



This month's edition of the BGC News includes a couple of human interest stories from two of our long serving members.

We are indeed fortunate to have amongst us some very interesting people. More articles are in the pipe line and if you feel you have a story to tell, either about the club's history or a matter that you feel would be of interest to members in general, please let the editor know.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009 the Brighton Golf Club Inc. held the annual Red Cross Open Golf charity day. The event would not have been as successful as it was without the dedicated work of Peter Vallence who again organised most of the sponsorships, placards, signage and donations. Beau Roberts along with his Match Committee spent many hours organising tee times, the betting hole and the course cleanup after the event.

Greg Dind and the Red Cross ladies were kept busy with the spinning wheel assuring that all who bought tickets on the day went home with a prize - be it ever so small. Judy & Kevin Smith did a top job providing the victuals from the kitchen.

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### Ladies

Thank you to WARWICK JONES, Hampton Street, Hampton (Resie) for the continued support and donation of vouchers, and to Travis from BRIGHTON GOLF COURSE for donating a half-hour lesson for our next raffle.

There has been lots of positive feed back from the ladies who have attended the Brighton Golf Course coffee morning/lessons.

Away from Brighton, a few of our ladies have travelled afar and played at the VWGL Joan Hope Memorial day at Amstel, Cranbourne (took over an hour to get there); Tirhatuan Salver (lush green grass) & Sandringham Charity Day (Anne & Heather D came 2nd).

Congratulations to: Karen - a new grandchild

Wishing you a Speedy Recovery: Andrea - surgery and Joyce Hocking - Fractured arm.

Gill F - fell off a camel in India & injured her thumb {the best excuse so far in 2009}

### The Mixed Ambrose Event



## Hire of the Club Rooms - 2009

Hirer	Date
Pat Molloy - Niblick Group	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2009
Pat Molloy - Niblick Group	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2009
Chris Meehan	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2009
St Peters Kinda	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2009
Nepean GC	October 2009

## Did You Know

The Niblick Golf Club Inc. was formed in the early 1930's by friends with like interests wishing to play golf together and take golfing holidays playing on various courses.

They played on weekends as they were all working people and had families but on long weekends they travelled to Healesville, Woodened and Flinders, which included the families for a stay over.

Times have changed and now we are mostly retired and play on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month on various courses such as Malvern Valley, Glen Waverley, Bundoora and Brighton.

We take three holidays each year with a five day stay at Howlong in May, another to Cobram-Barooga in September and up 'til this year at Marysville - always very popular.

We have a social committee who arrange theatre days and other functions. It is a very friendly club and we would welcome new members male and female who wish to play once a month.

Please contact Pat Molloy 9557 8789 (a Brighton member) or President Bob Phyland 9599 2480

*By courtesy of Patricia Warner*

### **Definition**

Nib-lick - An iron-headed golf club with the face slanted at a greater angle than any other iron except a wedge; a nine iron. A pitching niblick is an eight iron. A mashie niblick is a seven iron. (Refer Wikipedia)

## VGL Pennant - Dates & Results

Junior Pennant - Division 1			
Round	Date	Competition	Winner
1	Jan - 25	Brighton vs Glen Waverley	Brighton - OTB
2	Feb - 01	Centenary Park 1 vs Brighton	Centenary Park 1
3	Feb - 08	Australasian vs Brighton	Australasian
4	Feb - 15	Glen Waverley vs Brighton	Brighton
5	Feb - 22	Brighton vs Centenary Park 1	Brighton
6	Mar - 01	Brighton vs Australasian	Brighton
Final	Mar - 15	Ringwood	<b>BRIGHTON</b>
Scratch Pennant - Division 1			
1	Mar - 29	Brighton vs Centenary Park	Brighton
2	Apr - 05	Nepean vs Brighton	Brighton
3	Apr - 19	Yarrambat vs Brighton	Yarrambat
4	Apr - 26	Centenary Park vs Brighton	Brighton
5	May - 03	Brighton vs Nepean	
6	May - 17	Brighton vs Yarrambat	
Final	May - 24	Werribee Park	
Handicap Pennant - Division 3			
1	Mar - 29	Ringwood vs Brighton	Ringwood
2	Apr - 05	Brighton vs Glen Waverley	Brighton
3	Apr - 19	Brighton vs Tirhatuan	Brighton
4	Apr - 26	Brighton vs Ringwood	Brighton
5	May - 03	Glen Waverley vs Brighton	
6	May - 17	Tirhartuan vs Brighton	
Final	May - 31	Werribee Park	
Seniors Pennant - Division 2			
1	Apr - 02	Eastern Sward vs Brighton	Eastern Sward
2	Apr - 16	Brighton vs Camberwell	Brighton
3	Apr - 23	Glen Waverley 2 vs Brighton	Glen Waverley 2
4	Apr - 30	Brighton vs Eastern Sward	
5	May - 07	Camberwell vs Brighton	
6	May - 14	Brighton vs Glen Waverley 2	
Final	May - 28	Amstel Park	

## Mens Competition Results

Date	Competition	Winner/s
Wednesday 04/03/09	Stableford	Stephen Toth (21) 41 Pts
Saturday 07/03/09	Club Medal & Trophy - Stroke	Medal - Peter Walton (12) Net 59 Trophy - Tony Hall (14) Net 61
	NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	Alan Hayes - 104 cm
	NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	Barry Goring - 181 cm
	Ball Comp	63 to 66
Wednesday 11/03/09	Par	Brett Youll (8) +5
		R/U Mark Oglethorpe (14) +4
Saturday 14/03/09	Unofficial Comp - Stableford Pairs Aggregate	Angelo Mercuri (26) Geoff Hergt (23) 79 Pts
	NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	Larry Lee - 152 cm
	NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	Tony Tesoriero - 220 cm
	Ball Comp	Carried Over
Wednesday 18/03/09	Stableford	Chris Meehan (8) 39 pts
Saturday 21/03/09	<b>Red Cross Charity Day</b>	
	Men's Net	Jasper Flynn (22) Net 58
	Men's Gross	Chris Tesoriero - 69
	Ladies Net	Sue Gregory (37) Net 66
	Ladies Gross	Sue Stein - 92
	Men's Callaway	Patrick Faeller (5) Net 72
	Longest Drive Men 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hole	Ben Rushbrook
	Longest Drive Men 10 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Patrick Faeller
	Longest Drive Ladies 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Grieve
	N.T.P. Men's 8 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Peter Sexton
	N.T.P. Men's 12 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Mark Oglethorpe
	N.T.P. Ladies 8 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Jill Wain
	N.T.P. Ladies 12 <sup>th</sup> Hole	Robert Charles
	<b>Club Comp</b>	
	VGL Medal & Trophy	Medal - Jasper Flynn (22) Net 58 Trophy - Robert Charles (18) Net 61

## Mens Competition Results - Continued

Date	Competition	Winner/s
Wednesday 18/03/09	Stroke	Chris Meehan (7) Net 61
Saturday 28/03/09	Par A,B,C & W Lydster Trophy Round 2	A - Trevor Salmon (11) + 2
		B - Tony Tesoriero (16) +7
		C - Shaun Barclay (26) +6
	Match Play - Final of Summer Sheild	Marc Robinson/Karl Lindberg def Steve Pap/ Brad Munro 5/4
	NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	
	NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	Trevor Salmon - 61 cm
	Ball Comp	+7 to Square
Eagles	Gary Troeth - Hole In One - 12 <sup>th</sup> Hole	
	Peter Jolly - 12 <sup>th</sup> Hole	

## Ladies Competition Results

Date	Competition	Winner/s
Wednesday 18/03/09	Par - Presidents Trophy Round 2	A Grade - Gillian Azodi Square
		B Grade - Elizabeth Willy +1
		C Grade - Jan Smallman Square
Wednesday 25/03/09	Mixed Ambrose	H.D` Arcy, M.Mooney, C.Stenniken, T.Terrel (15.1) 53 Net
	President's Trophy	Won by Gillian Azodi with a score over 2 rounds of +3
Wednesday 01/04/09	Life Members` Trophy Round 1 & Medal Day -	A Grade - J Passmare (24) Net 66
		B Grade - M Williamson (30) Net 67
		C Grade - H Palfrey (40) Net 70
Wednesday 08/04/09	Life Members` Trophy Round 2 Stroke	A Grade - S Bamberry (25) Net 71
		B Grade - S Bingham (30) Net 71
		C Grade - J Darby (45) Net 75
Wednesday 22/04/09	Ladies Stableford - Qualifying Round for V.W.G.L. Cup	A Grade - L Sutcliffe (13) 37 pts
		B Grade - R Fry (32) 33 pts
		C Grade - V Gattuso (43) 45 pts

## The 17<sup>th</sup> Deaf Golf Australia Championships



The winning team: Gavin, Tom, Jack, Gary's son, Ray, Denver

A club member who is currently representing Brighton in the handicap pennant team recently represented Victoria in the Deaf Golf Championships.

"Deaf Golf Australia along with New South Wales Deaf Golf Association were the proud hosts of the 17th Deaf Golf Australia Championships, at Pacific Dunes at Newcastle, NSW, over Easter Weekend (10-13th April 2009). Pacific Dunes

proved to be a stern but fair test of golf with the front nine in thick forest and the back nine surrounded by water!

This tournament was attended by 35 golfers from 5 states, broken down with 10 golfers from Victoria, 8 from NSW, 7 from Western Australia, 6 from Tasmania and 4 from Queensland.

Jack Besley, a 16 year old from Melbourne, in his first Australian Deaf Golf Championships, belied his youth to shoot rounds of 77, 69 & 76 to finish 14 shots in front of the current World Deaf Golf Champion, Denver Magnusson also from Victoria after rounds of 77, 77 & 82.

In the hotly competed teams championships, Victoria backed up its previous win at the 2008 Australian Deaf Golf Championships (held at Australian Deaf Games in Gold Coast) and finished 24 shots in front of NSW with a score of 996. The Victorian team comprised of Jack Besley, Denver Magnusson, Raymond Reid, Gary Kerridge, Gavin Balharrie and **Tom Beggs (Captain)**. NSW finished second on 1020 and WA on 1129.

This tournament also doubled as the selection trial for the 2010 World Deaf Golf Championships, which will be held at the 'home' of golf at St Andrews in Scotland. The Australian Team of 6 players based on the top 6 scores are; Jack Besley, Victoria, Denver Magnusson, Victoria, Mark Aird, Queensland, Luke Ellis, NSW, Ray McGuinness, NSW, Craig Douglas, NSW."

*Reprinted courtesy of Gavin Balharrie and Deaf Golf Australia*

## Red Cross Day 2009

The winners of the Red Cross Raffles are:

Julie Hegarty, Sue Bamberry, Travis Harrison, Mark Dawson, Leigh Jeffrey, Tony Long, Bob Hallowell

## New Members

The Brighton Golf Club Inc welcomes the following new members:

- Social - Malcolm Gray
- Junior - Brad Applewood
- Junior - Jacob Nasher

## Green Fees Voucher System

The new system has met with a few teething problems such as how to deal with the Junior Green Fees subsidy. These issues have been dealt with and the system is now running reasonable smoothly.

However it has come to the Treasurer's attention that some members prefer to use their credit cards and avail themselves of an EftPos PURCHASE transaction rather than CASH OUT.

The intent of the change to a voucher system was to eliminate dealing with cash after hours in the clubhouse for security reasons. Processing an EftPos receipt doesn't compromise this intent and therefore those members who wish to continue using their credit cards are welcome to do so. A notice to this effect will be circulated in the clubhouse.

If there are any other matters concerning members regarding the new system please address those concerns direct to the Treasurer (Keith Beggs) or to Karl Lindberg.

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*A nursery school pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead.*

*"How do you know that the cat is dead." she asked her pupil.*

*"Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently.*

*"You did WHAT?" the teacher exclaimed in surprise.*

*"You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went, 'Psst' and it didn't move.*

## Juniors

Three new promising juniors have joined our Club in the last month, bringing the total number to twelve. Nice to see our junior numbers on the increase but it is still a small number in our total Club membership of 311. Juniors are important for the growth of our Club and we could certainly accommodate more of them.

New members are Sam Bashfield, Jacob Nashar and Brad Atholwood and Members are asked to make them feel welcome.

Jasper Flynn, our undefeated pennant player is on a roll. After winning the Red Cross Day with a net 58 off a 22 handicap he backed up last Saturday by winning the monthly VGL Medal with a net 61, bringing his handicap down to 16. As if this wasn't enough he won his Handicap Pennant game the next day 8 and 6. Look out if you have to play him.

Another Junior, Sean Meehan is also playing good golf in the Handicap Pennant team and won his game on Sunday convincingly 5 and 4.

Juniors, remember this. You can have a thousand thoughts on the practice fairway but only one on the golf course.

*Peter Vallence*

## Clubroom Refurbishment

The Committee of Management is currently looking into upgrading the appearance of the clubrooms. The first stage of this upgrade has been completed with the chairs being cleaned, repaired and varnished. We thank John McCreery, Andrew Eddie, Adam Fish, Angelo Mercuri and Andrew Blunden for their work on this project.

Following the pennant season it is planned to paint the lounge area, the entrance foyer and the locker rooms using a member based working bee over a few Sundays.

So if John McCreery has not already tapped you on the shoulder please contact him if you are available, also, if you have any ideas about improving the appearance of the clubrooms please pass them on to John.

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***My wife and I*** were in bed watching "Who wants to be a Millionaire".

*I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex darling?" "No," she answered.*

*I then said, "Is that your final answer?" She didn't even look at me replying "Yes."*

*So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."*

*And that's when the fight started.....*

## Black Saturday

One of our longest serving club members has submitted a letter written by his son who had first hand experience in the events of Black Saturday.

*"In late August, last year, I took my family for a day trip to the snow at Lake Mountain. On the way, we stopped for lunch at the little town of Marysville.*

*As we drove past the Marysville Golf Club, which is amongst the prettiest courses I have played. My wife Ann had never visited Marysville before and was impressed with the beauty of the town.*

*Marysville is set into a gully between two large hills. It was surrounded by a forest of towering mountain ash trees, large ferns and other beautiful flora and fauna.*

*The town itself had a nice mixture of old and new buildings and seemed to seamlessly merge with the surrounding bushland. Street plantings of non-native deciduous trees melded nicely with the many existing native species.*

*Marysville was one of the prettiest towns in Victoria.*

*I returned to Marysville on Sunday as one of the first police members to enter the town since the fires.*

*I drove in along the same tree lined road from Buxton as I had five months earlier.*

*But this time there was no greenery. The tall eucalypts were now completely blackened and many were still burning. Fallen trees and power lines lay across the road and the ground was devoid of all vegetation.*

*Along the eleven kilometre drive from Buxton to Marysville, were the scattered carcasses of both native and domestic animals which had been caught in the fire. More disturbing were the surviving cattle with their singed hides wondering on the roads in search of feed.*

*As I entered the outskirts of Marysville, I passed the golf course. I saw that many of the tall ash trees through which the fairways meandered had been burnt but was pleased to see that much of the course had survived the fury of the fire.*

*The watered fairways were like an oasis amongst the surrounding blackened ground.*

*I continued towards the township and was struck by the eerie silence. It was a surreal scene. Smoke had settled like fog between the tall, blackened tree trunks of what was once thick forest. It resembled something out of a horror movie.*

*Nothing in twenty years of policing could have prepared me for what I was to find in the town. Comparisons to war zones and nuclear bombsites are not overstated.*

*The whole town had been razed to the ground.*

*Of the hundreds of buildings which once stood only a few remained standing. In the centre of town, the bakery, where we had eaten lunch last year, still stood, as did a two storey motel a short distance up the road. As if by some sort of sick joke, these buildings seemed relatively unscathed while everything around them was absolutely levelled.*

*I attended at the CFA shed, which was also undamaged. I later found out that many townspeople had sheltered here while a fire tanker sprayed the outside of the shed with water. This undoubtedly saved the shed and the lives of those inside.*

*At the CFA shed, I met the only living resident of Marysville I was to encounter this day. Five months ago, the town was teeming with thousands of locals and visitors. This day, other than police, I was to see just one.*

*I spoke to this bloke, a CFA volunteer, and he described to me the fury of the fire. He said that the first he saw of the fire was a distant glow from over the hill 12 kilometres away. Minutes later, the fire had passed them, leaving much of the town unscathed. But, then a second fire storm swept straight through the centre of town, demolishing everything in its path.*

*The fire was so large that it dwarfed the 30 meter tall mountain ashes which fuelled it and so fast that nobody in its path could hope to escape.*

*I then set about performing the tasks assigned. These included welfare checks of properties for persons feared to be caught in the fire as well as finding and marking the locations of deceased persons.*

*There were many truly awful scenes. There were bodies in cars, in the streets and in house yards. There will, no doubt, be many more located in the debris of houses once a more thorough search is conducted. I have never seen anything like this before and I hope I never have to again.*

*I completed my duties late that night and headed back to Seymour.*

*I had to stop my car on the way out of town for a baby possum crossing the road. I watched as it wondered across the road and onto the charred earth on the other side where it prodded the ground with its nose in search for food. It will not find any and is certain to die. Like the people of Marysville, the possum had lost everything.*

*As I left Marysville, the smoke, which choked the air, caused my eyes to well with tears."*

*By Courtesy of Michael Voisey*

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