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1st Edition

Welcome to the 1st edition of the Brighton Golf Club Inc newsletter. It is hoped this will set a trend of providing members especially new members with a regular window into the activities of the club.

There have been some attempts in the past to produce a newsletter but due to pressures of time and other circumstances it has failed to become a regular feature of our club.

There is now a sub-committee committed to producing a light-hearted document and we ask that they be contacted for input from the members. Remember this is your communication tool - tell us what need to know or what you want to convey to the membership.

Lady Members represent 30% of the total membership and a section of this newsletter will be devoted to their activities.

A number of copies will be available in the clubhouse and we also plan to include the Newsletter on our Website in the not too distant future where members can either view or download it.

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President - Lou Soligo



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2009. Hopefully, with your input and ideas, it will be published monthly.

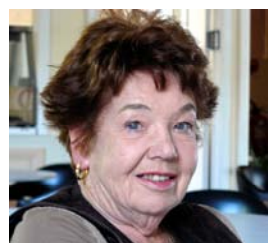
Firstly, I would like to thank the outgoing committee, especially Alex Johnson, for the great effort carried out during 2007/08. A special welcome to our new committee members to the board. You will find names and contact details in your 2008/09 syllabus. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any members of the committee should you have any problems or ideas to put forward. We are open to

all suggestions, and ideas of improvement.

Thank you for electing me to represent the club as your President. I will do everything within my power to carry on the tradition of the Brighton Golf Club to maintain and indeed improve the club's facilities and surrounds.

In closing on behalf of my committee we wish you all Happy New Year and great golfing in 2009.

Secretary - Avis McKenzie



The Committee of Management notifies members that all the alterations to our Rules of Association as passed at the Annual General Meeting have been approved by the Department of Justice. Our Rules have now been amended to reflect all the alterations.

- **Golf Link** - It is important that members notify the Office when they join another Club and make that Club their "Home Club". Golfers may only have one Home Club

and one Golf Link Card and number, which is issued by the Home Club. Our member should then notify us of his/her new Home Club and Golf Link number, which will be entered into our database so the new swipe card may be used on our computer.

- **From the Ladies Tee** - The Ladies opening day is Wednesday 4th February, 2009 with the first hit-off at 7.30 a.m.

Treasurer - Keith Beggs



Following on from the announcements at the AGM, this year will be busy with the introduction of the Monthly Newsletter and discussing with committee where we go with the 5 Year Plan. And I welcome Andrew Eddie into the Finance Committee to assist with that project.

The last two committee meetings have been lively to say the least with new enthusiasm arising from lively debate. John McCreery is heading up a new committee to look at

changing a few things in the clubrooms to give it a fresh look. If you have any thought or ideas please present them to John for consideration.

- **Green Fees** - New Members have probably taken some time to come up to speed with our green fees booking system and I would agree it is somewhat of a nuisance to book so far ahead for your game of golf. But that's the arrangement the club has with the pro shop and it doesn't look like changing any time soon. When making a booking please remember to **PRINT** your name on the EftPos receipt and if you wish to make a donation to the Junior Development Fund please include it as **CASH** in the booking envelope - do not include it in your EftPos payment.

- **Email addresses** - Please let Secretary Avis McKenzie know if your email address has changed recently. The club would like to maintain an up to date email address of all members for notification purposes. From time to time we need to contact all members to advise of upcoming meetings and special notices and this method is much cheaper than postage.

- **Course Rating** - Club Captain Beau Roberts has completed a review of each of the 18 holes on the Brighton Public Golf Course resulting in some changes to the Index. It has been some years since this has been done and members can soon expect to see new score cards showing the new index. A further announcement will come from Beau as we get closer to the issuing of the new cards.

- **Match Play Index** - Members who play in a VGL Match Play event should be aware that you need to play to the **VGL Match Play Index** not the normal golf course index. This index is freely available and match play players could find themselves disqualified if they do not adhere to this rule.

- **Annual Fees** - Our accounting system had some problems this year with payment of the Annual Fee before the end of September. I realise it's early notice but for next year I ask that members do not pay before 1st October and also please do not pay with a Direct Debit. We accept Cash, Cheque or EftPos only.

- **Bar Vouchers** - These are redeemable up until the 30th September. Change is given and they may only be used for bar purchases. Please note the date printed on the voucher.

- **Trophy Vouchers** - These are redeemable also up until the end of September. Please note the date on the voucher. Change is not given for these vouchers and we ask that you notify the Bar Steward of your intent to pay this way before ordering your refreshments.

- **Advertising** - It is planned to produce 30 or so copies of this Newsletter for distribution in the clubrooms plus it will soon be available from our Website plus it may be emailed to some members who for whatever reason do not have access to the internet and/or do not frequent the clubrooms. This is an opportunity for anyone (not necessarily club members) owning a small business who would like to get their message across the membership. Please let someone on the Newsletter committee know if you are interested in advertising on the rear page of this document.

AGM Notes

The BGC Inc Annual General Meeting was held in the clubrooms as scheduled on the 25th November. It has to be said that the attendance was disappointing. For a club with a membership of approximately 300 to have an attendance of only 35 members shows either the club is being managed well and there was nothing to complain about, members didn't know the date of the meeting or there was a general attitude of indifference. Committee of management hopes attendance improves next year and invites comments from members on how this might be achieved.

Various reports were tabled and accepted. Five motions were put and passed and members were briefed on the 5-year Plan.

The new Committee of Management includes:

- President - Lou Soligo
- Vice President - Terry Meehan
- Captain - Beau Roberts
- Vice Captain - Lindsay Kerr
- Hon. Secretary - Avis McKenzie
- Hon. Treasurer - Keith Beggs
- Committee - Alex Johnson, Karl Lindberg and John McCreery, Kevin Smith
- Lady representatives on committee - Heather D'Arcy (Lady President), Caroline Stennigen (Lady Secretary)

For details of other committees refer to the 2008/2009 Syllabus now available in the clubrooms. Also don't forget to claim your Bar Vouchers which are redeemable up until 30th September 2009.

A full set of minutes of the AGM is available to be viewed in the clubhouse. If anyone is interested just ask a committee person who will gladly assist.

5 Year Plan

It was announced at the AGM that the committee of management this year would embark upon a plan to renovate the club building. The building as can be seen is reaching stage where money needs to be spent on structural repairs of the floor and roof. An architectural company was contracted to provide an estimate of what needs to be done on the immediate, short term and long term future and the club does not currently have the funds to do this. Due to the inability to raise any further revenue through subscriptions and bar patronage by the members it is planned to hire the clubrooms out for functions, conventions, and business meetings through the week. The club has a resource in the buildings that is under utilised. An advertising

campaign through the print or radio media will target a specific market, which we hope will bring in the revenue required over a period of time.

Additional to this it is planned to have a major social function in the New Year based on a sportsman's evening where a high profile panel of golfing sportspersons will assist in the though auctions memorabilia and



The long-term to bulldoze the building and clubhouse. This depends greatly of the present

committees in gaining the approval of members to continue on with this quest plus the building and planning approvals and of course the all-important funds. The Brighton Golf Club is asset rich and cash poor. Hopefully committee will have your continued support and assistance to continue with this very important project.

If you feel you have something to contribute in the way of skills or expertise in assisting with the above project the committee would be pleased to hear from you.

raising of funds of sporting raffles.

plan would be existing build a new possibility on the success and future

One Man's Torture: A Golfing Tale

One day a man and his wife went golfing, as they frequently did together. They arrived at the 12th hole where the husband promptly hit a tremendous slice that ended up behind an old barn.

"I guess I'll just have to play it safe and chip it onto the fairway," said the man.

"No wait," said his wife. "You can hit the ball through the barn."

The man decided to give it a try. But he sliced the ball, which ricocheted off the barn and struck his wife in the head, killing her instantly. The man was distraught and wallowed in his misery for many weeks, depriving himself of golf the whole time.

Eventually he realised that he must face his demons and headed out to the very same golf course to play. Once again he found himself at the 12th hole and once again he hit a slice right behind the very same barn. As he was preparing to hit out safely to the fairway one of the other players in his foursome asked if he wanted to try and hit it through the barn.

"Oh no," replied the man, horrified. "I tried that last time."

"What happened?"

"I shot an 8!"

Ladies - Highlights of 2008

Again the Ladies were very active during 2007/2008 holding successful charity events and enjoying social activities.



Golf Ball Hunt One fine day, Jim and Bob are out golfing. Jim slices his ball deep into a wooded ravine. He grabs his 8-iron and proceeds down the embankment into the ravine in search of his ball.

The brush is quite thick, but Jim searches diligently and suddenly he spots something shiny. As he gets closer, he realises that the shiny object is in fact an 8-iron in the hands of a skeleton lying near an old golf ball.

Jim calls out to his golfing partner in an agitated voice, "Hey Bob, come here, I got trouble down here."

Bob comes running over to the edge of the ravine and calls out, "What's the matter Jim?"

Jim shouts back, "Throw me my 7-iron! You can't get out of here with an 8-iron."

Competition Results - December 2008

| Date | Competition or Event | Winner/s |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 6/12/2008 | Club Medal & Trophy - Stroke | 1 st Chris Allan (22) 60 net 2 nd Jim McAlpine (22) 62 net |
| | NTP - 4 th hole | Mark Oglethorpe - 74cms |
| | NTP - 15 th hole | Thomas Kidd - 193 cms |
| | Ball Comp | 64 to 66 |
| | Eagle | Ray Brown - 16 th hole |
| Wednesday 10/12/2008 | Men - Stableford | Matthew Ford (6) 40 pts r/u Norm Martin (18) 40 pts |
| Saturday 13/12/2008 | Men - Ambrose | T Salmon, Leon Stesin, Boris Brasse (9 1/6) - 53 5/6 |
| | NTP - 4 th hole | Alex Johnson - 211 cm |
| | NTP - 15 th hole | John Hall - 371 cm |
| Wednesday 17/12/2008 | Men - Stableford | Patrick Sands (9) 43 pts r/u Roger Lee (19) 41 pts |
| | Men - Stableford 3 Clubs + Putter | Colin Biesse (26) 45 pts r/u Phil Haughey (28) 41 pts |
| Saturday 20/12/2008 | NTP - 4 th hole | Boris Brasse - 189 cms |
| | NTP - 15 th hole | Alex Johnson - 162 cms |
| | Ball Comp | 45 to 37 pts c/b |
| Wednesday 24/12/2008 | Christmas Eve - No Competition | |
| Saturday 27/12/2008 | Men - African Stableford | Dave Simpson (6) and Patrick Sands (8) 89 pts |
| | NTP - 4 th hole | Colin McDonald - 121 cm |
| | NTP - 15 th hole | Greg Rudin - 217cm |
| | Ball Comp | 80 - 74 |

Brighton Public Golf Course



As we are now all aware the Leisure Managements Services P/L (LMS) now manages the Brighton Golf Course. LMS recently held an Interested User Group meeting to discuss what the company intends doing in the foreseeable future and invited participants to put forward any complaints and suggestions. During the lively meeting LMS issued the following 2008/2009 Proposed Works Schedule.

| Works Area/Commence | Commissioned | Works to be Conducted |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| 16 th Tee, 23 rd September | 21 st November | Renovation including couching, beautification |
| 18 th Front Tee, 25 th November | 8 th January | Renovation including couching, beautification |
| 1 st December, Walk Offs and Paths | Ongoing | Levelling and resurfacing of all paths |
| 1 st December, Outdoor Café area | 16 th December | Increase paved area in front of pro shop. New outdoor furniture. |
| 7 th Members Tee, 1 st February | 20 th March | Renovation including Paths works, couching, beautification. |
| 1 st February (NMIT) | Ongoing | Tree works |
| 18 th Back Tee 1 st February (NMIT) | TBA | Full reconstruction to ASGA Specification, couching, paths, beautification. |
| 1 st April South Rd (NMIT) | Ongoing | Clearing and landscape works. |
| 1 st May | Ongoing | Bunker renovations program, Priority based. |
| 1 st June, Pro Shop surrounds beautification | Ongoing | Landscape; tree works, plant program. |

John Sottile the Facilities Manager - who has recently become a BGC member - would be pleased to respond to any questions arising from this planned schedule.

Social Activities

Alex Johnson heads the Social Committee this year and he is planning for a major social event to be held around August. Keep your eyes peeled for more information as we get closer to that time.

Hire of the Club Rooms

2009 Bookings:

| Hirer | Date |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nepean Ladies GC | 26 th February 2009 |
| | |

Junior Development

The Brighton Golf Club has an ongoing commitment to the development of its junior playing members through the sponsorship of green fees and participation in VGL pennant competition. Peter Vallence whose enthusiasm for success is well recognised by those who know or have played golf with him will manage the Junior Pennant team again this year and we wish Peter and the juniors every success.

The Saturday Junior Development Raffle is due to continue with tickets at \$1.00 each. 1st prize \$30.00 cash 2nd \$20.00. The raffle will roll to the following week unless 100 tickets are sold.

New Members

The Brighton Golf Club Inc welcomes the following new members:

- Mark O'Dwyer - Mark plays off a handicap of 13 and works in the mining industry. Transferring to Melbourne means he no longer plays at the lush Paradise Palms Golf Course near Cairns - hope the transition is not too much of a shock for you Mark.
- Bill Eykman - Bill is also from the North having moved here from Cronulla NSW, welcome Bill.

VGL Pennant Dates - 2009

| Junior Pennant - Division 1 | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Round | Date | Competition |
| 1 | Jan - 25 | Brighton vs Glen Waverly |
| 2 | Feb - 01 | Centenary Park vs Brighton |
| 3 | Feb - 08 | Australasian vs Brighton |
| 4 | Feb - 15 | Glen Waverly vs Brighton |
| 5 | Feb - 22 | Brighton vs Centenary Park |
| 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 |

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

What's the difference between a golfer and a skydiver? A golfer goes, whack!"damn!"

And a skydiver goes, "damn!"... Whack!