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Many tees had an A and a B group which meant that at 7.55am the A team teed off then the B team followed. The concept is that everyone tees off by 8am so that everyone is finished and back in the clubhouse by circa noon. Players finished on the hole prior to where they had started and made their way back to the clubhouse.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch (clubhouse) preparations were well underway to cater for the onslaught of players around mid day.

As you might imagine when the players finally got back they were tired, thirsty and hungry which made for a challenging time for the volunteers to arrange seating, drinks and food.

The Red Cross Ladies had also organized a number of opportunities for the players and friends to participate in fundraising activities which will assist the wonderful work they do for EVERYONE.

It was a really heart warming site to see the clubhouse filled to capacity with enthusiastic, if not a little weary, golfers having

a great time and assisting such a worthwhile cause. Surely THIS is what our Annual Red Cross Charity Day is all about.

The BGC is greatly appreciative of the efforts of our sponsors, volunteers, contributors and ALL who made the day such a success. It just shows that we can achieve TOGETHER what we cannot achieve alone.

An excellent day was enjoyed not only by all participants but by the Red Cross and our Club as a whole.

Results on the day were :-

Men's Red Cross Champion – Best Nett	Lloyd Hall - 64cb (Peter's Mitre 10 sponsor)
Men's Red Cross Scratch – Best Gross	Marc Robinson - 74
Men's Red Cross Callaway – Best Nett	Graeme Johnston - 70 (Bayside Hockey Club)
Ladies Red Cross Champion – Best Nett	Kate Tester - 70
Ladies Red Cross Scratch – Best Gross	Mandy Coxon - 103 (Guest through Pro Shop)
Ladies Red Cross Callaway – Best Nett	Joslyn Simpson - 70



Marc Robinson Red Cross 2017



Red Cross Day 2017 Kate Tester John McCreery



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Highlights of CoM Meeting - 14 Mar 2017

The draft 5-year plan is now Work In Progress (WIP). More facts, data and analysis is required. The BPGC Course Improvement project start is currently held up but is expected to start soon. The latest Trivia Night was successful on Friday 17th March. Full house and the entry ticket included full dinner.

Junior member initiatives - Father/Mother and son/daughter member combinations. A new sub com to be established to handle Junior member issues and work cooperatively with LMS pro-shop.

Treasurer provided February 2017 report for each CoM member present. More detailed reports are available in office for those members requiring full details, as required by Rule 36 (a). Red Cross Day financial results in process of being completed, similar or better than last year \$ result is expected.

Secretary provided a written report to all CoM members. The results of the RCD raffle were published in daily papers under Public Notices and posted in the clubrooms. Membership applications are currently being processed to our "2for1" offer.

Captain reported:

- The 47th Red Cross Charity Day 4th March was successful with 116 players (including 40 platinum card) and 96 guests in clubhouse for lunch and social activities, inc. raffle draw.
- Pennant Season has started with mixed results. He explained new GA rules for 2018-19. They are intended to simplify and speed up the game. Maybe these new rules can be introduced as local BGC rules beforehand on our Public Course

Ladies reported low playing numbers currently due to weather conditions, Pennant has started, but not much success yet, 9-hole play is well attended and as weather improves more 18-hole players are expected on Saturdays and Wednesdays. It was reported that "time poor" Mothers are showing interest in 9-hole competition before picking up their children from school in afternoon.

Marketing sub-com has been busy running Red Cross day and other activities.

- The BGC membership pergola was up during RCD and attracted attention. A sturdier pergola is required.
- Voted to upgrade Website by CL to allow application and payment of applicable joining fee directly on the BGC web site.
- BGC received invitation from LMS to attend seminar for golf clubs involved with Social Media.

House sub-com reported that kitchen upgrade to Class 2 is completed, and the club is grateful for great work done by particularly Peter Bimbi, Craig Davis and Peter Nouak, and different food can now be enjoyed by all members

The golf course works are expected to start in March and continue through to end August/September, 2017, during which time the course will become a 9-hole layout played twice for 18 hole competitions. Captain is coordinating all BGC communication with LMS and the Golf Course pro-shop.

Our BHC Social Members say they are happy at BGC and will continue using our clubhouse and facilities for their social activities, when their hockey season starts in April. We are happy to have them with us.

End of CoM meeting highlights



Neil Sargood
Feb/Mar Birdie Comp Winner

Daylight Saving Time Change

At 3am on Sunday April 2nd 2017 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.

You may choose to turn your clocks BACKWARD 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday April 1st 2017. This will have the effect, on Sunday April 2nd, that your clocks are already in sync with the correct time.

It's YOUR choice!!!





Ready, Set Go!

A minor distraction to our lives has just begun all over our fair land.

Yes, the AFL Footy Season is back... but wait... there is something much more IMPORTANT to US.

The 2017 BGC Winter Classic begins on Saturday April 8th.

Following on from several very successful seasons this year's event has all the hallmarks of being a real "show stopper".

As an indication of the rivalry that exists between the teams word has it that the Sainters and Sinners (wooden spooners for the last two years) have traded Peter Bimbi to the Could-a-Beens and taken on the improving David Shutler. Things are really hotting up!!

Teams of BGC players will compete against one another for the coveted Winter Classic Trophy over most Saturdays at the same time as that other "distraction" is being played out.

Although the game we love was born to be played during the cooler months of the year most players are more comfortable playing golf in the warmer months. Enter the BGC Winter Classic and our game "for ALL seasons" comes alive.

For a number of years now this initiative of Bill Dooley and Andrew "Tex" Blunden has generated much interest and enthusiasm amongst BGC members who might otherwise have had thoughts of warmer northern climes. They've stayed here, played in this event and loved the choice they made.

So, if you have not yet secured your place in a team of your choice then talk to either Bill, Andrew or Club Captain John McCreery and get aboard what could turn out to be "the ride of your life".

Whilst this has been a Male only domain so far there is no reason why the BGC Ladies could not field a team each Saturday. Talk to Bill, Andrew or John – it's not too late.

As a member of a previous winning team I can tell you "You won't be disappointed you got involved".

Geoff Hergt



St Patrick's Day – Great Trivia Night

Friday March 17th was the “Day to be Green” especially if you are inclined to be “just a little bit Irish”.

Circa 50 members and friends enjoyed a scrumptious sit down dinner and loads of Trivia questions with guess who’s team winning yet again???

Yes, our resident VGL President, Past Club President and Life Member Alex Johnson organized a team of trivia aficionados who were collectively celebrated as the best team on the night.

A great night was had by all attendees with many thanks going to Quiz Master Peter Jolly, House Manager David Heraud and all who assisted in the planning and on the night.



Why and Who got it wrong!?

The cost of and time taken to communicate with club members via snail mail (ordinary post) is prohibitive.

To save ALL members unnecessary delays and expense the club communicates more and more via email. It is faster and cheaper than any alternative. YOU HEAR IT QUICKER.

But, the “spanner in the works” is when a member’s email address changes and the club is not notified immediately.

This means YOU do not get the “mail” and the club can lose contact with you. Both are BAD because everyone loses.

The fix however is easy and simple : As soon as a change occurs to either your phone (landline or mobile), your mailing street address or your EMAIL address please advise the club so that YOU continue to receive updates as they occur.

We will make every effort to get your details right in our records but we need the correct and most recent details to be able to do that.

YOU are important to our club and we do not want YOU to miss out unnecessarily. Please help us to help YOU.



“Golf is not a game of great shots. It's a game of the most accurate misses. The people who win make the smallest mistakes”

Gene Littler
Professional golfer



Our Kitchen Rules

For some time now our members and Committee of Management (CoM) have wanted to upgrade our kitchen facilities and now it has been achieved. Upgrade from Class 3 to Class 2. granted on March 3rd 2017.

Club members :-

- **Peter Bimbi** organized the installation of the new kitchen
- **Craig Davis** did all the plumbing work and cleaned out the clubhouse spouting
- **Tom Buzzia** did all the plastering work associated with the new kitchen and office entry
- **Peter Nowak** did the electrical work
- **Mark Pearson** did the painting whilst
- **Kevin Pearce** did the glass splashback
- **David Heraud** managed the entire kitchen upgrade

For Sale

Lady Member Doris Klein has a Parmaker electric buggy complete with battery and umbrella stand (pictured) which is available for \$200 - but here is the deal. Doris will donate half, Yes 50%, of the nominated sale price to the Golf Charity Day. Call Doris on 0411 969 474.



It is truly gratifying that Club Members are prepared to assist the club and ALL the members by providing their services and skills to improve the amenity for US ALL.

Al Abrahams (another club member) and his brother are also assisting House Manager David Heraud with the repairs to many of the chairs used by members in the clubhouse.

Whilst we all expect and enjoy these improvements as they occur we seldom recognize those who actually do the work. On behalf of all members and our CoM we say THANK YOU to those mentioned above for "going that extra mile".



Captain's Report



The highlight for this month was a Hole in One by the Club Handicapper, Ray Desmond, at the 11th hole on Saturday, 4th March. It was Red Cross Charity Day so Ray was able to show off to his son, Shaun, and two guests as he hit the perfect shot.

The main events of interest over the last month have been organizing the Red Cross Charity Day, start of the Men's and Ladies Pennant seasons and the Mixed Foursomes.

The Mixed Foursomes was won by Toom Larkin and John McCreery with a score of 74 nett. Toom and John will represent Brighton in the VGL Mixed Foursomes Championship at the Ringwood Golf Course on Sunday, 19th March.

The VGL Men's Foursomes Championship is also taking place on the same day at the Ringwood Golf Course and Brighton will be represented by John Collins and Chris Sommeruelle.

RED CROSS CHARITY DAY

On Saturday, 4th March, 2017 the Brighton Golf Club in conjunction with Leisure Management Services (Pro Shop) and the Brighton Branch of the Australian Red Cross held the 47th Annual Red Cross Charity Open Golf Tournament. With the assistance of Travis Harrison promoting the event we had close to a full field of 116 players eager to go well before the 8:00 am start time.

Most players had a reasonably paced round and were back in the Club House by 12.30 pm ready to spend money on the spinning wheel. Special thanks go to Bruce Arundell for running the wheel and handing out the prizes.

Also, thanks to the Members who donated or obtained items for the spinning wheel and to the Ladies from the Brighton branch of the Red Cross for their enthusiasm in selling the tickets. Further thanks to the businesses and Club Members who sponsored holes for their continued support of the Red Cross. While the amount raised has not been finalised it should be in the vicinity of \$7,000.

The golf winners for the day and Red Cross Champions were Lloyd Hall, who works for Peter's Mitre 10, one of the hole sponsors with a score of 64 nett and Kate Tester with 70 nett.

GOLF COURSE STORM WATER HARVESTING PROJECT

The Bayside City Council has delayed the start of the works that will provide a sustainable water supply for the Brighton Golf Course and Dendy Park. The Club will be notified at least a week before the works are to commence. Until then the course will remain 18 holes.



Ray and Son see Hole in One

An ACE is pretty rare but what a thrill to score one whilst your son is in the same group to share the experience.

That is exactly what happened on Saturday March 4th at the BGC Annual Red Cross Charity Day.

It was early in their round (2nd hole) on the long par 3 11th when Club Handicapper Ray Desmond played the perfect shot which pitched just short of the green and, with son Shaun, watched the ball roll up into the cup. High Fives all round!!

The Bitter/Sweet moment came when he (Ray) had to apply this miraculous shot to his own handicap and... well, you guessed the rest!!

Well done Ray. I've heard it said that "This could be the start of something BIG". We wish you well. Just goes to show you are never too old for good stuff to happen to YOU!!





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2017 Pennant Program

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DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	TIME	RESULT
Mar 2nd	1	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Centenary Park v Brighton	9.30	5.0 - 1.0
Mar 9th	2	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Glen Waverley	8.48	5.0 - 1.0
Mar 16th	3	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Lakeside	8.48	3.0 - 3.0
Mar 23rd	4	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Brighton v Centenary Park	8.48	3.0 - 3.0
Mar 30th	5	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Glen Waverley v Brighton	8.30	1.5 - 4.5
Apr 2nd	1	Scratch	Div 2	Ringwood v Brighton	8.36	
Apr 2nd	1	Handicap	Div 3	Brighton v Ringwood	8.32	
Apr 6th	6	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Lakeside v Brighton	8.00	
Apr 9th	2	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v Dorset	8.32	
Apr 9th	2	Handicap	Div 3	Elsternwick Park v Brighton	7.30	
Apr 20th	Final	Seniors	Norm Von Nida	Played at Kingston Links	TBA	
Apr 23rd	3	Scratch	Div 2	East Malvern v Brighton	8.13	
Apr 23rd	3	Handicap	Div 3	Brighton v Lakeside	8.32	
Apr 30th	4	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v Ringwood	8.32	
Apr 30th	4	Handicap	Div 3	Ringwood v Brighton	9.08	
May 7th	5	Scratch	Div 2	Dorset v Brighton	8.36	
May 7th	5	Handicap	Div 3	Brighton v Elsternwick Park	8.32	
May 21st	6	Scratch	Div 2	Brighton v East Malvern	8.32	
May 21st	6	Handicap	Div 3	Lakeside v Brighton	8.00	
May 28th	Final	Scratch	Div 2	Werribee Park	TBA	
Jun 4th	Final	Handicap	Div 3	Werribee Park	TBA	

LADIES

DATE	ROUND	TEAM	DIVISION	MATCH	TIME	RESULT
Feb 27th	1	Brighton 1	A Grade	Riverside/Ess 1 v Brighton 1	7.50	4.0 - 1.0
Feb 27th	1	Brighton 2	C Grade	Glen Waverley 2 v Brighton 2	8.00	4.0 - 1.0
Mar 6th	2	Brighton 1	A Grade	Brighton 1 v Riverview 1	6.56	2.0 - 3.0
Mar 6th	2	Brighton 2	C Grade	Brighton 2 v Malverndale 2	7.12	1.5 - 3.5
Mar 20th	3	Brighton 1	A Grade	Brighton 1 v Ringwood 1	7.12	2.5 - 2.5
Mar 20th	3	Brighton 2	C Grade	Bundoora Park v Brighton 2	8.00	3.0 - 2.0
Mar 27th	4	Brighton 1	A Grade	Brighton 1 v Riverside/Ess 1	6.56	3.0 - 2.0
Mar 27th	4	Brighton 2	C Grade	Brighton 2 v Glen Waverley 2	7.12	3.0 - 2.0
Apr 3rd	5	Brighton 1	A Grade	Riverview 1 v Brighton 1	7.38	
Apr 3rd	5	Brighton 2	C Grade	Malverndale 2 v Brighton 2	7.45	
Apr 10th	6	Brighton 1	A Grade	Ringwood 1 / v Brighton 1	7.48	
Apr 10th	5	Brighton 2	C Grade	Brighton 2 v Bundoora Park	7.12	
Apr 24th	Final	Brighton 1	A Grade		TBA	
Apr 24th	Final	Brighton 2	C Grade		TBA	



Ladies Activities

March has been a hot month for golf with a few pulling out due to the heat so some of the competitions have been a bit light on for competitors. This month the medal winner was Cheryl Young with a great net score of 67. Cheryl has scooped the pool this month winning second prize in the raffle for Red Cross day also. Although one luck and one skill !

Our new members playing on Wednesday in the nine hole competition seem to be enjoying the friendly nature of Brighton and I hope to see them starting to play the 18 soon.

Pennant season is well under way and although we are yet to win a match we are enjoying the camaraderie. The 5:30am get up in some cases does take the shine off a little but we have had some beautiful morning weather. We hope this continues.

Like everyone we are waiting to play the new 9 hole format so lets hope it continues on schedule. All the ladies were concerned for the turtles who were located in the on course dams. So the 86 retrieved so far is just the start of what we hope will be the total who make it to the next relocation.

Sue Bamberry
Lady Captain



A "Tree Mendous" shot required here by Lady Capt Sue Bamberry



Ken Brown, Judy Darby, Therese Talbot and Pam Jones.
Winners of the Mixed Ambrose 2017.



March Medal Winner Past Lady President Cheryl Young

"I can airmail the golf ball, but sometimes I don't put the right address on it"

Jim Dent
Professional golfer known for his long tee shots



BGC Member Profiles



GIENEK MIESZELEWICZ

Gienek (pronounced Genek), a retired Electrical Engineer, and wife Relene (loves our social events) have three (3) children. He has several patents registered. So he is a creative thinker.

A member for the past four (4) years Gienek came to our club after being given a set of golf clubs and buggy as a retirement present. Having heard good reports about us and our club he made enquiries and ultimately joined.

This is terrific as most of our new members come to us through personal introduction from friends or family members.

The friendly environment and enjoyment of playing with a great bunch of guys are amongst his reasons for maintaining his membership.

Reducing his current golf handicap to less than 25 and improved fairways would make him even more happy.

Our current plans, already in motion, will do this and a whole lot more to improve the course this year.



ROD BOUCHER

Rod Boucher is a guy who began his working life as a plumber, got an accounting qualification and went on to manage a large transport company both here and overseas.

With wife Carey they have three (3) children and a number of grandchildren.

A BGC member for the past two (2) years Rod has belonged to Southern GC but loves the relaxed, friendly atmosphere at BGC. A handy single figure player Rod loves his golf but feels our course could be improved with additional ball washers and rakes in bunkers. Greens cut and rolled on Fridays would enhance playing in Saturday competitions.

Where family commitments allow both Rod and Carey enjoy the social side of our club and look forward to a long and enjoyable retirement.

Rod has enjoyed considerable success at our club since joining and we look forward to seeing his name high up on the Leaderboard in the future.



RUSSELL WHYTE

Russell Whyte's practicality is evidenced by obtained his plumbing trade qualification. Over his working career Russell rose to be Manager of Plumbing for Victoria with Plumbing Inspection Services.

In his youth Russell won the Goulburn Valley Football Association's Best and Fairest award beating Mick Clay, a well known and respected footballer.

A member of our club for over 38 years Russell first joined to obtain a registered handicap. He has since gone on to win our club's B Grade Championship award five (5) times.

Living in Pakenham, not exactly around the corner from our clubrooms, Russell credits his long active membership of our club to his playing partners and the company of fellow golfers. One of Russell's sons is married to club member Cec Dixon's daughter. An avid sports enthusiast he holds a keen interest in all sports, not just golf. Improvement of the course and a move to Thailand are amongst his future ideals.



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