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Feature Story

It's all happening at the BGC!



Pic : L – R Geoff Bottoms, Chris Kelly, Don Fraser, Peter Wolfe, William McKay "Macca" Anderson, Kevin "Tubby" Pearce, David Combe and Ian Cave

The month of August saw both the 2016 BGC Winter Classic comp and the Men's Club Championships decided and what a finish it was!!

After fourteen (14) weeks of the regular season then three (3) weeks of the finals The Grand Final of the **BGC Winter Classic** comp saw The Eagles and Schmizzle play off for the title and bragging rights - until we do it all again in 2017. The first attempt at a result ended in a Draw. YES, a Draw so a replay was required to anoint the champions.

Minor premiers The Vets (nothing to do with animals more to do with age demographic) and the Lattes both stumbled during the finals leaving the door open for a gripping Grand Final between two (2) old (I use the term advisedly) adversaries.

A tough, and at times, thrilling encounter saw Schmizzle get home by a margin of 7 points (103/96). So the eight (8) players of Schmizzle can regale us all with their tales of great shots played and missed for a few months and then it is time to rekindle our team players, individual enthusiasm and launch ourselves into a brand new season.

What is interesting is that no team has won the Grand Final more than once, so everyone has a good chance at the BGC one. Well done to organizers Bill Dooley and Andrew Blunden.

The **Men's Club Champs** were played in August this year rather than straddling Oct/Nov as has been the case in previous years. The Ladies Club Champs were played in May.

Divided into Grades ie. Open, A, B & C the Men's comp is played over three (3) consecutive Stroke rounds with all players in each Grade playing "off the stick". In other words a player in Grade C off a handicap of say, twenty six (26) is giving a fellow C Grade player off twenty three (23) three (3) shots. It just means that to win C Grade, in this example, all C Grade players need to play to the lowest handicap in that Grade. This is the same in each Grade. I guess we need to understand that our normal handicap does not apply.

Whereas the Best Nett score over the whole Club Championship DOES take the players handicap into account and can be won by any player. All details are printed on page 15 of your Club Syllabus.

Winners for this year were

Open	Ryan Radford
A Grade	John Collins
B Grade	Peter Jolly
C Grade	Adam Fish
Best Nett	David Combe

Congratulations to all winners and participants (full results available on the club website) and a big THANK YOU to our Club Captain and Match Committee for the necessary organization to enable this major event to be staged. A more extensive article and pics will appear in the September issue of BGC News.



Highlights of CoM Meeting - 9 Aug 2016

TREASURER REPORT

The report also compares the YTD income and expense with previous year and budget. Income is a little higher than last year but below this years budget. Expenses are higher than both last year and budget. The net surplus is ahead of last year but well below this years budget. Action is being taken to reduce expenses, particularly bar wages, for remainder of financial year, endeavoring to bring the Surplus in line with the budget. Bar stocks are thought to be higher than planned due to taking advantage of "specials".

KB attended Micropower "road show" 27/7 and reported some new developments that may be of use to BGC.

SECRETARY REPORT

Club administration is increasing as we begin the preparation phase for the all important member renewal invoicing letters to be completed in September. We are now closer to end of pro-rata period for membership fees and new member inquiries and applications are generally lower at this time.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Good numbers of male members playing both Wednesday and Saturday, but ladies playing less due to inclement weather.

- Temporary Local Rule - Preferred Lies removed by Match sub-com.
- Club championships were brought forward to suit course conditions and commence August 13th and continue for three rounds.
- Men's Par 4 BBB CC are played 17th and 24th September and advise members to arrange partners early.
- Bayside Golf Challenge at Sandringham GC 21st August for teams of eight playing par.
- Ladies Major event the Foursomes CC played 14th and 21st September.

BGC vs Vic. Veterans GC will be played at BPGC on Monday 19th September. Book in Club House before 10th September. A sumptuous BBQ lunch will be available in Clubhouse after the event. Cost \$40 or \$15 for Platinum card players.

SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

KB advised a Spring Trivia Night is "go" for 25th November and Peter Jolly will handle questions and be MC again. A \$10 entry fee is proposed (was \$5 last year).

Moved successfully that Major Trophy & Winter Classic Presentation Night be \$35 per head for 3-course meal. Same caterer (Simple As) as previously used and about 80 people are expected.

HOUSE SUB COMMITTEE

DH reported on discussions with rep from Treasury Wine Estate that may offer us lower prices for special "brands".

He has received quotes for kitchen upgrade between \$4,500 and \$20,000 and is awaiting further offers. He expects an appropriate quote for the kitchen will be available and if approved by CoM should allow a start in about 4 weeks time.

Work is in progress to amalgamate the Club honour "boards" in different rooms at the Club to make room for new boards as old boards are nearly full. Progress TBA to CoM.

Moved successfully that 18 BGC fold-up metal/canvas chairs be sold at \$20 each to Club members by advertising in Club rooms or newsletter if required.

The current volunteers doing the Club cleaning (MW and TG) on Tuesday are not continuing. New Club volunteers are required. Burt de Luca has offered to replace TG on Tuesday, and BD is currently cleaning male change rooms and toilet floors on Friday. Discussion about finding volunteers from the Ladies to take care of the Ladies change rooms and toilets to be revisited. If sufficient volunteers cannot be found commercial cleaner/s will be required, at a cost to members.

New BGC Members

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

Kirk Monteiro

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



Larry Lee
July/Aug Birdie Comp Winner



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COURSE SUB COMMITTEE

BGC has been advised by Peter Franklyn of BCC that \$500,000 has been confirmed as 'Official' for expenditure on water harvesting project in this year's BCC accounts and the remainder (2.5M) available in next years budget. Moved successfully that renewed contact be made with LMS (Gary Bramich) and responsible BCC person to encourage needed continuous improvements to the course.

JMcC noted in particular that top dressing has not been done for many years and must be considered in the context of the big water-harvesting project. If top dressing not done, at the appropriate time, the water project will not be as successful in renewing the fairway grasses, as all stake holders should expect from the \$3M expenditure on the water harvesting project.

It was also noted that Kingsley Ferguson, LMS Operations Manager at BPGC has resigned with effect from late August.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- BGC forward Planning. Producing a 5- year plan is now considered more realistic based on future potential for increased BGC membership resulting from "water harvesting project" and increased revenue from our bar operations, in line with approved kitchen upgrade and future DH catering activities within BGC club house.
- Outside storage shed for BHC, negotiations to take place with House Manager.
- Upgrade to Class 2 kitchen licence handled by DH awaiting further outside quotations. CoM will need to approve any extra expenditure. Hoping for six weeks until start.
- Volunteer bar service. Several volunteers are being considered by DH for bar service including POS and RSA training. DH plans RSA training for five (5) volunteers within next couple of weeks. Volunteers are also needed to lower total bar wages (Wednesday and Saturday) by about \$2,000 for remainder of financial year 2015/16, i.e by the end of September 2016, to achieve the bar wages budget.
- KB advised that Geoff Hergt is working well as our new Newsletter editor and KB will continue to assist

him. Reports and articles to be sent directly to Geoff Hergt.

- Moved successfully to accept KB budget proposal, as presented on a spreadsheet, for new BGC annual member fee calculations for 2016/17. The total annual fees will remain very similar to this year. CoM agreed this is necessary for BGC to remain competitive with other golf clubs in 2016/17, particularly whilst the water harvesting project is being completed.
- Preparation for producing the 2016/17 member renewal invoices needs to begin in August and be completed by mid/end September. A new button has been added to the POS at the bar to allow possible payment of member dues there (subject to further testing).



Update on water for the Brighton Public Golf Course

"Hi Keith,

I have made enquiries as to the progress of the contract/ works for the proposed upgrade of water harvesting at Brighton Public Golf Course.



The specific details of the contract requirements are being finalised and it will go out to tender. Upon receipt of the tender responses they will be considered and the successful tenderer will be appointed and works commenced about a month later.

The impending council elections will impact the timing but it is expected that works will commence in earnest in the new year ie 2017.

The timing as discussed with officers has not been pushed back but processes must be followed re contracts etc Please let the members know Regards Bruce"

Bruce Lowe (Councillor - City of Bayside)

Mobile: 0411 555 551

Editor's note : Bruce Lowe is a member of the Brighton Golf Club Inc.



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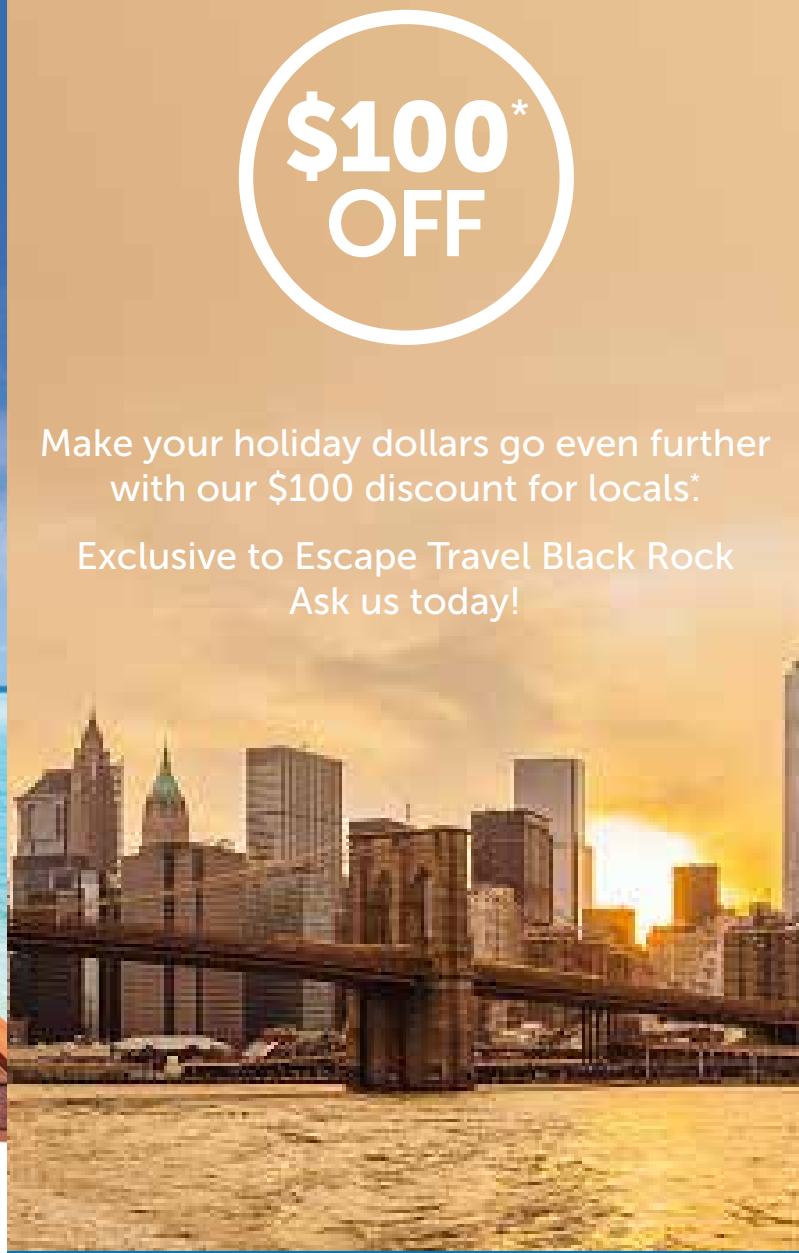
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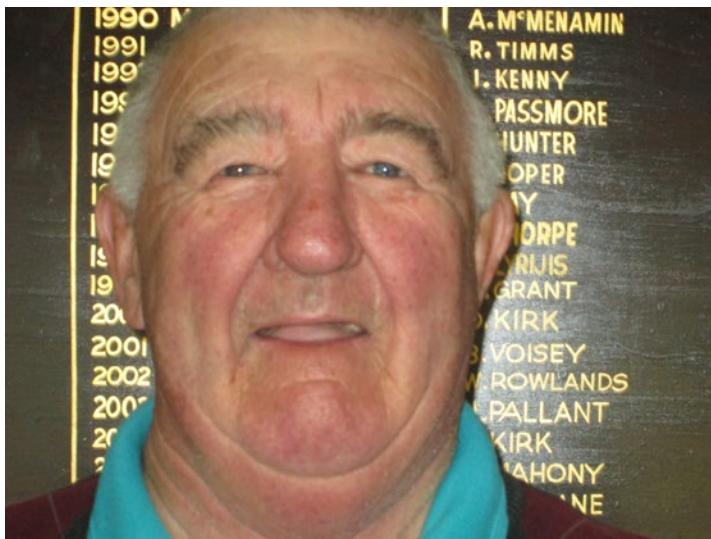
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The team that plays together stays together



Kevin "Tubby" Pearce has been a member of our club twice, but when added together his membership spans many decades.

A recent initiative of our Committee of Management (CoM) to encourage the introduction of new members saw Kevin rise to the challenge. Over the past couple of years Kevin has brought at least seven (7) of his friends into the club, see pic. (Inset Kevin "Tubby" Pearce).

Not content with just introducing his friends to the many benefits of our club Kevin has arranged for two (2) groups of four (4) players to play golf at the same time at our club on both Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The BGC Winter Classic team "Schmizzle" comprises all eight (8) players and has competed admirably throughout the entire fourteen (14) week competition reaching the Grand Final (see lead article in this issue). Handicaps for the team range from as low as nine (9) to as high as twenty seven (27). The point being that you do not have to be a low handicapper to secure your position in the team.

There is an old adage which says "The Group/Team that Plays Together Stays Together".

Never has this adage been more true than with this committed group of friends who also share interests other than golf.

Within our club there are many similar groups of players/friends for whom the game of golf is almost incidental to their enjoyment of the company of their fellow players. Of course golf is the initial talking point which draws them together but often their shared interests extend well beyond just golf.

Could your own participation in the life of our club be enhanced by the involvement of your friends, workmates or family? If you think it could the process, as Kevin has found, is both simple and rewarding.

Worth a thought isn't it!

Geoff Hergt



So who's the real bunny?



Members and passers by were treated to a rare sight recently when a pet rabbit "escaped" from its safe home and found its way into our car park. Despite a number of valiant attempts the "bunny" took some catching but was eventually returned to our neighbours place safe and sound. Everyone (including the rabbit) heaved a sigh of relief.



BGC Ladies Activities

The month of August has been pretty quiet with fewer players than normal in the fields. This has been mainly due to injuries, ill health and those fantastic holidays to warmer places which occur during winter. Our Monthly Medal for August was won by Pam Jones which also formed part of the Captain's Trophy rounds. Pam had a great two weeks to take the honours and win this one as well. Congratulations Pam!

It is fantastic to see new members get into the winners circle and participate in the great events we have at Brighton. We were able to award Rosa Baernreuther with her mounted golf ball for getting a hole in one earlier in the year, thanks to Jenny Barhamis for arranging this. Rosa has also been away travelling so it is nice to have her back.

I am relieved to say we have finally been able to pass on the cheque to Sandringham Hospital for \$5,700 to the Director of Nursing Judy Reeves and her Fundraising Officer Kerry Stratford. They were thrilled with our efforts and as such we will get our name on the special board of recognition for donations over \$5,000. A very big thank you to all involved and to those who bought raffle tickets for the wine rack.

Rosemary Fry , Jan Smallman and I represented the club at the recent VGL event on a wet Monday at La Trobe Golf Course. Although quite wet under foot and some early rain it was a great day at what would normally be a lovely course. Unfortunately none of us were able to bring home any winnings but there is always next month!



Front row L to R: Judy Reeves Director of Nursing Sandringham Hospital accepts the cheque from BGC Lady President Marg Mooney with Kerry Stratford Fundraising Officer Sandringham Hospital on Marg's left.

Looking forward to longer sunlit days and warmer mornings for Sept.

Cheers Lady Captain
Sue Bamberry



Pam Jones
Monthly Medal Winner



BGC Ladies bid farewell to Brighton Public Golf Course LMS Manager Kingsley Ferguson. He is the one in the middle with the BIG smile!!



Who else but him?



The vast majority of our club activities, management roles, maintenance, gardening, cleaning ect are carried out by club member volunteers. That's why OUR club is not only so affordable for everyone but has a "family feel" often lacking in larger more commercially operated clubs.

Having been a member of our club for 26 years he has been our voluntary Treasurer for almost 20 years. During this time HUGE changes have occurred updating club processes whilst also improving the experience of membership for all members, Men, Ladies and Golf Access alike. He has also been our President since 2014 and our BGC News originator and editor since 2009.

So it is not hard to see why Keith Beggs is an Honorary Life Member of our club.

Few others have done as much for as long as Keith has – all voluntary ie. Not paid.

Whilst some club officials receive an honorarium each year this is an attempt by the club to recompense those officials for their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out their role. Most of us live within a 5klm radius of the clubrooms. Keith lives in Berwick over 5 times that distance - each way.

Our BGC News has been a monthly publication now for over 7 years, that's 84 editions. Keith has been the editor and main contributor for that whole period.

On behalf of all our members, past and present, may I extend to Keith and especially his very supportive wife Margaret, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. This recognition is not just for the consistent effort required but the creativity to regularly provide members with a very readable and informative monthly publication.

Thank You Keith and Margaret for an outstanding contribution to our club and members over many years.



Ace hole six.... What a Stirling idea!



Early on Saturday morning August 27th last while most people were having a sleep in BGC member Stirling Hookway had a Hole In One on the par 3, 6th hole down South Road.

It was described as a high draw that dropped to the right of the pin, made good use of its in flight spin and "hopped" left into the hole. What can I say!?!?!

Those in the group were as amazed as Stirling at the result. That's Stirling on the far right pointing toward the hole.



Changing of the guard



During a Committee of Management meeting in 1998, chaired by then President Alex Johnson, it was moved successfully that BGC produce a regular club newsletter for the benefit of BGC Members.

Discussion then took place on who was going to volunteer for this task. Although I'd held the position of Treasurer for a couple of years and added to the fact that I was sober – unlike when I agreed to be Treasurer - I thought I'd give it a go.

Previous experience as the newsletter editor for the Rotary Club of Huntingdale gave me an inkling of what was involved. A name for the journal was struck and the first edition was published in January 2009 in a modest A5 format.



1st Edition
Welcome to the 1st edition of the Brighton Golf Club Inc. newsletter. It is hoped this will set a trend of providing members especially new members with a regular update on our club.
There have been some attempts in the past to produce a newsletter but due to pressures of time and other circumstances it has failed to become a regular feature of our club.
There is now a sub-committee committed to producing a light-hearted document and we ask that you be contacted for input from the members. Remember this is your communication tool - tell us what you need to know or what you want to convey to the membership.
Lady Members represent 30% of the total membership and 20% of this newsletter will be devoted to their activities.

A number of copies will be available in the clubhouse and we also plan to include the Newsletter on our Website in the not too distant future where members can either view or download it.

Although pocket sized it contained several items that are as relevant today as they were then and continues to be an important window into the administration and sporting activities of this Club. References to the future club website, green fees and trophy vouchers all make interesting reading in the 1st Edition PDF attached.

It's been a hoot! I've enjoyed taking part in what has evolved to be, I believe, one of the best golf club newsletters available and we should all be grateful that Geoff Hergt has now stepped in to take over as editor. Geoff was Honorary Secretary of the BGC for 7 years and knows a thing or two about how the club functions. He's a stickler for detail and has plenty of ability to keep the good work going.

So please give Geoff your support with ideas and content for articles, pictures and jokes (the politically correct type please).

Keith Beggs
President



The king has left the building



After eight (8) years as the Manager of the Brighton Public Golf Course for Leisure Management Services (LMS) Kingsley Ferguson left their employ on Friday August 19th.

There are four (4) separate golf clubs (ours being one) which call Brighton home. Our club has worked hard to develop and maintain a good working relationship with Kingsley during his "reign". We believe the benefits enjoyed by both parties are testament to the positive and co-operative nature of our relationship.

Pursuing opportunities in the Golfing industry or perhaps the Hospitality industry will be the main focus for Kingsley in the immediate future as we wish him well in his new endeavors. A member of Riversdale Golf Club playing off a handicap of 1 suggests that Kingsley has a wealth of ability and talent to apply in his chosen field. Many of you will recall that Kingsley and Cynthia married last year.

Our club will be keen to develop and maintain a mutually beneficial relationship with Kingsley's successor.



Captain's Report

By John McCreery (Club Captain)

Throughout July the Men have continued having a good number playing on Saturdays and Wednesdays despite the indifferent weather conditions. The Ladies on the other hand have been light on in numbers. Hopefully, when the weather picks up we will see more of them back playing.

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Men's Club Championships are to be played over three weeks commencing on Saturday, 13th August. The Grades and GA Handicap Ranges will be as follows:

Grade	GA Handicap Range
Open	0 – 10.4
A	10.5 – 16.3
B	16.4 - 22.3
C	22.4 - 36.4

The lowest gross score, for the 3 rounds in each grade, will be the winners.

To be eligible players must have returned a minimum of 6 individual Brighton competition score cards since last years Club Championships.

BAYSIDE GOLF CHALLENGE.

The annual Bayside Golf Challenge between the Golf Clubs at the 3 Bayside public golf courses of Sandringham, Elsternwick and Brighton was played at Sandringham Golf Course on Sunday, 21st August.

The format of the competition is teams of eight playing par, with the aggregate of the eight scores determining the winning team. The best individual score for the day receives the Life Time Trophies Medal.

In very varied conditions ranging from cold wind, warm sunshine, showers on and off to heavy rain at the end of the round the players battled on for their Club. In the end Sandringham came out on top with the best overall score followed by Brighton and Elsternwick. The best individual score for the day was won by our own Brett Youl with an excellent score, considering the conditions, of 4up.

Sandringham provided some tasty food after the round which was much appreciated by all the players, and they are all looking forward to next year's competition which will be held at Elsternwick.

MEN'S PAR 4BBB CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A reminder to the Men that the Par 4BBB Club Championship is to be played over two rounds on September 17th and September 24th. Pick your partner early.

These two rounds will also be the qualifying rounds for the Match Play Championship.

Pairs must nominate and play together in order to qualify. Pairs who wish to play in the Match Play Championship must write the letter 'Q' on their scorecards. You only have to play in one of the qualifying rounds to be eligible and the top 16 pairs will advance to the knockout rounds.





Captain's Report

By John McCreery (Club Captain)

As previously in pairs events with the new Leader Board System, each player will obtain their own score card and will nominate their playing partner when scanning the card after their round. The Leader Board will then calculate the final score of each pair.

LADIES FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

A reminder to the Ladies that the Club Championship for Foursomes is to be played over two rounds on September 14th and September 21st. This is a major trophy event so select your partner early before someone else grabs her.

BRIGHTON VS VICTORIAN VETERANS G. C.

The annual challenge match between the Victorian Veterans Golf Club and the Brighton Golf Club is to be held on Monday, September 19th at the Brighton Golf Course. If you would like to play please write your name on the list displayed on the scoreboard in the Club House before Saturday, September 10th. A timesheet with the starting order will be displayed on Saturday, September 17th. The competition is Stableford and will be followed by a sumptuous mixed BBQ lunch.

Cost per player is \$ 40.00. Platinum Card holders \$ 17.00.

GLENN MARTIN MEMORIAL GOLF DAY. (AFL GRAND FINAL)

The competition on Saturday, 1st October is to be a team event in Stroke Ambrose. This is to be a Guest Day, so invite your friends along. Teams can be all men or mixed with a maximum of two ladies per team. All players need to have a Golflink accredited GA Handicap.

The competition will be a SHOT GUN START at 8.00am so everyone can then do their own thing afterwards as far as the football is concerned.

ENTRIES & PAYMENT MUST BE DONE THROUGH THE CLUB, by Wednesday, 21st September, so that the draw for starting holes can be arranged at least a week before the event.

The Club will be running a raffle on the day. Tickets will be sold and the winner announced in the Club House directly after the morning's golf.



Where The B... Hell Are You?

You are about to receive your BGC Membership Renewal. But it will go to your last recorded address held by the club.

If you have changed your postal/email address in the last twelve (12) months and not advised the club - then you might not get it. That would mean you could become unfinancial and not be able to enter club competitions.

Why not make sure your address, held by the club, is current by advising the office – Secretary or President, (see your Club Syllabus for contact details) or better still go to the club website and update your details yourself using your own login.



Member Profiles



Name : Peter Jolly
Goal: 'B' Grade Champion

Born at an early age Peter Jolly has been our Club Quiz Master for the past couple of Trivia Nights performing admirably under what could only be described as "challenging" circumstances?!?!

Married to Kerry they have done well to produce two (2) children, one of each, Matt and Rachel. Peter holds an important position in Sales and Logistics with freight company Border Express.

Schooled at St Kevin's College and Caulfield Tech in Graphic Arts Peter counts amongst his notable achievements at the BGC the W. Lydster Memorial Trophy, "C" Grade Championship and a Hole in One.

Off a handicap of 18, which he is trying to improve, Peter enjoys the friendships he has made and social activities at BGC. When not playing golf he is a keen snow skier and surfer. Peters' next goal at BGC is to become "B" Grade Champion.



Name : Marg Mooney
Position: Lady President

With a background in Retail Sales, qualified in Physical Education and a teacher for 5 years Marg considers 49 years of married life, 3 children and a number of grandchildren as a strong foundation for a happy life.

After being introduced by a friend Marg has been a member of our club for the past 16 years and considers winning the Brownlie Silver Medal amongst her notable achievements at Brighton Golf Club Inc. Marg is also our Lady President until Sept 30th next.

Marg just loves being a part of the BGC Ladies group and looks forward to continuing with her golf, yoga and work.

Her special favorites are her children and grandchildren



Name : Sue Bamberry
Job: ICU Nurse

Sue is married with 3 children, an ICU (Intensive Care Unit) nurse regularly involved in all manner of very significant medical situations. Sue has a Graduate Certificate in Health Education.

Interestingly Sue's father was a POW (Prisoner Of War) on the Thai/Burma railway during the Second World War and survived which might explain why Sue is so passionate about saving lives.

A member of our club since 2004 Sue's mother (Joy Hocking) was also a long serving member of our club.

A big advantage for Sue is that our club is close to home but it is also the friendships established that she most enjoys.

Amongst her personal achievements are : Walking the Inca Trail to Machu Pichu and trekking in Nepal.

Off a handicap of 18 Sue obviously likes to walk, play golf and travel. She also looks forward to our kitchen being modernized.



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