**Victorian Veteran Golfers Association 2017 State Championship**

A field of 131 players from 39 Clubs played at BGC on Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd October 2017 in the VVGA State Championship. They enjoyed great weather on an immaculately presented Course which drew rave reviews from the competitors. Our Gold Sponsor was New Age Caravans Gippsland with Silver Sponsors being Parmaker; Bakers Delight; Titleist and Wayne Thomas Golf Pro; The Golf Clearance Outlet and Woolworths. A successful Dinner was held on Monday evening after the first Day’s play attended by over 60 guests including the VVGA State President, Captain and Secretary.

 The Championship was planned and conducted over the past six months by a Tournament Committee of seven BGC members who co-opted many volunteers to assist in working tirelessly behind the scenes. A willing band of 12 ladies brilliantly led by Jo Mee and Steph Allchin over the two days were involved in the preparation and distribution of package lunch bags; morning and afternoon teas; setting up and decorating of tables for the Championship Dinner, lunch and afternoon tea; and clearing tables, washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen at the conclusion of the final day.

BGC Club thrives on volunteers and it was pleasing to have members offer to act as Score Board Attendants, Registration Desk Personnel, Bunker Rakers, and the allocation of Lunch/Dinner Tickets to players.

Seventeen lady partners of players were entertained on a sightseeing bus tour chaperoned by Jo Mee and Elaine Dunn on Tuesday taking in St Mary’s Church, Wy Yung, Eastwood, Cockatoo Rise, some Retail Therapy in Bairnsdale, The Silt Jetties, The Canals followed by lunch in Paynesville.

At the presentation of Trophies on the final day, the appreciation by all the players and the VVGA Officials was extended to Craig Rimington our Course Superintendent and his two Assistants, Brian and David Wallace for setting up the Course in pristine condition.

**RESULTS**

**4BBB**

Winners Peter Bray & Bill Rogers 43 pts c/b (Traralgon GC)

 R/Up Norman West & Brian Holcombe 43 pts (Neangar Park GC)

 Third Derek Bartlett & Paul Hunt 43 pts) (Maffra GC)

**Stableford Div 1**

Winner Richard Olsen 35 pts (Barwon Valley GC)

 R/Up Kelvin Jones 34 pts (Traralgon GC)

**Stableford Div 2**

 WinnerDon Broomfield 42 pts (Bairnsdale GC)

 R/Up Peter Batterham 38 pts (Berwick Montuna GC)

**Stroke Nett**

Winner Ken Smith 148 (Bairnsdale GC)

 R/Up Dave Berg 150 c/b (Lakes Entrance)

 From: Fred Jackson (Bairnsdale GC);

Stephen Travena (Devil Bend GC)

Ignatius Duivenvoorden (Yarram GC)

**Championship**

 Winner Ross McFarlane 165 (Barwon Valley GC)

 R/Up Warren Prior 167 (Bairnsdale GC)