

Trivia Night - Let's Do it Again Soon!!!!

In May this year our club ran its Autumn Trivia Night. The event was attended by 70+ members, partners and friends all of whom had a great time.

The event was designed to do two things:

- 1. Provide a fun social aspect to club life and
- 2. To raise funds to help run our club.

Both were achieved in spades. But how was this done?

Club member Peter Jolly (PJ) took on the role of Quiz Master providing the questions and answers, President Keith and VP Karl arranged the nibbles whilst Beau & Geoff manned the bar.

There were ten rounds of "not too difficult" questions, lots of friendly banter and two teams who were equal on points at the end of the night. So, just like in golf,

there was a sudden death playoff resulting in Hon. Life Member Alex Johnson and his team emerging triumphant for a second year running.

Prizes on the night were supplied by the BGC and club member Innes Ireland of the House of Golf just up on the highway - Always worth a visit.

Here for all to see is the very essence of your club working just as it should. Fun for all at an affordable price from which ALL members, whether they attended the event or not, gain valuable benefits.

Is it worth being a member of the Brighton Golf Club Inc. – Sure is !!!!!!

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Geoff Hergt - Secretary





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Highlights of CoM Meeting - May 12 2015

Financial Report: Red Cross Charity Day achieved a net result to the amount of \$7,181.52. Moved successfully that a cheque for this amount be raised and sent to the Red Cross. Also, that the BGC make an annual \$150 donation to the RCCD including this year.

Secretary: Geoff Hergt (GH) confirmed that club admin was up to date. GH then referred to the New Member Graph pointing out that whilst the number of new members in May were encouraging we are well behind our target and running 6 year average.

Should we suffer the usual number of resignations at renewal time this year we will start the 2015/16 golfing year with less members than we started the 2014/15 golfing year.

This will place huge strains on our ability to budget for the future as well as the need to generate funds either from existing members or from external sources in order to maintain our service level to our members.

We need to set our future budget numbers before we know how many resignations we will suffer.

GH referred to the upcoming AGM, nominations for CoM roles etc.

Captain's Report: Refer page 3.

Ladies Sub Committee Report: April Guest Day

NEW BGC MEMBERS

The following three ladies recently joined the Club recently:

- Judith Murphy
- Moira Kemp
- Rosa Baernreuther

May we wish them many years of happy golfing at the BGC.

raised \$440 plus bar trading, Medal Day raffle \$158.

Autumn Trivia Night: We have 47 paid/confirmed and an expected circa 18 additional attendees which makes the event viable (65). Catering organised but to be confirmed. A c/tee mtg date to

be advised. Keith Beggs (KB) has purchased a white board for this and future club use. Bar to be managed on the night by Beau Roberts (BR) & GH.

House Sub Committee: BGC Water usage - BR advised that the most recent bill had increased enormously. He has arranged for the plumber who did the previous work in the ladies toilet etc. to come and advise on a possible water leak.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Financial Budget for 2015/2016: KB has current membership subscription components upgraded by 5% as a starting point. He will be preparing the financial budget during July. This is a huge job.

Update on Bayside Hockey Club: KB advised that despite his many efforts he has had no response from anyone at BHC.

Club Member Welfare: Bill Dooley (BD) advised that Ray Reed is recovering from his recent op and is in good spirits. Jim Mayfield is improving however still has some unresolved health issues which will keep him away from the club for a number of weeks.

Winter Classic comp: This is progressing well having contributed \$1280 to club coffers. The fourth round has just been played with all teams having achieved a win and only 6.8% point difference between the top and bottom teams. BD thanked John Sutherland (JS) for his assistance in opening the clubrooms whilst he (BD) was away.

Update on Brighton Public Golf Course: KB advised that the sub committee has met three (3) times and decided to try and identify exactly what LMS is doing about the condition of the golf course.

Contact with Don Hartley at LMS has been established but no reply received as yet.

No other action will be taken until the LMS position is clear. KB emphasised that first and foremost we must maintain our good relationship with LMS.

MATT SCOTT

MAY Birdie Comp Winner

End of CoM minutes Highlights

Captain's Report – May 2015

Pennant Competition

The Pennant Season is drawing to a close with mixed fortunes for most of our teams. The Men's Scratch Team need to win their last home and away game well to have a chance of being in the final this year. We wish the Scratch Team all the best.

The Men's Handicap Team unfortunately will not be playing in the final this year. They have found it difficult to win matches with a lot of new players playing Pennant for the first time. However, the team could still remain in Division 1 if they have a good win in the last game. The Handicap Team is keen to improve their performance next year and would like to get some new players into the team. So if you have some ability in the match play side of the game please put your name forward.

The Men's Seniors Team as reported last month had a very good season which culminated in them winning the Pennant by defeating Glen Waverley in the final at Amstel Park Golf Course.

The Ladies No. 1 Team had a good season finishing a close second in 'A' Grade after the home and away matches. Unfortunately, only the top team goes through to the final.

The Ladies No. 2 Team playing in 'C' Grade found the opposition a bit more consistent and finished third on the ladder. All players enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to doing better next year.

Care of the Course

With the recent wet conditions on the course, special attention needs to be taken by all players so that your game of golf can be enjoyed to the upmost.

- Always carry a sand bucket to repair divots.
 Not just your own divot but others left by unthinking golfers.
- 2. Always carry a pitch mark repairer, and again, don't only repair your own mark but others that you see. The Pro Shop sell pitch mark repairers for \$1.00.
- 3. Always rake the bunkers after use.
- 4. **Always** take your buggy around the back of bunkers, to limit the damage to the narrow

strip of grass between the green and the bunker.

The Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy

A reminder to the members who are in the Men's Match Play Championship that Round 2 must be played by June 6th.

John McCreery Club Captain

Rules of Golf

This month I want to follow up on the Rory McIlroy incident explained in last month's edition with our own problem that similarly causes many issues.

This ball is sitting next to an **unattached** divot.

Can divots left on the fairways that have not been replaced be



shifted as this may also improve our lies? Yet another reason for repairing all divots properly, isn't it.

By reading the 'Decisions of Golf' these ideas are further explained by extensions to the Rules.

I have found: Rule 23/13 Lump of Earth: Is it a loose lump of earth or a loose impediment?

Yes. Loose soil is not a loose impediment except on the putting green. However, a lump of earth is not loose soil. (Revised)

Except when both the loose impediment and the ball lie in or touch the same hazard, any loose impediment may be removed without penalty.

If the ball lies anywhere other than on the putting green and the removal of a loose impediment by the player causes the ball to move, Rule 18-2a applies.

On the putting green, if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved in the process of the player removing a loose impediment, the ball or ball-marker must be replaced. There is no penalty, provided the movement of the ball or ball-marker is directly attributable to the removal of the loose impediment.

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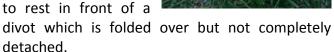
Rules of Golf Continued......

Otherwise, if the player causes the ball to move, he incurs a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2a.

This divot cannot be repaired before a shot is played.

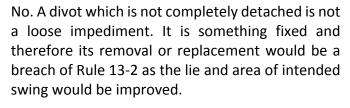
13-2/5 Replacing or Removing Undetached Divot

A player's ball comes to rest in front of a



The divot interferes with his backswing.

May the player replace or remove the divot before playing?



Secondly an incident happened last week when a coloured ball was hit into the bunker on the 10th and it looked like a white ball rolled out over the front. What happened?

On approaching the bunker it became clear that the coloured ball had hit the white ball and it moved out of the hazard.

Is this good luck or should it be returned to the bunker? What do you think? Try Rule 18-5 or wait for next month.

Chipping made Easy and Fun (video)

I thought this title would get your attention. The fact is you're not alone as many golfers view chipping as difficult and painful. However, chipping can truly become easy and fun and you will be surprised how fast you can master it once you understand the problem and make a few discoveries.



The really good news is that mastering the art of chipping is a great way to lower your score and it only requires the right technique and a little practice.

This article and video will give you the essentials you need to make a break through and finally enjoy this part of your game.

Most golfers experience

two major misses when they chip, we call one the skull and the other the chunk. When you hit a chunk, you catch the ground behind the ball and your shot may fall short of your intended target. If on the other hand you skull the shot, your ball might go past your intended target and maybe even off the green. If this sounds familiar then read on...

Both of these misses are caused by the same thing. Your club is hitting up on the ball instead of down. The best way to fix the problem is by using a simple teaching aid that forces you into the correct impact position, you will build your new set up position and swing around this position; it's the simplest and easiest way to master the chip shot. Watch the video above and I will show you how to build yourself a teaching aid...

Scratch Pennant 2015 - So Near!....So Far!

On Sunday 17th May we failed by one putt to see us into a final and with the tightness of the ladder we succumbed to Division 3 next year, 2016.

A special mention must go to our best and fairest, Chris Tesoriero, who had a winning ratio of 5/1, second was Simon Meehan 3-0, Ryan Radford 3.5/6, Alistair Salmon 3/6, Gary Murrels 3/6, Chris Meehan 2.5/6, Marc Robinson 2/6, Brett Youl 1.5/5, Mark Oglethorpe 0/3, and Gerard Gaud 0/1.

For the last three rounds, our efforts to work and combine as a team, saw combinations of all sorts matching the strengths of our team against possible weaknesses of the opponents. Failing to win the No.8 - 0/6 for 2015 finally told on a very even comp.

In the end, Growling Frog will meet at Werribee in a finale with Altona.

Selecting and more to the point, recruiting, good players who can work as skilful craftsmen of the game of matchplay golf is a challenge faced by our Brighton Club. A drive to get the best team possible next year to once again taste victory and ultimate success may be needed.

Thanks to our captain, Chris Meehan for his passion to see us win each week and to all players in the Scratch squad for 2015: Chris Meehan, Simon Meehan, Chris Tesoriero, Gary Murrels, Ryan Radford, Marc Robinson, Brett Youl, Alistair Salmon, Gerard Gaud, Mark Oglethorpe.

Success and Enjoyment of Golf go hand in hand at Brighton. The players will bounce back to glory days here at our club in the future, our drive to our mission was never questioned. I have enjoyed every minute of participating in the Pennant, and would encourage any member to get involved. It is a vital organism of any sporting club to have a proud Top team and would hope for a transparent outlook by the entire membership to continue playing for 2016 and beyond.

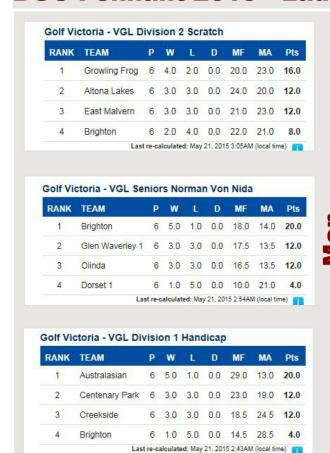
Signing off on a happy note.

Go Brighton!

Mark Oglethorpe.



BGC Pennant 2015 - Ladies & Men Results



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	MF	MA	Pts
1	Yarrambat Park 1	6	4.0	2.0	0.0	18.0	12.0	8.0
2	Bundoora Park	6	3.0	2.0	1.0	16.5	13.5	7.0
3	Brighton 2	6	2.0	3.0	1.0	12.0	18.0	5.0
4	Ringwood 1	6	2.0	4.0	0.0	13.5	16.5	4.0

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1	Yarra Bend	6	3.0	1.0	2.0	18.0	12.0	8.0
2	Brighton 1	6	3.0	3.0	0.0	13.0	17.0	6.0
3	Ivanhoe 1	6	2.0	3.0	1.0	15.5	14.5	5.0
4	Burnley 1	6	2.0	3.0	1.0	13.5	16.5	5.0

More information on the above can be found at: LADIES:

http://www.vicgolfleague.com.au/women_s.html

MEN:

http://www.vicgolfleague.com.au/men_s.html

Leaderboard Project a 'Scoring' Success!

On 5th February 2015 the much vaunted and discussed Power Plus Golf handicapping and scoring system went 'live' at the Brighton Golf Club. More commonly known as the 'Leaderboard Project' the system stood up well on the day it was launched.

At the time of publication the new system has been used on seven occasions and during that time the issues that have arisen have been addressed to the satisfaction of Members and it's useful to list some of those Questions with the Answers:

Q: How do I obtain a score card?

A: Click **HERE** to open the procedure.

Q: How do I scan a score card?

A: Click **HERE** to open the procedure.

Q: How should I enter my membership number?

A: THE LAST 3, 4 OR 5 DIGITS. But check your name.

Q: How do I insert my card for scanning?

A: FACE UP OR FACE DOWN IS OK.

Q: Is my card waterproof?

A: <u>DEFINITELY NOT - KEEP IT DRY AT ALL TIMES.</u>

Q: Do I mark my card with a Pen or pencil?

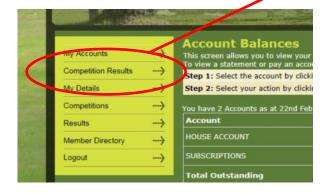
A: A PEN WILL ENSURE CLARITY FOR SCANNING.

Q: Where do I leave my card after scanning.

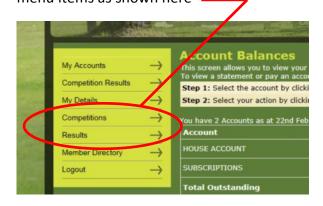
A: BIN ON THE RHS OF THE TOUCHSCREEN.

CHANGES TO CLUBLINK

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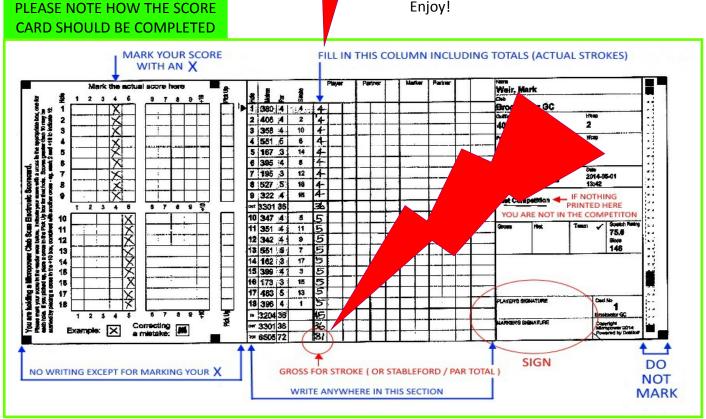


Now we can access both 'Competitions' and 'Results' separately by clicking on two new menu items as shown here



Feel free to explore these two new menu items by clicking on any of the fields.

Enjoy!





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25th May 2015

Mr. Geoff Hergt Hon. Secretary Brighton Golf Club Inc. P.O. Box 2325 Brighton 3186

Dear Geoff,

Please pass on our sincere thanks, from Australian Red Cross and our Brighton Unit, to the President, Office Bearers, Committee and members for conducting the Annual Golf Day for the March Appeal (Red Cross Calling) again – the 45th year!

The total of \$7,181.52 was amazing and we are most grateful for the time and effort put in by all concerned to achieve such a wonderful result. We would like to thank all the golfers who played in the morning and to express a special thank you to John McCreary for his organisation of the day. Events such as these do not 'just happen'. Mark and Bruce on the Spinning Wheel did a great job and the afternoon went very smoothly.

As usual, the Red Cross ladies were very happy to be part of the fun in the Club House and we thoroughly enjoyed it – the participants are always most generous and friendly. Thank you to all who attended and to the sponsors and to those who donated prizes or obtained them for the table – it looked terrific when we walked in with so much on it.

The cheque has been forwarded to Headquarters and they should be sending out a receipt to the Club in the near future.

With much appreciation and warm regards to all.

Kay Killen

Hon. Chairman

Brighton Unit

Let's Benefit from Our Successes!!

Here is a question for you to answer?

When can you recall the general feeling in our club being better than it is right now?

Members have more services at their disposal, new services are being introduced all the time enhancing your golfing experience, the mood of members is satisfied, appreciative and grateful for what is being done to improve their membership of the BGC Inc.

In a perfect world there would be no issues to deal with, however, neither the world nor US are perfect.

As Za Za Gabor once said "I never take a compliment from a perfect stranger.....but then, NO ONE is perfect"

From your own experience you would know that being a member of the BGC Inc. has become better and better over the past several years.

Firstly your Committee of Management (CoM) asked you what you thought and what you wanted. Then they set about devising plans to fix the things they could and change the things they could not fix so that your wishes were met as best as could be achieved. The results are there for all to see.

But still our facility is under utilized. If we could generate more income by better using our existing assets then EVERYONE would enjoy more benefits. But how can that be done?

- 1. We could introduce more members to share in our success. Ladies and Men.
- 2. We could find groups, companies and other sporting bodies who would like to use our clubrooms for their own meetings etc.

3. We could have more member events at our clubrooms to increase the social aspect of your club experience.

These are just a few of the possible things that could be done from which EVERYONE would benefit.

So, what's stopping us?

One of the main reasons that we are enjoying a significant uplift in member satisfaction is that more and more members are getting involved in club affairs.

From our member survey we found that the introduction of new members has more to do with existing members encouraging a friend or colleague to join than any other method.

Your CoM is working hard to find income from outside our club so as not to be so dependant upon member funds to make ends meet.

A new Social Committee consisting of Men and Lady members has begun to tackle the social side of club life.

But what can we all do to assist in this "Sharing of Our Successes?"

Just as with the recent Club Survey YOUR ideas are valuable. YOUR encouragement of friends and colleagues to join our happy members and share in the fun will go a long way to improving our club for everyone concerned.

Remember we have just entered the Pro Rata period to Sept 30th next. That alone is a great reason to introduce a new member.

Geoff Hergt

Trivia Night Results

Total Receipts: \$1341.02 (\$1309.02 Entry + \$32

Coin Toss)

Costs: \$1005.06 (\$900.91 Catering + \$104.15

prizes)

Net: \$335.96

Bar: \$387.80 (\$775.60 Bar-Take less 50%)

Total Net: \$723.46

Great result and we learned a lot on this occasion, but if we do run another night in Spring I think it

would be worth looking very closely at doing our own catering as had been originally planned. This obviously would make a hell of a difference to the result – a bigger return to the club and greater reward to those who work so hard to bring it together.

The Social Sub-Committee is now looking into the pros and cons of internal catering.

Keith Beggs

Wayne Troedson - Man of Many Talents!

Wayne Troedson interview:



Q: How long have you been playing golf and why did you take it up?

A: My wife and I returned to Melbourne from Hong Kong in 2008 and moved to Brighton in 2010. This was the start of a serious golf habit for me, resulting in membership of Brighton Golf Club.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Queensland and we return regularly to enjoy the warm winter.

Q: You did interesting work overseas, where was that?

A: My family spent twelve enjoyable years in Hong Kong from 1995 to 2008, I originally went to Hong Kong to set up the new airport, but also got to work at the old Kai Tak airport before it closed. It was the highlight of my 35 year career as an Air traffic Controller.

Q: Did you know any member/s already when you joined the Brighton Golf Club?

A: No I did not know any members but was encouraged to join by the Brighton Pro Shop. I was delighted to be welcomed by everyone and invited to join Bruce Drane, Steve Smith and Brian Morgan to make a four. I continue to enjoy their company on the golf course.

Q: What attracted you to the Brighton Golf Course and the Brighton Golf Club?

A: Proximity to home. I could not play much in Hong Kong because it was a full day commitment, so to have this course only five minutes from home was fantastic.

Q: You are one of the Tuesday morning maintenence volunteers, who got you into that and what part of it do you enjoy?

A: I am happy to volunteer my time to keep the Clubhouse in good shape and the Tuesday morning group are great company. I initially wanted to help Jim Mayfield, who is a highly regarded former Air traffic Control colleague and mentor in my early days. Jim's generation were the post-war pioneers who developed one of the best air traffic control systems in the world at the time. To the following generations, they are legends.

Q: Any special memories from your golfing days at Brighton so far, wins, hole-in-one, eagles, Pennant Games?

A: I hope to put a good 18 holes together one day. (Don't we all!!)

Q: What sports did you play in your earlier days?

A: I played rugby, squash, and surfed a lot in Queensland.

Q: What about family, anyone of them play golf or other sports?

A: My wife is very sporty but seems too busy with her ballroom dancing shoe business to get serious about golf. My daughter is a physiotherapist so I get told off regularly for not stretching before a golf game.

Q: I understand you have been working with interesting companies, both here and overseas. What can you tell us about that?



A: I have been fortunate to work in several Australian states, Papua New Guinea and more recently in

Hong Kong as an air traffic controller and since retirement I have done consulting in Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Myanmar and Oman.

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Wayne Troedsen interview continued......



Q: What different jobs did you do there?

A: I worked for Thales Australia for two years helping customers transition to new ATC systems.

I have been fortunate to have three months a year for the last four years teaching Middle Eastern students the basics of air traffic control. Most people may think this is a hardship posting, but the Omani people are peaceful and friendly and comfortable with foreigners.

Next door to the airport is a Greg Norman golf course (www.almoujgolf.com) so I managed to play just about every day before or after work.

Middle Eastern countries like the Emirates and Oman are trying to develop tourism and have invested heavily in golf resorts to the highest standard.

Water is no issue as there are desalination plants everywhere.

I would recommend any golfer to transit through Dubai or Abu Dhabi when travelling and make some time for golf.



Q: What is your number one top tip for keeping healthy?

A: Keep active

Q: Do you have any indulgences we can mention?

A: Porsche 911

Q: Which one of the various types of competitions we have at BGC do you like best?

A: Stableford

Q: What do you think of us playing on a Public Golf Course?

A: Brighton Golf Course is in need of more TLC

Q: What do you do when relaxing, apart from playing golf?

A: Hiking

Q: Which sports do you like to watch?

A: Surfing, motorsport

Q: If you had a magic wand, what would you change on the Brighton Golf Course?

A: Greenkeeping to the standard of Sandringham Golf Course

Q: Who is your favourite retired sports star?

A: Walter Rohrl (legendary rally driver)

Q: Who is your favourite currently active sports star?

A: Stephanie Gilmour (multiple women's World Surfing Champion and a Queenslander)

Q: Any other questions you would like to answer that might be interesting to our members?

A: Thanks for the opportunity to explain why I disappear for a few months a year

Wayne, I really appreciate that you agreed to help me with this interview.

Karl Lindberg



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