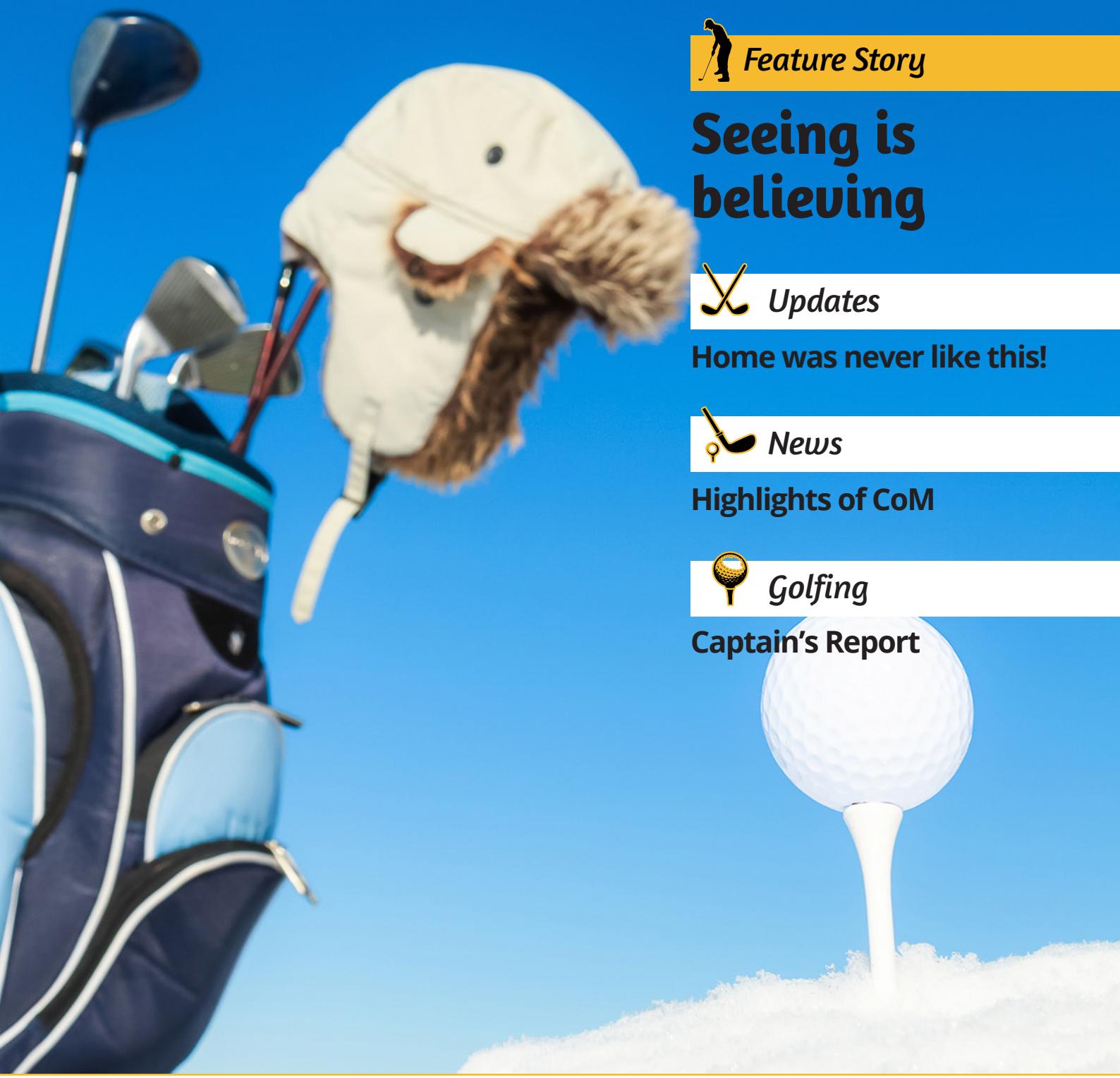




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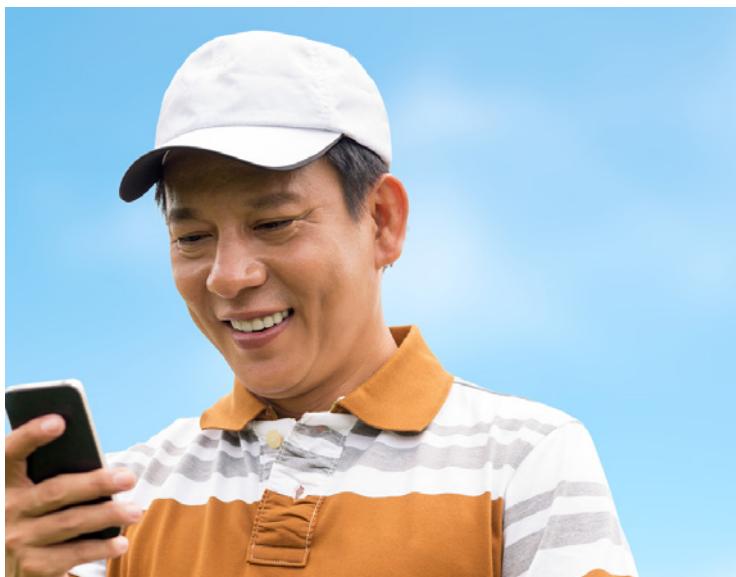


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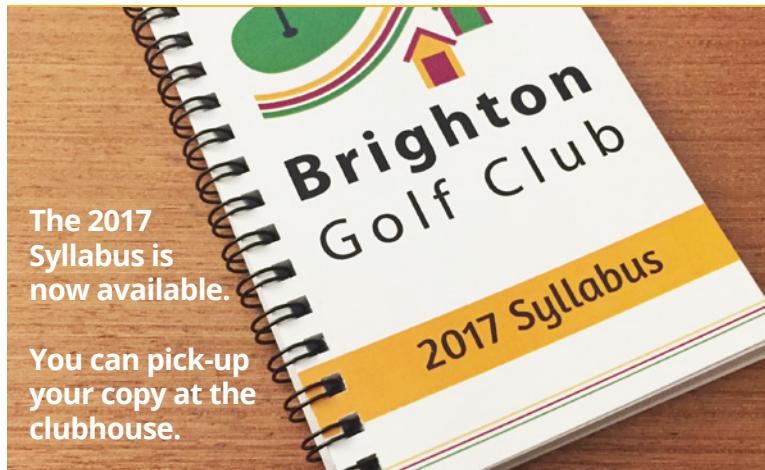
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SEEING IS BELIEVING



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Over recent weeks, months and years our club has improved tangibly for all members in a number of different ways. Physical improvements to our clubrooms, bar facilities, score card recording via the Leaderboard etc. to name just a few.

It was OUR club members who laid the ground work and supported the very tangible improvements currently occurring to the Brighton Public Golf Course thus adding credence to the generally accepted concept of "Seeing Is Believing". The result is that the local Bayside Council agreed to spend 2.9 million dollars improving the water harvesting, layout and year round ability to play the course in any weather conditions.

It is also our volunteer members who, over recent months, have been carrying out course maintenance to improve the golfing experience for ALL players – not just our BGC members.

At the same time, although not generally known, another group of BGC club members have been beavering away behind the scenes working with outside service providers who collectively will very soon introduce you to a much improved service offering to all BGC members.

In line with our "Seeing Is Believing" concept the name of this new service will be VENUE MANAGER. This new service will replace the current ClubLink/Member Portal which most members access via the Brighton Golf Club website.

Venue Manager offers a number of improvements over the current ClubLink platform. One of the key benefits that member's will enjoy is better accessibility to Account and Results information, when viewed on digital tablets or mobile phones. The new platform utilises new technology which automatically adjusts information on different devices to improve text readability, image quality and page navigation.

While there will be some improvements to how members use the new platform, much of the existing features of the current Member Portal will remain the same. Our intent is to retain the features member's like and enjoy, while making the platform more user-friendly.

Based on our current plans, our aim is to release Venue Manager to all members in September. As we get closer to our planned transition date, more information will be available.



Brighton Golf Club

Spring Trivia Night

**Friday 6th October
at 7.30pm**



The next Brighton Golf Club Trivia Night is being organised to be held 6th October 2017.

Included in the entry fee is the provision of food throughout the evening.
So don't bother having dinner, there'll be plenty of quality food on-hand to go around.
Please dont bring food or drinks.

To be held at Brighton Golf Club at 99 Glencairn Ave, East Brighton.



TRIVIA NIGHT COST

Cost is **\$20.00 per head**

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Book tables of eight by email

bgolf@bigpond.net.au or

Peter Jolly on 0428 201 207 or

David Heraud on 0409 160 130

The House of Golf.



Home was never like this!

Longtime BGC member and supporter of our club Innes Ireland and partners have opened a new House of Golf store on the grounds of the Moorabbin Airport in Mentone.

The beauty of a brand new start is that the latest technology, equipment and accessories can all be displayed and/or trialled in the one store under the one roof with expert tuition as required.

Living close to the new store my recent visit was my first but it won't be my last.

It is said that this is the most up to date golfing combination of equipment and practice facilities in Australia. It really is very impressive.

More than just a golf shop there are 8 bays where practice, tuition and actual golf games can be carried out on real life simulators all in the comfort of the indoors. A real attraction in these colder months.

You can even record your own swing to take home and work on in your own time.

Groups meet there after work or later to play nine hole competitions. All facilities are available including a licensed bar, tuition, equipment trial - you name it.

I would suggest it is certainly worth a look and remember Innes Ireland is a BGC member so you will always get a good deal no matter what you choose to do.



Highlights of CoM Meeting - 11 July 2017

Eight CoM members attended on a cold July night, approved the minutes from the June 13th meeting and noted items on the Action Report and received inwards and outwards correspondence from the Hon. Secretary. It was noted that Nepean Ladies GC received their Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) grant from the Vic Government and that it is now available for use in/ from the pro-shop. Three BGC CoM members attended the St. John Ambulance AED briefing and training session at The Pavilion, near the pro-shop.

Treasurer provided brief June 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). He noted that total BGC income at this time is less than same period last year and compared to this year's budget. Bar income and subscriptions are below budget, fortunately expenses are also a little below budget.

Secretary provided a written report.

Membership applications are still very low even though our promotional "2for1" offer and pro-rata fees are available until 30th September, 2017. This is understandable considering the current state of the BPGC

CoM agreed to make better short term offers to new member applicants over next couple of months.

Previous member Alan Grisdale's application to re-join was unanimously agreed by CoM.

Efforts to find our next Hon. Secretary/Public Officer and Hon. Treasurer were successful when club member Sue Williams agreed to accept the nomination as Hon. Secretary and Keith Beggs (KB) agreed to stay on as Hon. Treasurer for another year. The CoM continues to investigate the future employment of a Club Manager, to handle "routine" work on behalf of Treasurer, Secretary, House Manger and Captain, in case we lack volunteers for these roles in the future.

Captain provided written report:

So far in July good number of players thanks to good conditions.

- The Fred Meehan (BGC Match Play Championship) Trophy, Round 4 must be played by August 26th.
- The modified course, 9-holes, played twice, is continuing at least until October, and slow play must be avoided.
- Member Barry Goring continues to officiate as Course Marshall, to assist all players.
- June/July Birdie Comp winner Karl Lindberg (11th).

Ladies sub-com President provided email report:
The Charity Day (to benefit Sandringham Hospital) was well attended and a success with around \$4,000. raised. New initiatives are planned for next year, to include LMS and more male members.

A "complimentary" drink voucher, for use at the BGC club house bar is being introduced to encourage "Public Lady players" on BPGC to visit our club rooms. The Ladies Match com has reduced the minimum number of players for Major Trophies from 16 to 12, at present, but this will be reviewed at end of the golfing year.

Marketing sub-com report

- Upgrades to our BGC website, to allow new member applications and payments on-line directly into BGC bank accounts, is in progress with our bank, Micropower and our web developer CL.
- "Sponsorship package" alternatives are being developed, which it is hoped will help keep existing members, and encourage new members to use our club house facilities more frequently.
- BGC winning Pennant flags have now been displayed in prominent positions in club house, to show our past successes in various grades of Pennant Golf. Various other trophies will be circulated through the club rooms.

The House sub-com report:

The Tuesday morning House maintenance group is continuing their weekly tasks and also making continuous club house improvements, currently re-painting in The Ladies rest rooms areas.

- Moved, Seconded that windows/window frames in Ladies rest rooms be repaired or replace at \$556.00. Carried

Bayside Hockey Club (BHC) Social Members

are happy to visit BGC after their games and at their member functions. We have now processed about 75 BHC memberships with BGC for the 2017-18 year and we are continuing to appreciate their presence in our club rooms. They recently held their CoM meeting in the club rooms and have also been given "special" access to the club house.



Karl Lindberg
June/July Birdie Comp Winner



Brighton Golf Club



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NOW is a great time to become a new member, as improvements are occurring all over the course.

Contact John McCreery on 0415 504 066 for more details

Visit www.brightongolfclub.com.au for more info

Captain's Report

Throughout June and so far in July we have had good numbers playing on Saturdays and Wednesdays with very mild weather conditions for this time of the year. While the scores haven't been anything to write home about, with the temporary 9 hole course giving all players a new challenge, it is good to see Members enjoying their game of golf.

STORMWATER HARVESTING PROJECT

The construction works on the Brighton Golf Course are going ahead well and the mild weather has helped with the large amount of earthworks involved in this project. The excavation of the 3 dams are nearing completion and the 2 rain gardens either side of the old 10th fairway are well underway. The storage tanks have been installed in the practice fairway with some pits and pipe connections to be done before this area can be reinstated. The Council are planning for a completion date towards the end of September subject to the weather.

Some additional work on the course recently was the replacement of the sewer line from the toilet block near the old 4th green. This work has temporarily made the bunker on the left of this green GUR. Hopefully, this area will be reinstated and back in play soon.

CARE OF THE COURSE

While we have not had overly wet conditions recently, special attention still needs to be taken on the course by all players so that your game of golf can be enjoyed to the upmost.

1. 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

Play in the Men's Singles Match Play Championship is continuing with Round 4 to be completed by August 26th.

BAYSIDE SHIELD CHALLENGE

The annual Bayside Golf Challenge between the Golf Clubs at the 3 bayside public golf courses of Sandringham, Elsternwick and ourselves will be played at the Elsternwick Park Golf Course this year, date to be organised. A list will be put up on the notice board in due course for Members who would like to play in this event.



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still going to be pretty
good"*

Johnny Miller
Professional golfer



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Ladies Activities

July has been a relatively good month weather wise with no "rained out" competition days - let's hope it continues.

The July Monthly Medal winner is our Captain, Sue Bamberry. Well done Sue.

As a number of members are currently absent due to holidays and injury, it has been decided to move our Captains vs Presidents Trophy event to the later date of 18 October. This is a major trophy and we are hoping for maximum entrants.

We are also gearing up and looking forward to our Play and Stay weekend at Barwon Heads on 29 October - this is a fun event enjoyed by all who attend.

Happy golfing everyone and keep warm.

Pam Jones
Lady President



Monthly Medal Winner: Sue Bamberry

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August/September combined in September



The August issue of BGC News will be combined with the September issue rather than be two (2) separate issues.

Should you have any articles or pictures you would like to see in this issue please get them to Keith Beggs at ktbmmb@bigpond.net.au as soon as possible.

"Golf is like a razor. You get so sharp and then it starts to dull a little the more you use it"

Doug Sanders
Professional golfer on over-practising



Brighton Golf Course Stormwater Harvesting Project

June 2017

Work is now underway to complete Council's \$2.95 million stormwater harvesting project at Brighton Golf Course. The work will see around 86 megalitres of water diverted from the stormwater system each year that will be naturally treated and used to water both the Brighton Golf Course and areas of Dendy Park.

Work to date

- A new temporary dam has been built which is providing accommodation for 160+ native turtles as well as yabbies while works are occurring to the existing dams.
- Dead pine trees have been removed from the group near South road and mulched. This area will be infilled with a mound of excavated soil and replanted with grass.
- Dams 1 and 2 are being excavated to increase their storage capacities
- Earth works are underway for the underground water storage (East end of Practice Fairway) where water will be stored before it is moved to the raingardens for cleaning and filtering.

Completion date

Council is continuing to work towards a completion date of the end of September 2017 (weather permitting).

Further information

To stay up to date on the works visit www.bayside.vic.gov.au/projects



Leisure Management Services update

With the golf course works going full steam ahead we have been operating a 9 hole composite course at Brighton. The course is made up of 9 holes which are not affected by the works, in fact the new format makes Brighton now an increased challenge with the holes in play leading to a par 72 golf course rather than the standard 67!

With the current changes to the golf course we're enjoying access to fantastic facilities for coaching both adults and our junior tiger program.

With the improved facilities it's a great time for the whole family to perfect their swings.

Understanding you Swing and Equipment program

On Friday 23 June the professional staff will be holding an event at Brighton which will educate you on how to get the most out of your swing and give you a complete understanding of your equipment.

You will leave the program with a knowledge of what swing changes are required to make you more efficient/consistent, a print out of exactly how far you clubs go, an understanding of how suitable your clubs currently are and what clubs potentially need changing/upgrading.

Session Times: 2 hour programs

Friday 23 June, 9am–11am

Friday 23rd June 11am–1pm

Friday 23rd June 1pm–3pm

The programs only cost \$150 and \$50 can be used as credit towards a product that helps your game!

Upcoming Junior Tiger Program

Term 3 is set to be better than ever! We have a range of classes to suit all ages and experience levels, with both after-school classes and weekends. Term 3 begins Monday the 17 July.

Coming up in our school holiday program, we have a number of classes available during the week that are great for beginners of all ages to check out golf for the first time in a fun environment, and for more experienced juniors to continue their improvement.

Classes are available from 9am on

Monday 3 July

Tuesday 4 July

Wednesday 5 July

Monday 10 July

Tuesday 11 July

Wednesday 12 July

For more information please check in store.

Please call our shop to book or inquire about any of our programs.

Happy Golfing
Brighton Golf Course



BGC Member Profiles



DON FRASER

Don is a retired Toolmaker, educated at RMIT and is married to Marj. Together they have 3 children.

A BGC member for circa 5 years Don's reason for joining was to play golf with a group of friends. Actually this group of friends is the reason he renews his membership each year.

So often we find that members and their friends playing golf together enjoy the camaraderie as much or more than the golf. Whilst playing golf was the excuse to join the real reason that keeps him at our club is to enjoy the company of his friends. Don feels that the exercise he gains playing golf and the banter amongst his friends at BGC "helps to keep him alive".

One of the improvements to the course Don believes would be to sow Santa Anna Couch or similar on the fairways. We are all looking forward to the improvements on the course.

Now here is a member who loves to play golf within a group of friends. Geoff is retired and with partner Val enjoys the involvement on and off the course of a great group of fellow golfing friends.

Having been a BGC member for circa 6 years Geoff has enjoyed significant success with 12 up in a Par round and a 71 off the stick. Not bad for a player off a mark around 21. You will see Geoff out early Saturday mornings on his electric powered scooter. Great to see there is no barrier to playing golf.

The general condition of the course is the thing Geoff would just love to see improved especially rolling of the greens.

A broader distribution of the funds raised for the Winter Classic is another area that Geoff feels could be tweaked to enhance its appeal to more members.



GEOFF BOTTOMS

William MacKay ("Macca") Anderson is retired and married to Suzanne. They have 2 children.

Amongst Macca's best "likes" are nearness of the club to home and the great group of friends he plays with each week.

Off a handicap of circa 24 he enjoys playing each Saturday with his mates. Using a pro shop golf buggy Macca is determined not to be limited in any way and looks forward to playing golf at the slightest provocation.

Like most of us Macca is always looking for that illusive something that will lift our game and lower our score. Improvements to the course will help us achieve this ultimate goal although the results may differ for each of us.

Whilst the game we love is the same for each of us how and with whom we play can make the difference. We are fortunate to have such a wide range of players with an equally wide range of personalities within our club.



MACCA ANDERSON



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