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## Charity Begins at (BGC) Home

Wednesday June 20th saw one of the largest gatherings of lady golfers in the BGC Clubrooms for many years. It was the BGC Ladies Annual Charity Day and 92 lady golfers from at least six clubs, including our own naturally, sat down for lunch, fun and lots of chatting.

Prior to the lunch the ladies enjoyed a brisk morning on our new and ever improving course which received some very favourable comments from non BGC members. Although chilly there was blue sky and sunshine to welcome our guests.

Meanwhile, back in the clubhouse a frenzy of activity was in progress to prepare for a "packed house" when the golfing was done.

There were prizes and raffles with our front room full of goodies for the ladies to admire and hopefully purchase.

A Charity Day needs a worthwhile charity to be successful. This year it was SMA Australia (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) which was the recipient of the funds generated. Diane Ford spoke on behalf of SMA outlining the importance of the funds donated and the insidious nature of the disorder.

It turns out that BGC Lady member Maureen Gaynor, our club's April Birdie Winner, has a grandson with the condition and this inspired our ladies to assist SMA this year.

So, who won the prizes for golf: The pictures show that winners really are grinners.

The winning group on the front nine was a threesome comprising: Gai, Jackie and Meg whereas the winners on the back nine, a pair, were S. Roll and M. Sherlock from Centenary Park. No BGC Ladies featured but they will next year, I'm told.

One of the main features of the charity day was the drawing of the much anticipated Wine Rack raffle complete with many bottles of wine. Although tickets had been widely distributed it was a fitting result when Maureen Gaynor produced the winning ticket. She was delighted as you can see from the pic.

Lady Treasurer Jan Smallman advises that a donation of circa \$6,900 is likely to be made to SMA as a result of the day's activities.

Congratulations to all concerned for a great day of fun. Leading our BGC team was President Pam, Captain Sue, the many BGC ladies who assisted along with House Manager David Heraud and wife Robyn in the kitchen and John Cumming behind the bar.

We are fortunate to have a brilliant team who can really turn it on when required.

***"My best score ever is 103 but I have only been playing 15 years".***

***Alex Karras  
Detroit Lions defensive lineman***

# Charity Begins at (BGC) Home



Chatting over lunch



Gai, Jackie & Meg



Front room goodies



New Member Barbara Phelan auctioneer



The ladies from Centenary Park



Diane Ford SMA Australia



BGCs Sue (L) and Pam (R) lead proceedings



Even raffle Winners are Grinners



Maureen and The Rack



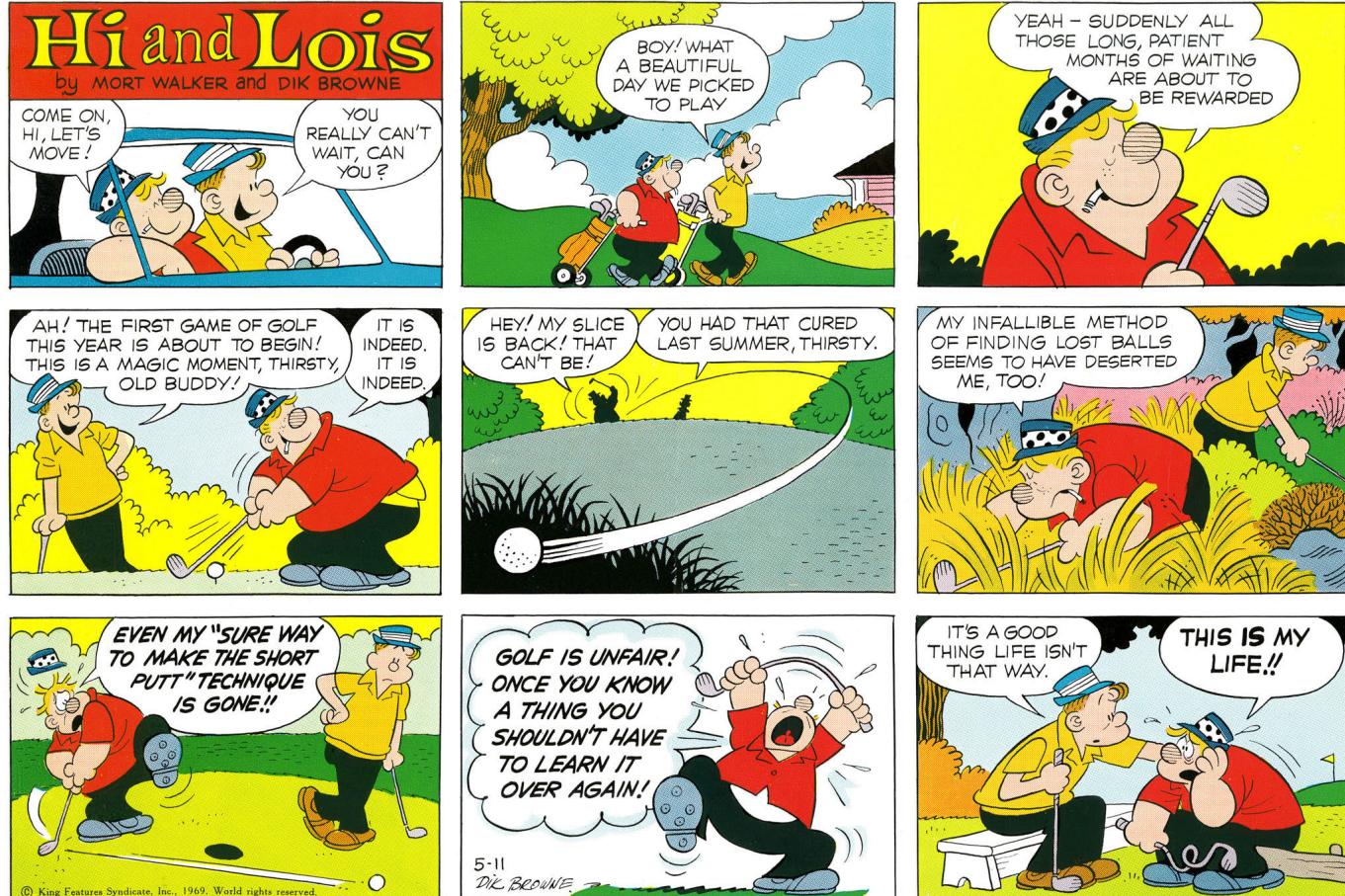
## STOP PRESS STOP PRESS – Breaking News!!!!

We have just been advised that Leisure Management Services (LMS) the manager of the BPGC will increase the Green Fees from \$32.50 to \$35 from July 14<sup>th</sup> next. Members with an email address were advised on Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>.

This means that when paying green fees for Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> and beyond, the amount will be the new rather than the old amount ie \$35 not \$32.50 per 18 hole round of golf.

If you hold a Platinum membership and renew your annual fee of \$1299 prior to July 14<sup>th</sup>, irrespective of your card's renewal date, you will have the old rate until you renew your Platinum membership next year.

You will recall that the traditional July increase in green fees was held over until the course reconstruction and water harvesting works were complete. Our 12 month extension July 2017 to June 2018 has lapsed so the increase is now coming into effect from Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.





## Tremendous Trivia

At a time when many folk are snuggled up by the fire, June 22nd is the Winter solstice, dozens of intrepid BGC members and guests braved the vagaries of the cool conditions to pit their skills against others at the BGC Winter Trivia Night.

Held at the clubrooms and catered for so well by our own House Manager David Heraud and team, a night of fun, friendly banter, good food and beverages was enjoyed by circa 60 people.

This time our Quiz Master was none other than the President of the VGL, BGC Life Member, Past President and Club Captain, our very own Alex Johnson.

Revelers were tested with fair, but not too difficult, questions on a variety of subjects so that everyone had a chance at glory by the end of the night.

The idea is that each table of participants decides on their own "Table Name". This is the name on the board against which the scores for each round are added. The table with the highest score at the end of the night is declared the winner, until next time.

***"There are two things not long for this world – dogs that chase cars and golfers who chip for pars."***

***Lee Trevino  
Professional golfer***

The Winning Table "Reverse the Nine" was made up of a group of folk who have a strong pedigree at our Trivia Quiz nights and are normally led by Alex Johnson. On this occasion Alex was our Quiz Master.

## Shortest What????

Often referred to as the shortest day of the year either of June 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Winter Solstice - actually neither is correct.

Every day has the same number of total hours i.e., 24. However what does change is the number of "daylight" hours?

June 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>, depending upon what school you went to, is reputed to have the least (read shortest) number of "daylight" hours whereas six months later on December 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> the Summer Solstice, again depending on that aforementioned school, has the greatest (read longest) number of daylight hours. Hence we get the often quoted, but actually incorrect, statement, that we have just passed the shortest day in the year and that from now on they get longer.

Wrong, unless you are talking about Daylight hours, not Total hours.

The main reason we observe "Daylight Saving" is to extend the availability of Daylight Hours. This is during the warmer period of the year when we can play golf until later in the day. That bit never changes.

# Tremendous Trivia

In Second place was "One Sandwich Short" a group associated with House Manager David Heraud and the Third place getter was "Bouys & Gulls" a team of mainly BGC Men and Lady members and partners.

They say that "every picture tells a story". So have a look at these and you will either see yourself or, what you missed out on if you were not there. All funds raised go to assist in running our club and keeping our annual dues at an affordable level. BGC "The Home of Good Fun & Great Value".



Trivia Night Brings out the Best in folks



Trivia Night guests enjoying the atmosphere



Trivia night Happy Campers



Trivia Night Revelers revelling



Trivia Night Winners - Reverse the Nine



Third Place getters BGC Ladies and Men



Third Place getters BGC Ladies and Men



## Trau-ersing the Brighton Public Golf Course (BPGC)

- Course update: 5<sup>th</sup> Green will be open on the 25<sup>th</sup> June if all things go to plan.
- Path works are now complete from 10-11<sup>th</sup> with some turf still needing to be laid around the right hand side of the 10<sup>th</sup> green, this will have to wait till slightly warmer weather to ensure the grass takes.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> greens are currently being renovated, sections have been roped off, slightly scarified, seeded and sanded. Hopefully this will fast track regrowth without having to completely re-turf the whole green.
- 14<sup>th</sup> green the tree roots are going to be cut as they are starving the green 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> greens will be patched up with use of turf from Elsternwick. We will gain the turf from Elsternwick in the first week of July. We will also get some turf for tee areas from Elsternwick.
- New nursery behind 11<sup>th</sup> green to harvest grass. This will allow us to continually fix struggling areas as new grass is grown in the nursery.
- Water harvesting is working with storm water being harvested every time it rains. Within the next 2 weeks we should have enough water in the dams to test the irrigation system. The pumps have been tested and work well we just need enough water to pump around the course to check for leaks and breakages in the system.
- Elsternwick groups will be coming to Brighton from the first week of July. The Ladies group who play on a Thursday at Elsternwick will tee off before the Nepean ladies early Thursday morning at Brighton. The Saturday Elsternwick members will also move to Brighton. They will have 5 groups play between 8-8:30am on a Saturday. There will be a couple of Brighton members groups who will have to slightly shuffle tee times but it is for the long term benefit of the club. The plan is for the Elsternwick club both men and ladies to play as their own identity this year as they have their syllabus and competitions planned for 2018. At the end of 2018 , discussions will take place to transition members into Brighton Golf Club and ladies into Nepean GC. Elsternwick Golf Club is one of the oldest clubs in Victoria, they want to keep some traditions and history moving forward. We will help them in this regard and then work out the best solution long term for all clubs.
- Elsternwick Golf Course will close with a "bang" on 23-24<sup>th</sup> of June. \$10 golf will be offered to all comers over the entire weekend to bid farewell to this local icon. A free BBQ will also be put on for all golfers.
- There will be junior school holiday programs held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school holidays. These are a great way to introduce your kids to golf and meet new friends. Also just a reminder that any junior who is signed up to our term classes receives unlimited golf membership.

*"For most amateurs the best wood in the bag is the pencil".*

**Chi Chi Rodriguez**  
Professional golfer



**Travis Harrison**  
Managing Professional



# Brighton Golf Club



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Two applicants may now join for only \$247.50 each including the Joining Fee which is half the Full Playing Membership Fee but with all the benefits.

NOTE: This category of Membership is conditional on 2 people joining at the same time and is available for the first year of Membership only.

**Contact John McCreery on 0415 504 066 for more details**

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## Toss The Goss!

### Moves are afoot

Both Travis Harrison, Managing Pro at BPGC, and our club are negotiating with members of the Elsternwick Golf Club to join our club and continue their fine tradition when the Elsternwick course closes for good at the end of June this year. The Bayside City Council has decided to return the nine hole course to public park land.

### Club choice now a real challenge

With the opening of the new tee on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole the weekly tee placement will cause many furrowed brows as players decide how far they need to hit the ball. Especially as they now have a "water carry". A wrong choice or miss hit could bring about a watery end to that little white "object of much discussion".

### Members on the mend

Several BGC Male members have had health issues lately but thankfully are on the mend. Keith Beggs is in recovery mode after a back op and rehab. He is now happily at home although not yet back to driving the car.



James (Bear) Wilks has been seen around the club and although not back to playing golf his spirits are up.

It has been great to have Jim Mayfield back on Saturday's but the huge Ladies Annual Charity Day on Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> was a "bridge too far". Wisely, Jim took the day off!!

### Recognition for services rendered

At a recent meeting of a local community service club, the Kiwanis Club of Moorabbin Inc, Life Member, Past President and Club Captain of the BGC, Beau Roberts, who has had his own health issues lately, was presented with a very special gift. Quilts of Valour (QOV) is an organization of ladies around Australia who voluntarily make patchwork quilts and present them to Returned Services personnel in recognition of their service to our country.

As a Vietnam Vet Beau received his quilt from the National President of QOV Wyn Roper. See pic below



**Beau Roberts pic**

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](mailto:bgolf@bigpond.net.au) addressed to the BGC News Editor.

# Highlights of CoM Meeting - 12 June 2018

**Date:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Venue:** Brighton Golf Club

**Present:** James McAlpine, John McCreery, Sue Williams, Rosemary Fry, Giles Toler, Pamela Jones

**Apologetics:** Keith Beggs, Robyn Napolitano, Virginia Gattuso, David Heraud, Trevor George

## Motion Acceptance Of Previous Committee

**Meeting 8/5/2018 Minutes:** Motion to accept the 8/5/2018 Brighton Golf Club Committee of Management Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. (M) J McC (S) GT PASSED

## Correspondence:

### Inwards:

10/5/2018 - Print Management Facilities Australia, rental agreement for Sharp printer

18/5/2018 - Community Clubs Victoria, legal risks and protections for Golf Boards

18/5/2018 - Golf Victoria, Community Golf Instructor promotion

18/5/2018 - Golf Australia, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, Equal Opportunity and Sex Discrimination in Golf and Club Membership

23/5/2018 - VGL, player injury and golf equipment insurance

28/5/2018 - VGL, pennant 2019

1/6/2018 - Di Bussell, Elsternwick Park Women's Golf Club

### Outwards:

9/5/2018 - Letter of Introduction, Shirley Frost

9/5/2018 - Letter of Introduction, Sam Denison

25/5/2018 - Letter of Invitation, Elsternwick Park Women's Golf Club

25/5/2018 - Letter of Invitation, Elsternwick Park Golf Club

2/6/2018 - Letter of Introduction, Benny Zhu

2/6/2018 - Letter of Introduction, Yue Yang

2/6/2018 - Letter of Introduction, Humayun Baig

**Motion:** Motion to include the Privacy Letter in the 2018 Annual Subscriptions mailout.

(M) SW (S) PJ PASSED

During the Honorary Treasurer's leave of absence, the following people were thanked for their backup:  
Don Barrett - Payment of invoices and wages

Malcolm Turner - Banking and petty cash reconciliation

Karl Lindberg - Emailing of incoming invoices arriving by PO mail

Sue Williams - Emailing of incoming invoices arriving by email

**Birdie Winner:** Marc Robinson

**Motion Acceptance:** Motion to accept as Members of the Brighton Golf Club, Ethan Chan, Colin Vickers and Jack Mooney. (M) J McC (S) SW PASSED

**Motion Acceptance:** Motion to accept all the tabled Reports. (M) GT (S) PJ PASSED

**Red Cross Day 2018:** The total amount raised from the 2018 Red Cross Day was \$6387.71.

**Motion:** Motion to send a third cheque to the Australian Red Cross for the amount of \$450. (M) J McC (S) RF PASSED

**Dds Photocopier:** The new Sharp MX 2630N photocopying unit has been delivered and is in full operation.

**Bayside Hockey Club:** Bayside Hockey Club has had 69 Members join as 2018 BGC Social Members and have all been processed on the BGC Member database.

**Golf Australia's Equal Opportunity Act 2010 Compliancy Document:** The document was distributed to all Committee Members in readiness for discussion at the 10/7/2018 Meeting.

## Membership Application Form Requirements:

After discussion, it was confirmed that there was no requirement for BGC Membership Applications to remain in the Clubrooms and to be filled out at the Club.

**Defibrillator Unit:** VG and J McC completed the online Sport and Recreation Victoria application form to apply for a grant to purchase a defibrillator unit for the BGC Clubrooms.

**Honour Boards:** J McC reported that the new Men's honour boards have been ordered.

**Next Meeting:** TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018, 7pm at Brighton Golf Club



**Marc Robinson**  
June Birdie Winner

# Captain's Report

## Highlights

The Ladies Club Championships were competed for in May and congratulations go to Maree McGowan winning A Grade, and becoming Club Champion for 2018, and Helen Tuddenham in B Grade. Cheryl Young won the Brighton Cup for the best nett score over the Championships.

## Brighton Win Pennant Double in 2018.

The Pennant Season has been completed successfully with two of our teams winning the Pennant. The Scratch Men played supremely against Centenary Park and had a convincing 6 matches to 2 victory in Division 1. This team played some very good matches through the season reaching their peak in the final. Congratulations go to team of Chris Meehan, Simon Meehan, Marc Robinson, Matt Costigan, Alistair Salmon, Chris Tesoriero, Brad Carter and David Murray. Chris Meehan managed this team and a special thanks goes to him for his dedication and enthusiasm through the season.

The Handicap Men played Craigieburn-Willmont and also had a convincing win by 5 and a half matches to 2 and a half. Congratulations go to the team of Peter Nowak, Peter Walton, John Collins, Peter Sammut, Peter Jolly, John Henderson, Craig Mills and Jason Mills. Another special thank you goes to Peter Nowak who managed this team with his usual thoughtful guile to come up with the winning combination in the final.

Detailed reports of these victories appeared in last month's newsletter.

## Saturday Time Sheet Changes.

With the closure of the Elsternwick Golf Course on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Course Management has asked the Elsternwick Golf Club Members to play on the Brighton Golf Course. This, along with the lack of early day light, will affect the tee times of Brighton Club Members for the next couple of months. Please, check the time sheet each week as your tee times may be a little later than you are used too. By having the Elsternwick Members play on the Brighton Course, we hope to pick them up as Members in the future if their Club does have to disband

## Brighton Golf Course Construction Works.

The Water Harvesting Project has been completed as far as the Contractor is concerned and the Council has now taken over the completion of any outstanding works.

The Club has recently been informed that the Management of the Brighton Golf Course will be changing hands as Leisure Management Services has sold their golf course management business and a new company called Blue Fit will be taking over. Also, the golf course maintenance will be done by a company called Top Cut in the future. More information will be given to the Members as it comes to hand, but I believe it is a move in the right direction for the future condition of the Golf Course.

## Proposed Hitting Net.

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition to have a practice hitting net on the Golf Course for use by Brighton Golf Club Members. If you have not signed the petition and wish to, there is a folder behind the bar where you may do so. There is still some negotiating with the Council and the new Course Management before erection of the hitting net will go ahead.

## Men's Match Play Championship.

The second round of the Fred Meehan Memorial Trophy, Singles Match Play, has been completed and players still in the draw must complete the third round of matches by Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

John McCreery – Club Captain

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**GOLDEN ERA FOR BIG V**

# Ladies Activities

The month of June has been a very busy one for the ladies committee. Much effort has gone in to our Annual Charity Day which is featured in this months BGC News. The winner of the wine booty was none other than Maureen Gaynor whose grandson started the whole process this year. We hope Maureen has many occasions on which to enjoy the fabulous wine.

The monthly medal winner was Marilyn Jamieson, who was also the winner of the Medley Trophy. This trophy is the combination of three rounds Par, Stroke and Stableford with points awarded according to your winning place in the field. Well done Marilyn!



**Monthly Medal & Medaly Winner Marilyn Jamieson**

## What Is The Monthly Birdie Comp??

Firstly – What is a Birdie?

When you score one (1) stroke under par on any hole - that is a Birdie. So, if you took two (2) strokes to get the ball from the tee and into the cup on the green of a par 3, you have scored a Birdie. This applies equally on a hole which is designated on the score card as a par four (4) or a par five (5) ie. one (1) stroke less than par for the hole. If you had two (2) strokes less than par that would be an Eagle, but let's not go there!

Now that you have scored your Birdie – What next?

Apart from feeling totally elated, when you return to the clubhouse after your round you and your marker complete a small slip of preprinted paper obtained from the Birdie Nest, above the bar. Fill in the details using a separate slip for each Birdie scored. Then have your marker sign each, fold them in half and place them in the slot under the Birdie Nest.



**Birdie Comp slip**

But how does that win me the monthly "Birdie Comp?" I hear you say.

Each month at the Committee of Management (CoM) meeting the Birdie Nest is emptied of all the slips. They are placed into a receptacle from which one (1) slip is drawn out by a committee member.

The name on that slip is the winner of the Monthly Birdie Comp. That fortunate player gets their name and pic in the next edition of the BGC News for all to see and receives a prize of \$10 cash added to their House account to be spent on club merchandise or over the bar.

Simple, isn't it ?????



**Birdie Nest pic**

# BGC Member Profiles



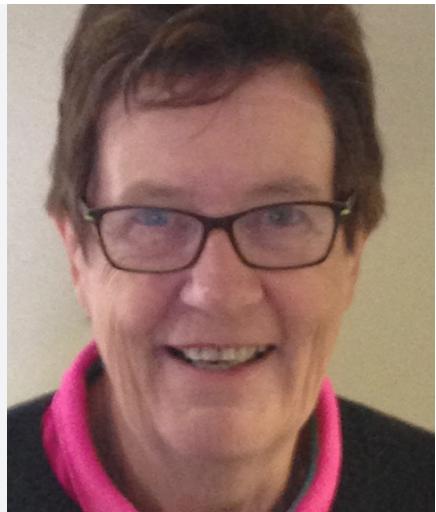
**AL ABRAHAM**

Alwyn Abraham and wife Kaye have three (3) children : Jason, Talia and Naomi; and five (5) grandchildren: Alan, Emma, Matilda, Joslyn and Zoe.

A retired furniture and floor covering retailer and buying group chairman, Alwyn has spent many years in country Victoria's south and east from Frankston to Hastings and Wonthaggi. Given that our House Manager David Heraud was also in furniture they may have a lot more in common than just golf.

A BGC member for the past three (3) years, Al joined to get a handicap, would love to score a Hole in One , really enjoys the fact that the club and course are close to home and the company is great.

His particular likes are family and travel both within and outside Australia.



**BARBARA PHELAN**

New BGC Lady member Barbara Phelan grew up in Brighton, went nursing for 20 years then became a lawyer and barrister for the next 24 years after achieving her Degree and Masters in Law at Monash Uni.

Barbara is married and has three (3) children. Having retired recently, she is proud to have worked in stressful roles for all those years and yet still be able to play golf. Although recently joining our club to get a handicap, Barbara has played our course for the past 50 years – she obviously started when she was very young.

Amongst her "likes" are the club atmosphere and the people. Her future goals are to lower her handicap and keep strong.

With her ability, past record and determination it is to be expected that both will be achieved. "Look out here comes Barbara."



**TREVOR SPENCE**

Trevor and Anne Spence have two children and four grandchildren. Achieving his Masters in Commerce from Melbourne Uni, Trevor worked his entire career in Human Resources with leading Australian companies.

A three year BGC member, he took up golf upon retirement as he could finally play golf regularly.

That time is now spent honing his golfing skills on Wednesdays and Saturdays whilst learning the various competitions which our great game offers.

Trevor's new skills have helped him achieve a hole in one, the occasional win in both Club and Veterans comps and Senior Pennant. He loves winning against fellow club members particularly on Saturdays.

Completing a round without a three putt, consistently achieving under eighty strokes, belonging to a local club, variety in weekly comps with beer and chips at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole are amongst Trevor's "likes"

Course improvements especially in fairways and greens are on his "wish list".

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