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BGC 2017 SYLLABUS



The 2017 Syllabus will be available for members mid-Jan 2017.

Many members have requested their mobile number, rather than landline number, be used in the member directory for the upcoming edition.

So look out for this change and collect your copy from the clubroom bar asap.

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The busyness of this calendar year could easily mask the many achievements made by our whole club through the combined efforts of member volunteers, players, partners, and sponsors. On behalf of each club member a BIG thank you to all.

However, as good as our club is it is the golf course, which we do not control, that is pivotal to the game we love. The biggest improvement to this vital part of our sport has been the Water Harvesting Project initiated and driven by OUR club. We should recognize the tireless efforts of voluntary club members who made this possible. Chief, but not exclusive, amongst these club volunteers are :- Jane Millar (Architect and designer), Keith Beggs (Prime driving force as Club President), Beau Roberts, Karl Lindberg, Sue Bamberry, Jan Smallman, John McCreery, Wayne Troedson and many others. From the Council we enjoyed support from club member and councilor Bruce Lowe and Mayor James Long, then ultimately all councilors.

As a significant asset to the rate payers, golfers or not, of Bayside City Council the proper maintenance of and improvements to the course are essential. This will retain and grow the value of this rate payer owned asset. The great work of course manager Travis and Pro Shop staff is testimony to the appeal this asset has to all age groups. The course location is itself a strong positive.

When you combine the family feel within our club and the improvements being made to the course the experience will be a very positive and enjoyable one for all concerned.



Our Two-For-One Offer

Your Club is delighted to announce that until further notice applicants for Membership may join the BGC via our Two-For-One category. This was for two people joining the BGC together. Now, applicants may join individually for approx. half of the normal full playing membership and still enjoy all the benefits. Your club will match up the applications. NOW is a great time to introduce new members, as improvements are occurring all over the course.

The Water Harvesting Project will introduce significant permanent improvements making the course more challenging both during and after the work. What a terrific time to be part of this major upgrade and share in the benefits achieved. Golfers love a challenge, our course offers that now, even more so in the future .

With the '2 4 1' special offer being extended NOW is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends, family, colleagues to join and enjoy the experience. This is a limited offer so don't delay encouraging everyone you know. Do it Now!!



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As a result the variety of social events designed to enhance our club's family feel, whilst also supporting important local entities such as the Sandringham Hospital and Red Cross, will ensure even greater appeal for new members joining our club.

None of this happens as a matter of chance so we recognize Trivia Night Quizmaster Peter Jolly, Chef de Cuisine David Heraud and his team, Presentation Night Organiser Bill Dooley and the involvement of the Bayside Hockey Club to name but a few.

Congratulations to all trophy winners, the Men's Scratch Pennant team who "brought home the bacon" and all club members whose diligent voluntary work behind the scenes on Club Management, Match, House, Finance and Ladies committees, ensured the successful year we all enjoyed.

In the coming year, with plans already well advanced, we can look forward to exciting developments and growth in all aspects of our club operations.

Season's Compliments to all and good golfing in the New Year.

Bruce Drane
President





Highlights of CoM Meeting - 13 Dec 2016

Meeting opened at 7.10 pm by new Chairman, Bruce Drane (BD), who welcomed past and new committee members Pam Jones (ex officio), James Gardiner, Trevor George, and Virginia Gattuso (ex officio) all present.

Hon. TREASURER REPORT

KB provided brief format November 2016 report for each CoM member present. More detailed reports are available in office for those requiring full details, as required by Rule 36 (a).

Moved successfully that club volunteers be found and rostered on Wednesday to replace paid bar staff.

Moved successfully that arranging and rostering volunteers be done by House Mgr within House sub-com. Treasurer KB advised that an audited set of financial statements and the auditors report had been presented at the AGM on Tuesday 15th November.

Trading result for 2015/16 is a small net profit after allowing for depreciation.

SECRETARY REPORT (KL)

The Syllabus is nearing completion and printing. HOG has confirmed sponsorship.

PSC Insurance assessment is nearly completed and cost is likely to increase a little on last year.

A house key registry review is underway. Please review your keys with the registry sheet in your folders.

Only eight (8) of men's lockers are paid for.

The full Secretary role is now too large for one person, particularly from Sept to Dec and Club member Sue Williams has offered to volunteer as Assistant Secretary, initially working with membership matters. KL will not continue past the AGM in 2017, except as an assistant.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT (JMcC)

JMcC provided one page Dec report for all CoM members. Highlights; membership and special mention of Bill Dooley's sterling work in making the presentation dinner night a success.

The Ladies held their sub-CoM AGM on Wednesday 16th and their Major Winners presented. Office holders for 2016/17 have been advised for inclusion in Syllabus. The Syllabus for 2017 should be printed and available to members early in the New Year.

LADIES SUB COMMITTEE REPORT (PJ)

No report this month, but "back to BGC" lunch went well. Christmas tree was "found" by C. Young and installed together with table decorations.

KB asked for lady member to connect with Newsletter editor GH and Sue Bamberry and Jan Mayberry were suggested. P. Jones to confirm.

SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

Moved successfully that Marketing/Events sub com be combined with Social sub-com chaired by WT. Members Peter Jolly, R Fry has also volunteered for this sub-com, more volunteers are expected. This new sub-com will now be referred to as the MARKETING/EVENTS/SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE.

MARKETING/EVENTS/SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE (WT)

Refer to Future Directions paper presented by BD, KB transcript of BPGC course works meeting with BCC/LMS/BGC (transcript agreed by them) and previous "Big Picture" article by KB, published in BGC newsletter and upcoming 5-year plan for future CoM discussion.

HOUSE SUB COMMITTEE (DH)

DH reported on ongoing club house work and kitchen renovations. Sandringham signs will update the honour boards in club rooms. Lady President on Honour board to be written "Ms P. Jones". Moved successfully that repainting in ladies rooms to conform with rest of club rooms.

New BGC Members

The following membership applicants were recently accepted unanimously by the Committee of Management into the Brighton Golf Club.

Craig Davis

We wish these new Members many years of happy golfing at BGC.

Darryl Carter

Nov/Dec Birdie Comp Winner

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COURSE SUB COMMITTEE (JMcC)

KB has written a detailed transcript of the group discussions with new BPGC LMS Ops. Mgr Travis Harrison, BGC Captain, other BGC members and the BCC project engineer, which has had wide circulation and is on BGC website. Moved successfully that T. Harrison be invited to our 14th Feb CoM meeting.

The BPGC works are to start in Feb with 7metre deep excavations on pro range next to 9th fairway. First water, subject to rain, expected into existing dam by July, then 3rd dam to be constructed and other dams increased. The project is expected to be completed end September. Changed tee-time booking system is expected during 9-hole period March to September. Time lines and 9-hole course change information will be displayed in pro-shop, club house and regular meetings are expected between LMC/BCC/BGC.

Tenders for works closing end of Dec 2016

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Member Renewals – Un-financial members are still being followed up as at 13 Dec, but their numbers have reduced. Ray Desmond is working on affiliation numbers with Micropower/GolfLink.
- Moved successfully that 2017 AGM date be changed from 14/11 to 21/11/2017. Advise Syllabus change to CL(JB) and printer.
- Moved successfully that BGC bldg, contents and PIP insurance through PSC, be increased to 2017 values at slightly increased cost over \$ in budget to ensure we are not under insured. Confirmation of values requested from Baglin's surveyors.
- Moved successfully that House sub CoM (DH) investigate and report on practicality, security and cost of installing electronic entry locks to club rooms.
- Moved successfully that BGC Member Sue Williams be accepted as Assistant Secretary, initially working on membership matters.
- Moved successfully that the Syllabus preparation be simplified and less information printed in it.
- Ken Brown is handing his work on 5-year plan onto BD for follow-up and inclusion in BD Future Directions sub-CoM. Refer (BD) Future Directions written paper presented to CoM for details.
- Volunteers for bar service trained incl. P. Brewster, A. Abraham, G. McIntosh, B. Drane, plus previously trained. KL.
- Discussions are continuing with member Peter Bimbi and cabinet maker. Likely to have delivery by 18/1/2017 then installed by club volunteers ASAP. Expenditure approved at previous CoM meeting.
- Syllabus 2017 in final stages before e-mail to CL (JB).

- Improve directional signs in streets surrounding BGC club house - WIP
- Re-erect large old aluminium signs - WIP
- Marketing/events sub-com (WT, DH, RF) reported on LMS event at pro-shop, refer GB
- Car boot sale. March 2017.
- Moved successfully that next CoM meeting be Tuesday Jan 17, 2016.
- Trivia Night. P.Jolly. Moved successfully we hold three (3) nights in 2017. Moved successfully that arrangements and timing be decided by Events sub-CoM. Carried.

2017 BGC Trivia Night

TRIVIA TRIUMPH!!



Our winners were Heather, Robyn, Brett, Linda, David, John, Mandy and Paula.

TRIVIA TRIUMPH!!

*With questions wide and varied,
One group against another
Meant fun and facts and folly
From our QM - Peter Jolly,*

*The crowd was large, the food was great,
The fun we had – terrific,
The whole thing went off so darn well
It's hard to be specific,*

*But overall and loud the call,
In that there was no fear,
Consensus on the night was one,
“Do it all again - next year!!”*

Geoff Hergt



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Captain's Report

The members who missed the Annual General Meeting may or may not know that John McCreery will remain as Club Captain for the coming year, and for the Ladies section of the Club, Sue Bamberry will also continue as Captain.

MEMBERSHIP

This year has been a battle to maintain our membership numbers. Last year we lost 20 Members and signed up 21 new ones through the year, so we did very well to maintain the total. Since the start of our new year in October we have gained 6 new members. While this is good news we have to be aware that 14 Members from last year have not renewed their memberships as yet, so, we are actually 8 Members down at present.

All Members in the Club should be on the lookout for new members. So if you have a friend or meet someone on the course who may be interested in joining, please invite them to the Club House and get them in touch with Sue Bamberry, Wayne Troedson or John McCreery.

PRESENTATION DINNER

The Presentation Dinner for the Saturday golfers was held on the 12th November with over 60 attending. Special thanks go to Bill Dooley who took on the responsibility of organising the event, finding a suitable caterer and most importantly chasing up the Members to attend.



It was a bit disappointing that a number of the major trophy winners were unable to attend to receive their award and the accolade from their fellow golfers. However, everyone who did attend enjoyed the evening and the food. We also had the presentation to the winning team in the Winter Classic Competition which was The Schmizzle and the best player through the home and away rounds for the Denis Farrell Medal resulted in a tie between Ray Desmond and Rod Boucher.

PENNANT DRAW 2017

The V.G.L. Event and Pennant draws for season 2017 are now available and will be distributed to team managers in due course. Anyone wishing to play in one of the Men's Pennant Teams please speak to the Team Managers Chris Meehan (Scratch), Chris Sommeruelle (Handicap) or John McCreery (Seniors).

The 2017 Syllabus Book is currently being finalised and should be available to Members early in the New Year.

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE

Players will have noticed that new grass has been laid on some greens, namely 3, 7, 16 and 17. These areas are still very rough and may be treated as GUR until notified otherwise. However, players do not get line of sight relief if their ball is off the green.

"Through years of experience I have found that air offers less resistance than dirt"

Jack Nicklaus

Pro golfer when asked why he tees up his ball so high

SURVIVE THE HEAT

Heat kills more Australians than any other natural disaster



DRINK WATER

Even if you don't feel thirsty, drink water. Take a bottle with you always.



HOT CARS KILL

Never leave kids, adults or pets in hot cars. The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.



KEEP COOL

Seek out air-conditioned buildings, draw your blinds, use a fan, take cool showers and dress in light and loose clothing made from natural fabrics.



PLAN AHEAD

Schedule activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising in the heat. If you must go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.



HELP OTHERS

Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, the elderly, the young, people with a medical condition and don't forget your pets.

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My Handicap

Our newly designed website is now just over 12 months old. It was redesigned because the previous website used an outdated software platform limiting us from reaching out to our members in the way that we felt was needed.

All websites are constantly being updated to take on board software updates and improvements. The ClubLink portal; where you can view competition, results, pay your subs and top up your bar account etc. currently exists in an outdated format. This will soon change in 2017 with a new look and feel bringing the last component of the BGC website into the 21st century.

The ClubLink portal is designed and controlled by Micropower and this latest software upgrade will have a new fresh look and importantly improved functionality. BGC will consequently have more control over the way it is used. Here's a snapshot of the new opening screen that you will see, we are advised by Micropower, sometime early in 2017 when you open ClubLink on your PC or device.

The Menu shown above is the complete menu available in the system and is customised to suit individual Clubs, consequently Tee Bookings will not be included in the BGC upgrade.

BGC Members will be further advised as we progress towards this exciting and improved development of the Micropower Member Portal System ClubLink.

For those Members that would like more information [please visit this link](#).

Keith Beggs
Hon Treasurer



I am trying to make friends outside of FACEBOOK whilst applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day, I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them a picture of my family, my dog: of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the 'thumbs up' and tell them I like them.

And it works, just like FACEBOOK!

I already have four people following me: Two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.





Ladies Activities

Brighton Golf Club Ladies began their "Summer Golf" program on Wednesday December 14th. This program will remain in place until February 2017 at which time their normal fixture for 2017 will recommence. See your copy of the Club Syllabus for all details.

On Wednesday December 7th last the Ladies retired to the Brighton Savoy to enjoy their traditional Christmas lunch. No golf that day.

Club member Maya Lee and her husband are very much involved in the day to day operations of the Brighton Savoy.

Words and Pictures from this much anticipated annual event will appear in the January 2017 edition of BGC News.

The Brighton Ladies who play golf on Saturday's will continue as usual. All enquiries should be directed to the Lady Secretary.

Santa On Course – Of Course!!



For many years at Christmas club member Cec Dixon has played the course on the last competition day, before he descends the chimney, in a Santa suit.

This year it was the turn of member Ken Brown to sport the distinctive red and white suit but with the added touch of shorts!! – very becoming Ken - thanks for accepting the challenge.

It just wouldn't be the same at Easter - but a Bunny suit then could be fun??

Readership of the BGC News

A milestone was reached last month vindicating the effort being put into the design, content and targeted demographic of our monthly journal with the readership reaching an amazing 70%.

Open rate	72.1%
List average	61.4%
Industry average (Other)	17.9%
Click rate	42.2%
List average	22.8%
Industry average (Other)	2.0%

In other words of the 295 members the newsletter was emailed to over 200 members actually opened and spent time reading it. On behalf of the editorial team I thank you.

The newsletter is now in its 65th edition and as we go into the New Year 2017 we'd like to get some feedback on what you think might possibly be changed for the better. Whether it is font style, information or anything else we'd love to hear from you. Simply send an email to the BGC at bgolf@bigpond.net.au.

It's only by reaching out to our readership that we can make the improvements that you want to see.

On behalf of the BGC News editorial team.

Keith Beggs



BGC Member Profiles



JAN SMALLMAN

Jan Smallman is a lady of many talents.

She and husband John have two (2) sons Jake and Scot. For many years Jan worked in the Advertising Industry, which might explain her outgoing personality.

Jan also taught English for a brief time in Greece – Wow!!

Joining the Brighton Golf Club (BGC) nine (9) years ago Jan saw this move as the beginning of her quest to join the Pro Tour.

The fact that she remains a BGC member suggests that she is still pursuing her golfing goal however in the meantime she loves being with the “great girls” at BGC.

Speaking of moving up the Leader Board Jan has recently won both her first and second Monthly Medals this year. So is she on her way???? – Watch this space.

Her special loves are :- Golf, Tennis, Food/Wine, Friends & Family and especially her little grand daughter. Not much else left is there??



KEVIN NICHOLLS

It is often astonishing to learn what skills and knowledge our members possess.

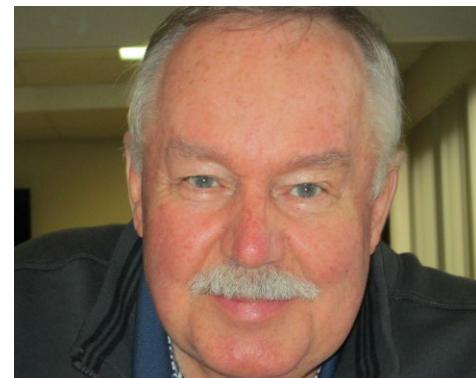
Kevin Nicholls has his own business (a leader) in an industry we are all aware of but seldom consider. He makes and installs shop fit outs to order, paints and installs huge drapes (curtains) in theatres, sporting venues, special promotions and much more.

With wife Cynthia they have two (2) children. Kevin's background is engineering and hydraulics.

A member of our club for the past 2.5 years Kevin came to us through member Gary Troeth, a longtime friend, and enjoys the challenge of mastering a difficult game. He is keen to improve his golfing skills and lower his handicap.

Kevin is a “quiet achiever” who makes giant strides toward achieving the desired goal of his customers. He just loves a creative challenge.

Lots of Holidays, Tennis, Golf, Cricket and of course family are amongst his best “likes”.



PETER BARBOUR

What's so interesting about Peter Barbour is that he is a bit of a “Black Sheep”.

Whereas Richard Britton, Peter Jolly and Phil Haughey are quite gregarious Peter is the “quiet achiever”. It is said “you have to watch the quiet ones”. So perhaps Peter is one to watch!! For all the right reasons of course.

With an Engineering Degree he is the Engineering Manager with the RACV. Peter has also been a BGC member for 20 years. Currently enjoying the best years of his life Peter has a goal to be around for quite a while yet. It would appear that our club, the BGC, is assisting him to achieve his goal.

When asked why he joined our “Golf” club Peter answered – Golf, and if that wasn't enough when asked why he had stayed so long Peter again responded – Golf.

So it seems apart from family, great playing partners and well – Golf - Peter's life is just about where he would like it to be.



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