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Again the Brighton Golf Club has kicked off the New Year with a flying start with a successful social activity and some amazing golf scores from members.

Over the Xmas New Year period golf is taken a little less seriously in our club with 'fun' games being played such as Par Bisque and African Stableford. Hope those members who played in the latter are still friends with their golfing partners.

By the time this newsletter is issued the BGC Juniors will have completed their club championship rounds. The results are posted later in this issue.

At this time of the year plans are being made for the forthcoming Red Cross Day Open charity event on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009. It is hoped members will make a big effort in supporting this event as in doing so they will be making a small but meaningful contribution to the relief of the suffering and hardship brought upon our fellow Victorians on Black Saturday.

65 copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Newsletter were printed and distributed in the clubrooms. If you missed out receiving a copy just let Avis or on of the editorial committee know and we will happily print more as they are required.

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## A Member's Observation of Brighton Golf Course



Picked up the following extract from Melbourne Weekly Bayside - February 4, 2009, page 10 "A moment with Trevor Herden, Elsternwick resident and Director of Championships for Golf Australia.

*Q. How is the drought affecting golf courses across Melbourne?*

*A. It's certainly challenging a lot of clubs. But I guess that's the beauty of Australia. Australia can survive on not a lot of water. To be honest, some golf courses are overwatered. All clubs are having to rework their*

*maintenance. People have adapted well to the water challenges."*

I wonder if he has played at Brighton lately, we all know we have very little grass left on the fairways and what is left is brown and dry cracks are opening up in the soil. Not only is the grass, bushes and trees threatened, the wild life is also at risk, as shown during the Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan round, when over twenty dead possums were found under the trees, presumably as a result of three previous days over 40 deg C. They had simply dried up and fallen "stone dead" out of the trees.

Preferred lies have been useful for a while however it is now becoming difficult to even find a piece of grass within a club length and then taking a divot removes another piece of often dry grass and grass roots that will not grow back when eventually we get some rain.

Perhaps it is now time for those in charge to consider "teeing up" to save what little grass remains. It is not a pleasant thought to have to play golf that way, but may be necessary for a while, until we get very badly needed rain on the fairways.

It was also noticed that many dead trees and dry tree branches are still on the course several days, weeks or months after they were first seen, we need to find a practical method for our members to communicate the location of these hazards to the Pro Shop or to the Maintenance team without causing any bad relationships.

*Cheers*

*Karl Lindberg*

## Captain - Beau Roberts



With the New Year under way, there is a number of items worthy of mention.

### **Rating of holes and score cards**

As of February 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 the rating of holes where strokes are taken (hole index) for all men's competitions have been altered. These have been calculated from score cards submitted over the past year and more accurately reflect how the course is actually playing.

On that date, the rating for our internal match play index will also alter, affecting remaining matches of the summer shield.

These changes are now on our latest black and white score cards, which will be available on that date, so please do not use a pro shop card from then on as it will have the wrong index for our Comp of the day.

However, shortly after that date there will be new score cards at the pro shop which will have everything aligned with our own cards. These cards are 3-fold type and have weekly or periodical prize draws available if you wish to enter, so they will become our official cards. The black and white cards we have on hand will remain available for match play events, as they are the only ones that have our internal match play index.

The rating of holes for ladies competitions has also altered and is to be found on the new pro shop cards, so as soon as they are available the ladies will need to swap over also to their cards.

This change allows all of our members to be involved in promotions and rewards should they desire to do so and removes the duplication of cards held separately by us, Nepean and other participating groups.

The new hole ratings should be of assistance to all our players as they truly represent the current nature of the course and the difficulties it presents.

### **Syllabus Changes**

Please note that there is a duplication of events in the 2009 Syllabus. Both November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> are shown as "Stableford - African Pairs". Please alter your Syllabus to show November 28<sup>th</sup> event as Par A, B, C" and leave the African Pairs on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ladies**

Ladies should also alter their syllabus for November 28<sup>th</sup> to show "Par".

### **Syllabus**

Now that we have an ongoing Newsletter, it has been suggested that any member who has a personal service available, or works for an organisation, whose services

If you think it's hard meeting new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball: Jack Lemmon

could possibly benefit members, then the members should know about it. So please let the editor know if this applies to you and/or your employment. There may be members looking for the very thing you can offer. Additionally should you have access to any special ares in advertising, printing or in fact anything that you think might benefit the club or its members, again the Newsletter is a good way advertising you message.

#### **Pennant**

There were surprisingly low numbers of names put down for Pennant teams. The appointing of Managers is happening at present, so if you have been tardy in putting your name down on the lists, you should seek out the appropriate person as soon as possible or contact the Captain. Leaving these things to either the last minute, or just not being bothered makes us wonder if all the effort is worthwhile. We all put a lot of time in getting this up and running the least you can do is write your name on a list. Are some of you waiting for a gift edged invitation? If we struggle to get players involved by a certain date in future, we may cut back our involvement form 2 teams to 1. This would be a big saving for the Club, but we want the maximum involvement, so please be positive and get with it.

#### **Red Cross**

With the Red Cross Open rapidly approaching initial preparations are under way but it is essential that everyone put forward their efforts to help secure both hole sponsorship and donations of prizes for either trophies on the day or raffle items. It has been decided that we will keep the prices the same as last year for Green Fees and Hole Sponsorships and that we will dispense with the betting hole as it is too difficult to manage. We will however have he Red Cross ladies selling raffle tickets in the Clubhouse if possible.

#### **New lapsed Handicap Rule**

Our Handicapper Ray Desmond has advised that among changes to the handicapping system newly in force, it only requires 3 cards to re-start a Men's lapsed handicap now instead of 5

*Match Committee Jan 2009*

#### **Match committee members**

- Beau Roberts
- Lindsay Kerr (Vice Captain)
- Ray Desmond (Handicapper)
- Mark Pearson
- Bill Dooley
- Barry Goring
- David Hartigan
- Ella Read

### [Nine & Dine](#)

A Nine & Dine social event was held at the clubrooms on 16<sup>th</sup> January. 20 or so members played and later gathered together with guests and friends to enjoy a light dinner of sausages chicken and salads for a \$5.00 charge. A great time was had by all in pleasant weather and relaxed surroundings. Thanks go to Beau Roberts for his organising of a splendid evening.

Following the success of this evening there will be further opportunities for you to enjoy a Nine and Dine at the Brighton Golf Club. The next occasion is on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Be sure to book your game through Beau 419 584 255.



### [Current bookings for hire of the Clubrooms - 2009](#)

Hirer	Date
Nepean Ladies GC	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
Pat Molloy - Niblick Group	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2009
Pat Molloy - Niblick Group	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Fees** - Club Members - Gratus. Non Members - \$200 plus GST. Plus a \$100 bond applies in each case. Contact Kevin Smith for an Application Form, booking availability and any further details.

## Mens Competition Results January 2009

Date	Competition or Event	Winner/s	
Saturday 03/01/09	Club Medal & Trophy - Stroke	Medal - Ray Reed (19) 60 c/b Trophy - Glenn Thomas (20) 60	
	NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	Ray Reed - 45cm	
	NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	Chris Allan - 33cm	
	Ball Comp	60 to 69	
	Eagle		
Wednesday 07/01/09	Stableford	Alex Johnson (25) 49 pts	
		R/u Ken Brown (15) 41 pts	
Saturday 10/01/09	Men - Stableford A,B,C.	A - Martin Smith (12) 41 Pts B - Glenn Martin (19) 44 Pts C - Peter Sexton (26) 46 pts	
		NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	Brett Youll - 216 cm
		NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	Kingsley Ferguson - 78 cm
Wednesday 14/01/09	Men - Stableford	Ray Desmond (14) 38 pts	
Saturday 17/01/09	Men - Bisque Par	Glenn Thomas (19) +10 R/u Trevor George (19) +9	
		NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	Trevor Salmon - 301 cm
	NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	Patrick Sands - 91 cm	
	Ball Comp		
Wednesday 21/01/09	Men - Stableford	Ken Brown (14) 41 pts R/u Matthew Ford (6) 39 pts	
		Men Stableford - Pairs Aggregate	P. Barbour (21) / C. Meehan (8) 75 pts Individual - Thomas Kidd (20) 41 pts
Saturday 24/01/09	NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	David Whipp - 85 cm	
		NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	Jasper Flynn - 303 cm
		Ball Comp	70 to 74
		Men - Stableford	Patrick Sands (6) 42pts
Saturday 31/01/09	PAR - A,B,C Lydster Trophy Round 1	A - R. Whyte (15) +6 B - D. Rak (19) +10 C - D. Whipp (22) +5 c/b	
		NTP - 4 <sup>th</sup> hole	B. Goring - 114cm
		NTP - 15 <sup>th</sup> hole	D. Rak - 200cm
		Ball Comp	+5 to +2

## Ladies End of Summer Golf Lunch

Once again Lee Courtney organized our summer golf. Our numbers dwindled a little this season due to the heatwave; however those who didn't play golf regularly, still turned up for the final day lunch. 36 ladies were present for the lunch, wonderfully organized by Lee and a few of the other ladies. Thank you to Lee and her helpers, Avis for recording the results, Kevin & Jim, and well done to those who broke their handicaps.

We look forward to the start of our golfing season, and of course Wendy's culinary delights.

This year the committee will be reintroducing the Suggestion Box and we look forward to your input and ideas.

Congratulations to Resie Alcott, mum of Dylan Alcott, who was awarded the (OAM) Medal of the Order of Australia, for service to sport as a gold medallist in the men's wheelchair basketball team, at last year's Paralympic Games.

A farewell to the 2008 & welcome to the 2009 committee gathering was held on Tuesday 6th Feb. A bright, happy event, with lots of chit chat about holidays, movies & a little golf. Thanks to Karen for hosting the event & to everyone for the yummy food & drinks.

*Caroline Stennigen*



## Ladies Competition Results - February 2009

Date	Competition or Event	Winner/s
Wednesday 04/02/09	Opening Day - Par	A - Lynne Sutcliffe (13) 68 net
		B - Anne Hall (32) 62
		C - Catherine Fettes (39) 63 net
Wednesday 11/02/09	Stroke - Canadian Foursomes	

## Juniors

### **Pennant**

Our juniors have now played three matches of the six-week season.

The opening game was a narrow but pleasing win against Glen Waverley with our youngest player Billy Meehan giving us the four points on the ball. This was followed by an unfortunate loss to Centenary Park (1) with our Captain, Patrick Sands being forced to concede at the 4th hole due to illness. The team was still able to come up with two winners, Stephen Tate and Jasper Flynn, but just one shot needed for victory. Unfortunately we suffered a second loss to Australasian at their short nine hole Edithvale course on the 8th Feb.

Team manager, Peter Vallence said although we are half way through the season our team is still capable of winning back to back flags as long as they react positively to the situation and simply improve their course management and percentage game.

When asked how he approaches a match, our undefeated junior, Jasper Flynn says he resolves "not to be beaten" which sounds like the ultimate piece of advice for all of us, says Peter.

Peter also added that while he appreciates and thanks family members and friends for their ongoing support he would like to see experienced club members, who may be doing nothing on a Sunday morning, add their support by offering their services as caddies or spectators. He firmly believes that juniors have much to learn about the game and many members have the rewarding opportunity as a caddy to pass on the kind of experience that can only be gained over years of playing the game.

### **Club Championships**

With one round to go on the 21st Feb, Patrick Sands holds a five-stroke lead over Stephen Tate. The net competition sees Stephen with a comfortable lead.

Any enquiries for further information may be directed to the Manager of the Junior Pennant Team Peter Vallence.

## 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	
5	Feb - 22	Brighton vs Centenary Park 1	
6	Mar - 01	Brighton vs Australasian	
Final	Mar - 15	Ringwood	
Scratch Pennant - Division 1			
1	Mar - 29	Brighton vs Centenary Park	
2	Apr - 05	Nepean vs Brighton	
3	Apr - 19	Yarrambat vs Brighton	
4	Apr - 26	Centenary Park vs 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	
2	Apr - 05	Brighton vs Glen Waverley	
3	Apr - 19	Brighton vs Tirhatuan	
4	Apr - 26	Brighton vs Ringwood	
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	
2	Apr - 16	Brighton vs Camberwell	
3	Apr - 23	Glen Waverley 2 vs Brighton	
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	

## New Members

The Brighton Golf Club Inc welcomes the following new members:

- Mark Murnane: Ex member - welcome back Mark
- Alan Grisdale: Manager for WorkSafe Victoria
- Marion Biggin: Introduced by one of the Lady Life members

## Coffee Machine

Members will note the installation of a new coffee machine purchased recently. The new machine is locally manufactured and replaces the previous unit which was supplied gratis from the pro shop management before it changed hands. You can now enjoy a variety of beverages and the coin in the slot feature means it can be used at times when the bar is not open. All Australian Currency coins are accepted but change unfortunately is not given.

It is coin-in-the-slot operation with prices indicated next to each beverage item on the machine. Please give us your feed back on this new addition to the clubs facilities.

## Red Cross Day 2009



For many years now the club has sponsored the Australian Red Cross Open Golf Championship. Held in the usually good weather of March it has for the last three years been very successful attracting over 120 participants. The day consists of competition with various categories followed by a raffle in the clubrooms. A major raffle is also drawn on the day. Businesses in the area are solicited for prizes for the raffle and sponsorship of the 18 tees. Banners/Signage are erected on each tee representing the sponsor.

The Committee would be most grateful to any Member who is able to get support from any business or individual by way of goods, services etc. or hole sponsorship, in return for exposure to all attending the day. The Club can provide you with the necessary Red Cross Charity Day letter to assist with your efforts.

### **Red Cross Committee (So far)**

- Beau Roberts
- Peter Vallence
- Keith Beggs

## **A Man's Pleasures**



A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man (see above) who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, 'If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?' 'No, I had to stop drinking years ago,' the homeless man replied.

'Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?' the man asked. 'No, I don't waste time fishing,' the homeless man said. 'I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive.'

'Will you spend this on greens fees at a golf course instead of food?' the man asked. 'Are you NUTS!' replied the homeless man. 'I

haven't played golf in 20 years!'

'Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?' the man asked. 'What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?' exclaimed the homeless man.

'Well,' said the man, 'I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife.' The homeless man was astounded. 'Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting.'

The man replied, 'That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf, and women.'

## Play a Round at Kingston heath

The Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin is holding their annual charity golf day at Kingston Heath on Friday 24 April, supporting MS Australia. The cost is \$90 per player and the competitions will be Men's and Ladies 4BBB Par.

You can enter a team of two or just register yourself. With various prizes on offer why not come along and play on one of Australia's premier golf courses as well as helping out a good cause.

Don't wait too long though, as the closing date for entries in Monday 13 April.

For more information please contact Andrew "Tex" Blunden via e-mail at [andrew.blunden@ato.gov.au](mailto:andrew.blunden@ato.gov.au)

## Guests

Just a short reminder for members who bring guests to the clubhouse that it is a requirement of the clubs liquor license for all visitors and guests to sign the visitors book. Also, according to our Rules, a member may bring the same guest to the clubrooms on no more than 6 occasions in any one year. The Club Rules are always available for members to peruse.