

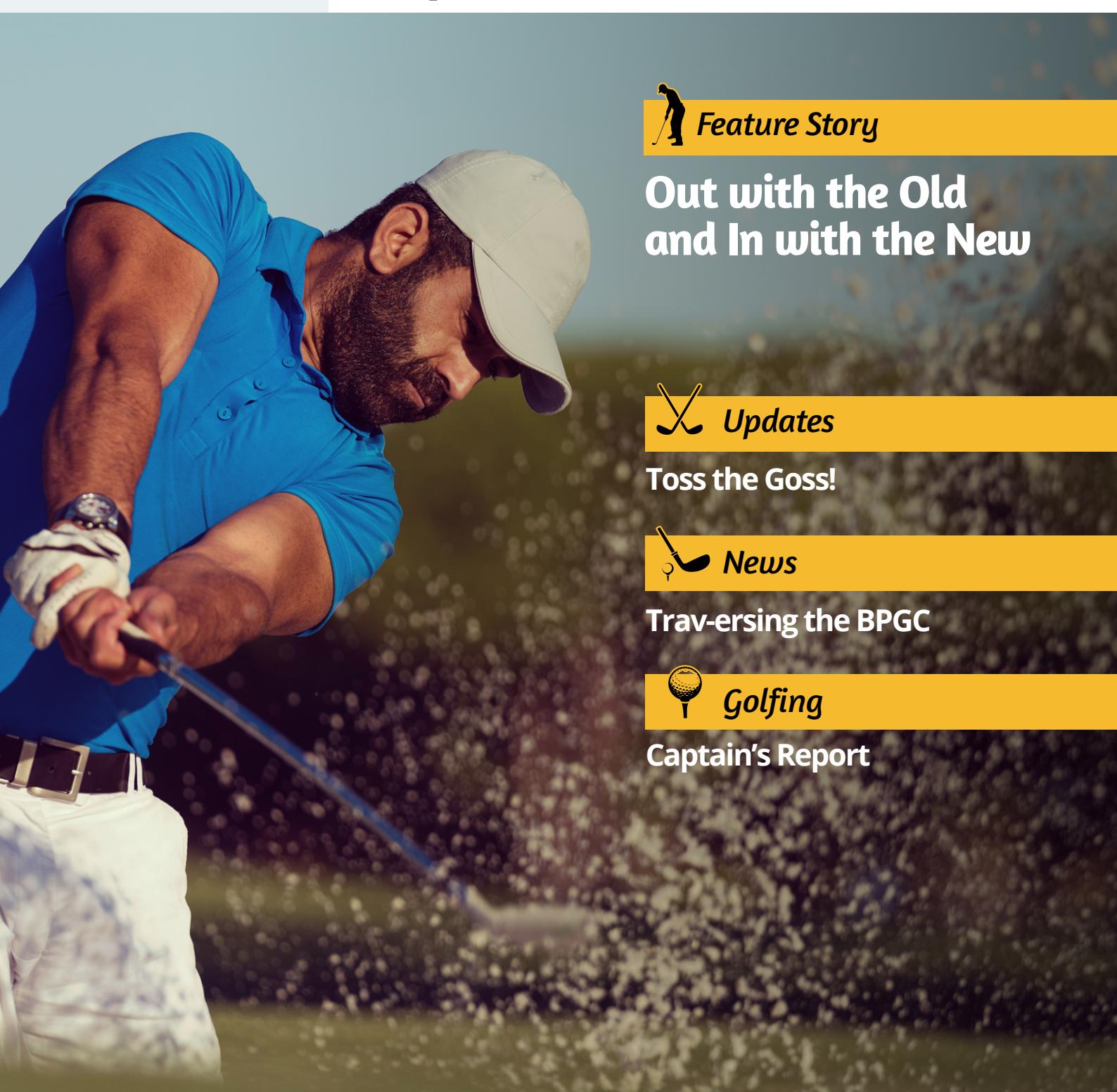


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**Out with the Old
and In with the New**



Toss the Goss!



Trav-ersing the BPGC



Captain's Report



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With each tee shot we have a new opportunity to achieve and so it is with each New Year.

Our 2017/2018 year has just ended with the 2018/2019 year about to begin.

What have you planned for the coming year??

- A lower handicap?
- A personal best score?
- Your name on a Club Honour Board?

These are all worthy personal goals but why not consider making your own personal mark on the management of our club?

After all, it is the club that provides us with the opportunity to achieve our personal goals.

By participating in the decisions that direct our club you are achieving BOTH for yourself and your fellow members.

It's a Win-Win!! Ask a current committee member how you can contribute and do something different this New Year.

Coming Attractions:

Men's Club Championships – set down for Saturday's Oct 13, 20 & 27. This graded event offers each club member the opportunity to shine in the grade which best reflects their own personal level of skill.

On Your Marks, Get Set and ... Go!!

BGC Ladies also have a number of comps including the Brighton/Nepean Shield, Ladies VGL Cup, Brownlie Silver Medal and the VGL Champion of Champions to complete before the Summer Golf Program kicks in.

The Club AGM is on Tuesday, November 20th at 7.30pm. Here you will get an update on your club's progress, discuss plans for the future, decide who manages our club for the coming year and have the chance to express your own thoughts.

All this within the next three (3) months in the lead up to Christmas.

"When I am on a course and it starts to rain and lightning, I hold up my one iron. 'Cause I know even God can't hit a one iron".

***Lee Trevino
Professional Golfer***



Trau-ersing the Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC)

- We are now starting to get some great weather days which will provide perfect conditions moving forward for the grass to continue to grow back. The course and greens are getting closer to the condition prior to the Storm Water Harvesting Project (SWHP) and we will continue to work hard to ensure this happens asap. The SWHP system is very close to working on it's own but for some reason which Entracon are continually investigating, the buffer storage is not talking to the main pumps/computers and transferring water when full. The water harvests can happen by manually switching the system on but not running automatically yet, fingers crossed by the time you are reading this all is working.

- Our new superintendent Andrew has started and he is really helping speed up the process in green recovery. You can see in the attached photos the plugging process he has implemented. This helps fill the little bare patches which cause the frustrating bouncing putts without having to replace complete sections of greens.

- We are also investigating sections of greens which never hold water and grow. You can see photos of tree roots which had nearly made their way to the surface of the 14th green. We removed these which should now help that green for the future. This will continue on the other greens moving forward.

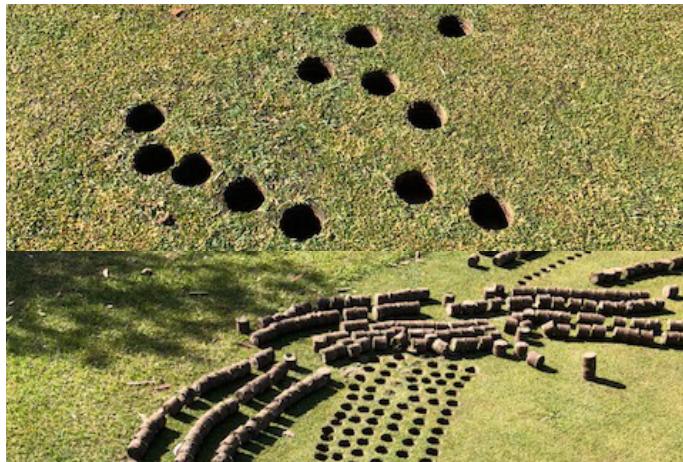
- As the course is getting busier on the weekends we request that if you can't play please ring and cancel to give other golfers the opportunity to play. This includes platinum members. Also for members who can't quite justify a platinum card don't forget we now have a members loyalty card where you pay for 7 rounds and get your 8th for free. This brings the price down to cheaper than last year.

- If you are thinking of upgrading clubs this year make sure you come and see us in the Pro Shop. We will match or beat any price from the big golf shops and ensure you are fitted by a professional, not just a shop salesperson. If you are investing in equipment you want to make sure its fitted right!

Happy Golfing



Travis Harrison
Managing Professional



Traversing Plugging



Toss The Goss!

Who's on First??

Malcolm Turner is currently recouping from a knee reconstruction operation. Apart from reducing his ability to play "the game we love" Malcolm's time away from the club means that other VOLUNTEERS are needed to prepare the Weekly Time Sheet amongst other tasks.

We are very fortunate to have former Club Secretary Karl Lindberg assisted by John Sutherland to temporarily take over the role of Time Sheet Manager during Malcolm's convalescence. Thanks guys your assistance is very much appreciated.



Malcolm Turner



Karl Lindberg



John Sutherland



Yvonne



David Heraud

Winter Classic Comp unavailability

Although the season is over for another year and the final placings have been decided what you may not know is that many players on the various teams were not available to play each match. Just as in the AFL injury, illness, or personal circumstances robbed teams of crucial players for important matches. Even the weather played a part washing out the first week of the finals and prolonging the end result. This too caused players to be unavailable. So if you are unable to play for your team when they need you most this provides the opportunity for other team members to "step up to the plate" and shine for the team. Nothing is ever ALL bad!!

Remember if you have an article, pic or both of something that would be of interest to your fellow members send it to bgolf@bigpond.net.au addressed to the BGC News Editor.

"The only shots you can be dead sure of are those you have had already".

***Byron Nelson
Professional Golfer***



Winter Classic's Record Win

The brain child of two (2) club members Bill Dooley and Andrew Blunden (pictured below) this initiative has just completed it's 5th successful season of 14 matches.

During that time almost all male members of our club have competed in a wide variety of teams for the ultimate bragging rights of being the Grand Finalists.

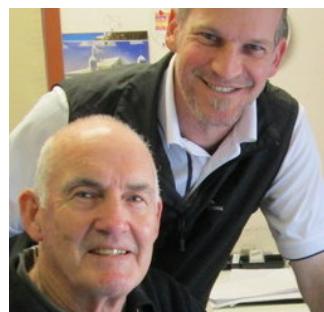
Here are some thoughts from one of the originators:-

Just a few notes from the Past and Present. Grand Final Results

2014 Vets	109 Def. Eagles	99
2015 Day Breakers	106 Def. ASADA Squad	94
2016 Schmizzle	103 Def. Eagles	96
2017 ASADA Squad	104 Def. Sainters & Sinners	101
2018 Day Breakers	120 Def Eagles	107

Congratulations to the Premiers of 2018 "Day Breakers". It is their 2nd. Premiership with a very impressive score of 120.

The Eagles have played in 3 Grand Finals. Their losing score in season 2018 of 107 would have been enough to win 3 of the previous 4 Grand Finals.



L - R Bill Dooley
& Andrew Blunden

The 2018 season saw 2 sides, Lattes and Schmizzle, withdraw their inclusion in the competition. A new side, the "Tigers", thanks to Giles Toler, were added to the teams competing. This side included 3 Juniors. They led the competition up to round 6 with 4 wins and 1 loss.

Unfortunately our number of players dropped from 68 to 49 this year. Still a credible number of players.

Thank you to all the players who participated in the fifth Season of the BGC Winter Classic. Bill Dooley

The original concept was to encourage members to play golf during the winter rather than head north to warmer climes and to engender a closer relationship between morning and afternoon players who might otherwise hardly be aware of each others existence.

These objectives have been achieved in spades thanks mainly to the significant voluntary effort of the two (2) originators, Bill and Andrew.

The record win this year saw The Daybreakers triumph over The Eagles by a margin greater than in any other Grand Final played to date.

The 2018 Grand Finalist team The Daybreakers



L-R Capt Rod Boucher,
Kevin Nicholls, Russell
Whyte, Chris Allan, Gienek
Mieszelewicz & Geoff Hergt



Gary Troeth –
not available
for group pic

Yes, it is that time of year again when we renew our commitment to our golfing buddies and our club.

Continuity of all these benefits requires our dues to be paid by October 31st – don't be late!!

Enjoying their company, weekly comps, social activities and the chance to achieve glory are beckoning us all to do it again in the coming year.

BGC 2018-2019 Annual Subscriptions and Fees		
This applies from the 1st October 2018 to 1st April 2019		
SUBSCRIPTIONS		FEE
Ordinary Playing	\$	433.00
Junior Playing	\$	145.00
Social Playing	\$	226.00
Social Non Playing	\$	60.00
Country Playing	\$	187.00
Golf Access	\$	153.00
Golf Access Junior	\$	77.00
FEES		
Joining Fee	\$	100.00
Joining Fee Junior	\$	22.00
Locker Fee	\$	20.00

Invoices for membership renewal will be available at the clubrooms from Wednesday 3rd October and payable by the 31st October 2018

Highlights of CoM Meeting - September 2018

The September Birdie Winner was Marc Robinson.

There were no specific items of interest from the Sept Committee of Management meeting. However, members are reminded that a transcript of the meeting is available upon request from the Club Secretary.



Marc Robinson
September Birdie Winner

Captain's Report



Highlights.

The highlight for this month was a Hole in One on the 11th by Bill Rigby, having achieved the same feat just last April on the 13th. Bill took out his driver to clear the new dam and the ball just kept going onto the green and into the hole. I do not know whether Bill was joking or not but when he spoke to me afterward, he asked if there was a limit to the number of Hole in Ones that a player could claim. I like your confidence Bill.

Glenn Martin Memorial Golf Day.

On Saturday, 29th September 2018 the competition will be a mixed Stroke Ambrose with an 8.00 am Shot Gun Start. This day is when the AFL Grand Final is played, so it gives all players plenty of time afterwards for any arrangements to do with the football.

The House of Golf through Club Member, Innes Ireland, will donate gift vouchers to all players and there will be a raffle of a major prize in the Clubhouse immediately after the golf.

Men's Club Championships.

The Club Championships for Open, A grade, B Grade, C Grade, and Junior will be played over three Saturdays commencing on the 13th October.

V.G.L. Men's Senior and Veterans Championships.

The VGL Senior and Veterans Championships will be played at the Waterford Valley Golf Course on Thursday, 4th October 2018. There will be a 2 tee start commencing at 8.00 am with lunch available to purchase after the golf. The cost is \$38.00 per player and entries can be made through the Club or directly online to vicgolfleague.com.au. Entries close on Monday, 24th September.

V. G. L. Men's Team Event.

The Club will be entering a team in this event to be played at the Ringwood Golf Course on Sunday, 21st October, 2018. The competition is Stableford with a team of 4 players, where the best 3 scores are added to produce the team score.

If you would like to play in this event please contact me, John McCreery on 0415 504 066, first in best dressed. Green fees are paid for by the Club and a light lunch is provided after the golf.

Saturday Time Sheet Changes.

Saturday players are reminded to please check the time sheet each week as your tee times will vary a little, especially with daylight saving commencing early October.

John McCreery – Club Captain

Also on the "sick list" Trevor George is in hospital where the medical wizards are trying to find the cause of his complaint. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Sam Snead
Professional Golfer

Ladies' Activities



The beginning of September has seen some beautiful Spring weather for golf. It's also encouraging to see the dams filling up.

The September monthly medal was won by Robyn Napolitano - well done!

The Captain's Trophy which is held over two weeks of stroke competition was won by Jan Mayberry. Congratulations Jan.



Robyn Napolitano



Jan Mayberry



Winners certainly are Grinners. The Captain's team won by a very small margin

Unfortunately, our ladies were not successful in the VGL Ladies' Activities Foursomes event held at Southern Golf Club last month but enjoyed themselves nonetheless. It is a very challenging course with all those bunkers!

Another fun day is our Play and Stay which is on 30th September at Barwon Heads - we have nearly 30 attending so let's hope for good weather and golf.



Pam Jones
Lady President

We had 28 competitors for our Captain versus President Match Play competition on Wednesday, 19 September. This is a fun competition with the Captain's team playing the President's team for the coveted trophy. The winning margin was a very close 7 and 6.

Brighton Wins Vincent Cup

For many, many years our club has been represented as one of very few VGL Golf clubs at the prestigious Barwon Heads Golf Club's Annual Vincent Cup event.

The competition is always very tough and the course can play with quite a degree of difficulty depending upon which way the wind is blowing. It seems the wind is always blowing given that the course is literally over the hill from the ocean.



The BGC Victorious team members are L-R Peter

Players of all levels of skill battle these trying conditions each year in a Par Round where it is not unusual for the winning score to be how many down rather than up you and/or your team are at the finish.

This year for the first time in a very long time OUR CLUB WON.

The team of Peter Nowak, John Collins, Peter Walton and Peter Jolly, there must be something in the name "Peter", brought home not only the accolades of the winning team but also the individual winner. John Collins finished with +1. The team won with a score of -12. Runner up was East Geelong with a score of -14. So you can see just how tough it can be!?!?

Well done guys your club is proud and appreciative of your efforts.



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