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## December 2009 Edition

### Lou Soligo - President



Dear Members, wishing you all a prosperous, safe New Year and low handicapping for 2010

My first term as President has not been without its ups and downs, an expected and accepted part of the position. I have enjoyed my first term with the great help and support from my Committee and I thank each and everyone for their hard work in keeping our club operating successfully.

Over the past twelve months we have achieved much success with our Friday Night Dine & Nine competition and Pennant. Once again, the Calcutta night was very successful and well attended. Unfortunately, this was not the case with other functions held throughout the year. It is hoped that this situation will improve. **This is your Club** and we need your **support in 2010**.

Trust you all enjoyed our monthly news letter thanks to our Editorial committee headed by Keith Beggs, Karl Lindberg and Caroline Stenniken.

Congratulations must go to everyone involved with our four Pennant teams, players, caddies etc.

What a wonderful achievement to take home three VGL Flags for our great Club, ie JUNIORS DIVISION ONE - SCRATCH DIVISION ONE -HANDICAP DIVISION 3 Unfortunately, the SENIORS just missed out.

For more details why not download from the Club's Webb site.

#### **SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL AS BELOW**

##### **MATCH COMMITTEE**

Beau Roberts, Our Captain and his hard working Match Committee (V/Captain, Lindsay Kerr, Handicappers, Ray Desmond, Mark Pearson,) Committee Bill Dooley, Barry Goring, David Goring; Ella Read, Captain, Ladies Sub-Committee) must be congratulated on running a continuous golfing program, also the Nine & Dine on Friday evenings during the summer months. During this **SUMMER** season numerous **Friday Dine & Nine Competitions** will be held. Refer to the notice board and Newsletter for proposed dates. Why not bring the Family and friends along and enjoy the company and get to know your fellow members, at the same time help to raise revenue for the Club. Club?

##### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Kevin Smith, Avis McKenzie, Jim Mayfield and Colin McDonald for their continuous upkeep of the Club. Many thanks to Dennis Farrel, our Trophy Steward, for your great work.

##### **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

John McCreery and his Refurbishment helpers for the many hours put in to paint the club and new blinds. Their hard work has definitely made a great difference to the rooms and the locker area. It's amazing what a fresh coat of paint can do for a place!

Special thanks to Mrs Smith for her help in assisting Kevin on Pennant days and other occasions.

##### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Headed by Alex Johnson. It was disappointing to realise the lack of support of functions organised by this Committee. The Dinner Dance, held in October, had an attendance of only 31 people, which was made up of 12 or 13 members and their guests. On a happier note, thanks to the organisers of the Calcutta night, a great night was had by all with many winners.

The Social Committee would welcome feedback from members as to what sort of social functions they would like.

##### **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT**

Thanks to Peter Valance for a great job done with this group. And winning a Pennant.

If you know or have a junior over the age of 12 Peter would love to hear from them.

## VALE



## ROSEMARY BIRDSEYE

Rosemary Birdseye, who died unexpectedly on 28th December, after a very short illness, had been a loyal member of the Club since joining in 1976.

Rosemary served on the Ladies Committee, and was Captain of the Ladies for the three years 1981 to 1983, during which time she introduced and inaugurated, in conjunction with Beryl Moyes, the then Captain of the Nepean Ladies G.C., the Brighton/Nepean Shield, as an annual social Match Play Challenge between the two Clubs. This event has now become a tradition for both Brighton and Nepean ladies, with the 25th anniversary celebrated in 2008, with both Rosemary and Beryl attending for lunch.

Rosemary enjoyed the competition of Pennant, was a very keen Captain of her team for most of her Pennant years, and was a most formidable opponent. She also participated in the annual bus trips to Tocumwal organised for many years by the Social Committee of the Club, and told many stories of the frivolity, which apparently commenced the moment the bus left the car park. Rosemary also regularly attended the annual V.W.G.L. Dinner and Presentation Nights, in those less formal days when all the ladies danced and did the Congo around the room. .

After thirty years of regular golf with the Club, Rosemary transferred to Social Membership and attended every Wednesday for lunch and cards with the Card Group. Rosemary will be sadly missed by the members, and especially those who were close to her for so many years. We will remember a generous, warm, caring friend, and a lady in every sense of the word.

## Hydration for Golf

Playing golf in high temperatures can be hazardous and can lead to severe stress and heat related injuries. Heat affects everyone but age and fitness levels also have an impact.

The Victorian Golf Association Heat Policy has been introduced to reduce the risk of heat related injury to players, caddies and officials involved in VGA golf events or activities. The policy also contains a number of guidelines to assist players, caddies and officials in recognising and managing heat stress at such events.

A key factor to minimise the risk of heat related illness is appropriate hydration by all players, caddies and officials.

High levels of dehydration may increase the risk of heat related illness. Thirst alone should not be relied upon as an indicator of fluid needs. Fluid requirements for optimal hydration differ between individuals, therefore it is essential that players monitor specific fluid losses during training and competition. It is recommended that all players, caddies and officials adhere to the following hydration guidelines:-

Each person should drink 10 to 15ml per kg body weight of either cooled water or sports drink within 2 hours before playing or practicing to promote adequate hydration and to allow time for excretion of excess water. This should include a large drink of 300-500ml consumed within 15 minutes of playing or practicing. Note: It should be noted that fluids are best served at 15-20 degrees Celsius and not ice cold.

During a round of golf, each person should drink cooled fluid at regular intervals to replace fluid lost through sweating. It is recommended that each person consume at least 150-250ml every 15 minutes during the round. Fluids taken should be cooler than ambient (air) temperature. Note: - This amount may vary according to an individual's body size and rate of sweating, in addition to environmental conditions.

Aside from on-course water supplies, each individual should take a water bottle containing a minimum of 1000ml of cooled fluids onto the course.

Fluid loss during a round can be assessed by an individual weighing themselves before and after a round of golf. For each kilogram lost during the round, the individual will have approximately one litre of fluid deficit. While fluid losses will be minimised by drinking before, regularly during and then after exercise, sweating and fluid losses will continue after exercise. Accordingly, following a round of golf, each person should aim to replace at least 1.5 times the amount of fluid deficit.

It should be noted that in conditions of high sweat loss, the consumption of excessively large quantities of fluid, in particular water or other beverages without additional sodium, may increase the risk of low blood sodium, or hyponatraemia. Hyponatraemia is a potentially dangerous condition, so aim to drink enough fluids to replace losses, but not in great excesses of this amount. If you are unsure as to your fluid requirements during a round, consult a Sports Dietitian to help you.

## **TREASURER**

To Keith Beggs, I thank you and your Finance Committee for continuing to manage the financial affairs of the Club with great efficiency.

To Karl Lindberg and Colin Biesse - great job done with the Booking sheet.

The efforts and support of all those mentioned above are much appreciated.

The following members, Avis McKenzie, Terry Meehan and Alex Johnson have not nominated for reappointed for this coming year. We thank you for your great input to the Club and wish you the very best for the future.

To Avis - What can I say? Our Secretary for many years - always has an answer no matter what the question might be. Alex was correct last year when he said and I quote, "Engine room, Rudder and Controller of the Bridge". Your contribution has been equal to none. We will miss you, Avis. On behalf of the members thank you very much for a superb job in this capacity.

I have enjoyed the position of President of the Brighton Golf Club and have appreciated the support from the Members, Ladies Committee (Heather D'arcy, Caroline Stenniken) and their assistance to meet the challenges of my first Term.

Best wishes to all Club members and their families 2010.

Lou Soligo

President.

PS

Welcome to our new committee: Robert Simpson, Andrew Eddie and Geoff Hergt (Secretary) John McCreery has accepted the position of Vice President

Please refer to November News Letter for full details

## **Geoff Hergt - Honorary Secretary**



Born in Murrumbidgee, Melbourne at an early age lived in Parkdale until age 11, then on a farm south east of Frankston until age 17. Never lived outside of metro Melbourne, although travelled widely, and have been at current address, 2 minutes walking distance from the clubhouse, for 25 years.

Had a variety of jobs over the years mainly dealing with people in a sales type environment currently in customer relations. So helping where ever possible. Belong to 17 different organisations being very active in at least 8. One of which served as National

President and then several years later National Secretary.

Member of the Brighton Golf Club since 1994, won a number of trophies culminating in the "C Grade Club Champion" in 2008. Thought it was time to give something back to an organisation from which I had received so much and had contributed relatively so little. I have accepted the role of Club Secretary with a view to a 5 year tenure. In my 63rd year hopefully health and other circumstances will enable the achievement of this goal.

### Keith Beggs - Honorary Treasurer



The End of Year financial situation of the Brighton Golf Club is disappointing to say the least. Operationally, last year was the same as any other year. We just went along from month to month dealing as we do with paying accounts as they fall due and trying to maximise wherever we can, income to the club without imposing too much on the membership.

Necessary expenditure on club equipment and furniture was made with due regard to keeping costs down. New members presenting were

interviewed and approved during the normal course of the year. Bar patronage is down and bar expenses have risen. Wages have risen, many other fixed costs have risen and with a declining membership members are entitled to be concerned.

Just look at the P & L statement it's all there for you to see and little to be done to correct it other than the club making some hard decisions.

There has been discussion through the year regarding sourcing external money to supplement bar income through the hiring of the clubhouse for corporate meetings and functions but the clubhouse is nowhere near ready for that even though the inside has had a facelift.

Another idea was to open a new style of Casual membership. Just come to the door on Wednesday Thursday, Friday or Saturday and for \$5.00 you can join the club on a very limited basis. The issue to work through here though is the cost of running the bar.

Increasing the subs is an easy answer but this hits the hip pocket nerve of every club member, an avenue that may need to be explored.

During the year the club adopted a one price for all bar price list to alleviate the ongoing argument of when is a function a **member** or **non-member** function. This may have been to the detriment of bar income - hard to say.

But when you look at the hiring figures, where non members hired the club on only 3 occasions, I don't think this is a valid argument.

### Andrew Eddie - Committee



I am an electrical designer in the mining, oil and gas industries and live happily in Elwood with my wife Anne.

I have been a member of BGC for 24 years.

I am pleased to have been invited on to the club's financial position.

This year my aim, as always, is to improve my game, lower committee and expect to continue working on clubhouse upkeep, boosting membership and improving my handicap and ensure my buggy and

clubs don't ever disappear into the dam on the 8th again.

### Down But Not Out

On 31<sup>st</sup> October last year **Barry Robinson** a member of the club for 7 years came off the course with his playing partner Graeme Alexander and succumbed to a full blown heart attack. Paramedics attended responding quickly to a call from Graeme followed by a rush trip down the Nepean Highway to the Alfred where Barry underwent an angiogram which showed a completely blocked left coronary artery.

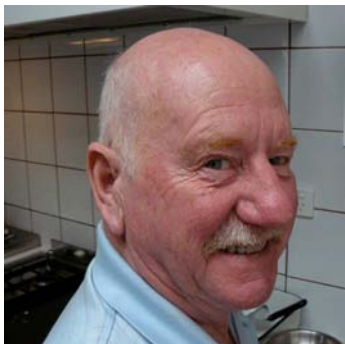
A stent was promptly fitted preventing Barry from becoming part of the 30% that don't survive this type of attack. We are happy to report that Barry has successfully completed his rehabilitation and is now swimming and playing a few 9 hole games and says he'll be back at the club very soon. Well done Barry and it will be good to see you back fit and well.

**Gary Murrells** is one of those members of the club that keeps a very low profile, however there is a rumour that he does like a drink, which may explain his nickname, Thirsty. Known only to a small group of members with whom he regularly plays golf he comes and goes almost unnoticed.

Gary is a Postie and recently while riding back to the office along Hampton St on his motorbike he collided with a car driven by a 90 year old woman. This resulted in Gary coming off the bike headfirst hitting the car's windscreen at about 60 kph. The helmet protected his head but the LH knee took a bad knock and the RH tibia was broken.

Consequently Gary has been out of action for about 4 weeks and it looks like April before he can even think about getting back on his bike. He spends his time at the moment 'watching crap' on TV and is overseen by 'Rhonda Rehab' from the Post Office. He would love to hear from anyone who has the time to give him a call. Get well soon Gary.

## Kevin Smith - Clubhouse Manager



Another year begins and I would like to think all members have made their New Year's Resolutions, namely returning of all empty glasses to the bar, putting empty drink bottles, cans and rubbish in the appropriate bins. Also it would be appreciated by those who have to pick up cigarette butts from around the courtyard, if all butts were placed in the ash trays or sand buckets. All members should be reminded of our "dress regulations" and adhere to them. These can be read in the foyer and are also published in the Fixture Book. I don't think it is

asking too much for the co-operation of members to carry out these few things, as it would greatly help those people out who have to clean up.

## Bob Simpson - Committee



Hi I'm Bob Simpson. I'm 68 yrs old love my golf (but don't play well) the expletives one hears on the course usually are mine. Currently I play off 25 and have no passionate desire to lower it to have a game of golf with good company such as YOU is all I ask for.

I should be retired but find it great to be able to drive shuttle buses for the company who advertises on the back of our club magazine.

I have 2 great children David (who most of you will know) and Leah who have produced 6 wonderful

grandchildren between them.

A large proportion of my life was spent in sales for various companies. Some of the things I would like to see at Brighton is greater membership, more participation by ALL members in playing and social events (remember this is YOUR club) in the long term WE run & manage Brighton Golf Club with special concessions to members. Anyhow enough about me, what about YOU. I look forward to your company on the golf course.

## [Newsletter Format](#)

To enable the inclusion of Committee Members profiles this edition does not include Competition Results for November/December 2009. For these results please refer to the Brighton Golf Club website at [www.brightongolfclub.com.au](http://www.brightongolfclub.com.au)

**STOP PRESS:** We are happy to announce the inclusion of Patrick Sands into the Editorial Committee. Patrick will contribute articles for and on behalf of the Juniors.

It's evident from all the information gathered that whether it is numbers or lines on graphs the indicators are saying that the club needs to act NOW.

As I see it the absolute most important matter that our next committee must address is MEMBERSHIP. There is a continuing downward trend in membership with members resigning not being replaced by new members.

MEMBERS are everything. Without them we don't have a club. Furthermore I believe every club member should be involved in the effort to encourage friends and even those public golfers they may meet out on the golf course to join.

We can quite easily accommodate another 50 male and female playing members. If only 25% of our current membership was successful in joining up one member we would have an excellent result adding \$6000.00 to our bottom line.

Those members that come to the club week in week out who make no contribution whatsoever, this is the time to put your feet forward and do your bit for your club, don't leave it all to the committee.

As it stands the club needs to spend money soon to carry out some long overdue work to the underpinning of the floor and roof of the club. This money will need to be borrowed from the Bank, which will in turn need to be paid. The club is not currently in a suitable financial position to do this.

*This has been an extract from the Treasurers 2008/2009 AGM report.*

## Beau Roberts - Captain



Having completed four years as the Club's Captain and embarking on the fifth, there are many people to thank for their support and assistance. I won't name them all for fear of omission, but they include the Trophy Steward, Lady Captain and members of the Match Committee, together with the other members of the General Committee from the President down, with a special thanks to Avis McKenzie who has always been there to help with letters, emails, etc.

This past year has been one of cementing relationships with the Course Management and

Grounds staff who have proven to be willing to involve the Club and work together with us to achieve the best situations for everyone. In particular, the Grounds staff has been more than willing to accommodate our requests for Club Championship pin placements and Saturday morning greens mowing on those dates. The Manager and teaching Pro staff are always co-operative and obliging. If nothing else has been achieved, this closer working relationship has been a major step forward.

Although we were not successful at our attempt to secure management of the course, I feel that we have the next best option in place and looking at the conditions

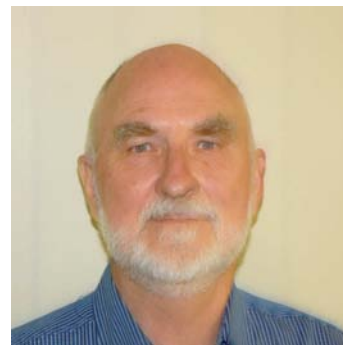
prevalent over the past 18 months, we may have been spared a great deal of heartache. Other items, which deserve mentioning, are:

- The continuance of affording "Preferred Lies" on all but the par 3's has ensured that reasonable playing conditions are available in most circumstances. The expected hot summer approaching will have a further detrimental effect on the fairways.
- During the year we amalgamated our score cards with those at the Pro Shop and at the same time I took the opportunity to revise all of the hole ratings for both men and ladies. I think the course plays better now in regard to where shots are taken.
- We also provided and placed a number of red, yellow and green hazard warning stakes around the course to clearly define their boundaries. When used with the updated score cards, which also deal with other items such as tree roots, proper relief ought to be clear.
- Our Red Cross charity Day was another very successful event, raising over \$6,500 and again, thanks to all those who assisted in any way.
- The Club was represented at many inter club VGL and VWGL events during the year, but the Men's Pennant Season was outstanding with our Juniors, Scratch and Handicap teams all winning the finals in their Divisions.
- I must mention that our Men's Club Champion for the 7th year in a row is Chris Tesoriero, that is a magnificent achievement.
- Some more tee reconstruction will occur over the next few months starting with the 10th, but the timing is not known. When these take place, playing from the permanent markers is not possible and the next best option is to be used.
- There are significant changes to the Handicapping and Course Rating Systems being implemented or prepared at present or in the near future. All players will need to be vigilant in checking their handicaps prior to playing. The first of the changes relating to handicaps begins on February 1, 2010. On that date the majority of players will see a difference in their handicap. As we go forward, course ratings are now taking place which eventually will form a system where every player will be allocated a "Course Handicap" for play on a different course to their home course which will more accurately reflect the difficulty of that course. There is to be a significant change to the scoring procedures around the middle of next year, so you will need to check all notices every time you play.

Again, thanks to all those who in some way have assisted myself and the Match Committee throughout the past year and look I forward to your continued support.

*This has been reproduced from the Captain's 2008/2009 AGM report.*

## John McCreery - Vice President



This will be my second year on the committee and I hope to continue the work I started last year of improving the appearance of the clubhouse both inside and outside. The Committee would like to hire the rooms out for more private functions for both members and non-members this year, and I think that if the place looks good it should encourage people to use it.

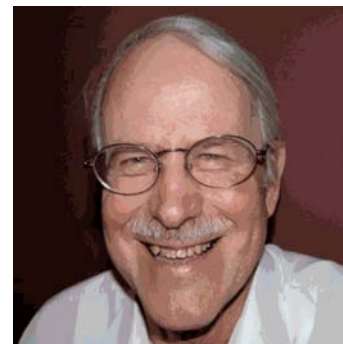
I have been asked to captain the Senior Pennant team this year and would like any members over 50 year who are available to play on Thursdays in

April/May to let me know.

### Club House refurbishment

We wish to thank the following members who volunteered for this work and congratulate them on a job well done, Bruce Arundell, Peter Barbour, Shaun Barclay, Sue Barclay, Andrew Blunden, Adam Fish, Larry Lee, Karl Lindberg, Angelo Mercuri, Brad Munro, Steve Pap, Trevor Salmon, Lou Soligo and Glenn Martin. If anyone's name who did help has been left out please accept our apologies.

## Karl Lindberg - Committee (Green Fees Booking)



Came to Australia for a holiday in 1964, stayed after meeting Eileen, now married 43 years. We have three grown married children that don't have time to play golf and four grandsons I encourage to play. Played my first game of golf at Moore Park in Sydney in 1964 and still enjoy playing.

I believe we can gradually double our member numbers and also members that play golf regularly with us. To achieve this we must continue to improve the club house and the facilities offered to members and make it a fun and enjoyable place for

all members, their families and friends to visit regularly; for a game, a chat over a drink, a good meal or some other popular social activities we can arrange.

We need a better course to play golf on to get more members. We do not control the course so we need to maintain our good ongoing relationship with the current course management team.

Suggestions from all members and friends how to achieve this ENVIRONMENTAL MIRACLE would be appreciated and would help us to achieve all of the above aims and thus make OUR CLUB stronger in the long run.