



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Both our major events for the year have been held and with full fields competing in each event, they were both a great success. Congratulations to all the winners and in particular our 2017 Autumn Classic winner, Brad Spaven. Well done Brad! Thanks to the ground staff for their efforts in preparing a great course on both days.

Thanks also to the organisers of each event and their many helpers, and to Heather and her staff for their efforts in handling the catering.

Thanks to the many helpers that turned up to the February Working Bee and helped lay the surround turf for the 17th green. Your attendance enabled the job to be done in very quick time.

The new green and its surround is looking great and should test the skills of all golfers.

Check out the link to Golf Australia on page 5 for the latest on the rule changes.

Subs are now due, so please pay up before you become unfinancial!

Opening day is on April 1st and will be held as an Irish Stableford event, in random groups of four.

I am told this is not an April Fool trick!

If you have any news items, stories, achievements etc. please drop them in the putter box on the bar or e-mail me at randryeates@gmail.com.

Until next month, good golfing.

Membership Renewals

If you haven't received your statement by e-mail they are available from the Clubrooms.

Fees are due by the 31st March.

Failure to pay by 31st March may prevent unfinancial members from playing.

Members should contact the committee if they wish to discuss their membership.

Up and coming events . . .

March

Saturday	11 th	Stableford – 1 st Rnd Autumn Trophy
Monday	13 th	Adelaide Cup Day – Stableford – Rnd 7 Public Holiday Medal
Wednesday	15 th	Women's Comp – Stroke Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes
Thursday	16 th	Mid-Week Comp – Stroke
Saturday	18 th	Stableford – 2 nd Rnd Autumn Trophy
Wednesday	22 nd	Women's Comp – Par Janet Humphrey Memorial Trophy Last day of qualification for Summer Comps Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes
Thursday	23 rd	Mid-Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	25 th	Stableford – 3 rd Rnd Autumn Trophy 3 rd Rnd Blue Block Challenge
Wednesday	29 th	Pinehurst Foursomes - Summer Season Trophy Presentation (<i>bring a plate of food</i>) Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes Final week (subject to change)
Thursday	30 th	Mid-Week Comp – Stableford

April

Saturday	1 st	Opening Day – Irish Stableford – Random groups of 4 - 8.30am Shot Gun Start
Wednesday	5 th	Women - Stroke 1 st Rnd International Bowl 1 st Rnd Medal – Putting
Thursday	6 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	8 th	Stroke – 1 st Rnd Captains Trophy Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic
Wednesday	12 th	Women – Stableford
Thursday	13 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	15 th	Par – Handicap Matchplay Qualifying – Top 16 – 1 st Rnd Blue Block Challenge
Monday	17 th	Rnd 1 Public Holiday Trophy
Wednesday	19 th	Women - Stroke – 2 nd Rnd International Bowl 1 st Rnd Veterans' Trophy
Thursday	20 th	Mid Week Comp – Stroke
Saturday	22 nd	Stableford - 1 st Rnd Handicap Match Play finals
Tuesday	25 th	Anzac Day – Stableford Rnd 2 Public Holiday Trophy
Wednesday	26 th	Women - Stroke 2 nd Rnd Medal – Putting
Thursday	27 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	29 th	Stableford - Quarter Finals Handicap Match Play

Competition Results

Thursday 9th February

Stableford Men 42 Players DSR 68
Women 1 Player DSR 72

W Satterthwaite	38
R Yeates	38
E March	37
B Guy	37
G Davis	37
R Jones	37
M Wright	36
C Button	36

NTP 2nd M Davis
NTP 18th M Davis

POG D Parrott 20

Women A Morton 33

Saturday 11th February

Stableford Men 111 Players DSR 68
Women 2 Players DSR 72

A Grade		B Grade	
B Slack	40	D Bailey	42
I Bonython	40	A Pietsch	40
A Reid	38	T Strout	40
R Jones	38	S Dearman	39
A Beltchev	38	R Eibisch	38
P Buying	37	A Messenger	38

C Grade		D Grade	
R Dyer	43	R Yeates	40
N Smith	41	C Fort	40
A Curtis	40	P Downs	38
N Jordan	38	G Beltchev	38
J Janson	38	B Smith	37
M Henderson	37	R Bodin	37

NTP 2nd R Mills
NTP 7th B Kidd
NTP 10th G Watts
NTP 18th B Slack

NTP in 2 (11th)

A-B J Reuter
C-D J Michalik

Women L Gray 36

Thursday 16th February

Stroke Men 63 Players DSR 68
Women 4 Players DSR 72

Division 1

G Foster	66
C Dawe	68
T Guy	68
P Coldrey	68
D Parrott	69
R Short	69

Division 2

S Beaumont	66
M Davis	67
J Thomas	68
I Langusch	68
N Smith	68
N Franzway	69

NTP 2nd N Smith
NTP 18th T Guy

POG R Grinter 32 ½

Women L Gray 74

Saturday 18th February Foursomes Championships

Gross Foursome Qualifiers

1st B Spaven & D Spaven 73
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2nd J Hyland & J Burt 77

Net Foursome Qualifiers

M Stevens & B Kidd 65 ½

V
B Guy & I Langusch 69

Senior Foursomes

M Stevens & B Kidd 65 ½

Overall Results

M Stevens	&	B Kidd	65 ½
I Bonython	&	P Buying	67 ½
N Judd	&	J Blewit	68 ½
B Guy	&	I Langusch	69
B Wallace	&	P Head	69
M Morton	&	T Guy	69 ½
B Spaven	&	D Spaven	70
C Bedson	&	D Bedson	71
C Dawe	&	D Carver	71 ½
E March	&	E Burt	71 ½
J Manning	&	J Michalik	71 ½
R Grinter	&	N Jordon	72
L Thomas	&	S Grivell	72 ½
J Hyland	&	J Burt	72 ½

NTP 7th B Spaven
NTP 18th D Curtis

Thursday 16th February

Stableford Men	61 Players	DSR 68
Women	2 Players	DSR 72

Division 1

B Guy	43	N Franzway	39
F Williams	39	M Morton	38
N McNicol	38	R Grinter	37
T Guy	38	M Wright	37
D Parrott	36	T Hodgson	37
C Dawe	36	T Steel	37

Division 2

L Gray	
R Grinter	

NTP 2nd
NTP 18th
POG

B Guy	23
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Women

L Gray	31
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Saturday 25th February

Par	Men	119 Players	DSR 70
	Women	4 Players	DSR 72

Foursomes Champions

J Burt & J Hyland

Net Foursomes Champions

B Guy & I Langusch

A Grade

S Callary	+5	R Hughes	+3
C Nailer	+3	D Callary	+2
K Booth	+2	A Horsfall	+2
H Hodgkison	+2	R Langbein	Sq
T Guy	+1	D Bedson	Sq
J Wenham	+1	B Walter	Sq

B Grade

R Hughes	+3
D Callary	+2
A Horsfall	+2
R Langbein	Sq
D Bedson	Sq
B Walter	Sq

C Grade

N Smith	+3	C Bedson	+4
P Anderson	+2	C Fort	+1
S Byrth	+1	T Klar	Sq
P Downs	Sq	M Bills	-1
G Cooper	Sq	S Rowell	-1
P Johnson	Sq	G Beltchev	-1

D Grade

C Bedson	+4
C Fort	+1
T Klar	Sq
M Bills	-1
S Rowell	-1
G Beltchev	-1

NTP 2nd
NTP 7th
NTP 10th
NTP 18th

J Hyland
K Fairchild
I Bonython
J Burt

NTP in 2 (11th)
A-B
C-D

M Doughty
R Dyer

Women

L Gray	+3
C Hasson	Sq

Thursday 2nd March

Stableford Men	59 Players	DSR 70
Women	2 Players	DSR 72

Division 1

B Guy	37	R Yeates	37
B Wallace	37	M Davis	36
G Foster	37	M Wright	36
S Nailer	36	J Thomas	35
B Hughes	35	T Hodgson	34
C Nailer	34	E March	33

Division 2

F Williams	
P Anderson	

NTP 2nd
NTP 18th
POG

G Foster	22
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Women

L Gray	33
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Saturday 25th February

Stroke	Men	103 Players	DSR 70
	Women	2 Players	DSR 71

A Grade

A Beltchev	67	B Wallace	69
S Kinnane	68	R Langbein	71
T Guy	69	B Hughes	71
A Fort	72	C Button	72
I Bonython	72	J Warren	72
D Parrott	73	A Pietsch	73

B Grade

B Wallace	69
R Langbein	71
B Hughes	71
C Button	72
J Warren	72
A Pietsch	73

C Grade

R Grinter	69	C Fort	71
J Gitsham	69	R Bodin	73
N Sylvia	70	T Steel	73
M Henderson	71	J Hogarth	74
S Whittam	71	M Morton	74
A Head	71	B Burnett	74

D Grade

C Fort	71
R Bodin	73
T Steel	73
J Hogarth	74
M Morton	74
B Burnett	74

NTP 2nd
NTP 7th
NTP 10th
NTP 18th

C Nailer
A Beltchev
M Haslett
J Hyland

NTP in 2 (11th)
A-B
C-D

R Mills
M Stevens

Monthly Medal

A Grade	J Hyland	78
B Grade	R Langbein	86
C Grade	N Sylvia	90
D Grade	T Steel	100

Putting Comp

A Grade	C Nailer	24
B Grade	R Langbein	24
C Grade	A Head	27
D Grade	T Steel	28

Women	E Burt	70
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Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsors' vouchers)

2nd Hills Hire \$50.00 Voucher

11th \$20.00 Meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill

Trophy Winners

MONTHLY MEDALS

March

A Grade	J Hyland	78
B Grade	R Langbein	86
C Grade	N Sylvia	90
D Grade	T Steel	100



Recent Achievements

Eagle

On the par 5, 15th hole Thursday,
25th February.

Congratulations and Well Done!

**Stewart
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Twilight Golf

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Foursomes Championships

Saturday 25th February saw the finals of the Foursome Championships played on a fine, but blustery day.

Our Foursomes Championship saw Brad and Dave Spaven take on Jase Hyland and Jamie Burt in a 36 hole matchplay final.

Both pairings played solid golf over the early holes but it was the Spaven pairing who etched out an early lead with holes like the 5th, where a fantastic birdie was made from the right hand trees. The lead hovered around 2 up through the majority of the first 18 with Jase and Jamie recovering slightly, to enter the second 18 only one down. The early going on the second 18 saw Brad and Dave again take the advantage as Jase and Jamie struggled off the tee, stretching the lead to 4 through 22.

In bizarre circumstances Jase's drive on the 5th hole was long and straight, but also too hard with the club head breaking from the shaft. However, this seemed the turning point. The resulting par followed by long birdie putt falling on the 6th, saw the lead back to 2 and with more solid golf, together with some great saves it was all Jase and Jamie over the next 10 holes, not only closing the lead, but grabbing one of their own to be 2 up with 4 to play.

Not giving up the Spaven's were conceded a close putt for eagle on the 15th to get the advantage back to 1 up, which held until the final hole. Whilst it was Brad and Dave needing a win, it was Jase and Jamie who came up trumps with a fine tee shot by Jamie followed by a calm putt by Jase to make birdie and secure a 2 up victory to become our 2017 Foursome Champions, defending their title from last year.



Brad & David Spaven, Jamie Burt & Jase Hyland

Net Event

The Handicap Foursome's 27 hole Final saw Mike Stevens & Bill Kidd take on Bill Guy and Ian Langusch, with the Guy and Langusch combination having to give their opponents a total of 9 shots.

The match started out as a tight affair with the first three holes all being halved however, the fourth hole started a string of below average putting by Kidd & Steven's, which Guy and Langusch took full advantage of to build an early lead that was never relinquished.

A string of wins through the middle holes saw the advantage stretch to 7 up through 12 holes and whilst Kidd and Stevens toiled away valiantly, they couldn't peg the lead back eventually losing 8&6 in the 27 hole final.



Ian Langusch, Bill Kidd, Bill Guy & Mike Stevens

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined our Club over the past month.

Craig Smith 7 Day
Daniel Slater 6 Day

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

Email addresses

When you are booked into a competition by a partner you should get an email advising of this fact.

If you are not receiving such emails and you have an email address, then we might have the wrong address in our database or have no record of your email address.

It also saves the Club time, paper and postage if we can email you subscription invoice to you.

Please advise me at mick_lyn7@bigpond.com if you are prepared to help in this way.

Michael Clark

Membership Manager

Notice to all Members

When bringing or playing with a guest it is your responsibility to ensure that they have paid their green Fees. Guests are not entitled to a free round of golf because you have invited them to play with you. Please ensure their Green Fees are paid.

Management Committee

Membership as at 13/01/2017

	2016	2017	Change
Male	381	400	+19
Female	42	52	0
Total	423	442	+19

To All Australian Golf Clubs

Overnight the R&A and the United States Golf Association made a major announcement on proposed changes to modernise the Rules of Golf.

The announcement includes an explanation of each of the 30 major proposed changes.

Details of the announcement are available from the following page of the Golf Australia website www.golf.org.au/modernisation

This Golf Australia webpage provides access to all of the following information:

The R&A's media release.

An overview document which explains the process and the key changes.

A document containing one page summaries of the key changes.

A document that provides additional information in the form of "Frequently Asked Questions".

A full draft of the new Rules.

The R&A's on-line feedback survey.

Golf Australia

More information will be detailed later as there are some major changes and it is quite complex.

Hugh Griffin
Club Captain



Count on it.

Autumn Classic 2017

5th March 2017

There was a fantastic mix of members and visitors making up a field of 120 golfers for this year's Autumn Classic.

Congratulations to the day's Champion in Brad Spaven, shooting a fantastic 2 over 72 to win the overall competition.

Special thanks to all our sponsors who generously donated prizes for both the Autumn Classic and the raffle.



A Grade Gross Winner

Brad Spaven 72

Runner up

Hugh Griffin 77

A Grade Net

S Callary 69
W Thornborrow 70
D Spaven 71
P Buying 72
D Parrott 73
R Jones 73
A Skinner 74

B Grade Net

W Halliday 70
R D'Alessandro 70
R Hasson 72
R Colman 74
M Gourlay 74
C Button 74
A Beltchev 74

C Grade S/ford

N Franzway 37
J Painter 35
R Gallman 34
A Curtis 34
D Richards 33
P Anderson 33
R Yeates 33

Women S/ford

L Gray 32
C Hasson 31
S Telfer 29
C Peirce 29



Accurate Drive

Men

P Hodges

Women

B Buckley

Long Drive

A Grade

S Heemskerk

B Grade

T Strout

C Grade

K Somers

Women

C Flynn

NTP

2nd

P Hodges

7th

A Roberts

10th

R Jones

18th

J McGleish

NTP in 2

4th

D Kimber

11th

J Speed



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Women's Report

Wednesday 8th February

Stableford 9 Hole

E Burt	16
S Maddern	13
J Coleman	13
W Jackson	13

NTP

Div 1 S Maddern

Div 2 L Steer

Wednesday 15th February

Multiplication Stableford

S Maddern / S Telfer	58
J Coleman / S Fine	57

Stableford

S Maddern	35
S Fine	32
P Loughhead	31
J Coleman	31

NTP

Div 1 L Pride

Div 2 K Clarke

Wednesday 22nd February

Stroke Award Rnd 3 and Putting

Div 1

L Pride	69
W Jackson	75

Div 2

V Bowman	70
S Fine	71

Putting

L Steer	25
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NTP

Div 1 L Pride

Div 2 L Steer

Wednesday 1st March

Stableford 9 Hole

L Pride	19
S Fine	18
K Clarke	17

Out and About

South Lakes – 6th March 4BBB

Fortunately by playing at Echunga the previous day, we had checked the weather report carefully and turned up at this game wearing several layers

of clothing! It was a cold and windy start to the day.

South Lakes is celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the Club's opening this year. In 1967, Rhonda Watson hit the first ball off the first tee in a women's competition; on Monday, her daughter Sue Tuohy (current Women's Captain at Glenelg Golf Club) started our competition by teeing off from the first.

For the first time, the competition was a 4BBB and it was agreed that this was an excellent change. There was a field of 140 players from 22 clubs which moved very smoothly, with only slight hold ups on a couple of the par threes. The course was in magnificent condition and it was a pleasure to see the amount of roll we achieved on the fairways. We had one interesting moment when a fox appeared out of a bunker on the 18th and made off with our partner's ball – it proceeded to play with it in the bunker and then lay in the grass waiting for another victim!

The Club prides itself on its mix of a talented new generation and its wise vintage players. We had the pleasure of playing with a skilful 89 year old. At lunch, we celebrated with a birthday cake which was cut by two players who have been members for 39 years.

Pat won a magnificent basket of wine in the raffle and then Echunga with its four players blitzed the results. Former Echunga members, Rosalie Kingston and Anne Quirk won prizes for the Accuracy Drive. The ball rundown went from 39-41 points. Prize winners were: 6th South Lakes 41, 5th Leonore and Pat on a countback on 42 from Mt Osmond/Tea Tree Gully, 3rd Tea Tree Gully 44, 2nd South Lakes 46, 1st Sue and Wendy 48.

Wendy Jackson



**The Ginners from Monday
Leonore, Pat, Wendy & Sue**

ECHUNGA WOMEN'S OPEN DAY Canadian Foursomes

The weather was just perfect for the Echunga Women's Open Day on Monday 27th February – avoiding the approaching heat by only one day!

The field was full shortly after bookings opened, with representatives from about twenty clubs. The field moved extremely well despite the numbers. Many regular Open Day visitors commented that they had never seen the course in such magnificent condition, but also bewailed the fact that there was actually water in the hazards!

The “indoor team” was very productive during the game and turned the registration and morning tea area into an attractive restaurant with beautiful flower arrangements. After a welcome by the Women's President, the Lucky Door Prize, donated by our nonagenarian golfer, Leonore, was drawn and won by an excited player from Links Lady Bay. Lunch of chicken skewers and salad followed by strawberries, meringues and ice-cream was very well received. Thanks to Heather and her team.

We are renowned for our raffle and this year it was huge and run with great efficiency. We are grateful to our members who donated gifts so generously and to our sponsors: (golf) Christine Fensom of Mobile Travel Agents and Neutrog represented by Carol Hasson; (raffle) Hahndorf Fruit Barn, B and B's Kangarilla Farm Produce and Beerenberg.

The gross winners were:

J. Oldfield (Tea Tree Gully) and P. Mathews (Mt Osmond) 88,

Runners up: B. Panero and E. Marslan (Tea Tree Gully).

The net winners were:

J. Butcher (Mt Osmond) and B. Freeman (South Lakes) 71;

Runners up to great local acclaim were:

P. Loughhead and V. Bowman (Echunga) 72.5

Other leading nett scores were: C. Hirst/J. Bramwell 73, R. Brown/M. Patterson 73.5, B. Williams/ S. Attril 74.5, C. Smith/D. Smolley 74.5, J. Griffin/J. Campbell 76, M. Underwood/L. Hancock 76, J. Myers/ R. Johnson 76, L. Jaench/M. Verhees 76.5, J. Coleman/S. Maddern 77.

Nearest the pin winners: A grade: R. Johnson,

B grade: E. Schahinger, **C grade:** N. Sartor

Most Accurate Drive: A grade: V. Kemp,

B grade: M. Camino, **C grade:** D. Smorley.



Best Gross J. Oldfield & P. Mathews
presented by Christine Fensom



Best Net J. Butcher & B. Freeman
Presented by Carol Hasson



R/up Gross B. Panero & E. Marslan



R/up Net P. Loughhead and V. Bowman
Presented by Janeen Coleman



4th Net



5th Net



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Christine Fensom with her raffle prize



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Mannum Open Day

It was a hot 35 degree day for Mannum Golf Club's "Pretty in Pink" day for Breast Cancer. A slight breeze gave little relief and shade was eagerly sought. The fairway grass was thick and offered little run and the greens were fast.

The day was not without a few dramas. One lady stepped on a snake, another suffered heat stress and one fell down the "quarry".

Lunch was a chicken dish with various versions of pavlova for desert.

14 clubs were represented, including groups from Loxton and Balaclava.

The competition was 2BB and was won by a pair from Loxton, with 41 pts, in fact all 6 players from Loxton took home a prize. In second place were Echunga pair, Kathy Clarke and Sheryl Fine, 39 pts.

Novelty events included near to Shaun the sheep in the quarry and to pink flamingos on the fairway.

A raffle was also held with many prizes thanks to some generous sponsors, but we were not lucky enough to win any.

Wendy Jackson

Junior Clinics

We had 5 older kids out on Feb 12th, at the early session. They enjoyed themselves so much they decided to play 3 holes after, with one of the dads. I will have to explain slow play to them again, as they were still not in after the later session and they almost missed out on sausages! There were 4 younger kids (all under 8) keen to get started a bit earlier, while the older ones were driving off in front of the first with Jamie. Newcomer, Alexander was also excited and happily showed me his swing with dad proudly watching on. I had two to a cage taking turns hitting balls off the mat. They listened well, followed the safety rules and did not have to be prompted too much with their setup. We then headed to the practice green and they remembered the lining up from last time. They were a pleasure to teach.

2pm session - advanced juniors (optional on-course play following formal lesson)

3pm session - beginners and under 10's

Second Sunday of the month

March 12th

April 9th

May - no clinic

June 11th

July 9th

August 13th

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th - Family Ambrose day

Southern Golf Group Junior Leagues (26th Feb - 26th March)

Echunga is represented by Cooper Fort, Hannah Ewart, Cai Staunton and James Ewart

Round 1, 26th Feb @ Mount Compass (23 juniors)- Cooper, Hannah, Cai and James. All gave their best and they enjoyed the course although the short layout did not allow them to get many fairway shots in. Cooper played in the 18 hole Stableford while the others played the 9 hole competition (using max handicaps of 45 or 36).

I walked with Hannah and Cai. Cai had one of those days, got in a bunker almost every hole but I was impressed how easily he got out of them considering we have never practiced bunker shots. Hannah played very well and made me have to

really think about if it really was 6 points on a couple of holes.

Round 2, 5th March @ South Lakes (15 juniors)- Cooper, Hannah and Cai actually liked this course more - something about water, I think. Hannah commented to Jamie that she appreciated the chipping practice we had done. Cooper recovered well after his first tee shot landed in the water, to end up with 26 points. Cai improved on his performance the week before.

Combined Scores after Round 2:

Cooper 47 (top score is 61)

Hannah 46 (top score is 57)

James 19

Cai 12

Echunga will be hosting Week 3 of the event on Sunday 19th March 2017. Tee off time is 11am (TBC) for the 18 hole competition followed by the 9 and 6 hole competition. It is a shortened course so please be patient if you intend playing on this day around lunchtime.

We would appreciate helpers with the sausage sizzle.

Wednesday training

For the last couple of weeks instead of playing in Twilight competition, Hannah and Cai have been out around the greens practicing chipping and putting. We used some new training targets, which were much easier for them to visualise pitch points and follow the run of the ball on the green with different clubs.

Esther and Jamie Burt

Junior Co-Ordinators, Echunga Golf Club

0424 478 960 Esther

0418 855 831 Jamie

5 Fun Facts for your day!

1. A violin contains about 70 separate pieces of wood.
2. Owls are one of the only birds who can see the color blue.
3. The stage before frostbite is called "frostnip"
4. The Boston Marathon didn't allow female runners until 1972.
5. The medical name for a butt crack is "intergluteal cleft".

Flashback!

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

15 Years ago

Results of the AUTUMN CLASSIC

A GRADE

Gross Winner M. Healy	77
Gross Runner Up Henry Russell	78
Nett Winner John Jonas	66
Nett Runner Up Eric Mason	69

B GRADE

Gross Winner Rodney Obst	81
Gross Runner Up Ross Putland	81
Nett Winner Chris Boyley	65
Nett Runner Up Steven Koop	65

C GRADE

Gross Winner David Abbott	84
Gross Runner Up Robert Leonard	87
Nett Winner Richard Griffin	61
Nett Runner Up David Smart	66

LADIES

Nett Winner Min Semmelmann	66
Nett Runner Up Jane Whitehead	69

NTP

6 th	Richie McDonald
9 th	Ian Dohnt
17 th	Don Beames
18 th	Creagh Bedson
11 th in 2	Rodney Obst
5 th in 3	John Norman

LONG DRIVE:

Men	T.Turnball
Women	Marlene Molnar

NAGA John Davey

Congratulations to John Norman who recently set a new club record of 71 which included - 5 bogies and 5 birdies including a birdie on the 18th.
Congratulations John.

Taken from the March 2002 Putter

5 Years ago

Winners List for Autumn Classic 2012 (Morning)

Men's A Grade Winner

Best Net Score	David Midwinter	68
R/ Up Best Net	Tim Hanckel	68
Third Best Net Score	Bruce Watchman	69

Men's B Grade

Best Net Score	John Clisby	69
R/Up Best Net	Steve Taylor- Hull	70
Third Best Net Score	Jerome Paternott	72

Men's C Grade

Best Score	Graeme Kruger	43
R/Up Best Score	Phil Loveday	39
Third Best Score	Mark Johnson	37

Women

Best Score	Veronica Bowman	33
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Winners List for Autumn Classic 2012 (All Day and Afternoon)

Men's A Grade Winner

Best Gross (All Day)	Peter Johns	71
R/Up Best Gross (All Day)	Bill Guy	71
Best Net Score	Peter Johns	66
R/Up Best Net	Danny McVitty	69
Third Best Net Score	Bill Guy	69

Men's B Grade

Best Gross (All Day)	John Westerholm	78
R/Up Best Gross (All Day)	Col Golding	82
Best Net Score	John Westerholm	64
R/Up Best Net	Col Golding	69
Third Best Net Score	Leigh Munn	70

Men's C Grade

Best Score	Mike Mattler	40
R/Up Best Score	Peter Edwards	34
Third Best Score	Alex Pouw-Bray	33

Women

Best Score	Veronica Bowman	33
R/Up Best Score	Yvonne King	32
Best Score Afternoon	Lisa Gray	32

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THE EVOLUTION OF GOLF Part 3 ... T. Woods.

As quoted in the initial edition of this series, golf courses were simply open fields and on the earliest courses there were no separate teeing grounds. A handful of sand was excavated from the previous hole and moulded into a cone shape on which to set the ball. When the hole became too deep a new hole was started.

Much has been written concerning the rules of golf. Originally players on the course made their own rules to suit local conditions, however in 1744 "The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers" drew up a scroll of "conditions and regulations".

Ten years later "22 noblemen and Gentlemen of St Andrews" drew up their own "Articles and Laws in Playing The Golf" which were almost identical with those of the Edinburgh Golfers. There were 13 rules in toto and they are as follows:

- (1) You must tee your ball within a club length of the hole
 - (2) Your tee must be upon the ground
 - (3) You are not to change the ball which you strike off the tee
 - (4) You are not to remove stones, bones or any break club for the sake of playing your ball except upon the fair green and that only within a club of the ball
 - (5) If your ball come among water or any watery filth you are at liberty to take out your ball and throw it behind the hazard 6 yards at least, you may play it with any club and allow your adversary a stroke for so getting out your ball
 - (6) If your ball be found anywhere touching one another you are to lift the first ball until you play the last.
 - (7) At holing you are to play your ball honestly for the hole and not play upon the adversary's ball not lying in your way to the hole
 - (8) If you should lose your ball by its being taken up or any other way, you are to go back to the spot where you struck and drop another ball and allow your adversary a stroke for the misfortune
 - (9) No man at holing his ball is to be allowed to mark his way to the hole with his club or anything else
 - (10) If a ball is stopped by any person, horse, dog or anything else the ball so stopped must be played where it lyes
 - (11) If you draw your club in order to strike and proceed so far with your stroke as to bringing down your club, if then your club should break in any way it is to be accounted a stroke
 - (12) He whose ball lyes furthest from the hole is obliged to play first
 - (13) Neither trench, ditch, or dyke for the preservation of the links shall be accounted a hazard but the ball is to be taken out, teed and played with any iron club.
- (writer's note: methinks some modern players are still playing to the above rules!)

Next issue: - evolution of balls, clubs and the growth of golf throughout the world including the origin of golf within Australia.

Part 4 next month

The 17th Green

The construction of the 17th green has finish and we now wait the growing of the grass.

Thanks to Jamie Burt and to all others who gave input into the design of this green.

Well done also to Chris Button, John, Joel and Anthony on their construction work.

On Tuesday the 16th February (postponed from the 9th due to the very hot weather) a group of about 20 volunteers gathered to lay the turf which will be the surrounds of the green.

The turn out by those volunteering was so great the job was carried out in about 1 ½ hours, which allowed some to carry out other work around the course.

The Green was seeded on Wednesday 17th and appears to be progressing well.

The original estimate was that if all goes well the green would be back in play in approx 12 weeks. (This would be approx mid May, subject to change).

Both the Management Committee and the Ground Staff appreciate, and thank those who helped on the day.



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A Poor Excuse.....

Wife - "Where the hell have you been? You said you'd be done with golf by noon!"

Husband - "I'm so sorry, Honey, but you probably don't want to hear the reason."

Wife - "I want the truth, and I want it NOW"

Husband - "Fine. We finished in less than 4 hours, quick beer in the Clubhouse.

I hopped in the car, and would have been here at 12 on the button.

On the way home, I spotted a girl half our age struggling with a flat tyre.

I changed it in a jiffy, and next she's offering me money.

Of course, I refuse it - then she tells me she was headed to the bar at the Sheraton - and begs me to stop so she can buy me a beer.

She's such a sweetie, I said yes.

Before you know it, one beer turned to three or four and I guess we were looking pretty good to each other.

Then she tells me she has a room at the Sheraton less than 50 steps from our table. She suggested we get some privacy while pulling me by the hand.

Now I'm in her room, clothes are flying, the talking stopped and we proceeded to have sex in every way imaginable.

It must have gone on for hours, because before I know it, the clock says 5:30. I jumped up, threw my clothes on, ran to the car, and here I am. There. You wanted the truth, you got it."

Wife - "Cut the Bullshit. You played 36 holes, didn't you?"

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I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's licence and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

Life is great.

This Month's Riddle

Different lights do make me strange, thus into different sizes I will change.

What am I?

Answer next month

Last Month's Riddle

"What has a head and a tail, but no body?"

What is it?

ANSWER: "A coin"

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There will also be a maximum of Six Rounds per year at another course.

Any competition fees would be in addition to the green fees as listed.

If you have details of any other clubs offering discounted rounds please send me their details.
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Thoughts about Life

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He answered,
"Call for backup."

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

I don't understand how I can remember every word of a song from 1964, but can't remember why I walked into the kitchen?

CAMPING: Where you spend a small fortune, to live like a homeless person.

How to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity in RETIREMENT...

At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars and watch them slow down!

On all your cheque stubs, write, "For Sexual Favors"

Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many looks you get.

With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.

Sing along at The Opera.

When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'

When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling, 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'

Tell your children over dinner, 'Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go....'

Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is.

Best of all

Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out,
"There's no paper in here!"

March Birthdays

2 nd	Bad	Spaven	
3 rd	Bernard	Smart	
4 th	Jase	Hyland	40
5 th	Allan	Bailey	
7 th	Ken	Hendrickson	
8 th	Adam	Sroka	25
9 th	Kyle	Booth	30
10 th	Eric	Offler	60
11 th	Bryan	Harris	
	James	Roberts	45
12 th	Wal	Melhuish	
	Dave	Mutton	35
14 th	Wolf	Schoettgen	75
	Barry	Hicks	
	Maria	English	
15 th	John	Rushton	75
	Michael	Backhouse	
17 th	Steve	Crump	
	Joe	Hodgson	50
18 th	Lisa	Gray	
19 th	Sam	Walters	
22 nd	Thomas	Cole	75
	Dianne	Hill	
	David	Spaven	
23 rd	Roger	Harrison	
	Susan	Telfer	
	Tony	Strachan	
	Richard	Mills	
	John	Gitsham	
24 th	Russell	Trainor	
25 th	Neil	Clarke	
27 th	Paul	Head	
28 th	Kevin	Smart	
30 th	Neville	Pauley	
	Les	Cooper	65
	Owen	McKenzie	
31 st	John	Mason	
	Bernie	Fox	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

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If you have any pieces of Golf equipment you would like to sell you might find a buyer through the PUTTER.

Put the details into an envelope with a gold coin donation, drop it in the putter box and we'll advertise it for you.

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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 send them straight to the Editor. randryeates@gmail.com