time of the cycle. We are about \$8000 down on expected income at this stage of the cycle. Wages are showing a saving on budget so well done to all concerned. Several Q & A's were dealt with at the time.

Newsletter: Would ALL contributors to the "BGC NEWS" please ensure their copy gets to KB by the deadline for each issue. See Three Month Forward Planning sheet for Deadline Dates.

Secretary: Whilst New Member additions this year total 25 we are still behind our preferred goal for the YTD of 41 and Average over the past 6 yrs YTD of 31. Every effort needs to be made to achieve our goal of signing up new members to give our Treasurer the opportunity to make his budget projections as realistic as possible.

GH/KB have a number of strategies in place to increase New Members in the final one third of our golfing year.

GH referred to the upcoming AGM, nominations for CoM roles etc. indicating that an open and democratic process would prevail.

Captain's Report: JMcC spoke to his written report, a copy of which had been made available for each CoM member. Pennant Season is over for 2015 with mixed results for our teams. Thanks to all concerned. Well done to the Ladies in their Club Champs. A variety of Leaderboard system issues are surfacing but are not unsolvable.

NEW BGC MEMBERS

The following three new applicants were recently accepted unanimously by the Committee of Management into the Brighton Golf Club:

- Trevor McGilton
- Chris Somervelle
- Lachlan Bridgeman (Jnr)

May we wish these new Club Members many years of happy golfing at the BGC.

Ladies Sub Committee Report: CY advised that May Medal Day raised \$111, Special effort "Apples" via the Gutusso's raised \$1100 for the club. Goal of the coming Charity Day is to raise enough funds to buy a Dialysis chair for the Sandy Hospital.

Social Report: KB advised that whilst the most recent Trivia Night was a great success the subcommittee was actively pursuing new activities for the future. One idea growing in momentum is to hold a car boot sale in the Club car park... **Expressions of Interest are invited.**

House Sub Committee:

- New door handle for the front door. Clear out of unnecessary items in the front room – all done.
- Club gas heater in the main clubroom, service not appropriate due to the age of the appliance – looking at a new appliance.
- *BGC Water usage* : BR advised that no leak has been identified but monitoring will continue up until the time we receive our next SEW account.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Immediate plans for July, Aug & Sept: BR spoke about Saturday night (June 13th) and three (3) more dates one in each of July, Aug & Sept for the Bayside Hockey Club. It is hoped it will be a win - win situation for both clubs.

Financial preparations for the 2015/16 golfing year: KB advised that a plan was in place to avoid the issues that arose last year. It is planned that this year will be a smoother and less costly experience than it was last year.

Update on Bayside Hockey Club: KB advised that discussions have resulted in four (4) functions to be held at BGC clubrooms on the basis of "Let's make a decision on the future once the results of the four functions are known".

Winter Classic Comp: BD advised competition and interest was intense and that the comp was progressing well. The inclusion of this comp is achieving its intended goal of creating and maintaining club member interest.

Pennant teams for 2016: VGL are keen to receive our thoughts.

Beer of the Month: BR advised that **FAT YAK** was the featured beverage for the current month and that future months would feature a different beer so if members decided that an addition should be made to our offering we would do that on the basis of popular choice.

Electric buggies stored at BGC: Discussion resolved that the issues involved made it an unviable proposition at this time but could be an item for our 5 Year plan.

Upgrade of Food Licence: KL to research the applicability of a Grade 2 accreditation for the club. The purpose being to raise additional funds from in-house functions at the BGC and by our own members.

Highlights Continued on next page

Highlights of June CoM Minutes continued...

Cabling update: KB advised that he was awaiting a quote for the upgrading of cabling of all our IT appliances so as to improve our systems and reduce our liabilities e.g. fire hazard etc. *As an alternative to sourcing an external quote it would be much preferred if a BGC Member were to offer their services on this occasion.*

Update on Brighton Public Golf Course: KB advised that the BGC have been working diligently to gather information to advance our case for an improved course condition on a long term basis.

Aerial Visuals of our Facilities: KB advised that following discussions he was awaiting details of a plan to be provided by a local Digital IT Cinematographer/Photographer (neighbour of club member Jenny Bahramis) regarding an offer to do a video of the course and clubrooms as a promotional program for our club on a gratis basis. Possibly to be incorporated into the upgraded website.

BGC Club Pennant 2016: KB advised that following conversations with pennant players some issues had arisen which needed to be addressed.

End of June CoM Minutes Highlights

Treasurer Needed Urgently!

Expressions of interest to Keith Beggs: E: bgolf@bigpond.net.au M: 0417226544

Captain's Report – June 2015

Pennant Competition

The end of May saw the Pennant season draw to a close. The Men's Scratch and Handicap teams had difficulty in fielding competitive teams this year and both were relegated to the lower division.

The Club desperately needs some low handicap players to bolster the Scratch Team to get Brighton back into Division 1, where we belong.

So, if you know anyone with some golfing ability please invite them along to join the Club.

In general with all our Pennant teams I would like to thank all the players and caddies who generously gave their time to represent the Club.

I would also like to make a special thank you to Karl Lindberg for his time and work in providing meals on the Men's Pennant days. Also, Barry Goring for moving the tee markers for the Men's matches and Jim Mayfield for helping out with the drinks for the Ladies teams and cleaning up on the day after Pennant matches.

Ladies Club Championships

The Ladies Club Championships were completed on June 3rd after the second round had to be rescheduled due to bad weather.

Congratulations go to Maree McGowan as Club Champion and Sue Bamerry took out the Brighton Cup.

The Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy

Play in the Men's Singles Match Play Championship has seen Round 2 matches completed as of June 6th. Those players continuing in the competition should be aware that Round 3 must be completed by July 18th.

Leader Score Board System

As you all know the Leader Score Board System has been in full operation since February, 2015. This system is operating very well and feedback from Members has been very positive. The Handicappers, Ray Desmond and Virginia Gattuso, have done an excellent job in implementing and understanding the system for the Members.

Members who have difficulty in obtaining a card or scanning the finished card, please follow the instructions on the bench in front of the touch screen.

DO NOT START PRESSING BUTTONS ON THE PRINTER OR SCANNER.

If you still have problems please ask someone who does know or use a Pro Shop card and the Handicapper will enter your score after your round.

DNF (Did Not Finish) in Stroke Competition

Players who play out the 18 holes but for whatever reason decide to take a DNF on an early hole or any hole for that matter should continue to have their score recorded on the other holes. With the GA Handicap System using the Stableford format your card can still be entered for handicap purposes, however, it would not be valid for the day's Stroke competition.

If you DNF during a Stroke round do not scan your card, but leave it in the tray under the touch screen and the Handicapper will enter it later.

John McCreery Club Captain

Golf Rules

So how did you go?

Did you look up Rule 18-5 to see how to proceed when a ball has been struck by another ball?

In the case described where the coloured ball hit the white ball in the bunker there was no doubt that the ball had been hit in the bunker.

After the coloured ball had been played and the bunker repaired (20-3b), the white ball should have been **dropped** as near as possible from the place where it had been. (20-3c)

To finish the series of 'improving your lie' articles it would be wise to revisit the Rory McIlroy incident (May BGC News Newsletter) in which he was penalised for moving sand on the fringe of the green.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/golf/9043837/Rory-McIlroys-two-stroke-penalty-dents-title-hopes-at-Abu-Dhabi-HSBC-Championship.html>

Rule 13-2 prohibits improving the area in which a ball is to be dropped or played by removing sand or loose soil.

Sand and loose soil are loose impediments only on the putting green.

R & A were then asked for a ruling if your player partner's shot had sprayed the sand! The answer was given in the extensions to the Rules, the Decisions of Golf. 13-2/8.5 **Player's Lie Affected by Sand from Partner's, Opponent's or Fellow-Competitor's Stroke from Bunker**

A's ball is on the apron between the green and a bunker.

A's partner, opponent or fellow-competitor (B) plays from the bunker and deposits sand on and around A's ball. Is A entitled to any relief?

Yes. A is entitled to the lie and line of play he had when his ball came to rest. Accordingly, in equity (Rule 1-4) he is entitled to remove the sand deposited by B's stroke and lift his ball and clean it, without penalty.

Did you read the June edition of '**Inside Golf**'?

On page 46 it had a section called *Ask The Expert*.

http://issuu.com/insidegolf/docs/ig119_june2015_final

It, or Rule 24-2, is worth reading for the next question I hope to raise in next month's edition of BGC News. What should we do if our ball finds its way into the agapanthus near the safety screens on such holes as 8th, 11th & 12th? When can relief be taken from the fence?



The dreaded BPGC 11th Tee agapanthus.

CHELTEMHAM

Club case wraps up

GOLFER GETS EQUIPMENT BACK WHILE MAN FACES \$2000 FINE

Allison Harding

A MAN has been reunited with his stolen golf clubs through a bizarre set of circumstances, clever amateur sleuthing and a timely police visit.

The burglary victim and the man trying to hock his stolen clubs even crossed paths outside a pawn shop before a police officer – who just happened to be visiting the store – ended up making the arrest.

The tale concluded in Melbourne Magistrates' Court the next day, when Dimitry Konstantinov, 30, of Cheltenham,

pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods.

The court heard the Oakleigh victim discovered on Monday, May 25, that his golf clubs were missing from his carpark storage cage.

He reported it to police and contacted several pawn shops, including Parkdale Cash Converters, asking them to keep an eye out for the clubs.

Later that day, Konstantinov visited the store with a photo of a set of golf clubs and asked how much they were worth.

Cash Converters sales assistant Aaron Wilson said

he would need to see the clubs.

"The man left the store and, within minutes, the burglary victim walked in and gave us more details of his stolen clubs," Mr Wilson said.

A short time later, Konstantinov returned with a set of golf clubs and Mr Wilson discreetly called police.

Mordialloc police Sergeant Mick Sewell happened to drop into the store to talk about a spate of thefts in the suburb.

"The assistant looked at me and said 'That was quick!', thinking I was there

about the golf clubs," Sgt Sewell said.

He was briefed on the situation and went to chat to Konstantinov, who was waiting for a price.

The store phoned the owner of the clubs, who returned and identified them.

Sgt Sewell called for backup, and handcuffed and arrested Konstantinov.

Charges of burglary and theft were withdrawn in court after discussions with Konstantinov's lawyer.

Magistrate Luisa Bazzani convicted Konstantinov of handling stolen goods and fined him \$2000.

BGC Ladies Activities - May / June 2015

May was a busy month for the ladies' comps.

The winner of the monthly medal and the Brighton Medley was Sue Bambury.



At the same time the Club Championship, round one, was played.

However the next week - round two - was delayed by bad weather to the following week, 20th May, with the final round played on June 3rd, concurrent with round 3 of the Brighton Medley.

The Senior Women's golf played at Berwick Montuna on 4th May and at Devilbend on 1st

June was greatly enjoyed by Judy Collins, Marilyn Jamieson, Rosemary Fry, Jill Cox and Jan Mayberry.

The Club Champion is Maree McGowan with a total of 263.



On 28th May some of our ladies played at Malverndale's charity day and enjoyed the lunch and fun afterwards.

The committee members have been busy organizing our own Charity Day on 17th June. The competition will be 18 holes Stableford.

Jan Mayberry

Ever Wondered How It All Happens?

October 1st 2015 will see a fresh beginning and a new opportunity to continue the tradition. But "How Does It Happen?"

The club members who decide your future golfing experiences and that of our club as a whole are just like you.

Each year up to ten (10) of your fellow members make decisions that affect you personally.

The Committee of Management (CoM) of our club meets once a month to direct and decide what we all do.

You could be part of this very successful and productive group by spending a few hours once a month adding your personal contribution to the life of our club.

Our club membership is made up basically of two thirds Men and one third Ladies. However if we look at the ratio of each gender on the CoM we find that there are nine (9) Men and only one (1) Lady.

Surely this is neither representative nor desirable to effectively and accurately reflect the needs and requirements of our whole club.

Obviously all members are welcome and encouraged to make their personal contribution. However it would be to everyone's benefit to have a more even split of Men and Ladies on the CoM.

Soon to be displayed in the clubrooms will be the CoM positions (highlighted in red). These will be shown on the big white board along with a brief description of each position.

So why not have a look at what's available, choose what you would like to try and if you are still undecided ask one of the current committee. Their names and pictures are shown on the last sheet. Their contact details are in your Club Syllabus.

You need not have any specific knowledge or experience, handy if you do but it is not essential. Every assistance is given to each CoM member – Experienced or not. All you need is to be an Ordinary Playing or Honorary Life member with at least one (1) year of club membership.

So rather than just let it happen to you "Why Not Make It Happen" for all members.

This is your chance - don't let it slip by.

*Geoff Hergt Honorary Secretary/Public Officer
BGC Inc*

What Do I Get for My Annual Club Sub??

That's a fair question because things have changed a lot over the past couple of years.

Assuming you are a Full Ordinary Playing Member your annual club sub gives you :-

- a. 12 months Affiliation with the VGL (Victorian Golf League) a well respected association of similar golf clubs. A member of our club is the current President of the VGL - Alex Johnson.
- b. Insurance cover for you in case of personal injury on the course and for your equipment in case of loss.
- c. An Australia wide recognized registered golf handicap through GolfLink, managed for you by our club.
- d. All competition fees for 12 months. This fee offsets the cost of the high quality trophies awarded regularly for winners of weekly and annual BGC golfing competitions.
- e. House Account redeemable over the bar or to buy club regalia.
- f. Access to comfortable well equipped clubrooms with all facilities.
- g. A wide variety of competitions throughout the year.
- h. The opportunity to play in club sponsored Pennant matches against other VGL clubs
- i. Instant updates on your position in the field of golfers every time you play in a club comp. This is the new Leaderboard system.
- j. A comprehensive club website which gives you access to almost all club activities and results.
- k. An excellent monthly newsletter BGC News, including back issues for at least three (3) years.

- l. FREE WI-FI when in the clubrooms.
- m. A well maintained courtyard with bar-b-que facilities.
- n. A well presented hard copy Club Syllabus with lots of helpful information including the entire year's fixtures.
- o. Social functions in which you, your partner and friends are invited to attend for a very affordable outlay.
- p. Voting Rights at an EGM & AGM. You can help direct the future of our club. Your vote matters.

But really it is the fun of being part of a like minded group of people that sets our club apart from others. Money can't buy that!!

These are just some of the benefits you get for your annual sub. Now what does it cost you for all this and much, much more?

Whilst the fees for the coming golfing year are yet to be struck it is highly unlikely that the most any club member will outlay would exceed the previous year's sub plus an amount to ensure our club remains financially viable.

Yes, for roughly \$8 per week (that's two cups of coffee) and if your member category is less than an Ordinary Playing member your outlay is less.

Compare this with any other similar offering and it is obvious that being a member of the Brighton Golf Club is great value for you and your family, friends, colleagues etc.

Obviously this is why you are a member but isn't it time you shared our successes with those close to you??

Geoff Hergt

Honorary Secretary/Public Officer – BGC Inc



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