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From the Captain

ProAm: The Brighton Golf Course's Assistant Professionals ran their Pro-Am on August 3rd and the Club was represented by a good number of players who enjoyed a very pleasant day both golf and weather wise. The event was very well run and culminated in an after dark shoot out with illuminated golf balls from 80 and 100 metres out from the 9th hole. The best performance by an amateur on the day was by our own Marc Robinson who shot a remarkable 45 Stableford points off a handicap of 13 to take out first place.

The Victorian Golf League's Senior and Veteran's Championships:

were conducted at Freeway Golf, the home of the Camberwell Golf Club on August 6th and 8 of our members braved the windiest and probably worst conditions possible. For the second year in a row, our Peter Vallence won the Veteran's Gross Trophy with a score of 81.

Our Logo: Thank you to all those who responded to our apparel and logo questionnaire, but predictably the result was split around 50/50 on all questions and no alternative ideas were submitted for the logo design. We will proceed with the selected Sub-committee investigating all options.

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Next year's syllabus will be roughed out shortly, so if you have any constructive suggestions for events you would like to see included or deleted see the Captain.

Slope Rate System: The biggest change in golf in Australia in many years is looming on the horizon. As you are probably aware, Golf Australia's Handicapping and Course Rating Committee has decided that all of Australia will swap over to a modified version of the United States Golf Association's "Slope Rate" system replacing the current CCR and round by round handicapping system. This seems a little complicated initially, but as it will be implemented over the next 2 years, I'm sure that we will all cope satisfactorily.

The "Slope Rate" system basically rates courses by their difficulty rather than just length and takes into account normal height of fairways and rough, dog-legs, elevation changes, blind shots, etc. To achieve this Golf Australia is training around 400 people to complete the task of rating all of the courses and predicts that all metropolitan courses will be completed by the end of 2010 and the rest by the end of 2011. This means, of course, that the entire system cannot be implemented until early 2012.

We will most likely have 5 course ratings at Brighton covering Men's and Ladies tee locations which means that your handicap will probably vary depending on which tee the comp is played from. Over the next few months you will see some changes on the course as we prepare for our ratings. The Pro Shop is very aware of this situation and is looking to plan all future alterations together with the course maintenance crew to fall into line with the guidelines.

Handicapping is the first element to be altered and the first change will occur on February 1st 2010, which is not far off. On that date the CCR or Calculated Course Rating system which is currently used for Men's comps will be dropped in favour of using the ACR or Australian Course Rating until our course is re-rated. The Ladies stay with the AWCR as they use presently. Your handicap will be calculated from that date on a new system that takes your last 20 rounds on a rolling basis, selects the lowest 10, averages the handicap differentials and multiplies the result by an incentive factor of 0.96. This should be automatic as we are on Golfink but exactly how it will affect handicaps has not been suggested. Players with a history of less than 20 rounds will have their handicaps calculated on a sliding scale basis down to as few as 3 rounds.

The main reason for this type of calculation is to remove the very penal result of one very good round on a player's handicap and the very slow progression outwards.

Players from that date will probably not need to do anything different to today other than being aware that their handicap could change differently than in the past so it will be important when logging on to check your handicap.



Short Game Development Sessions

With Brighton Golf Academy team member Jack Macleod

Over 70% of a golfer's score is made within 100m of the hole; this is an area of the game that generally gets overlooked. These short game classes will cover all the shots you need to keep your score nice and low. Allowing you to walk off the golf course happy, not regretting those short missed putts or duffed chips.

Personally I have done extensive skills testing on my own game in which I determined that a lot of my shots are wasted from 100m and in. I have since devoted a large amount of my time to learning the secrets and skills of the short game and cannot wait to share them with everyone in developing their technical and mental side of their short game

Each Week a different aspect of the short game will be covered. You will receive instruction in technique, practice methods and course management. Also one free golf ball of my choice that I feel is best suited to your game which will help develop your short game to the next level.

The course will run over 4 weeks, for an hour each week.

Cost

\$20 Per Session/1 Hour

Group Size

Strictly limited to 6 golfers per session

Times

4 week program starting at 4:00pm till 5:00pm on

The first Friday of each month

For four consecutive Fridays

**See Jack Macleod or the Pro Shop for
bookings 95921388 or 0433 841 449**

GOLF IN ALL OF ITS MADNESS - Cont'd

Butts

- The smokers who take their filthy habit of throwing butts away willy-nilly on to the course.
- The golf course drinkers who fling their cans and bottles into the trees rather than wait to arrive at the bin on the next tee.
- Golf magazines that perpetrate a fraud on their readers by raving about courses, without telling the readers it is basically a paid review. There are plenty of bad courses built but how many times have you read a bad review? It won't happen, not as long as the mags do deals to write favourably about clubs and courses that buy advertising from them.
- Golf coaches who expect you to understand their jargon in the first lesson. What the hell does a neutral grip mean, anyway?
- Members who would never dare turn up to general meetings but spend the entire year moaning to anyone who'll listen that the committee got it wrong again.
- Golf coaches who give lesson over the radio. It's confusing enough in person, let alone trying to imagine how to correct your slice on advice from a bloke you can't even see.
- Golf commentators who ruin rather than compliment the picture by their incessant and, mostly inane, chatter. The new bloke at Channel 10, "Loud Leigh" Diffey, started out wanting to call a day's play as a V8 race. He's come down a decibel or two but still has a long way to go.
- Caddies who stand too close to the hole when they are not needed and block the vision of viewers on TV and spectators on the course. Don't you just love the back of a boofhead while trying to guess whether the putt has dropped.
- And of course the Pros who throw perfectly good balls into greenside lakes. If they need to get rid of them, why not have a bin by the green and give them out later to grateful kids through golf based charities.
- And, finally, golf columnists who never stop whingeing. Who, me?

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The big change will come around mid 2010 when the system is being altered to only accept scores for handicapping purposes in the Stableford format. Players will need to record a Stableford score along with the comp of the day score whether it is Par, Stroke or whatever. This may need players to putt out after they have used their handicap in a Par format, but can still score a point in Stableford format. More information will be forthcoming I hope. Naturally events like Ambrose, Foursomes or similar which will not be handicapped will not require this to be done. As more information comes to hand I will endeavour to make sense of it and pass it on.

Beau Roberts, August 11, 2009

Dinner Dance - Update



- Date - Friday 9th October starting at 7.00pm
- Entry - \$40.00 per head includes 3 course menu.
- Drinks - At normal bar prices.
- Bookings with payment accepted now.
- Payment by EftPos or cash.
- Entertainment - Dance band and raffle

Hire of the BGC Club Rooms

Hirer	Date
Bruce Arundell functio	5 th September 2009
Pat Molloy - Niblick Group (Daytime)	5 th October 2009
BGC Dinner Dance	9th October 2009
Phil Haughey function	17 th October 2009
Meehan Masters	18 th October 2009
Pat Molloy - Niblick Group (Daytime)	20 th October 2009
Save The Children charity function	27 th October 2009
Nepean GC AGM	29 th October 2009
BGC Calcutta	2nd November 2009
Mark Meehan function	7 th November 2009
Anita Morris function	14 th November 2009

Mens Competition Results

Date	Competition	Winner/s	
24/06/09	Stroke	Peter Vallence (9) 63 net	
Saturday 27/06/09	Stableford - A,B,C	A Grade - Brad Munro (13) 43 Pts	
		B Grade - Jacob Nashar (18) 45 Pts	
		C Grade - Samuel Bashfield (22) 49 Pts	
	NTP - 4 th hole	W Dooley - 156 cm	
	NTP - 15 th hole	S Browne - 69 cm	
	Ball Comp	43 to 40 pts	
01/07/09	Stableford	Patrick Sands (7) 39 Pts	
Saturday 27/06/09	Stroke - Club Medal & Trophy	Medal - David Shutler (23) 63 net c/b	
		Trophy - Steve Pap (20) 63 net	
	NTP - 4 th hole	Marc Robinson - 205 cm	
	NTP - 15 th hole	Marc Robinson - 77 cm	
	Ball Comp	66 to 70	
08/07/09	Par	Jasper Flynn (16) +4	
Saturday 11/07/09	Stableford - A,B,C	A Grade - Peter Vallence (9) 35 Pts	
		B Grade - Beau Roberts (20) 39 Pts	
		C Grade - Colin Biesse (26) 35 Pts	
	NTP - 4 th hole	Greg Rudin - 405 cm	
	NTP - 15 th hole	Peter Vallence - 111 cm	
	Ball Comp		
15/07/09	Stableford	Billy Meehan (27) 40 Pts	
Saturday 18/07/09	Stroke - VGL Medal & Trophy	Steve Pap - (19) 62 net c/b	
		Trophy - Steve Poulter (11) 62 net	
	NTP - 4 th hole	Malcolm Turner - 214 cm	
	NTP - 15 th hole	Geoff Tate - 65 cm	
	Ball Comp	62 to 70 c/b	
22/07/09	Stroke	Peter Walton (12) 65 net	
Saturday 25/07/09	Stroke - Men's Foursomes	John McCreery (16)	67 net
		Andrew Blunden (24)	
	Pairs Aggregate	Robert Arundell (6)	75 net
		John Collins (12)	
	NTP - 4 th hole	Bob Hallowell - 650cm	
NTP - 15 th hole			

AGEING.....it's inevitable but enjoy the ride and not the destination.

GOLF IN ALL OF ITS MADNESS

They say the onset of advanced middle age gives you a fully-rounded perspective on the world.

It also gives you the grumps.

Along with the grey hair and dodgy hip, life's unpredictable journey has left you wise, insightful, perceptive, rational....and cranky.

Certainly, you are convinced that all those years of experience have elevated you to the privileged position of being able to see the flaws in others so much more clearly.

So, on behalf of all the grumpy old men and women who have given so much for so long to the game of golf, here's a list of instances which are guaranteed to drive an old bugger to distraction.

- Players who leave their bags in front of the green, or mark their cards on the green, while you are back down the fairway waiting to hit.
- Those same players who do not replace the pin properly, leaving it swaying in the hole at awkward angles, damaging the side of the hole as well as ensuring the perfectly struck pitch has no chance of going in.
- Playing partners who have never heard of the five-minute rule when looking for a lost ball.
- Players who rake the sand in the middle of the bunker into big clumps and then walk up the face to get out, leaving huge, ball-swallowing cavities. Great job!

Time Wasting

- The one playing partner who dawdles off the tee, walks 50 meters behind everyone else and refuses to take the subtle hint about moving along, giving the entire group a bad name for slow play.
- What about the players who walk all over your putting line and, once they've made a couple of big indentations, apologise profusely? Then they go and do it again on the next green.
- Then there's the obsessive-compulsive whose post-round habit is to rattle off every missed putt as if he's Tiger Woods in a press conference. No doubt about it. He could bore for Australia. The art of the U-turn comes in very handy when you suddenly see him in the corner.
- The playing partner who somehow always manages to forget to pay his share of the bet when he's on the losing side in the four-ball, but is always there with his hand out when he has a win.

Manure..... An Interesting Fact

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizers were invented, so large shipments of manure were common.

Manure was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a byproduct is methane gas.

As the manure was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night, with a lantern, BOOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term 'Ship High In Transit', which meant that sailors must stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water coming into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of Methane.

Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T.', (Ship High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is still in use to this very day.

You probably didn't know the true history of this word. I had always thought it was a golf term.....

GOLFERS OUT THERE – FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS

A country club didn't allow women on the golf course.

Eventually, there was enough pressure put on the board that they decided to allow women on the course during the week. The ladies were satisfied with this arrangement, formed a women's club and became very active.

After about 6 months, the club board received a letter from the women's club complaining about the men urinating on the golf course.

Naturally, the board just ignored the matter.

After another 6 months, they received another letter reminding them of the previous letter and demanding action.

After due deliberation the board sent an official notice to the women, advising them that they had been granted equal privileges.

Ladies



Play and Stay

A fun time was had by all who attended our Play & Stay at Rosebud Country Club.

Thank you to Angela for organizing our games Cranium (a bit like charades) & the dice - string game. Well Done, to our golf winning team - Rosemary, Pam, Diana & Lyn.

The Committee is looking into another Play & Stay, possibly in October or November.

Xmas in July

Ho Ho Ho - Christmas in July, the room had the festive spirit (thank you Kevin); the catering was superb (thank you Wendy).

Golf was played on the back 9, followed by a longest drive competition (well done Andrea) & trial of demo clubs which was organized by Travis. The trivia quiz and pass the parcel gift was an extra bit of fun (thanks Heather D).



New Members: We welcome our new members Margaret Manton, Pamela Yardney and Kerry Neesham.

Captain's Trophy: The winner was Jenny Bahramis.

Ladies Competition Results

Date	Competition	Winner/s
Wednesday 01/07/09	Medal Day & Brighton Medley Round 3 - Stroke	A Grade - J Hegarty (27) 69 net
		B Grade - L Willy (31) 70 net
		C Grade - J Rickman (42) 76 net
	Putting	Ella Read - 31 Putts
	NTP - 4 th hole	Judy Darby
	NTP - 15 th hole	Julie Hegarty
	Longest Drive	Heather D'Arcy
Wednesday 08/07/09	Secretary's Trophy Round 1 - Stableford	A Grade - L Sutcliffe (14) 40 Pts
		B Grade - M McManus (35) 35 Pts
		C Grade - T Talbot (40) 35 Pts
Wednesday 15/07/09	Secretary's Trophy Round 2 - Stableford	A Grade - J Hegarty (27) 34 Pts
		B Grade - L Taylor (34) 36 Pts
		C Grade - T Talbot (40) 35 Pts
Wednesday 22/07/09	Stroke - 9 Hole	A Grade - M Mooney (14) 34 net
		B Grade - B Piper (16) 33 net
		C Grade - J Bahramis (22) 24 net
Wednesday 29/07/09	Par	A Grade - S Bingham (29) +2
		B Grade - R Fry (31) +3
		C Grade - J Rickman (42) +2

Vale - Beryl Noseda



The Brighton Ladies were all saddened by the sudden passing of Beryl, a member of the Club since 1982, and who had just celebrated her 92nd birthday.

Beryl was a regular player each Wednesday, playing 18-holes, before transferring to the 9-hole player category about ten years ago.

For the last several years Beryl has been a Social Member, enjoying all our social activities and attending most Wednesdays for lunch with the Ladies.

Beryl was a delightful lady and will be missed at the Club.

Did You Know? - Why 18 Holes?

For the first 50 years of organised golf - that is, after the formation of the first clubs - the Links at Leith, Scotland, was acknowledged the premier course and its incumbents, the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, the game's senior and most authoritative body. The Company drafted the first rules of golf and set the lead for other clubs to follow.

Only the newer clubs laid out their courses on the Leith standard, adopting a 7-hole course and a 21-hole round. The older clubs, from the outset, had their own ideas (generally determined by topographical conditions) of how many holes should make a golf course and how many a round.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews in Fifeshire and historic Prestwick, in western Scotland, each originally had a 12-hole course. As the two clubs and their courses grew in golfing eminence, the 12-hole layout became more widely adopted.

Because of natural differences in their sites, the two courses were quite different in layout. Prestwick was roughly circular, with the 12th hole close to the first tee. Three times around the course - a 36-hole round - became standard for the club and for the first few years after the British Open championship, played at Prestwick, had been established.

St Andrews' 12 holes, by contrast, stretched in a line on a seaside strip running out to the Edgen. Players hit off from beside the 'home' hole and played out the next 11 holes to the 12th. On the inward journey they hit off from beside the 12th hole and completed the course over the next 11. The round at St Andrews, therefore, consisted of 22 holes.

The Royal and Ancient Club in 1764 converted the first 4 holes into 2, reducing the course to 10 holes. Players hitting off from beside the first and last of these holes, played 9 holes out and 9 in - a round of 18 holes. This early St Andrews practice of playing both ways over the same layout is the origin of the familiar golfing phrases 'out' and 'home', which now apply to courses everywhere, whether they are of 9 or 18-hole layout.

St Andrews clung to its 18-hole round and eventually, by its universally recognised authority, laid down the ruling that this was the standard round of golf.

Courtesy: Gregory's Golf 1983

Next Month - The origin of Match Play