



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Although not a big turnout, Opening Day with everyone playing and scoring individually, but also scoring as a group, was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Hugh and his helpers, as well as Heather and her helpers for the lunch.

The new season's comps have started with the Handicap Matchplay Qualifying underway, and we wish those who have qualified all the best in their matches.

A date for those interested in playing Pennants this year is the Pre Pennant Practice day on Sunday, 21st May.

Well done to those who have attended the working bees. Their help in tree trimming and cleaning up areas of the rough is greatly appreciated. This work has certainly improved the appearance and of the course. Don't forget to watch the notice board for the next working bee.

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

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.

Notice to all Members

When bringing or playing with a guest it is your responsibility to ensure 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

Ball Markers

Recently, President Rob Eibisch noted that all four people in his group had the same ball marker. This could be confusing for people with short term memory challenges.

So Heather now has plastic ball markers for 60 cents each and metal 'Smiley Face' types for \$6.

Up and coming events . . .

April

Saturday	22 nd	Stableford - 1st 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

May

Wednesday	3 rd	Women – Shylie Rymill Handicap Foursomes
Thursday	4 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	6 th	Stroke – 2 nd Rnd Captains Trophy Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic
Wednesday	10 th	Women - Stroke – 3rd Round International Bowl 3rd Round Medal – Putting
Thursday	11 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	13 th	Par – Semi Finals Handicap Match Play
Wednesday	17 th	Women - Three BBB Stableford in conjunction
Thursday	18 th	Mid Week Comp – Stroke
Saturday	20 th	Stableford Final Handicap Match Play

**Sunday 21st Pre-pennant practice day –
8.30 am Tee off - BBQ afterwards**

Wednesday	24 th	Women - Stroke – 4 th Round Medal – Putting 2 nd Round Veterans' Trophy
Thursday	25 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	27 th	Stableford – Legacy Day
Sunday	28 th	Men's SGG Pennants – Week 1
Wednesday	31 st	Women - Foursomes 1 st Round Foursomes Championships

June

Thursday	1 st	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	3 rd	Stroke – 1 st Rnd Presidents Trophy Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic
Sunday	4 th	Men's SGG Pennants – Week 2
Wednesday	7 th	Women - Foursomes 2 nd Round Foursomes Championships
Thursday	8 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	10 th	Par – Les Couch Memorial Trophy
Monday	13 th	Queens Birthday – Stableford Rnd 3 Public Holiday Medal
Wednesday	14 th	Women – Par
Thursday	15 th	Mid Week Comp – Stroke

Competition Results

Thursday 9th March

Stableford Men 62 Players DSR 68
Women 3 Players DSR 71

Division 1

M Stevens	43	R Davidson	37
R Eibisch	41	N Franzway	37
S Nailer	40	B Smith	36
F Williams	39	S Beaumont	36
H Hodgkison	38	D Caust	35
R Short	38	J Mason	35

Division 2

H Hodgkison	
A Pietsch	

NTP 2nd

NTP 18th

POG

S Nailer	21
N Franzway	21
L Bowey	21

Women

L Gray	37
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Saturday 11th March

Stableford Men 110 Players DSR 68
Women 6 Players DSR 72

A Grade

H Griffin	40	N McNicol	40
J Oliver	39	M Stevens	39
D Spaven	37	B Hughes	38
S Kinnane	37	G Watts	38
A Reid	36	G Dodd	36
S Nailer	36	K McLennan	36

B Grade

N McNicol	40
M Stevens	39
B Hughes	38
G Watts	38
G Dodd	36
K McLennan	36

C Grade

B Kidd	44	S Rowell	43
D Curtis	39	J Michalik	42
S Whittam	39	R Davidson	41
C Wenham	38	S Grivell	38
J Manning	38	R Bodin	38
P Downs	38	M Morton	37

D Grade

S Rowell	43
J Michalik	42
R Davidson	41
S Grivell	38
R Bodin	38
M Morton	37

NTP 2nd

NTP 7th

NTP 10th

NTP 18th

M Stevens	
D Spaven	
C Dawe	
S Whittam	

NTP in 2 (11th)

J Warren	
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N Smith	
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Women

E Burt	32
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Thursday 16th March

Stroke Men 49 Players DSR 69
Women 2 Players DSR 72

Division 1

F Williams	64
N McNicol	68
K Hampton	69
S Nailer	71
B Guy	72
G Foster	72

Division 2

M Davis	66
K Fairchild	66
B Sparrow	74
K Smart	71
B Kidd	72
I Languish	72

NTP 2nd

B Kidd	
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NTP 18th

S Nailer	
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POG

B Guy	35
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Women

M Holton	76
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Saturday 18th March

Stableford Men 111 Players DSR 68
Women 5 Players DSR 72

A Grade

B Coleman	44
J Harders	39
P Buying	38
T Guy	37
I Bonython	36
J Wenham	36

B Grade

D Bailey	43
A Curtis	40
A Pietsch	38
C Stevens	38
J Warren	37
I Fletcher	36

C Grade

C Wenham	38
I Langusch	38
M Voigt	38
S Whittam	38
P Anderson	37
B Sparrow	35

D Grade

I Oswald	46
T Steel	40
C Bedson	39
S Grivell	38
A Pouw-Bray	37
J Mason	37

NTP 2nd

B Coleman	
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NTP 7th

C Fort	
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NTP 10th

n/a	
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NTP 18th

R Yeates	
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NTP in 2 (11th)

A-B

J Wenham	
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C-D

M Jordan	
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Women

M Wray	29
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Thursday 23rd March

Stableford Men	64 Players	DSR 68
Women	3 Players	DSR 72

Division 1

J Warren	42
P Edwards	40
S Nailer	37
R Jones	36
A Horsfall	36
B Wallace	36

Division 2

B Warby	44
R Davidson	40
G Beltchev	37
B Smith	37
N Franzway	36
I Languish	36

NTP 2nd
NTP 18th
POG
Women

D Parrott

R Jones

H Hodgkison 22

L Gray 33

Saturday 25th March

Stableford Men	117 Players	DSR 69
Women	5 Players	DSR 71

A Grade

R Jones	40
J Lawson	39
C Nailer	38
T Guy	37
S Kinnane	36
J Harders	35

B Grade

A Reid	42
C Stevens	39
P Coldrey	38
P Edwards	38
L Mathews	37
B Hughes	37

C Grade

S Whittam	39
J Thomas	39
S Wilson	38
B Kidd	37
J Janson	37
B Sparrow	37

D Grade

B Smith	45
J Mason	39
J Goff	37
M Morton	37
W Hocking	36
R Yeates	35

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

Z Bilandzic

B Spaven

Z Bilandzic

P Craven

NTP in 2 (11th)
A-B

C Greenwood

C-D

J Ferguson

Women

E Burt 37

A Morton 35

Thursday 30th March

Stableford Men	61 Players	DSR 69
Women	3 Players	DSR 72

Division 1

J Warren	40
Z Bilandzic	40
C Stevens	39
S Kinnane	38
K Hampton	37
G Foster	37

Division 2

B Sparrow	40
I Oswald	39
J Goff	39
I Languish	37
J Thomas	36
K Smart	35

NTP 2nd
NTP 18th

F Williams

Z Bilandzic

POG

I Oswald 21

J Mason 21

Women

L Gray 34

Saturday 1st April
Opening Day – Irish Stableford

P Buying, A Bailey, E March, J Mason	97
R D'Alessandro, Gitsham, E Burt	94
A Amberg, S Keogh, A Pietsch, T Steel	93
K Hampton, J Warren, R Yeates	90

C Smith, L Bowey, J David-Smith, B Smith	87
C Nailer, N McNicol, M Voigt, K Gerke	85
Z Bilandzic, B Wallace, N Sylvia, V Smith	85
C Greenwood, D Bailey, B Hughes, S Fensom	85

NTP 2nd

B Kidd

NTP 7th

J Reuter

NTP 10th

R McLauchlan

NTP 18th

T Spry

NTP in 2

4th A-B R Mills C-D P Johnson

11th A-B A Pietsch C-D n/a

Long Drive

A Grade	C Greenwood	B Grade	D Bailey
C Grade	M Henderson	D Grade	B Burnett



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Thursday 6th April

Stableford Men	69 Players	DSR 71
Women	3 Players	DSR 72

Division 1

F Williams	44
G Foster	40
C Stevens	39
D Parrott	38
B Coleman	38
C Nailer	37

Division 2

D Curtis	40
D Mengerson	39
B Kidd	37
T Steel	36
K Smart	35
G Beltchev	35

NTP 2nd
NTP 18th

B Guy	
G Foster	

POG

K Fairchild	21
C Stevens	21

Women

A Morton	32
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Saturday 8th April

Stroke	Men	123 Players	DSR n/a
	Women	6 Players	DSR n/a

A Grade

Z Bilandzic	68
J McGleish	69
R Jones	70
A Beltchev	72
H Griffin	72
T Spry	72

B Grade

A Messenger	67
B Hughes	69
R Eibisch	69
M Davidson	72
A Horsfall	73
S Jensen	73

C Grade

T Carter	70
G Cooper	71
D Wilson	71
A Pouw-Bray	72
B Jackson	73
J Thomas	73

D Grade

J Mason	69
T Steel	69
M Bills	70
G Beltchev	71
B Penny	72
D Murphy	73

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

Dar Wilson	
K McLennan	
P Craven	
P Anderson	

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

J Oliver	
S Whittam	

Monthly Medal

A Grade	B Guy	73
B Grade	A Messenger	82
C Grade	T Carter	91
D Grade	T Steel	95

Putting Comp

A Grade	B Coleman	25
B Grade	L Bowey	25
C Grade	K Gerke	28
D Grade	D Carver	32

Women

L Gray	73
E Burt	77

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsors' vouchers)

2nd Hills Hire \$50.00 Voucher

11th \$20.00 Meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill

Trophy Winners

MONTHLY MEDALS

April

A Grade	B Guy	73
B Grade	A Messenger	82
C Grade	T Carter	91
D Grade	T Steel	95



Recent Achievements

Eagle

**On the par 4, 16th hole on
Thursday, 30th March.
Congratulations and Well Done!**



Hugh Griffin

Eagle

**On the par 4, 11th hole on
Saturday, 1st April.
Congratulations and Well Done!**



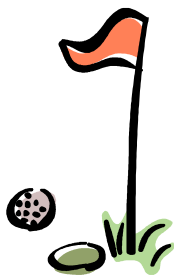
Bill Guy

Hole in One

Thursday 6th April.

Frank Williams

had a Hole in One on the 10th.
Congratulations Frank!



Eagle

On the par 4, 11th hole on
Thursday 6th April.
Congratulations and Well Done!



Alan Horsfall

JUNIOR Coaching Clinics

No Clinic in May
Sunday 11th June
Sunday 9th July

2:00pm Advanced
3:00pm Beginners

All juniors welcome
No restriction on membership
Bring your children,
grandchildren, nieces & nephews,
or neighbours.

Membership

as at 14/03/2017

	2016	2017	Change
Male	381	420	+39
Female	42	44	+2
Total	423	464	+41

New Members

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

Stephen Crump	7 Day
Mark Trafford-Walker	7 Day
Ryan Trafford-Walker	21 Youth

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

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

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Women's Report

Wednesday 8th March

**May Sheehan Memorial Trophy
Stableford**

S Maddern	38
L Pride	35
L Steer	30
P Loughhead	30

NTP

Div 2 P Loughhead

Wednesday 15th March

Stroke

E Burt	71
L Steer	72
S Fine	78

NTP

Div 2 M Holton

Wednesday 29th March

Pinehurst Foursomes

S Maddern / E Burt	65 ½
J Coleman / J Petherick	68 ½
V Bowman / S Telfer	70 ½

Wednesday 5th April

Stroke

1st Rnd International Bowl

1st Rnd Medal

Putting

International Bowl

M Holton	75 (Medal Winner)
L Steer	75
V Bowman	76
L Pride	77

Putting

V Bowman	27
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NTP

Div 1 E Burt

Div 2 S Fine

Out and About

**Mt Barker-Hahndorf Open Day (Stableford):
Friday 31st March**

Five Echunga players competed in this popular Open Day. There were 128 players representing

18 clubs and despite this, the field moved very well. Tea Tree Gully Club had the largest contingent of visiting players with twenty-nine! We were greeted by the now famous Trading Table and were offered delicious mini-quiches to enjoy with our coffee. The holes were at times challenging, with some returfed fairways having special local rules and a tricky new green on the tenth.

The money raised by such days is donated to the Junior Development programme. Sandra King, (past SWGG Secretary) interviewed 15 year old Charlie, who is a member of the SA Women's Golf Team and a member of the Ardrossan Junior Development Programme. She plays at Glenelg off a handicap of 1.7. She generally practises at Glenelg every school day and at weekends and goes to a gym before school – such is the dedication required to play at an elite level!

The day's winning scores were:

A grade 38pts Mt Osmond,
B grade 38pts Willunga and
C grade 42pts Echunga

A wonderful round from Janet Petherick.

Sue Telfer won the B grade longest drive and she also won one of the 8 raffle prizes.

Mt Compass – Friday 7th April

Despite the hot and windy weather, six Echunga players enjoyed their golfing day at this club's increasingly popular Open Day.

The game was a 4BBB. Kathy, Sheryl, Sue T and I played together as two teams while Janeen and Sue M paired with two Mt Compass members.

We all found the course challenging. The course is full of slopes: uphill, downhill and sideways, and then there are the bunkers. A hole cannot have just one bunker, they come in multiples (all difficult to exit!)

Hitting balls over crests is dangerous as they have a tendency to dive towards the nearest stretch of water... Despite all these difficulties, we had a fun day and were happy to relive our day over an excellent afternoon tea.

There was a countback for first prize. The winning two groups having scored 41 points, the third place getters had 40.

Congratulations go to Sue M who won the longest drive and also won the Nearest the Pin on the 14th (there was a NTP on every par 3). Sue T won the raffle.

Wendy Jackson

2016 – 2017 ECHUNGA WOMEN'S SUMMER COMPETITIONS

Champion: Lisa Gray
R/up: Sue Maddern
Silver Salver: Priscilla Loughhead
R/up: Veronica Bowman

STROKE AWARD –

Best 2 of 3 nominated rounds
Sue Maddern

LEONORE STEER TROPHY –

Two rounds best aggregate Stableford
Wendy Jackson

**MULTIPLICATION STABLEFORD
FOURSOMES –**

Best nett random pairing
Sue Maddern/Sue Telfer

**GINGE GILBERT MEMORIAL
TROPHY – One stroke nett round**
Esther Burt

**MAY SHEEHAN MEMORIAL
TROPHY – One Stableford round**
Sue Maddern

**JANET HUMPHREY'S MEMORIAL
TROPHY – PAR**
Leonore Steer

PUTTING –
Best 2 of 4 nominated stroke rounds
Janeen Coleman

**BETTA ALUMINIUM GUTTERS
MOST IMPROVED HANDICAP**

Winner Div 1: Janeen Coleman
Winner Div 2: Kathy Clarke
Trophy Winner: Janeen Coleman
Kathy Clarke

GOBBLERS -
Sheryl Fine

ECLECTIC:
**Best recorded score for hole on stroke
rounds / half handicap end season**
Sue Maddern



Priscilla Loughhead presented by Sue Maddern



Veronica Bowman presented by Sue Maddern



Wendy Jackson presented by Leonore Steer



Esther Burt Presented by Sue Maddern



Leonore Steer presented by Sue Maddern



Kathy Clarke and Janeen Coleman

5 Fun Facts for your day!

1. In Japan, letting a sumo wrestler make your baby cry is considered good luck!
2. Nutella was invented during WW11, when an Italian pastry maker mixed hazelnuts into chocolate to extend his chocolate ration.
3. Before settling on the Seven Dwarfs we know today, Disney considered Chesty, Tubby, Burpy, Deafy, Kickey, Wheezy and Awful.
4. The 50-star American flag was designed by an Ohio high school student for a class project. His teacher originally gave him a "B".
5. The medical term for ice cream headaches is sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia.

SPONSORS

We still have the 12th Tee block (Normally the 11th) without a sponsor.

If you or you know someone who is interested in sponsoring this Tee block please contact Eric March on 0418 418 995 or Email:

sales@ebmpl.com.au

Junior Clinics

Please see the junior section on our website for updates.

Southern Zone Junior League

Well done to the four players who represented Echunga at the Southern Zone Junior League in February and March this year: Cai Staunton, Cooper Fort, Hannah Ewart and James Ewart. They all played in last year's event and benefitted from that experience this year with Cooper playing in the 18-hole handicap competition and the others playing in the 9 hole event and scoring better than last year. Congratulations to Hannah for coming runner-up in the girl's event.

Primary School's Golf Event

The next Junior event is the Primary School's Golf Event to be held at Echunga, on May 23rd. This is a try out day for kids in year 5-7 with a qualifying event at Willunga in June. Students interested in this event should contact their school sport's coordinator or myself for further information.

Junior Clinic

Second Sunday of the month

May - no clinic

June 11th

July 9th

August 13th

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th - Family Ambrose day

The junior clinic held on 9th April was well attended and we had a couple of new faces turn up as well as our regulars. I was also very happy to see Lane, who competed in the Primary School's Event last year make his first appearance at a clinic. Mike had a good workout helping the kids with their long shots for almost the whole 1 hour session - thanks to everyone who has donated balls, we went through them all!

Esther and Jamie Burt

Junior Co-Ordinators, Echunga Golf Club

0424 478 960 Esther

0418 855 831 Jamie

Flashback!

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

25 Years ago

Over the Road

Work is progressing slowly, but surely. It is anticipated that the irrigation work will be completed next week and the cost should be within the budgeted costs which is great.

Once the irrigation and drainage is completed then the greens will be sanded off and planted.

Hopefully all this will be done by the end of May, but it will be depending on the weather.

If the greens are not seeded by the end of May then we will need to wait until November before seeding can be done.

Echunga Primary School is also assisting the Club and will be planting some 400 trees (as if we do not have enough trees now!) during the month of May as part of their conservation and environment project.

The Committee is very appreciative of this offer by the school.

Taken from the April 1992 Putter

5 Years ago

New Green

The 15th is much closer to being ready for play. The surrounds and the green look to be in very good condition, but the fairway is still a bit patchy. Michael is on holidays for this week and updates from John suggest that it could be ready in a couple of weeks. No firm date can be given yet.

Council

Whilst the Mt Barker Council at their council meeting approved the lease agreement for the Golf Course they had made several amendments to the original draft. These changes are still being discussed between both parties.

CCTV

Danny Willgoose has been very busy installing the new CCTV system. It will be a system that covers both inside and outside of the clubhouse with extra

security for our Bar Staff and monitoring screens in both the Office and Canteen areas.

Taken from the April 2012 Putter

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Who am I?

I have a birthday on the 18th June

I ran my own business for many years fixing other people's problems.

I'm quite a "chatty" fellow

I buy ladies nail polish to mark my golf balls (now that's a giveaway.)

My nick names are Roudy and Bobett.

I am B..... H.....

THE EVOLUTION OF GOLF

Part 4 ... T. Woods.

In previous issues the origin of golf as recorded by old historians, course played on, the formation of equipment then used, has been covered in general terms, however the one area not yet discussed is the "ball" - the manufacture of same and the progression from the earlier stages to the modern era and that subject is the theme for this edition of our own Penfield Pulse.

Up until the 17th Century the balls used were wooden ones and generally made from English boxwood however in 1618 (a generally accepted date) the feathery made its appearance. This was a ball of stitched leather tightly stuffed with feathers and was a smaller edition of the ball then used for tennis.. The feather's advent lasted for more than 200 years and involved a period of fine craftsmanship.. The leather of untanned bull hide was cut into a single strip for the centre together with a round piece for each side, the edges were then tightly stitched together except for a small section of the seam which was used by the maker to turn the leather inside out. Feathers were then stuffed into it until the leather could hold no more. In the final stage of the stuffing he then pressed the feathers against an iron spike fitted in a wooden frame to obtain maximum compression. Lastly he carried out the delicate operation of stitching up the opening without leaving a protruding seam.

The feathery which was about the size of today's ball is said to have travelled well but among its disadvantages was the fact that during wet weather it became water logged and was like a lead balloon, another disadvantage was that if the ball was topped and the leather damaged the feathers would break out into a great cloud, but despite this some recorded feats testify to the feathery's efficiency. In 1798 two Edinburgh golfers (Scaeles and Smellie) drove a feather ball over 160 foot spire of the St Giles cathedral, not long after this an Edinburgh lawyer drove the ball over the 154 foot high Melville monument in Edinburgh's St Andrew Square. In the distance field some remarkable figures have been recorded. In 1858 a Frenchman (Samuel Messieux) (a forebear of Masso??) drove a ball some 361 yards at St Andrews, it was a slightly frosty morning with a gentle following breeze. 100 years prior to this a Glasgow club golfer (John Gibson) made a series of measured drives with a feathery ranking in

distance from 182 to 222 yards and with those sort of attainable figures it was with a great deal of reluctance the average golfer of the day took some time to adapt to the use of the "gutta percha" which first made its appearance in 1848. An interesting feature relating to the feathery is that no historian made any mention of its putting attributes.

No one is certain who first invented the gutta percha ball but the theory has been put forward that the inventor could have been a member of W T HENLEYS TELEGRAPH WORKS CO who at that time were the experts in the handling of gutta percha. The ball was solid gutta percha with a smooth surface, it carried well in the air and ran well when it struck hard ground. The ball was cheaper to make than the feathery and because of its virtual indestructibility added a great boost to the number of playing golfers. With the continued use of the new ball players found that as the cover wore it travelled further and then became the norm for players to deliberately hand hammer them and they continued to do this until the 1880's when the manufacturers introduced moulds to pit the ball's surface.

The gutta percha ball was not an easy ball to handle and although the longest recorded drive was made by a LT Fred Tait of St Andrew's of some 341 yards and 9 inches in 1893, it was achieved on frozen ground which presumably gave it the longest distance recorded. In general the average golfer was hitting drives within the 150 to 170 yard range and in addition to this because of the solidity of the ball any shot not hit truly caused some severe jarring to the arms.

The rubber cored ball was next on the horizon and was the brain child of an American, Coburn Haskell of Cleveland Ohio, who with the cooperation of the Goodrich Tyre Co. produced the rubber cored ball which went into production in 1901. In the autumn of that year an American golfer, Walter Travis, used it to win the US Amateur Championship. In the following year a St Andrew's golfer, Sandy Herd, using the Haskell ball won the British Open at Hoylake with a four round total of 307 one stroke clear of Harry Vardon who used a gutta percha ball.

From then on manufacturers produced a variety of balls, thinner covers, greater velocity, carry and stability in flight, but the size and weight of the balls remained a variant until the R&A and the USGA came to an arrangement whereby the size and weight should be standardised.

In 1920 the R&A resolved that the weight of the ball should not be greater than 1.62 ounces and the size not greater than 1.62 inches in diameter. The USGA did not immediately agree with this and adopted what they termed an easier pleasanter ball for the average golfer to use (no size given). Since that time several other variations to the ball size, etc, have been introduced but it is not until recent times that it has been agreed that all organisations taking part in international events should all use a standard type ball.

Next issue a few oddities of the game and the progression of golf in Australia. QED

Drunken Husband

A wife was in bed with her lover when she heard her husband's key in the door. "Stay where you are," she said, "He's so drunk he won't even notice you're in bed with me." Sure enough the husband lurched into bed none the wiser, but a few minutes later through a drunken haze he saw six feet sticking out the end of the bed. He turned to his wife. "Hey, there are six feet in this bed. There should only be four. What's going on?" "Nonsense," said the wife. "You're so drunk you miscounted. Get out of bed and try again. You can see better from over there." The husband climbed out of bed and counted. "One, two, three, four. You're right you know."

Evils of Alcohol

A father was trying to teach his young son the evils of alcohol. He put one worm in a glass of water and another worm in a glass of whiskey. The worm in the water lived, while the other one in the whiskey curled up and died. "Alright son," said the father. "What does that show you?" "Well, Dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol you will never have worms."



God's Plan for Aging

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest, even though you mutter under your breath.

Nine Important Facts to Remember As We Grow Older

- #9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- #8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- #7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- #6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- #5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- #4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- #3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- #2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- #1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

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**All Green Fees will be at ½ the standard
Green Fees at each course.**

**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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The True Rules Of Golf

The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental. If you want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

Any change works for a maximum of three holes and a minimum of not at all.

No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

Never keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

This Month's Riddle

"What goes up, but never comes down?"

Answer next month

Last Month's Riddle

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

What am I?

ANSWER: The pupil of the eye.

April Birthdays

1 st	Barry	Sparrow	
2 nd	Jim	Hambrook	
	Craig	Walsh	
3 rd	Ian	Bonython	
	Justin	Neumann	
	Hugh	Griffin	
5 th	Mick	Morton	70
	Chris	Nailer	
	Steven	Nailer	
6 th	Allan	Roberts	
7 th	Heather	Guy	
	Rob	Huisman	
8 th	Neville	Murphy	
	Steven	Taylor-Hull	
	Stuart	Callary	
10 th	Neville	Jordan	
11 th	Charlie	Berra	
	Jared	Stringer	30
12 th	Alan	Tyson	
	Tony	Stevens	
13 th	Di	Foster	
	Nigel	Smith	
14 th	Barbara	Cain	
15 th	Wayne	Hocking	
	Peter	Wright	
	Aaron	Struck	
16 th	Jeremy	Burgess	
	Greg	Klatt	
17 th	John	Attwood	
	Steve	Griffiths	
	Ray	Castree	
18 th	John	Anderson	
	Joel	Haslett	
19 th	Gus	Cooper	
	Rob	Eibisch	
	Cai	Staunton	
20 th	Peter	Geer	
21 st	Josh	Lawson	30
	Lee	Stibbs	
22 nd	Sue	Maddern	
23 rd	Sean	McCallum	
24 th	Mike	Bell	70
25 th	Bob	Nunn	
26 th	Phil	Middleton	65
27 th	Pete	Edwards	
	Tali	Button	
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Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

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