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Feature

BGC 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Club members who attended the recent Brighton Annual General Meeting (AGM) were treated to brief but detailed reports from each club official responsible for specific club roles.

Proceedings were supported by a screened visual agenda driven by outgoing Secretary Geoff Hergt.

With ample time for questions and comments, voting on important issues affecting all members during the current golfing year and beyond met with resounding support.

An election was held to decide the makeup of the 2015/2016 Committee of Management (CoM). More details on who will be sitting on the board of management can be found on [page 3](#) of this newsletter.

During General Business I spoke to the success of the introduction of what has become to be known as the Leaderboard system the final addition to the integration of the BGC's administration and competition software. And of the positive outcomes being delivered by the various subcommittees which have been active during the year. In particular the condition of the Brighton Public Golf Course sub-committee that has been communicating since April with both LMS and the Bayside City Council on the issue of lack of water for the Golf Course and Dendy park.

This has met with some initial success however the job is not done yet and BGC will continue to press for an acceptable result. The next step is a petition which will be presented to the Bayside City Council on this matter. More info on this on [page 11](#).

I also referred to the bar income brought into the club during the year by our friends the Bayside Hockey Club (BHC), which made the difference between the BGC running at a near breakeven bottom line and making a significant loss. The CoM will be making every effort to encourage BHC to continue to maintain close contact with us and to continue to enjoy the BGC's clubroom facilities, to our mutual benefit.

Additionally there will be a concerted effort during 2015/2016 to communicate more often and hopefully more effectively with the Club's most precious commodity – MEMBERS.

Using contemporary means of communication such as SMS's, Bulk Emails and possibly Social Media the BGC Committee of Management will be reaching out more than ever before to those that make the Club's existence possible – MEMBERS.

Without Members we don't have a Club and it's vitally important that, collectively, we not only endeavor to maintain what we have but to the best of our ability raise the level of club membership.



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AGM Slideshow



Feature

BGC 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

To this end we the CoM will keep an absolutely open mind on how to achieve this and welcomes ideas and suggestion from any BGC Member.

Following the completion of AGM General Business - a special announcement was made by Life Member Dot Haslem. Dot spoke to the general meeting of the many years of dedicated service performed by Club member Margaret Ward and asked that a vote be taken on her Nomination of Marg for Life Membership. This was seconded by her longtime friend and buddy Trevor George followed by unanimous approval by those present.



Well done Marg it couldn't have gone to a more deserving member.

Lastly I'd like to wish each and every Club Member a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and hope to see you at the Clubrooms or on the Golf Course soon.

Keith Beggs
President

Committee of Management



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COMMITTEE MEMBER
KEN BROWN



COMMITTEE MEMBER
BILL DOOLEY



BGC 2015 AGM Minutes

By Karl Lindberg (Vice-President/Secretary)

BRIGHTON GOLF CLUB Inc

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held Tuesday 17th November 2015 at the clubrooms

Time : Start 7.35pm Finish : 8.45pm

Duration : 1hr 10min

Chair

President Keith Beggs (KB) opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Each voting attendee was issued with a yellow voting slip. A quorum of twenty five (25) eligible voting members was present prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Present

Thirty five (35) members, as per signed Attendance Sheets, of whom 33 were voting members and 2 non voting members. Male members totaled 22 and Female members 13. Life members present were recognized individually.

Apologies

Wayne Troedson, Ryan Radford, Jenny Bahramis, Virginia Guttuso, Bernard Coyle, Jan Kirsch, Lee Courtney & Paul Nicholson

Deceased

It was gratefully recognized that no members had passed away during the 2014/2015 golfing year.

Minutes of the previous meeting :

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the clubrooms on Tuesday November 18th 2014 were distributed and taken as read.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as a true and correct record on a motion moved by Cheryl Young (CY) seconded by Karl Lindberg (KL) and passed by a significant majority showing of yellow slips.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Reports

KB referred to the reports to be delivered and began with his President's Report. This was followed by reports from the Honorary (Hon) Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Club Captain, House Manager and President of the Ladies Sub-Committee. All reports are printed in the Club Annual Report.

KB spoke about the income brought into the club during the year by the Bayside Hockey Club which made the difference between the club running at a near break even and making a significant loss. He also referred to the arrangement between our club and the Brighton Public Golf Course Teaching Pro (Travis Harrison) regarding use of the Practice Fairway prior to Pennant Matches in 2016.

He spent sometime updating members on the initiative taken by our club to improve the condition of the Brighton Public Golf Course with both LMS and the Bayside City Council acknowledging the time and effort of club members in this process. KB also emphasized the importance of club member volunteers and supporters to the viability of our club.

Geoff Hergt (GH) Secretary outlined specific details of the many club operations as they affect each and every member. Highlighting member numbers and the tangible contribution made to each member by the work carried out by club member volunteers.

Treasurer Keith Beggs (KB) referred to his report which is available in the Club Annual Report. He then handed over to the Club Captain.

John McCreery (JMcC) nominated and thanked the many club volunteers who assisted him during the past year. He then provided a resume of the club competitions and pennant season.

Beau Roberts presented the House Manager's report detailing the role and importance of club member volunteers in maintaining and improving member enjoyment with additional services and items available over the bar.



BGC 2015 AGM Minutes

By Karl Lindberg (Vice-President/Secretary)

Cheryl Young (CY) outlined the activities of the BGC Ladies highlighting the successes achieved in all facets of their program and the raising of additional much needed funds for the club. Thanks to all concerned.

Moved Alex Johnson (AJ) seconded Lou Soligo (LS) that the reports as presented be accepted. Carried by another significant majority showing of yellow slips. All reports are available in detail by clicking on the Annual Report link on this page.

Appointment of Auditor for 2016

Moved LS Seconded Karl Lindberg (KL) that Peter Troedel be appointed as the Club Auditor for the 2016 Year. Carried by a majority show of yellow slips.

Notices of Motion

Motions for which due notice had been given : KB referred to the only motion that had been posted in the clubrooms for sometime and invited the Proposer GH to speak to the motion.

GH outlined the motion with a preamble indicating that it was designed to reflect the current process used and to give guidance to future Committees of Management (CoM).

Chairman KB then put the motion to a vote which resulted in a near unanimous acceptance by the eligible voting members present.

Approval of Honorariums

KB confirmed that there was no proposal to change the existing arrangements so approval was simply to retain the status quo.

KB then sought and received a mover and seconder. Moved : GH Seconded : KL. The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority showing of yellow slips.

Election of Committee of Management for 2015/2016

KB spoke about the process by which candidates had been nominated, ballot papers created and mailed to each eligible voting member, ballot papers returned and reconciled to arrive at a totally democratic and transparent result. As there was only one candidate

for each of four (4) positions those candidates were announced as being duly elected. At this point KB announced the results of the elections for the voting Committee positions which constituted the majority of the Ballot Paper mailed to all eligible voting members.

Those voting Committee members elected to the 2015/2016 Committee of Management are :- Cheryl Young, Bill Dooley, Beau Roberts, Rosemary Fry and Ken Brown. Each has been elected for a period of twelve (12) months.



The BGC Annual Report is available online for all members to access.

Click the link below to access the report.

[BGC Annual Report](#)



BGC 2015 AGM Minutes

By Karl Lindberg (Vice-President/Secretary)

KB congratulated each successful candidate. This was met with general acclamation. KB reiterated his delight that member Don Barrett has offered to work with KB in the role of Club Treasurer over the current 2015/2016 golfing year.

At this stage of the meeting Adam Fish asked the chair (KB) if the successful candidates for the new Club Committee could stand and be recognized. This was done. This was also met with general acclamation.

The formal part of the meeting was brought to a close however KB then opened the meeting to General Business.

General Business

1. KB referred to the Five (5) Year plan outlining the need for additional incoming funds to keep the club viable. He also alluded to the upgrade of the Club Website.
2. Stephen Smith (SS) asked how many members had not renewed. KB advised circa 20 at this time.
3. Succession Planning was mentioned and the importance of members training to take over vital club roles. KL spoke about the continuing need of the club to remain financially and managerially viable. That depends upon members input.
4. John Sutherland asked how the club might attract younger members. KB took the question on notice.
5. KB then invited Honorary Life Member Dorothy Haslem (DH) to address the meeting. DH then proposed member Margaret Ward (MW) for life membership of the club and outlined MW's club history. Member Trevor George seconded the proposal. MW responded, the proposal was carried unanimously and met by general acclamation.

Questions from the floor

1. AJ asked what the proposed distribution of the new club brochures would be. KB delegated KL to respond. KL advised that all ideas were being considered JMcC added that the brochures were already enjoying a wide distribution throughout the channels previously used.

2. Rose-Marie Hogan proposed that a major fundraising event be held annually to raise funds to support the club. KB agreed to "take it on board asap".
3. SS raised the issue of using Social Media to attract younger members. KB responded that whilst the idea had been considered a means of ensuring feedback was positive was still to be found. SS offered his assistance in this regard.
4. Honorary Life Member Jim Mayfield asked how many Ballot Papers were sent out and how many were returned? KB delegated the response to GH who advised the meeting that 191 Ballot Papers were mailed to eligible voting members and that greater than 50% were returned. This was considered to be a good representation of the feeling of the members.

GH confirmed that whilst Rose-Marie Hogan is the new President of the Ladies Sub-Committee and stood as a candidate for election to the committee of management with a vote, she was not successful. She does however have a seat on the 2015/2016 Club Committee of Management (CoM) as an ex officio member. So she attends and participates but does not have a vote.

That's why it is important and gratifying that there are two (2) ladies on the new committee who do have a vote. This means the Ladies of the BGC are represented by three of their members on the club committee.

5. AJ, in his capacity as President of the VGL, advised that the Mt Martha GC had conducted a very successful new member campaign and that our CoM may benefit by contacting that club to obtain their process and possibly use it at BGC.
6. GH expressed his appreciation for the assistance provided to him over the past six (6) years by Avis McKenzie to whom he made a presentation of flowers.

The meeting was closed by President Keith Beggs who thanked all members for their attendance and offered them a drink from the bar, on the club.

The next AGM of the Brighton Golf Club Inc will be at 7.30pm Tuesday November 15th 2016 at the clubrooms.



BGC 2015 Presentation Night

By Bill Dooley (Committee)

What a gathering 23 Women and 50 Men came together in our precious club rooms to enjoy each others company and be waited on with a beautiful meal while honouring our club champions of 2015. The club never felt better.

John McCreery was so professional welcoming everyone and over the duration of the night, presenting 22 members with their trophy. He was assisted by Jim Mayfield (Life Member) Alex Johnson (VGL President) and our smiling Keith Beggs (President). Nothing fazed John as he guided us through the night.

I looked up and saw Beau Roberts, Geoff Hergt and even John McCreery, working like machines behind the bar, gee whiz they were busy, every one was having a good time.

Karl Lindberg doing his thing behind the scene taking photos, that must be number 110. Keep it up Karl, these moments, oh so fleeting, are important and you know it by your respect of the occasion.

Now we have the Winter Classic Presentation. Andrew Blunden is sitting confidently beside me. I'm reminiscing about an idea I discussed with him. He ran hard with it, never deviating, spending 18 Monday nights recording the results and votes.

He read out the votes for the last 7 Rounds proudly, Helen his wife took our photo, where was Karl?



Click the button for a slideshow of the Presentation Night

Presentation Night

Stephen Pap (last years winner) is presenting the "Denis Farrell Medal" for the best Individual player (Denis! What a guy, trophy steward for over 20 years. Grumpy! You certainly did your bit for the club). David Combe was the recipient, best player in the club over 5 months. Stephen and David looked proud and satisfied.

Keith Beggs is now presenting the magnificent cup (he donated), to the Premier's "Day Breakers". The Team were happy and Karl captured the moment beautifully.

Lastly John brings order to the night and presents the last lot of Trophies to our Champions:

Best Nett Score	David Shutler	195
C Grade	Adam Fish	262
B Grade	Andrew Blunden	247
A Grade	Rod Boucher	239
Open	Ryan Radford	211

The night is over, Beau is the last man standing cleaning up. He looks relieved but happy, as was I.

Bill Dooley

MAJOR TROPHY WINNERS

The Major Trophy Winners for 2015 were announced at the BGC Presentation Night. All winners are included in the BGC Annual Report.

[BGC Annual Report](#)



ANNUAL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The annual Captain's Report, provided by John McCreery is contained within the Brighton Golf Club Annual Report.

[BGC Annual Report](#)



Highlights of CoM Meeting - November 10 2015

By Keith Beggs (President)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hon. Treasurer Keith Beggs (KB) had provided all a/c reports on Dropbox and also at meeting for each CoM member. KB then spoke to each section highlighting specific areas and offered to answer any questions - there were none.

Financial position is comparable to last year at this time and there are more current members still to pay their dues. It was noted Meehan Master's brought in less bar sales due to age changes in families.

NEWSLETTER

Please ensure contributors to the BGC NEWS provide their copy to KB by the deadline for each issue. See Three Month Forward Planning sheet for Deadline Dates.

SECRETARY

Geoff Herdt (GH) advised that club admin was up to date at this busy time of year. DoJ Consumer Affairs report will be completed after AGM. Current year member renewals are at 83%, 6% have advised resignation, 22 members are still un-financial.

GH previewed the AGM agenda overheads for CoM information, explained the AGM voting procedure. There will be yellow voting slips at the AGM for financial members. 190 letters, with a numbered Ballot Paper (8 candidates) had been mailed to all financial members, as per Club Rules. They must be returned prior to the AGM. GH mentioned expected motion at AGM re a new Life Member

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

John McCreery (JMcC) spoke about the golfing highlights in his written report, a copy of which had been made available for each CoM member. Three new members, Peter Brewster, Brian Richmond and Glenda Thomas were proposed for membership, having paid all dues and interview. Moved JMcC Sec BR.

JMcC complemented BD on the arrangements for the Presentation Night Sat 14 Nov, and confirmed 70 attendees already having committed. BD commented about difficulties in "selling" new memberships due

to the current joining fee of \$165. Further debate was moved to General Business.

LADIES SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Young (CY) advised a successful ladies (23) visit to Healesville, will go back there next year. KB asked for a story for the Newsletter.

SOCIAL REPORT

KB advised that good numbers are interested in the Trivia Night, and with some days to go should proceed. PJ has questions ready. Consider offer members to place pizza orders with Zac Pizza, a Red Cross sponsor, if not willing to bring on plate of food.

HOUSE SUB COMMITTEE

Beau Roberts (BR) advised successful repairs, by outside expert, to the beer lines that had been malfunctioning, and gas pressure adjusted. Our small black fridge has been placed near card printer for holding water, soft drink and snacks. Payment by adding name and product to payment list is to be tried, purchases entered into POS later by bar staff. Purchase value to be deducted from the member's House Account.

GENERAL BUSINESS

KB full written report presented and discussed as follows briefly:

1. Website developing well, plan live end November. Will have a charity page - after approval given by charity.
2. BGC LAN will be looked into by David Barrett (IT specialist), relative of member Don Barrett, next Tuesday.
3. BGC GC Condition Sub com has been active and is moving towards a petition system. Separate report attached to Treasurer General Business.
4. Melb Cup Raffle a success. Don Barrett paid for posting all ticket letters to members. Thank you Don!
5. JMcC is assuming Pennant 2016 administration from KB
6. EOFY documents expected to be successfully audited showing only a small loss for the year.

7. New, higher AGL gas and elect discounts have been accepted, and expected to save significant money over the year.
8. KB drew attention to subs payment and importance of documenting actual member paying on back of EFTPOS receipt.
9. Treasurer assistance is provided by Don Barrett, “see how it goes” may lead to KB retiring as Treasurer at 2016 AGM.
10. Bar prices increases as recommended will be entered in POS on Tue Dec 1.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

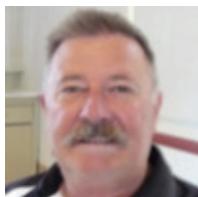
Bill Dooley (BD), asked KL to take photos at Presentation night - agreed. KB accepted to assist presenting Major Prizes.

JOINING FEE

BD, returned to Joining fee (\$165, including clothing and member kit) and discussion continued. KL then moved, seconded BR that we lower joining fee to \$100 (no clothing included) for a period of time and that the interview team have ability to offer payment by (two half yearly) instalments if necessary to gain new members. Voted and passed. Our web site to be updated accordingly. The main consideration was to increase our competitiveness (some clubs do not charge a joining fee, e.g. Rossdale) with other clubs at the beginning of the New Year. To be reviewed over time.

John Sutherland (JS) is not standing for CoM and was thanked for his input. He will continue as VGL delegate and help with Green Fee booking sheet if needed.

GH confirmed that mobile phone numbers, where known, will be printed (with members consent) in next syllabus.



Rod Boucher
November Birdie Comp Winner



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY WITHIN THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- Club 5-year Forward Planning, – Still WIP, more assumptions to be agreed/tested
- Review of Rule 55 Expenditure – Review of Club Executive WIP
- Update CoM Job Position Descriptions in Procedure Manual
- Treasurer replacement position - further info Treasurer
- Assistance behind bar - accreditation and training
- Large BGC sign fit on fence - WIP Fencing person to provide quote
- LAN update - DB, new person found to assist
- Annual Pres Night - 73 bookings to date
- BGC web site upgrade - good progress with CL
- Practice fairway for Pennant practice - in hand with Kingsley F offering “special deal”, small charge
- Trivia night 27/11 - about 40 bookings paid. Potential for Zac pizza to be ordered on night
- Pennant launch - BBQ - late January/Feb
- VGL re GV Mag - still trying to contact Phil Goad
- Christmas raffle hampers in progress - tickets to be printed on Nov 17, draw last Sat before Christmas





It's never too late to say thanks!

By Geoff Hergt (Immediate Past Secretary/Honorary Public Officer)

Well, our 2015 AGM has been and gone, our new Committee of Management (CoM) have met for the first time and we are settling in for yet another great year at the Brighton Golf Club Inc. (BGC)

It is customary, at this time, to reflect on the year that is fast drawing to a close and relive those memorable occasions we so much enjoyed.

Our club has achieved much in the year ending September 30th 2015 with ALL members benefiting in one way or another. Some many times over.

I would like to specifically thank several members who made this past year much easier than it might have otherwise been.

Moving home from literally around the corner, a distance measured in steps, to Dingley 16klms away meant that clearing the club PO Box in Nth Brighton twice a week and opening/setting up the clubrooms every Saturday morning at circa 6am would be a difficult ask.

The call went out and two (2) CoM members responded immediately. Current Secretary/Public Officer Karl Lindberg has been clearing the PO Box now for over 12 months and Bill Dooley has been opening up each Saturday morning for the same period of time. Both continue to do these tasks as well as their usual voluntary club roles. Thank You Karl & Bill.

The transition was so seamless that were it not mentioned here most members would be unaware that it had even happened.

There are many tasks at our club which occur each week from which members benefit. Yet most members would only notice if those tasks did NOT occur. The fact that they DO occur often means they are taken for granted.

We all benefit from the voluntary effort of many fellow club members not the least of which is our President/Treasurer Keith Beggs.

Our club is the envy of many similar clubs largely because of the way our club is run.

Why not offer your assistance in helping to achieve this goal. The CoM would be pleased to hear from you.

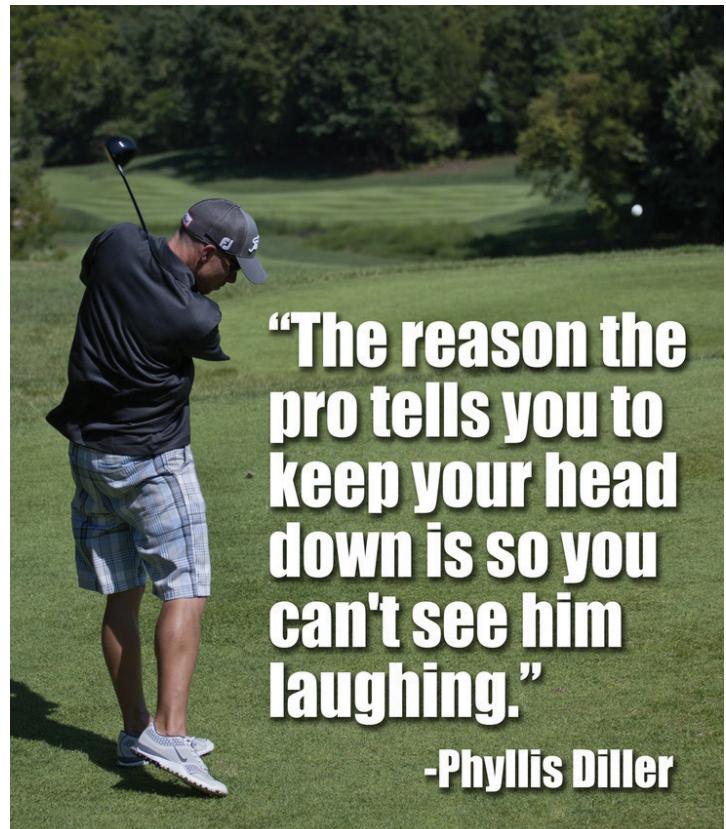
Geoff Hergt
Immediate Past Secretary/Honorary Public Officer

NEW BGC MEMBERS

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

- Peter Brewster
- Brian Richmond
- Glenda Thomas

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





Petition for a long-term BPGC solution

By Keith Beggs (President)

As has already been reported the special sub-committee formed in April of this year to work with LMS to investigate the possibility of improving the condition of the Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC) has met with some success.

The infrastructure where storm water runoff is collected and diverted into the storage dam adjacent to the 2nd tee has been repaired. Plus fairways have begun to be watered and some fertilizing is being carried out as are other works being undertaken – all we need now is some good rain.

We appreciate the amount of time, effort and expense that went into this and we thank both LMS and BCC for their positive response. Latest news is that Council is working on a business plan for a capital bid for the storm water harvest project in 2016/17.

Having progressed this far, we need to convey to Council the importance of implementing a long term solution to protect these community assets (BCG and Dendy Park) from the effects of drought. Acting on Council advice, we have formulated this petition to be delivered in the New Year in early February, to show Councillors and their executive just how important this issue is to their Ratepayers and the stakeholders of both these community sporting facilities.

Many hundreds of signatures have already been received and we now ask that ALL MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB work with the sub-committee to collect as many more signatures as possible via a local door knocking campaign. This must be done in an organised fashion so that there is no overlapping.

A day during the second week in January will be organised for all those interested in participating to meet at the clubrooms to receive their petition forms and area to be worked.

Those interested please contact either me or any other Committee of Management person.

Remember! This is for your Club's future viability.

**Keith Beggs
President**



SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR DENDY PARK & BRIGHTON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

In 2011/2012 Bayside Council completed design and documentation of a stormwater harvesting system to service both Dendy Park and Brighton Public Golf Course. This plan is based on using a large Melbourne water drain to supply stormwater into existing and expanded storages on the Brighton Golf Course. The project did not proceed due to funding and drought relief in the form of rains in 2012.

SIGN THIS PETITION TO BAYSIDE CITY COUNCIL

**TO PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY TO REPLACE
POTABLE (DRINKING) WATER USE ON THE GROUNDS OF
DENDY PARK AND BRIGHTON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE TO
SECURE THIS PROJECT FOR 2016/2017 AND YOUR
COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE FUTURE**



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& BRIGHTON PUBLIC GOLF COURSE**



Trivia Night

In November this year our club ran its Spring Trivia Night. The event was attended by 60+ members, partners and friends all of whom had a great time

There was understandable anxiety about holding a second Trivia event this year but the sub-committee pushed on with it and the result was as good a night as the May effort, if not better.

Much was learnt by Beau Roberts and me after attending a recent Trivia Night run by the Bayside Hockey Club at Milano's where the order of the night was to 'bring a plate'. For our night we added a second option of ordering Pizza's from the clubrooms and both options were very successful.

The event was designed to provide a fun social aspect to club life and to raise funds to help run our club.

Both were achieved in spades due to a much welcome patronage by members and their guests and importantly by Peter Jolly again who took on the role of Quiz Master providing the questions and answers, VP Karl Lindberg took the photos you see in this article and outgoing Secretary Geoff Hergt manned the bar whilst President Keith spent the evening attending to his 9 guests plus ensuring that things ran smoothly... well as smoothly as possible.

There were ten rounds of "not too difficult" questions, lots of friendly banter and two teams who were within a point of each other at the end of the night. And for the first time in quite a while Life Member Alex Johnson and his team were pipped at the post by 'The Greenies'.

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.

Thank you to all who attended on the night, we hope to see you back at the BGC for our next social function. And last but not least thanks to our hardworking volunteers without whose help the evening would not have been the success, both socially and financially, that it was.

Keith Beggs
President



Click the button to see a slideshow of the Trivia Night

Trivia Night



Change to Golf Rules in January 2016

By John McCreery (Club Captain)

Key changes to the Rules of Golf to come into effect 1 January 2016

Withdrawal of Rule on Ball Moving After Address

Rule 18-2b (Ball Moving After Address) has been withdrawn. This means that if a ball at rest moves after the player addresses it, the player is no longer automatically deemed to have caused the ball to move. A one-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2 will be applied only when the facts show that the player's actions have caused the ball to move.

Under Rule 18-2b up until 2012, a player whose ball moved after address was automatically presumed in all cases to have caused the ball to move. In 2012, an Exception to Rule 18-2b was introduced to cover situations where it was "known or virtually certain" that the player had not caused the ball to move, but the application of that standard was not always clear. Under Rule 18-2 from 2016 onwards, if the facts show that the ball was moved as a result of the player addressing it, or by other actions of the player, the player will still incur a one-stroke penalty.

Limited Exception to Disqualification Penalty for Submission of Incorrect Score Card

A new exception has been introduced to Rule 6-6d (Wrong Score for Hole) stating that a player will not be disqualified for returning a score card with a lower score than actually taken for a hole, provided that the mistake is the result of the player failing to include penalty stroke/s that they did not know they had incurred.

Instead, the player incurs the penalty under the Rule that was breached AND must add an additional penalty of two strokes for the score card error. In all other cases in which a player returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, the penalty will continue to be disqualification.

This Rule change will maintain the importance of returning an accurate score card by penalising the player two strokes for the score card error in addition to the penalty for the original underlying breach of the Rules.

However it will enable the player to remain in the competition.

Prohibition on Anchoring the Club While Making a Stroke

As announced by The R&A in May 2013, the new Rule 14-1b (Anchoring the Club) prohibits anchoring the club either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point" in making a stroke. The penalty is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. This new Rule will apply to all golfers in club golf, social golf, and professional golf.

The R&A has produced a guidance document to assist committees with the implementation of this new Rule. The document is available from the following page of the GA website:

www.golf.org.au/randaanchoringdocument

Two key points to note on this Rule change are that long putters may continue to be used – it's just that they may not be anchored. And the new anchoring Rule applies to all levels of golf – not just professional golf.

Modification of Penalty for Single Non-Permissible Use of Artificial Devices or Equipment

The penalty for a player's first breach of Rule 14-3 (Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Abnormal Use of Equipment) during the round has been reduced from disqualification to loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for any subsequent breach of Rule 14-3 will continue to be disqualification. An example of a device that would cause a breach of this rule if used during a round is a purpose-built alignment rod.

Distance-Measuring Device Local Rule:

Relaxation so that Players now Only in Breach if they Actually Use a Non-Conforming Feature (for competitions where distance measuring devices are permitted).

The local rule on distance-measuring devices has been relaxed so that there will no longer be a penalty if a player uses a device with a non-conforming feature but does not actually use the non-conforming feature itself. (Distance-measuring devices may only be used in competitions where the committee has the local rule in effect.)

Examples of non-conforming features include applications that measure or provide advice on: elevation changes or slope, wind speed, club selection, green reading, and effective distance between two points based on elevation changes or other conditions that affect shot distance.



BGC Members as 'Masters Golf' marshals

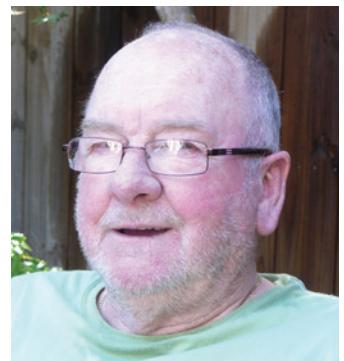


Trevor George... we wish you a speedy recovery

They say the worst happens to the best people: Here's an example but with a happy ending.

Club volunteer and respected long serving Club Member Trevor George this week was admitted to the Alfred Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

He was at home with his family and just before dinner he asked would they mind if he went to bed as he felt a bit crook. A little while later he was complaining about a pain in the chest that wouldn't go away. His wife was very concerned and called the Ambulance Service to which – unlike Trevor – he didn't object.



When the ambo's arrived they did the normal ECG thing which was OK but he was still complaining about the elephant sitting on his chest. They gave him morphine and another stronger medication that subsequently failed to lessen the pain. With that they decided to whisk him off to the Alfred.

After having been gone only 4 or 5 minutes the ambo's rang his wife and said that they had lost him. Apparently they were on Nepean Hwy and as soon as they realised that Treu's heart had stopped beating they pulled over, screeched to a halt and performed CPR which quickly revived him. I'm sure it wasn't as straight forward as this.

At the Alfred they quickly operated and installed the latest and greatest stent and he is now resting in a stable condition and the family expect him to be there for a few days until he's well enough to come home.

The operating surgeon said that he would have died had it not been for the quick actions of the medico's in the ambulance.

Hope you read this Trevor 'cause I want to add that we're all thinking of you mate and hope you have a speedy recovery.

And we need you back to do the vacuuming mate plus I need a buddy to keeping pissing people off about the good old Magpies.

All the best Trevor! Get well soon!

From Keith , your volunteer buddy's and everyone else at the Brighton Golf Club



Upcoming Events

By Keith Beggs (President)

Pennant 2016
Launch BBQ Day

A great effort has been made to capitalize on what was learnt last year when BGC missed out by a single putt to win a VGL Scratch Pennant flag during the 2015 pennant campaign. Following that loss some heads got together and decided that BGC would be more organised for the 2016 battle. To that end we now have a strong Handicap pennant team lead by Mark Oglethorpe and three new BGC members with low handicaps have been added to the Scratch team. Along with last year's successful Senior's team we have now what we believe is a strong contingent going into the 2016 campaign. With the generous support of the Brighton Golf Couse Pro Shop golf pro Travis Harrison practice sessions will take place in pre-season training on Wednesday's on the practice fairway. A date will be advised for the Pennant Launch Day BBQ in a future edition of the BGC News.

Major
Annual Function

Preliminary discussions have taken place to hold a major BGC fund raising event at a location nearby capable of handling more than can be accommodated at the BGC clubrooms. The reason for this thinking is the ongoing seriously hard work raising funds for BGC via trivia nights and raffles etc. Whilst members might think that these events are worthwhile the reality is that they take an unreasonable amount of time to organise for an insignificant return of funds. We are also conscious of the fact that we are continuously asking members to dip into their pockets and secondly BGC members do not adequately patronise club functions – Trivia and the Presentation nights work, but very little else. So we know what works and what doesn't - thus the reason for a change of thinking. A new Social Committee is to be formed to put together a plan and we need people who are enthusiastic about working on this new fund raising initiative. More information will be advised as we progress on this.

Car Boot Sale

In the short term plans are being made to evaluate the viability of holding a Car Boot Sale in the BGC Car Park. There is adequate room for say 20 or 30 cars and if carefully planned, with food and coffees stalls, could be a good earner for BGC. More news will follow with regards to this initiative.

Upcoming Events

Keep an eye-out for more details on these events in upcoming newsletters

VGL Event at Ringwood G.C.

By Karl Lindberg (Vice-President/Secretary)

Brief report from VGL event for Club Presidents, Captains, Secretaries and VGL delegates at Ringwood G.C., Sunday 25th of October, 2015.

Present from BG C were:

- Karl Lindberg (VP) representing President Keith Beggs
- John McCreery, Captain
- Geoff Hergt, Honorary Secretary
- Ken Brown, representing VGL delegate John Sutherland
- Alex Johnson, VGL President

The Ringwood golf course is owned by the Maroondah City Council and operated by Maroondah Leisure at 350 Canterbury Road, just past the new East-links Tollway.

Based on what I saw during the day of the condition of the golf course, the club, the office and the cafe facilities it is obvious that considerable amounts of money has been spent over several years to create and maintain this nice environment for golfers and visitors. I soon found Alex, Geoff, Ken and John around the starters table and we all soon spread out onto the course, to meet briefly again after the game.

The event was Stableford with an early shotgun start at 07.30 am and we played 18 holes. It was still dark when I left home at 6 am and as the day dawned I arrived at 7 am and it gradually turned into a nice spring morning and only got better and better as the day progressed. The Ringwood golf course fairways are smooth and wide, particularly compared with our Brighton course, and I was pleased to notice the 100% smooth grass coverage on all the fairways. Later I found that if you landed the ball in the fairway the ball was nearly always sitting up nicely, ready for the next shot with your best fairway club. The course is par 70, 5344 meters long and has several dog legs.

When we checked in with the VGL executives in the Ringwood club house we were given our prepared score cards but at that stage we did not yet know who our playing partners were, we would only find out once we got to our allocated tee, if we found it. As it turned out I was paired with Paul Storey from Tirhatuan GC (off 13) and Robert Grant from Wattle Park GC (off 20). As we moved along and had little chats I was told by Robert that he had been a member of BG C many years ago and remembered many of our members from those years, he particularly mentioned Trevor George and Margaret Ward and asked about Dennis Farrell).

I was allocated the 6th hole for my first hit-off, which turned out to be a rather long walk from the clubhouse, so I had to move along quickly to get there and with a little help of others eventually found the tee and there also my two playing partners. The 6th hole is long 505 meter par 5. There were another three players on the tee ready to hit off after us. Paul and Robert both hit good tee shots and by now I was rather nervous as I had been topping a few drives lately. With the other five players watching luckily I hit my first drive straight down the middle. Phuu!!

The next experience was on the green, with my first put, at Brighton speed, I went 3 meters past the cup. It got better from there as I got used to the speed of the greens. After an eventful day of 18 holes of golf we all returned to the club house where lunch and refreshments were supplied. Prizes were awarded to the winners in each section and balls were handed out to those players with the better scores for the day. Unfortunately, no Brighton representative played well enough to take out one of the major awards. However, all players enjoyed the day in perfect conditions on a well maintained course.

Karl Lindberg





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Contact Keith Beggs to have your information included

For Sale items



Club Member Gary Troeth is offering for sale (as a set) a Golf Cart (2008) and single bogey trailer (Registered 2010). As can be seen in the photo the goods being offered for sale are in excellent condition with new batteries being fitted to the cart in 2013. Inspection available by appointment.

Price: BGC Members - \$5000. Non Members - \$6000

Enquiries: Gary Troeth. P: 95792613 M:0400781259 E:wps956@gmail.com





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