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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers!

Another year and another three trophies!!!!

Well done to those who played in the finals and to our all our Pennant players who helped make it another successful year for the club.

Congratulations to Kym Wenham on winning the Handicap Match play final from Chris Greenwood in a game that was very evenly contested and was not decided till the eighteenth hole.

How often when playing does the question arise, "Can I take a drop? Where do I drop? How many club lengths do I get? And of course the most popular question, where is the nearest point of relief?"

All these questions and more can be answered if you attend the Golf SA Rules Seminar being held at the Echunga Golf Club Clubrooms in August. Attend the Seminar then the Tutorial and if you think you're an expert, sit for the exam. You may even be able to stop your playing partners trying to put one over you now that you have a Golf Australia accreditation as a Rules Official/Referee at the club/district level.

Full details of the course are on page 6. Let's show Golf SA and Southern Golf Group why we are such a successful club by having a full house at this Rules Course.

Any items of interest, achievements, stories and news etc. please drop them in the putter box on the bar or send me an e-mail at ryeates@senet.com.au. Until next month, good golfing.



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	COII	ning events
July	4h	
Saturday	14 th	Stableford – Peak fresh Trophy
Wednesday	18 th	Women – Pinehurst Foursomes
Thursday	19 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	21 st	Stroke - Eclectic
Wednesday	25 th	Women - Stableford
Thursday	26 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	28 th	Par
		(Catch up week in case of washouts)
August		
Wednesday	1 st	Women – Stableford
Thursday	2^{nd}	Mid Week Comp - Stroke
Saturday	4 th	Stableford 4BBB
Wednesday	8 th	Women – Stroke - 6 th Round Medal -
		Putting
Thursday	9 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	11 th	Par(Catch up week in case of washouts)
Wednesday	15^{th}	Women – Echunga Pride Winter
	d	Foursomes
Thursday	16 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	18 th	Stableford – 1 st Round Presidents
	nd	Trophy
Wednesday	22 nd	Women – Stableford
Thursday	23 rd	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	25 th	Stroke – Monthly Medal,
XX 1 1	a oth	Putting Comp, Eclectic
Wednesday	29 th 30 th	Women – Stroke
Thursday		Mid Week Comp - Stableford
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Saturday	1 st	Stableford – 1 st Round Spring Cup
Wednesday	5 th	Women- Multiplication Stableford
Thursday	6 th	Mid Week Comp - Stroke
Saturday	8 th	Stableford – 2 nd Round Spring Cup
Wednesday	12 th	Women – Stroke
Thursday	13 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	15 th	Stroke - Vice Presidents Trophy -
		Flag Comp, Monthly Medal, Medal of
	als, Mo 19 th	nthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic
Wednesday	19	Women - Ambrose
Tr. 1	20^{th}	Women's Annual Meeting 1.30pm.
Thursday	20 ^m 22 nd	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	22	Stableford – 3 rd Round Spring Cup –
Wadnasda	26 th	Father & Son Women – She Oak Trophy v Tailem
Wednesday		women – Sne Oak Tropny v Tailem a @ Strathalbyn
	unaibyn 27 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Thursday Saturday	27 29 th	Pinehurst – 8.30am Shotgun Start
Saturday	47	(Pick your own four then watch the
1		AEL Const Eight and Big Const

AFL Grand Final on the Big Screen)

Nominations for Committee Positions due

Monday 1st October

Competition Results

M Voigt B Sparrow I Wasley A Horsfall K Fairchild	38 35 33 32 32	G Quirk A Roberts J Thomas M Hodgkinson D Caust	37 33 33 32 32
POG		M Voigt	
NTP 2 nd NTP 18 th		Nil Nil	

1Saturday 16th June Stableford CCR 68

Trophy Winner:

K Wenham	def	C Greenwood	1up
A Grade		B Grade	
M Lelliott	39	C Dawe	39
B Guy	34	E March	37
M Haslett	34	G Foster	36
P Buying	33	S Keough	36
		I Langusch	36
C Grade		D Grade	
M Bills	35	B Nunn	37
R Easling	34	K Hendrickson	37
S Hickman	33	M Materne	33
M Dembski	33		
NTP 2 nd		M Dembski	
NTP 7 th		R Hasson	
NTP 17 th		M Dembski	
NTP 18 th		C Headland	
Ladies Winner		L Gray	32
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3Thursday 28th June Stableford CCR68

NTP 18th

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F Williams	35	S Taylor-Hull	35
D Wilks	35	G Quirk	34
J Sexton	33	D Beames	33
A Roberts	32	C Dawe	32
R Eibisch	32		
POG		C Dawe	
NTP 2 nd		K Fairchild	

K Fairchild

3Saturday 30th June Stroke CCR 69

Trophy Winners

Legacy Day Captain's Trophy		C Nailer	
		M Haslett	
A&B Grade		C&D Grade	
C Nailer M Haslett A Evans D Beames M Hodgkison A Pietsch	68 69 71 71 73 73	M Henderson B Sparrow J Anderson	71 73 74
P Craven NTP 2 nd	74	M Hodgkison	

PUTTING COMP

A & B Grades	M Haslett	27
C & D Grades	J Anderson	30

M Haslett

D Beames M Haslett

MONTHLY MEDAL

A Grade	M Haslett	73
B Grade	D Beames	84
C Grade	B Sparrow	93
D Grade	I Mason	116

4Thursday 5th July Stroke CCR69

70	J Sexton	71
71	D McVitty	72
72	G Watts	73
73	B Wallace	75
75	M Materne	75
	71 72 73	71 D McVitty 72 G Watts 73 B Wallace

POG D McVitty

NTP 2nd M Lelliott



4Saturday 7th July Stableford CCR 68

Trophy Winner:

Red Cross Day A Portlock

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A Grade		B Grade	
C Nailer	39	A Portlock	44
M Healy	39	A Murray	39
H Griffin	35	D Beames	38
M Lelliott	35	E March	36
D Gribbon	35	S Taylor-Hull	35
C Grade		D Grade	
M Voigt	42	C Walsh	34
R Easling	38	T Jansen	34
W Ryan	37	K Healey	34
R Avery	37		
N Sylvia	36		
NTP 2 nd		S Nailer	
NTP 7 th		Z Bilandzic	
NTP 17 th		C Walsh	
NTP 18 th		M Healey	
Ladies Winner		Yvonne King	31
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Trophy Winners

Handicap Match Play Final

Played on the 16thJune

Kym Wenham def Chris Greenwood 1up ***********

Legacy Day



Chris Nailer Nett 68

Captain's Trophy

Mike Haslett



Red Cross Day



Allan Portlock

Monthly Medals for June

A Grade	M Haslett	73
B Grade	S Keough	81
C Grade	B Sparrow	87
D Grade	J Venning	96



Pennant Update

Congratulations to the A1, A2 and B2 teams on reaching the finals.

Bad luck to B1 who drew level with Victor Harbor for 2nd with 6 points and 19.5 games.

A countback on holes was used to determine a finalist, unfortunately Victor were 18 holes to Echunga's 17. Missed out by a putt!

The Results!

The A1 team defeated

5/2Victor Harbor at Mt Barker

The A2 team defeated

5/2Murray Bridge at Victor Harbor

The B2 team defeated

6/1Victor Harbor at Mt Barker

Congratulations to all the players who played in these teams over the six weeks on making these results possible.







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From the President

Pennants

There are some days when it you can feel really proud to be a member of the Echunga Golf Club and last Sunday July 8th was one such occasion.

The Men's Pennant season has concluded and Echunga were successful in getting three teams into their respective finals and won all three very strongly. All players who elected to put their hand up to represent the club across all six teams are to be congratulated. Echunga has demonstrated again that it is an extremely strong club and is continuing to develop a culture of success across all of our grades.

Mathew Hickman as Pennant Coordinator had the challenging task of selecting teams each week and qualifying players within each of the grades and is to be congratulated on a fantastic effort.

To all the players in A1, A2 and B2, a terrific achievement, a sense of disappointment for the B1 team, who despite not losing a single match during the season, failed by the minutest margin to qualify and acquitted themselves extremely well and both B3 and C2 teams finished the season strongly.

It is also very pleasing to see the Development Academy squad being so strongly represented in the Pennant teams with Brad Spaven, Suttee Ogg, Elliot Willgoose, Joel Haslett and Jaden McGlashan all doing excellent work.

Billy Cawthorne is playing Bonnar Cup down in town and is another Echunga member doing outstandingly well.

Volunteer Grant Submission

Committee approved that Pat Umlauf coordinate a submission from the club for a Volunteers grant to support those members who volunteer their efforts to improve the course. The Greenkeepers were consulted and together with the help of a number of others an application to purchase tools and storage for volunteers has been submitted. We will hear in due course, whether we have been successful however I would like to acknowledge Pat's initiative and also thank all of those members who contribute to making the club function as effectively as it does.

June Rainfall

The Course had an impressive 170+ mm of rain during June this year. This makes it one of the wettest June falls on record since 1880. June mean rainfall is 111mm which is our wettest month and is closely followed by July and August which have 109mm and 107mm respectively. Murray Bridge continues to provide a very accessible option for those who prefer a drier course in winter and for those who prefer the grittier conditions of Echunga, winter is here, the course is standing up well and golf is on!! Should we need to cancel an event because of conditions we endeavour to post that information as early as possible on the website and we usually expect that the front 9 will be open for play even if an event has been called off.

Creagh Bedson President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Over the years, volunteers at The Echunga Golf Club have been an invaluable asset around the course. Numbers and enthusiasm have fluctuated at times and at present we find ourselves with an energetic group but could still use a few more numbers. Jobs can range from simple clean ups and repairs to a few more permanent projects and are usually carried out early in the week. So if you find yourself at a loose end or stuck home with no golf on free to air, why not give Alan Horsfall a ring on **0409 094 956** and register your interest today.

Fox Sports TV broadcasts

Several members have suggested that we should subscribe to Foxtel so we could have access to the Fox Sports Channels in the clubrooms.

Seems like a great idea, but!

After making inquires the committee have decided not to proceed as the cost of having this service is well outside our budget.

As we are a Licensed Club we cannot get "Foxtel" as such but have to subscribe to Fox Sports the same as hotels etc. Fox Sports buy the programs from Foxtel and would then resell them to us.

The cost to us would be approx \$ 2,500 set up fees and then \$48 per day (\$ 17,500 per year) for access only one or two days per week.

Unfortunately not affordable!

Management Committee

Women's Report Competition Results

1Wednesday 13th June CCR 72

1ST Round Foursomes Championship

Beatrice Leonard/Mary Holton 73 Nett Pat Umlauf/Jean Bramwell 75 1/2 Nett

2Wednesday 20th June CCR 72

2nd Round Foursomes Championship

Val Nairn/Leonore Steer 79
Barbara Cain/Wendy Jackson 81
Sue Maddern/Janeen Coleman 82

9 Hole Stableford

Esther Burt 8

18 Hole Stableford

Rosie Foster 18

3Wednesday 27th June Stableford CCR 72

18 Hole

Janeen Coleman 31 Libby Pride 26 Sue Maddern 25

9 Hole

Lisa Gray 15

NTP Sue Maddern

4Wednesday 4th July

3 Ball Ambrose CCR 72

J. Petherick/L. Gray/ S. Pascoe 53 2/3

9 Hole Stableford

Rosie Foster 10

NTP Janeen Coleman

Argyle Estate Vineyards *Adelaide Hills*

Out and About

Tailem Bend 29th June

Despite the dire warnings of the weather forecast and the multi-coloured approaching fronts on the radar, nine of us bravely drove to Tailem Bend repeating stoically: "It never rains at Tailem Bend"!!



Pricilla puts on a brave face

On arrival, we unloaded quickly and, ever aware of the approaching grey clouds, donned wet weather gear, covered our bags and set our umbrellas to ready. The course was looking magnificent; gone was the dry dusty look, this was the new lush verdant course. It did mean though that the benefit of roll was limited, as the winning scores for the day proved.



Libby waterproofs her bag

Amazingly we got through the day with only one assault by a marauding squall. It hit my group on the 18th and with no cover we immediately had a 3 umbrella casualty – Minnie's was the only one which did not break a spoke or turn inside out with the violent wind gusts. Then the rain hit; next we were pelted by hail – the joys of golf!! Elsewhere on the course, buggies were blown over and clubs and contents scattered – however only one person decided to stop playing and she continued to walk the course with her group!



Janeen & Veronica commiserate about the weather

After a wholesome lunch, the scores were revealed. A and B grades were won with 34 points; C grade with 36. Libby came 4th in C grade with 29 points, followed by Janet. Janet also won longest drive (C) when two ladies discovered that their successful hits had been from the wrong tee. I won NTP for B grade – finally a good tee shot on the last hole! Janet, Janeen and Rosie were lucky in the raffle.

Wendy Jackson Vice President



How good is your knowledge of the rules of golf?

Rules Course (Level 2 - Club Level) SEMINAR:

Wednesday 22 August 2012 (6.30pm - 9.30pm) **TUTORIAL**:

Wednesday 29 August 2012 (6.30pm - 9.30pm) **EXAM**:

Wednesday 12 September 2012 (6.30pm - 9.30pm)

All Sessions to be held at:

ECHUNGA GOLF CLUB

Cost: \$16.50 per person to attend the Seminar There is no obligation to proceed from the Seminar to the Tutorial or to the Examination. Successful completion of the Level 2 'course', results in Golf Australia accreditation as a Rules Official/Referee at the club/district level.

The Level 2 course comprises:

- * A Seminar of 3 hours duration covering the structure and content of the Rule Book, explanation of the Rules, solving Rules problems and sample examination questions
- * A Tutorial (optional)
- * A 50 question multiple choice Examination of 3 hours duration 40 correct answers are required to pass

Successful candidates receive:

- 1. Golf Australia 'Club Level Accreditation' Certificate
- 2. Golf Australia 'Club Level Referee' Cap
- 3. Copy of 'Decisions of Rules of Golf 2012/13'

Participation in Level 2 training is open to all members wanting to become more familiar with the Rules or seeking to participate as a referee/Rules official in competitive events conducted by clubs and Districts.

Note that re-accreditation for those holding Club Level accreditation (prior to January 2010) is offered at no charge. Re-accreditation will be completed upon attendance at the Seminar only. There is no requirement to re sit the exam. Email christian@golfsa.com.au only for those seeking reaccreditation.

For all information on Rules training, go to the www.golfsa.com.au web site and click on the Rules & Handicapping page.

You must pre-register online to attend the seminar Registrations open Friday 8th June and close Friday 17th August 2012

Flashhack

15 Years ago

On the Course...and around the Clubhouse...

ECHUNGA GOLF CLUB

NEW CLUBHOUSE

OFFICIAL OPENING

BY

MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF MT BARKER

BERNIE EGLINTON

SUNDAY

13TH JULY 1997

2:00 pm

ALL MEMBERS & PARTNERS WELCOME

AFTERNOON TEA & REFRESHMENTS

PRESIDENT PETER

Well it has finally arrived.

The Official Opening date of our new Clubrooms.

It has been a long time since it was first discussed and it is very pleasing, both a Club & personal point of view, to see it eventuate.

Since converting our course to 18 holes, our Club has progressed slowly but positively towards this next major milestone in the Club's history.

Although we will not be as big as some of the other Clubs in the Southern Group, the new Club House facilities will elevate our standing within the Group (and also within the State).

There are many people, within and outside of the Club, who need to be thanked for their efforts in providing this facility. To avoid the embarrassment of missing someone I will not specifically name anyone but just simply say....

"The members of the Echunga Golf Club sincerely thank you"

At the opening there will be present, many past members who for various reasons - age, illness or moved out of the district - are no longer actively engaged in the Club. If it was not for their efforts in the past, the Club would not be where it is today and on behalf of today's members I thank them and look forward to meeting them.

The Committee has decided that the new course layout should be used before the 13th July. The Ladies will have the honour of playing the round on Wednesday 9th July and the Men will play it on Saturday 12th July.

Like all members, I am looking forward to having nice new facilities in which to relax, have a drink and chat about the game we should have played if only...... It is only one week away now.

Taken from the July 1997 Putter

10 Years ago

For the first time in the Club's History it has seen 3 of the 4 Pennant Teams in the Finals. Club Grade 2, Team 4 and the Handicap Teams all have qualified to play in the Finals held at Victor Harbor.

This is largely a result of the strong commitment of players wanting to play in Pennants this year which gave a strong pool of players to choose from.

In near perfect condition the players for all three teams along with a generous number of caddies and supporters fought out 3 matches with 2 of the teams.

CLUB GRADE 2 and HANDICAP TEAM taking out 4/3 victories.
The other team, TEAM GRADE 4 lost narrowly 4/3 to Mt Barker.

Taken from the July 2002 Putter

5 Years ago

Handicap Match Play

Handicap Match Play

The final was played on Saturday June 16th. The two players were Ben Slack and Ron Materne. Ron was the victor on the day in a close fought match. Congratulations to both for their efforts.

Taken from the July 2007 Putter

Footy Tipping









It is very tight at the top of the leader board in the footy tipping comp with the standings as follows:

1. Todd (93)

2. Andrew (93)

3. David (93)

4. Matt (93)

5. Priscilla (93)

There are still a few tipsters who haven't paid up! Could these people please?

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Wisdom Of A Retiree!!

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?

Well.. I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch, and margaritas into urine.

Life is good, live it.

THE "51103" CLUB

The *51103* is a social golf club for Echunga Members.

We will be visiting different courses one Sunday a month, running our own competition and handicapping cards.

Upcoming Events:

* 22nd July Adelaide Shores * 30th September Tanunda Pines

* 25th November Fleurieu

Booking sheet is on the notice board and numbers will be limited to 20, so book early to avoid disappointment.

HOW IS NORMA?

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked,

"Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said,

"I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said

"Norma Findlay, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room "

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said,

"I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood results just came back normal, and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said,

"Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied,

"You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me anything in this hospital."

The Irish Millionaire

Jack, from Dublin, appeared on 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 Euros.

"You've done very well so far," said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter, "but for a million Euros you've only got one life-line left...phone a friend. Everything is riding on this question. Will you go for it?"

"Sure," said Jack. "I'll have a go!"

"Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?

- a) Sparrow
- b) Thrush
- c) Magpie
- d) Cuckoo"

"I haven't got a clue." said Jack,

"So I'll use my last lifeline and phone my friend James back home in Dublin."

Jack called up his mate, and told him the circumstances and repeated the question to him.

"Frigin' hell, Jack!" James."Dat's simple it's a cuckoo."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm Frigin sure."

Jack hung up the phone and told Chris, "I'll go with cuckoo as my answer."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Chris.

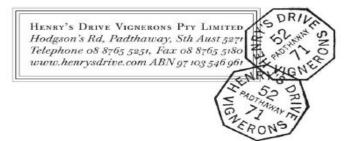
"Dat it is."

There was a long, long pause and then the presenter screamed, "Cuckoo is the correct answer! Jack, you've won 1 million Euros!"

The next night, Jack invited James to their local pub to buy him a drink.

"Tell me, James? How in Heaven's name did you know it was Da Cuckoo that doesn't build its own nest?"

"Because he lives in a Frigin' clock, ya dumb bastard!"



Member News

Both Keith Bywaters and Nic McNicol have had operations recently and we hope all went well and wish you a speedy recovery.

Good to see Little Johnnie back out on the course after giving us all a fright.

Who is the member, recently returned from interstate, bought a new set of clubs and couldn't hit the ball very well with them until his playing partners noticed he hadn't taken the protective wrapping off of the clubs!!!!!

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"OK, fine! If that's the way you wanna play,
I'll make obnoxious gurgling sounds the
next time you're putting for birdie!"

July Birthdays

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1 st	Chris	Peirce			
	Phil	Jeffery	45		
2 nd	Ron	Wilkinson			
3 rd	Daniel	McNicol			
	Ryan	Bailey			
6 th	Alan	Horsfall `			
	Jerome	Paternott			
8 th	Keith	Bywaters			
	Val	Nairn	75		
	Brian	Tarry			
9 th	Tilman	Minzlaff			
10 th	Rohan	Strelan			
12 th	Ciara	Patton			
4 oth	las.	Criffith			











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Happy Birthday to all, - especially those celebrating a milestone!



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Next issue deadline: 5th August 2012

We welcome your comments

The success of our newsletter is largely dependant on the contributions of the members.

If you have any snippets of information which you think might be of interest to other members drop it into the "Putter Box" next to the Computer or send them straight to the Editor.