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## Pennant Season 2018 Where Are We At?



Here is a wrap of all matches played by our FOUR pennant teams at the time of printing.

### The BGC Ladies team

Finished third in their group with 2 wins, a draw and 3 losses.

### The BGC Men's teams

The Senior team needs to at least draw their last match to get into the final.

Their results so far:

- Rd. 1.** Brighton 3.5 defeated East Malvern 2.5.
- Rd. 2.** Brighton 3 drew with Forest Hills 3.
- Rd. 3.** Brighton 4 defeated Lakeside 2.
- Rd. 4.** Brighton 2 lost to East Malvern 4.
- Rd. 5.** Brighton 5 defeated Forest Hills 1.

The Handicap team has had 1 win and 2 draws.

- Rd. 1.** Brighton 4 drew with East Malvern 4.
- Rd. 2.** Brighton 6.5 defeated Olinda 1.5.
- Rd. 3.** Brighton 4 drew with Cragieburn Willmott 4.

The Scratch team has had 1 win and 2 losses.

- Rd. 1.** Brighton 5 defeated Growling Frog 3.
- Rd. 2.** Brighton 3.5 lost to Lakeside 4.5.
- Rd. 3.** Brighton 2.5 lost to Centenary Park 5.5.

It is worth remembering that these guys were elevated to a higher grade from last year so the level of skill this year is quite a bit better than last year.

So, there it is:

**Are you following your chosen BGC Pennant Team?**  
Caddies and galleries are always welcome with details of each match in your 2018 Syllabus. Check it out and follow your team. Your attendance at a Pennant match could help your own game as well as supporting your team.

Updates of the latest results are always available from our Club Captain John McCreery, Pennant Team Captains or on Club Notice Boards.

### Stop Press... Stop Press

Testing of the Storm Water Harvesting system started on Saturday April 14th with the rain gardens and dams filling quickly. Testing on the back nine of the course is likely to commence circa end April. The irony of this first testing is that it occurred just as the rain started to fall. Future benefits of the new system should start to occur from now onwards.



Pic shows L-R Giles Toler and Malcolm Turner as the water began to flow.



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## Just 100 years ago and a long way from home



Villers-Bretonneux a small town circa 15klms from Amien a strategic city in northern France provided an opportunity for Aussie soldiers to erase the defeat of Gallipoli just three years earlier.

The manoeuvre involved two Australian brigades approaching the town from opposing directions in order to trap the Germans.

The 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division, commanded by General William Glasgow, would attack to the south of Villers-Bretonneux, while the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division, commanded by General Harold "Pompey" Elliot, would attack to the north. In all, about 3,900 men were part of the attack.

The surprise attack happened at night. The plan was to encircle and trap the Germans - in the dark and without support. The 15th Brigade had already been stationed near Villers-Bretonneux by April 23.

"Pompey Elliott wanted to counter-attack immediately, but did not receive the green light until hours later, when the Germans had consolidated their positions in the town," he said.

"The fact that it was now night-time also made Elliot's plan, a complex envelopment manoeuvre, more difficult to implement."

Australian official war correspondent Charles Bean, who was nearby when the attack happened, wrote in his diary: "I don't believe they have a chance".

"Went to bed thoroughly depressed... feeling certain that this hurried attack would fail hopelessly," he wrote.

"They were aware it was the third anniversary of the original Anzac Day and they had an opportunity to commemorate it with a special exploit," he said.

"They overcame the Germans north of the town in a famously irresistible charge."

Dr Pedersen says the fact the Australians worked without reconnaissance to retake the town is a testament to their skill.

"At the time it earned the praise of the British who saw it," he said. One journalist called it "one of the most outstanding manoeuvres of the war".



Australian soldiers in a machine gun trench in France 1918.

# Just 100 years ago and a long way from home



By the dawn of April 25, three years after the initial landing at Gallipoli, the Australians had broken through the German entrenchment.

It took the rest of the day and into the next to secure Villers-Bretonneux and create a new front line to the east, ending the German offensive on the Somme.

Those Germans who were not captured or killed were then pushed back towards the woods adjacent to Villers-Bretonneux. The town did not fall into enemy hands for the rest of WWI.

While thousands of lives were lost in the battle (Australians 2,500, Brits 9,500 and Germans 10,000) the people of Villers-Bretonneux have not forgotten the Australian sacrifice. The Australian flag continues to fly over the town.

Recognition of the significance of the battle can be found at the Australian National Memorial, built just outside the town.

Unveiled in July 1938 by Queen Elizabeth, the memorial contains the names of the 11,000 Australians missing in action in France.

Each year on Anzac Day, a small ceremony is held at the memorial to mark the sacrifice of the diggers.

In recent years, a dawn service has also been held. After WWI money donated by school children in Victoria was used to build a new school in Villers-Bretonneux, named the Victoria school. A plaque at the school says it is "proof of their love and goodwill towards France".

And in the Victoria School's playground and above the blackboards is written: "Do not forget Australia". Amid the hurly burly of today's busy existence it is easy to forget that the freedom and peaceful lives we enjoy have been hard won by the sacrifices made by many, many Australian men and women on the battle fields of the world.

Although 100 years ago this was just one of those battles.

Lest We Forget.

***"Golf : the worst damn fun anybody ever had."***

***Cy Manier – Professional golfer***



French children tend to the graves of Australians killed in the battle.

# This May Surprise You?



A note from the *Head Professional and Manager of the Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC)*, Travis Harrison, indicates the level of work, just over the weeks commencing 3rd, 9th & 16th of April, which has been both completed and planned on the course. That work included:

**Completed:** *Week ending 6/4/18* - Cut greens Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, cut fairways, rough, trees and aprons, Bunkers raked Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, Holes changed Friday. Divoted tees, cut and top dressed new tee at 11, Top dressed greens on Friday, Began to use stump grinder on course, Sprayed boundary, carpark, pro shop & maintenance sheds for weeds, Sprayed tees for weed grasses, Trimmed all bunker edges and repaired irrigation on 3rd tee.

**Planned:** *Week beginning 9/4/18* – Course check, shape holes daily, change cup location Friday, Cut greens Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Fill divot and check/replace divot boxes (weekly), Rake bunkers Monday, Wednesday and hand rake Friday, Cut fairways, tees and aprons, rough and nature reserves, Cut and Top Dress new tee on 11 & range, Continue to trim all greenside sprinklers and edge all irrigation boxes, Trim around distance plates on tees, Spray bunkers with pre-emergent herbicide, Clean up around maintenance sheds – old greens mower for scrap metal, plastics to recycling centre, Continue stump grinding through course. Tidy along members path around range.

**Planned:** *Week beginning 16/04/18* - Course check, shape holes daily - change cup location Friday, Cut greens Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Fill divots and check / replace divot boxes (weekly), Rake bunkers Monday, Wednesday & hand rake Friday, Cut fairways, tees & aprons, rough & nature reserves, Cut & top dress new tees on 11 & range, Continue to trim all greenside sprinklers and edge all irrigation boxes, Spray bunkers with pre- emergent herbicide, Continue stump grinding thru course, Continue cleaning area @ range, Strip turf from Peninsula Kingswood site for 5th green renovation, Strip turf from 5th green, Re-position irrigation @ 5th green.

**Notes:** 5th temporary green in play from Tuesday April 17th, All staff to travel to Peninsula Kingswood CGC on Monday following course set up, 3rd year students on site Tuesday, 1st year students on site Thursday. With this level of ongoing course maintenance coupled with the availability of water to irrigate the course we can look forward to a continuing improvement in it's general condition and playing surface. Hopefully our individual experience and scoring will mirror these improvements.

The provision of this information is an indication of the efforts to which the course management is going to communicate with and listen to the concerns expressed by BGC club members. We greatly appreciated their efforts to make the course a more enjoyable experience for all.

## An Update from Travis

The reason only half the course has had the power turned on to the irrigation system is because the power supplier will only start once the system is complete. With the front nine holes, rain gardens etc complete the power was connected and the pumps working. However the back nine holes system was completed after the front nine. The power supplier has a 4 – 6 week delay in connecting systems once they are complete, hence the delay for the second half of the course.

But it is great to see the harvesting side of the system working without any leaks or issues. With regard to the Elsternwick members coming en masse to the BGC they have not yet made a decision.

There is a feeling that they would like to continue as their own club until at least the end of 2018, I have offered tee times in a block (5 groups) on a Saturday morning around the Brighton members. I know they have been approached from other courses as well trying to get them to join, I'm working hard to ensure we get them at Brighton. Any offer to join the BGC will need to be accommodating and constructive to encourage them to join/merge with your club. They want to keep some of their traditions (major trophies) running.

I'm also working with the ladies club who play on Thursday to merge with the Nepean Ladies. The BGC Ladies do not operate on Thursdays. The whole process requires a great deal of sensitivity.

The renovation of the 5th green will start Tuesday April 17th, all the turf was collected from Peninsula Kingswood golf course today (Monday April 16th) and will start to be laid tomorrow (Tuesday). The new surface collected looks great, so hopefully it takes quickly and we can have the hole back in play soon. The amount of distance lost on that hole (whilst it has a temporary green) will be made up by placing the tee markers further back on other holes.



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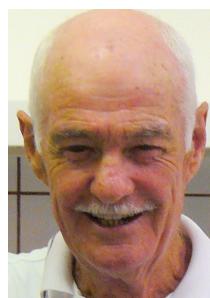
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## Toss The Goss!

It looks like the Bayside City Council has decided to turn the 9 hole Elsternwick Golf Course into a parklands area for the local residents. This could mean that a number of current Elsternwick members might become BGC members and play on our course in the very near future. Whilst this has been in the offing for sometime it now looks pretty certain so - Watch This Space!!

Longtime icon and Life Member of the BGC, Jim Mayfield, has not been sited around the clubrooms for several weeks. Jim lives in Dendy Street not far from the clubhouse and greatly enjoys the camaraderie of fellow members. He volunteers to assist both the kitchen and bar staff when the club is operating and in a number of other voluntary activities when the club is not open for members ie. Volunteers Tuesday each week.



**Jim Mayfield**

Enquiries indicate that Jim has not enjoyed the best of health recently and a brief spell in hospital and convalescence could be why we haven't seen him. Quite a number of members have asked after Jim, especially the Wednesday Ladies, and we believe that he is on the up and up. We wish Jim well and look forward to having him back soon. I have a couple of interesting stamps he might like to have.



**Barb Hannon**

Barb Hannon played in the comp last Saturday (Apr 7th) for the first time in a month and had the best ladies score on the day. Has she been saving herself for a triumphant return or has she been practicing whilst away?



**Jim McAlpine**

Recently elected Club President Jim McAlpine has not allowed his new role to affect his golfing prowess. He recently finished runner up in a field of 65 players during a Saturday Men's Par comp with 5 up. I wonder if that is what you call "Multi Tasking"?

Early Saturday morning players often come back to the clubhouse after their round to find the club car park with relatively few cars in it. But soon after members who have played that morning turn up in the club car park having initially parked their cars near the pro shop. I guess it saves the walk across from our clubhouse to the Pro Shop to start their round. The irony of that is that they then trudge another 7klms around the course. Some might say they only do it for the exercise - the golf is incidental!!

If you are aware of something that is, or is not, golf related but would be of interest to fellow members let me know.

Send your article and/or pic to [bgolf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bgolf@bigpond.net.au) addressed to The Editor BGC News.

*"Golf is a game where guts, stick-to-itiveness and blind devotion will always net you absolutely nothing but an ulcer".*

**Tommy Bolt - Professional golfer**

# Highlights of CoM Meeting - 14 April 2018



**Date:** Tuesday 17th April, 2018

**Venue:** Brighton Golf Club

**Present:** James McAlpine, Giles Toler, John McCreery, Sue Williams, David Heraud, Keith Beggs, Virginia Gattuso, Pamela Jones.

**Apologies:** Trevor George, Robyn Napolitano, Rosemary Fry.

## Motion Acceptance of Previous Committee Meeting

### 13/3/2018 minutes:

Motion to accept the 13/3/2018 Brighton Golf Club Committee of Management Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. (M) JMcC (S) VG PASSED.

## Matter Arising from Correspondence:

### Motion of Thanks:

To Giles Toler for the work that he is doing with the Junior BGC Members. (M) DH (S) KB PASSED

### Motion:

To grant Lady President and Lady Secretary BGC Committee of Management voting rights for 2018, as provided in Rule 33(b). (M) SW (S) DH PASSED

BIRDIE WINNER: Maureen Gaynor  
J McC and SW to write a letter of thanks to Barry Goring.

### Motion of Thanks:

To Barry Goring for his many years of valued service. (M) DH (S) GT PASSED

## 25/3/2018 Motion Acceptance:

Motion to accept as Members of the Brighton Golf Club, Theodora Brown, Cheryl Brooks, Conor Doherty, Arthur Toler, Lachlan Cook. (M) JMcC (S) SW PASSED

### Motion:

For DH to purchase a new roll-up blind for the BGC Clubrooms. (M) J McC (S) PJ PASSED

### Motion Acceptance:

Motion to accept all the tabled Reports. (M) SW (S) VG PASSED

## General Business:

### Elsternwick Park Golf Club:

With the closure of the Elsternwick Park Golf Club due on the 30th June, 2018, BGC has presented an attractive Membership offer to the present EPGC Members.

## BGC 5 Year Plan/12 Month Plan:

### Motion:

For DH to form a 12-month plan BGC Sub-Committee, to generate more revenue and increase the presently offered social events for BGC Members and their guests. (M) DH (S) GT PASSED.

## Red Cross Day 2018:

KB reported that a full list of income and expenses will be available as soon as all receipts and expenses are accounted for.

### Motion:

As per 2017, for BGC to donate \$150 to the Australian Red Cross. (M) KB (S) SW PASSED

## 65th Anniversary BGC Clubhouse (1953-2018):

### Motion:

To acknowledge the 65th Anniversary of the BGC Clubhouse by publishing a Special Edition BGC Newsletter. (M) SW (S) VG PASSED

### Defibrillator Unit:

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of accessing a community grant to use for part or full payment for the new defibrillator unit to be purchased for the Brighton Golf Club. VG volunteered to attend an upcoming information meeting for annual community grants.

### BGC Office Printer:

KB to give Digital Document Solutions (DDS) the go ahead to exchange the existing office printer, as advised by DDS. The new printer, with additional features, will be slightly cheaper for BGC and DDS will also provide onsite/ongoing training when required.

### Juniors:

GT to investigate an outdoor garden shed that could potentially be used for the storage of golf equipment by the BGC Juniors.

### Morning Access to BGC Clubrooms:

A discussion was held regarding sharing the duty of opening up the BGC Clubhouse for the early Saturday morning players. Peter Bimbi, Geoff Herdt and Kay Marriott to be asked to consider taking on this duty. John McC would continue to backup when required.

### Hole-In-One:

### Motion:

For a free drink to be given to all Lady Members present in the Clubroom, after a Lady Member has achieved a hole-in-one. (M) J McC (S) PJ PASSED

### BGC Vice Captain:

### Motion:

To accept GT as the new BGC Vice Captain. (M) SW (S) DH PASSED



**Maureen Gaynor**  
*Birdie Winner*

# Captain's Report



## Highlights

The Pennant Season is well under way with mixed results by all teams. The Ladies team finished third in their group just missing out on the final. The Senior Men with one match to go are 2 points clear of the second and third team but need to at least halve the match to make the final. The Scratch Men after 3 rounds have 1 win and 2 losses, so a bit of work to do. The Handicap Men after 3 rounds have 1 win and 2 halved matches to be on top of the ladder, but second and third are not far behind.

Well done to the Ladies and all the best to the Men for the rest of the season.

## 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.

The sprinkler system has been checked with a number of sprinkler heads being replaced, but a full audit of the system cannot be completed until there is enough water in the dams. The electricity has been connected to the pumps in the retention tanks under the practice fairway, so any water collected from the main drain can now be pumped to the rain gardens and then flow into the dams. All we need is lots of rain. The electricity is expected to be connected to the main pump station within the next month.

## New Green to be constructed

The 5th green is to be replaced and construction is expected to commence on the 17th April, 2018. The Course Management have sourced material from the Kingswood Golf Course that is closing in the near future. Members will have noticed that a temporary green has been formed on the fairway that is to be used during the reconstruction of the new green. The 5th hole will still be played as a Par 4 unless notified otherwise.

*John McCreery - Club Captain*

## Ladies Activities

Well the start of autumn has seen some beautiful weather for golf and after some rain we can see the fairway's starting to "green up" - let's hope it continues.

Our April Medal winner was a new member, Theodora Brown. Welcome and congratulations Theodora - a great start!

We also welcome an additional 4 more new members, Shirley Frost, Cheryl Brooks, Barbara Phelan and Helen Horsfield.

Pennant season has finished with our team ending up third after some very tough matches being played. Well done girls!

Organisation is underway for our Charity Day on 20 June. We are hoping to raise money this year for SMA Australia (Spinal Muscular Atrophy - which is a childhood version of motor neurone disease) a very worthy charity which we are hoping everyone will support. Please put the date in your diary and watch this space for more information.

Sending best wishes for a speedy recovery to one of our members, Marg Mooney, who had a fall returning from an overseas trip and broke her arm.

Hope to see you back playing soon Marg.  
Happy golfing everyone.

*Pam Jones.*



**April Medal Winner and new member Theodora Brown**

***"In golf, as in life, it is the follow through that makes the difference"***

# BGC Member Profiles



**GORDON ALLAN**

Gordon and Elaine Allan have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Gordon obtained a Diploma in Business from Swinburne and has worked with his current employer for the past 37 years, he travels extensively.

Although a BGC member for only circa 5 years Gordon has played the BPGC for the past 40 years because they only live 12 minutes away.

Joining the old Golf Link system to get a handicap then becoming a BGC member seemed a natural progression. Interestingly the reason Gordon is keen to retain his membership is for the welcoming, friendly atmosphere and the camaraderie. Not so much the golf!

In so far as golfing achievements are concerned Gordon feels he will do all that when he retires. In the meantime he plays as often as he can and is looking forward to "playing off grass again."

Mark & Miriam Slatter have a son Jack, 27 & daughter Rachel, 25. A Bachelor of Business (I.T & Accounting) sees Mark in IT pre internet.  
A 6yr BGC member Mark joined to get a handicap.

Although never a golfer Mark, to his credit and the patience of his BGC playing partners, has gone on to win a "C" Grade Club Championship, Handicappers Award and score a Hole in One.

Other sporting successes include: Karate 30+ years, many years sailing and a local legend in football.

His "Bucket List" contains: Hitting the driver straight, travelling o/s, catching a Marlin and meeting Bono

He loves: Riding his Harley Davidson, watching Richmond win, ancient history, U2 and Techno music.

He'd like to see :- A government that makes valuable changes and more water for the BPGC. Both petrol and beer should be free!



**MARK SLATTER**



**QUENTIN BROWN**

Quentin and Victoria Brown have three children. Growing up in Warragul, then studying Graphic Design at Monash Uni Quentin has had his own business in Balaclava for 10years where he has worked with major AFL clubs on rebranding etc.

A 15yr BGC member Quentin's dad Ray and uncle Terry are both BGC members so there is a competitive rivalry when they play golf together. Just when life is supposed "to begin" Quentin had a health scare which has caused him to readjust his lifestyle but thankfully still play golf.

Course development and the friendly family competition are particular "likes" along with his business and of course his wife and children.

Quentin is looking forward to having another crack at a Club Championship Grade win in the not too distant future and getting his handicap back to where it was in the low double figures.



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