



# Echunga Putter

**April 2018**

**Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.**

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## From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! The 2018 – 2019 season has started and was kicked off with an Irish Stableford format in which there was a Team score, as well as your own Stableford score.

Congratulations to the winners who scored 97 points on the 40 scoring holes.

Due to lack of numbers for the Annual Trophy Presentation, on both the scheduled and revised nights, the presentations were made whilst lunch was served.

Thanks to Heather who excelled on her birthday and along with her helpers presented a great lunch. Well done!

Look for our new column “From the Shed” an insight into what is happening around the course by the Green Keepers.

The new program is on the web site now with changes to the timing of the Club Championships, Foursomes Championships and the Handicap Match Play Championships.

The Thursday Competition format has been changed after receiving feedback via the member’s survey. There will be some Par rounds and also several 2 card aggregate rounds.

We welcome 2 new local sponsors, Farm Gate Services of Echunga and Mt Barker Irrigation Pump Depot of Mt Barker who are sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> holes respectively.

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](mailto:randryeates@gmail.com).

## Membership Renewals

If you haven’t received your statement by e-mail they are available from the Clubrooms. Also check that the Club has your correct email address.

**Fees were due by the 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

Failure to pay by 31<sup>st</sup> March may prevent unfinancial members from playing.

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

## Up and coming events . . .

### April

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stroke – 1<sup>st</sup> Rnd Captains Trophy Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic</b>
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Women - Stroke – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round International Bowl 1 <sup>st</sup> Round Veterans’ Trophy
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stroke
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Stableford – 1<sup>st</sup> Rnd Autumn Cup</b>
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day – Stableford Round 2 Public Holiday Trophy
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Par
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stableford – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rnd Autumn Cup</b>

### May

Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Women – Shylie Rymill Handicap Foursomes
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stroke – 2nd Rnd Captains Trophy Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic</b>
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Women - Stroke – 3rd Round International Bowl 3rd Round Medal – Putting
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stableford – 3<sup>rd</sup> Rnd Autumn Cup</b>
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Women - Three BBB Stableford in conjunction
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stroke
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stableford – Legacy Day</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pre-pennant practice day – 9.00 am Tee Off - BBQ afterwards</b>
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Women - Stroke – 4 <sup>th</sup> Round Medal – Putting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Veterans’ Trophy
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Pinehurst
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Par – Les Couch Memorial Trophy</b>
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Men’s SGG Pennants – Week 1
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Women - Foursomes 1 <sup>st</sup> Round Foursomes Championships
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stableford

### June

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Stroke – 1<sup>st</sup> Rnd Blue Block Challenge Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic</b>
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Men’s SGG Pennants – Week 2
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women - Foursomes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Foursomes Championships
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stableford</b>

# Competition Results

## 1 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Stroke	Men	51	Players	DSR 69
	Women	3	Players	DSR 72

### Division 1

K Hampton	66
Z Bilandzic	67
T Dolman	68
S Nailer	70
D Parrott	72
B Sparrow	72

### Division 2

M Clark	62
K Fairchild	67
C Bedson	68
W Satterthwaite	70
L Mitchell	70
M Davis	71

### NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>

H Hodgkison

### NTP 18<sup>th</sup>

M Clark

### POG

M Clark 31

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## 1 Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Stableford Men	124	Players	DSR 69
Women	7	Players	DSR 73

### A Grade

N Taverna	38
J Haslett	37
R Short	36
Z Bilandzic	35
G Watts	35
C Freer	35

### B Grade

W Ryan	41
K McLennan	41
M Doughty	40
B Hughes	37
A Pietsch	37
N McNicol	36

### C Grade

J Manning	39
M Henderson	38
G Dodd	36
R Yeates	36
G Davis	34
S Grivell	34

### D Grade

M Bills	41
T Krawczynski	38
W Koop	38
R Davidson	37
S Rowell	37
L Mitchell	37

### NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>

M Voigt

### NTP 7<sup>th</sup>

C Dawe

### NTP 17<sup>th</sup>

K Fairchild

### NTP 18<sup>th</sup>

M Haslett

### NTP in 2 (11<sup>th</sup>)

#### A-B

S Dearman

#### C-D

K Wilks

### Women

C Hasson	37
T Button	33
H Guy	32



## 2 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Stableford Men	65	Players	DSR 68
Women	2	Players	DSR 72

### Division 1

P Coldrey	41
R Jones	40
M Roberts	40
P Anderson	38
R Eibisch	37
B Hughes	36

### Division 2

C Bedson	42
J Goff	41
T Steel	40
M Clark	39
T Lloyd	39
G Milne	38

### NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>

M Stevens

### NTP 18<sup>th</sup>

G Foster

### POG

T Lloyd

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## 2 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Stableford Men	114	Players	DSR 68
Women	4	Players	DSR 72

### A Grade

K Hampton	44
I Bonython	38
M Haslett	36
A Reid	35
S Nailer	35
G Watts	34

### B Grade

C Stevens	43
B Rogers	39
W Ryan	38
R Eibisch	37
R Easling	36
M Fletcher	36

### C Grade

S Wilson	38
S Whittam	38
K Gerke	37
M Davidson	36
M Voigt	36
T Steel	36

### D Grade

S Rowell	38
K Wilks	37
A Pouw-Bray	37
S Taylor-Hull	37
S Crump	36
D Willgoose	36

### NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>

T Guy

### NTP 7<sup>th</sup>

P Head

### NTP 17<sup>th</sup>

C Nailer

### NTP 18<sup>th</sup>

C Dawe

### NTP in 2 (11<sup>th</sup>)

#### A-B

W Guy

#### C-D

B Fox

### Women

C Hasson

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Setting Hire Standards

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## 3Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Stableford Men 67 Players DSR 68  
Women 2 Players DSR 72

### Division 1

P Murphy 42  
A Bailey 40  
A Horsfall 39  
C Stevens 39  
F Williams 39  
C Button 38

### Division 2

B Burnett 39  
L Mitchell 38  
I Wasley 37  
B Hicks 36  
I Oswald 36  
N Franzway 35

NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>  
NTP 18<sup>th</sup>

S Whittam  
M Voigt

POG P Murphy 37

Women L Gray 33

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## 3Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Stableford Men 112 Players DSR 69  
Women 1 Players DSR 72

### A Grade

J Wenham 41  
R Jones 39  
B Guy 38  
H Griffin 38  
I Bonython 36  
J McGleish 34

### B Grade

S Koop 40  
G Day 39  
N Callary 38  
B Rogers 37  
A Bailey 37  
N smith 36

### C Grade

S Wilson 38  
J Manning 37  
A Head 37  
G Beltchev 34  
R Langbein 34  
K Fairchild 33

### D Grade

Al Pouw-Bray 40  
B Burnett 35  
R Barnes 35  
A Roberts 34  
M Morton 34  
C Bedson 34

NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>  
NTP 7<sup>th</sup>  
NTP 17<sup>th</sup>  
NTP 18<sup>th</sup>

R Hill  
A Amberg  
K Hampton  
B Walter

NTP in 2 (11<sup>th</sup>)

A-B V Smith  
C-D M Jordan

Women L Gray 32

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## 4Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Stableford Men 57 Players DSR 68  
Women 4 Players DSR 72

### Division 1

H Griffin 44  
C Stevens 39  
H Hodgkison 38  
C Dawe 38  
S Kinnane 37  
D Wilson 36

### Division 2

G Dodd 42  
I Oswald 41  
K Smart 36  
I Wasley 36  
E March 35  
B Burnett 35

NTP 2<sup>nd</sup> M Morton  
NTP 18<sup>th</sup> I Wasley

POG I Oswald 37

Women A Morton

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## 4Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### Opening Day – Irish Stableford

S Fensom, V Smith, D Bailey, A Bailey 97  
P Johnson, C Stevens, S Wilson, P Downs 93  
B Hodgkison, C Wenham, J McGleish, P Anderson 92  
N Taverna, D Wilson, E Willgoose, C Dawe 92  
R Jones, C Bedson, D Beams, T Hodgson 91  
P Buying, S Rowell, S Kinnane, R Eibisch 89  
K Gerke, P Coldrey, J Zehle, T Steel 89  
M Henderson, C Golding, C Greenwood, R Davidson 88  
J Arthur, N Smith, B Nunn, R Yeates 87

### Women

E Burt 34  
C Fensom 30

NTP 2<sup>nd</sup> S Nailer  
NTP 7<sup>th</sup> R Dyer  
NTP 17<sup>th</sup> C Greenwood  
NTP 18<sup>th</sup> M Henderson

NTP in 2  
4<sup>th</sup> S Whittam  
10<sup>th</sup> H Griffin

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## Nearest the Pin: (Extra sponsors' vouchers)

2<sup>nd</sup> Hills Hire \$50.00 Voucher

11<sup>th</sup> \$20.00 Meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill

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## *Recent Achievements*

### **Eagle**

On the par 4, 5<sup>th</sup> hole on  
Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
Congratulations and Well Done!



### **Joel Haslett**

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### **Eagle**

On the par 4, 10<sup>th</sup> hole on  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.  
Congratulations and Well Done!



### **Hugh Griffin**

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## **Generous Donation**

Ian Perrin has been a member for 8 years and plays on most Tuesdays. Accordingly he regularly sees the volunteer group cleaning up around the place. When he was recently downsizing his home he approached the group and offered to donate his near new chainsaw to the club.

*Ian is pictured below with  
Jeff Reuter & Chris Button*



The volunteers and the club are very grateful for the kind gesture by Ian.

*Chris Button  
Chairman Grounds Committee*

## **From the Captain**

### **2018 – 2019 program**

The 2018-19 program is on the web site now. There are some major changes to the timing of our events for next season. The main one of these will be the switching of the Club Championship and Foursomes Championships. This aims to ensure that the Club Championship qualifying and matchplay finals can be held on the course when it is in its best shape (February – March) and is not affected by a prolonged or late winter, nor the coring of the greens. The Foursomes Championships, being shorter in length, will also be less likely to be impacted by these events in October – November.

### **FINALISED RULES OF GOLF FOR 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2019**

The R&A and the United States Golf Association have announced the finalised changes to the Rules of Golf. The new Rules will come into effect on 1 January 2019.

For details of the announcement on the 2019 Rules please go to the following page of the Golf Australia website –

[www.golf.org.au/final2019rules](http://www.golf.org.au/final2019rules), or to either  
[RandA.org](http://RandA.org) or [usga.org/rules](http://usga.org/rules)

**NOTE:** The current edition of the Rules of Golf (2016) must be applied when playing or competing for the remainder of 2018.

***Hugh Griffin  
Club Captain***

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING PENNANTS ?**

Echunga Golf Club has 5 Teams in the Southern Golf Group's Pennant Competition which starts on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. There are 6 rounds in the competition with the Grand Finals to be played on Sunday 8th August.

If you are interested in playing, please record your name on the list which is near the computer screen or see Pennant Coordinator, Randy Jones  
[egpennants@gmail.com](mailto:egpennants@gmail.com) for more details.

There are 7 players per team which means that a minimum of 35 players per week is required.

If you can only play a few rounds still register your name as reserves are required.

***Randy Jones  
Pennant Coordinator***



## From the Shed

This is the first of what will be a regular column of news, views and information from the Echunga Greenkeepers.

As you are all aware, it has been a dry summer and autumn. This makes for great golf weather, but it does present some challenges for the course.

Heavy reliance on irrigation in this weather can lead to salt build up, particularly on the greens.

We are trying to repair some of these spots and ask you to avoid walking on any of these areas, if you can.

You may have noticed us digging at the back of the 14<sup>th</sup> green and in front of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee.

These scratchings have been trying to find the best spot to establish a turf nursery for Santa Anna Couch. We have now agreed the best spot for the nursery will be in front of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Work on this will begin over winter.

Autumn is also time for projects. Over the next week or two you will see the commencement of drainage works on the 1<sup>st</sup>. These works will take up to 2 weeks.

Members may also be aware that we have just become the proud owners of a greens roller. This piece of equipment will improve the consistency of the greens. It is not our intention to make them lightning fast, but rather be able to present improved putting surfaces and healthier greens. Lastly a reminder to please repair pitch marks on the greens.

**Good Golfing**

**John K**

**Course Superintendent**

## Course works

The committee has set out improvements to the course as its primary objective and will continue improving the course, as money becomes available.

Members have no doubt noticed the improvement to scrub and hazards by removal of sticks and loose impediments, to make it easier to get out of the trees when a shot goes astray. The penalty is to get out of the rough, not to have to face an unplayable or waste time finding your ball.

Tuesday volunteers have made a significant contribution to the quality of the course by doing non urgent work, which the greenkeepers do not have time to do. This includes cleaning Golf Carts,

weeding and watering the gardens around the clubhouse, and collecting sticks and loose debris that is carted away to heaps to be burnt during winter.

Shrubs previously planted around the course have matured and we have removed some lower branches to improve playability.

Future works are to improve drainage by:

1. Install a drain from the hazard on the 1st across the fairway connecting to the culvert that goes across to the 15<sup>th</sup>. This will hopefully improve the approach to the 1st
2. Deepen the drain from the back of the 15<sup>th</sup> to the creek on the 16<sup>th</sup>
3. Dig a trench along the roadside fence of the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway, from the existing road drain.
4. Close the drain across the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway to reduce the amount of storm water on the fairway.
5. Drainage around 18<sup>th</sup> and across the start of the 10<sup>th</sup> Fairway.

**Rob Eibisch**

**President**

## LAUGH TIME

A businessman in the first class cabin decided to chat up the drop dead, gorgeous flight attendant:

*Businessman:* "What is your name?"

*Flight Attendant:* "Angela Benz, sir"

*Businessman:* "Lovely name ...any relation to Mercedes Benz?"

*Flight Attendant:* "Yes sir, very close"

*Businessman:* "How close?"

*Flight Attendant:* "Same price".

## News around the course!

**Upper Crust Echunga Golfer**

Word of the day was uttered by a Toffy Echunga local.

Told us all he was going to a Soirée on Sat night with some friends.

Well I'll be buggered, the rest of us normal Aussies go to a Barbecue with mates.

Not this Toffy bloke he goes to Soirée.

It must have helped him as he played great and had 43 points



# Membership

	18/03/2017	18/03/2018
Male	413	402
Female	44	43
Total	457	445

# New Members

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

Bruce Agnew	Male	7 Day
Nick Burgan	Male	7 Day
Shirley Cain	Female	6 Day
Peter Day	Male	6 Day
Vicki Day	Female	6 Day
Ross Handsaker	Male	6 Day
Elizabeth Handsaker	Female	6 Day
Michael Jones	Male	6 Day
Martin Lauritsen	Male	6 Day
Pauline Lauritsen	Female	6 Day
David Lockwood	Male	7 Day
Peter Masters	Male	6 Day
Craig McMaster	Male	6 Day
Jeanette Rayner	Female	6 Day
Andrew Todd	Male	7 Day
Colin Warn	Male	6 Day
Lois Warn	Male	6 Day
Elliot Willgoose	Male	Youth - 21
Chris Woodrow	Male	7 Day

Welcome to Echunga Golf Club.

*May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.*



## Farm Gate Services

4 Angas Rd., Echunga  
 Ashley & Catherine Day Phone 0427 477 392  
 Email [day@farmgateservices.com.au](mailto:day@farmgateservices.com.au)

## It's been snowing all night. So the morning goes like this;

- 8:00 I made a snowman.  
 8:10 A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.  
 8:15 So, I made a snow woman.  
 8:17 The nanny of the neighbors complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest.  
 8:20 The gay couple living nearby grumbled that it could have been two snowmen instead.  
 8:25 The vegans at No. 12 complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures with.  
 8:28 I am being called a racist because the snow couple is white.  
 8:31 The Muslim gent across the road wants the snow woman to wear a headscarf.  
 8:40 Someone calls the cops who show up to see what's going on.  
 8:42 I am told that the broomstick of the snowman needs to be removed because it could be used as a deadly weapon  
 8:45 Local TV news crew shows up I am asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snow-women? I reply, "Snowballs" and am called a sexist.  
 8:52 My phone is seized and thoroughly checked while I am being blindfolded and flown to the police station in a helicopter.  
 9:00 I'm on the news as a suspected terrorist bent on stirring up trouble during this difficult weather.  
 9:10 I am asked if I have any accomplices.  
 9:29 A little known jihadist group has claimed it was their plot.

**Moral: There is no moral to this story, it's just the way it is in America today!**

# Echunga Earthmovers

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Bulldozing  
 Dam Building  
 Road Construction  
 Horse Arenas  
 House Sites  
 Shed Sites





# Women's Report

**1 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

## Stroke

S Maddern	71
W Jackson	72
A Morton	74

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**2 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

## Par

B Leonard	-2
P Gray	-3
S Maddern	-3

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**4 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

## Stroke

S Telfer	71
A Morton	71
P Umlauf	73

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## Women's Summer Trophy Presentation Day

We were delighted to welcome several of our new members (from Belair Park) on 28 March to join us in a game of Pinehurst foursomes.

We look forward to developing our friendships in the games ahead. After the game, we celebrated their arrival and the superb golfing of some of our members, while enjoying our magnificent shared lunch.

Several of the trophy winners were absent, but were congratulated in absentia.

The outstanding absentee was Sue Telfer who won an amazing number of trophies, but who was continuing with her good form by winning prizes in Queensland!

Congratulations to all the winners.

## SUMMER TROPHY WINNERS 2018

### CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP Lisa Gray (right)



### RUNNER UP

Susan Telfer  
(Left)



### CLUB SALVER

Pat Umlauf  
(Left)



### CLUB SALVER RUNNER UP

Ann Morton  
(Left)



### MOST IMPROVED HANDICAP

'A' Susan Telfer  
'B' Pam Gray

### BETTER ALUMINIUM TROPHY

Pam Gray  
(Left)



MAY SHEEHAN TROPHY	Libby Pride
SUMMER NET AWARD	Susan Telfer
SUMMER STROKE AWARD	Susan Telfer
SUMMER PUTTING AWARD	Susan Telfer
LEONORE STEER TROPHY	Esther Burt
SUMMER PAR AWARD	

Beatrice Leonard

MULTIFICATION STABLEFORD

Pat Umlauf / Esther Burt / Carlsa Carter

GOBBLERS	Esther Burt
ECLECTIC	Esther Burt

## Pennant News

Echunga Division 2 ladies started the 2018 Southern Golf Group in extraordinarily good form. No less than a 5/0 win. We are looking forward to defending our pennant win of 2017. Watch this space..

*Janeen Ladies*

*Pennant Captain*

## The Phone Call

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North. On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs, when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by, what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large Cathedral, he saw the same looking golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was.

She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. 'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled all across America, Europe, England, Japan and New Zealand.

In every church he saw the same looking golden telephone, with the same '\$US10,000 per call' sign under it.

The American decided to travel to Australia to see if Australians had the same phone.

He arrived at Newcastle in Australia and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same looking golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read, '40 cents per call.'

The American was surprised, so he asked the Priest about the sign. 'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them, the price was \$10,000 per call.

Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Australia now, son –

"This is Heaven," so it's a local call'.

**KEEP SMILING**

If you are proud to be an Aussie!

## JUNIOR Coaching Clinics

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**2:00pm Advanced**

**3:00pm Beginners**

**4:00pm Adults**

**(\$10.00 per Adult)**

All juniors welcome

No restriction on membership

Bring your children, grandchildren,  
nieces & nephews, or neighbours.

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# Flashback!

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

## 25 Years ago SECRETARY GEORGE RETIRES

It is with regret that the Management Committee has accepted Secretary George Flint's letter informing them that it is his wish to retire from the position of Club Secretary as from the end of April 1998

George has been Club Secretary for a long time (only he can remember) and made a lot of friends from Club members & Social Groups which play regularly at the course.

Although George has indicated that he will be willing to help out around the Club as and when required his knowledge of the Club's operation and input will be missed at future Management Committee meetings.

In acknowledgement of George's loyalty to the Club, a "ROAST" will be held in later. Details of the "Roast" will be displayed on the notice board as soon as they are finalised. If you have any stories about George please see President Peter

*Taken from the April 1993 Putter*

## 15 Years ago Echunga Autumn Classic

A successful day was held on  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2003

Off the Stick results

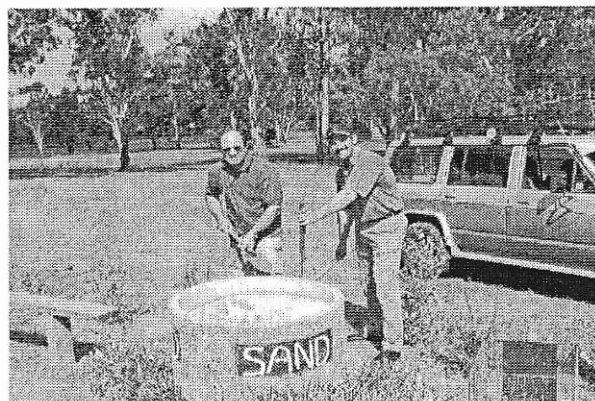
A -	Matt Hickman	71
B -	K Hampton	77
C -	C Wenham	82
Ladies -	C Dawson	94

Net Scores

A -	J Norman	67
B -	M Vlachos	63
C -	G White	66
Ladies-	E MacMillan	69

Garry White would have had a much better score but for his last hole. 12 on a par 5.

## Around the traps



Kym & Chris Wenham straightening the sand bin on the 17th which has annoyed Kym for some years. The Wenham team keep this tee like they play their golf; "Neat and Tidy".

They now intend to paint "SAND" in a more presentable way.

A few more of us need to "walk the walk" like the Wenhams and not just "talk the talk". Well done Chris & Kym!

*Taken from the April 2003 Putter*

## Junior Clinics

Next clinic dates:

May 6<sup>th</sup>. (This is week 1)

Please register on Eventbrite or contact Esther to book.

*Esther and Jamie Burt*

*Junior Co-Ordinators, Echunga Golf Club*

*0424 478 960 Esther*

*0418 855 831 Jamie*



PLUMBING+GAS

0467 600 047

# Garden groundwork in Autumn



## Year round fertilising for year round health

Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once in each season.

Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.

AUTUMN

**Vegetables & Herbs:** Give all your edibles a monthly dose of GOGO Juice to help them through any remaining summer heat waves – this will also encourage tasty new growth! Start preparing your garden beds for autumn & winter vegetables by reconditioning the soil with a generous 1-2 handfuls of Rocket Fuel per sq metre. It is also an idea to check your soil pH at this preparation stage and add lime to neutralise the pH if needed.

**Flowering Plants:** Extend the flowering season of summer annuals with an application of Sudden Impact for Roses, 100g per sq metre spread over the area and watered in well (with GOGO Juice) will give them strength for a final summer flush of flowers.

Keep an eye on your orchids during the warmer months (you may need to water 2-3 times a week in extreme heat) but remember to reduce watering once the autumn rains arrive. Feed in autumn with Strike Back for Orchids to promote flowering spikes.

**Fruit Trees:** Citrus trees will benefit from a good application of Rooster Booster or Bounce Back now – spread 1-2kg per tree, making sure you spread it right out to the edge of the dripline.

Stonefruit trees need a 1-2kg application of Seamungus or Rapid Raiser after you've finished harvesting.

**Natives:** As the autumn rains arrive, give all natives 100g of Seamungus to help promote healthy, new autumn growth.

**Lawns:** If your lawn is looking a bit stressed after the summer heat, rejuvenate it with one of our seaweed rich products; either a top dress of Seamungus crumble or a fortnightly watering of GOGO Juice.

HINT – clip the GOGO Juice 2ltr spray pack onto your hose for lawn application... so easy and quick!

As autumn rains arrive, now is a good time to lay turf. Prepare the soil beforehand with Seamungus Crumble – It will give the new roots of your turf the TLC they need to become established. Water new turf monthly with GOGO Juice to improve new root growth.



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## Volunteers' Report

Each Tuesday morning a group of club members meet to improve the course and its surrounds.

Recently anti-slip pads have been put on the steps up to the 10th tee.

Chris, in full protective gear, used Pete as sacrificial bait to lure wasps to the kill zone.

Al ran out of tech screws again and somebody, after damage to the Photinia hedge around the outdoor patio area by Kangaroos, had to be subdued after shouting, "Shoot them all!".

After due consultation with the President, it was decided to enrol the said person in a native animal appreciation course.

Pruning of tree branches overhanging the fairways, shaping of bushes to allow those of us who play from off fairway, for the challenge, to compete.

Digging and clearing drainage ditches, erecting steps to tee blocks, laying gravel on pathways, cleaning golf carts, you name it, we do it.

Join us and be serenaded by Wal's cheery songs, be fascinated by John's laconic rural anecdotes, marvel at Garth's detailing and Col's pruning techniques and stand in awe of Jeff, "The chainsaw man's", skills.

No experience necessary, tools provided, free gourmet standard lunch and a drink!

Please join us to improve the course and have a good time. See you at 9am.

*Barry Hicks*

## Irish Humour

Patton staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Kathleen. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Patton sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood.

He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed..

In the morning, Patton woke up with searing pain

in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room.

She said, 'You were drunk again last night weren't you?'

Patton said, 'Why you say such a mean thing?'

'Well,' Kathleen said, 'it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly ..... it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror.'

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Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

The man said, 'I do, Father'

The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.'

Then the priest asked the second man,

'Do you want to go to heaven?'

'Certainly, Father,' the man replied.

'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and

Asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.'

The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'

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Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died.

He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher.

'They say I died!!'

'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney.

'Where are ye callin' from?'



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## Sponsors working for us



Ryan Bailey of Echunga Earthmovers  
(Standing on his new 600 hp Truck)

Ryan has sponsored the Club for a few years, and has helped us with earthworks around the course. Ryan's work is of a high quality as can be seen on the recent upgrading of the seventeenth tee. Ryan said that he is keen to support the club as he lives locally and appreciates the benefit the club provides to the local community. It is a great asset from an open space point of view, as well as providing employment to local people.



*President, Rob Eibisch, Head Greenkeeper,  
John Kirkham, Ryan Bailey, and Course  
Manager, Chris Button, along side the 17<sup>th</sup> tee*

President Robert Eibisch said that a few years ago Ryan had helped build the 15<sup>th</sup> Green, recently 17<sup>th</sup> Green and the drainage trench along the road fence by the fifteenth fairway. This drainage work had been very successful in draining the beginning of the third fairway, the wet area in front of the first green, channeling the water behind the fifteenth green, down to the creek and eventually into the dam at the start of the twelfth.

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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.

Russell Yeates [randryeates@gmail.com](mailto:randryeates@gmail.com)

## ***Fun Facts for your day about Easter***

1. Are you an ears, arms or tail person?  
Seventy-six percent of people eat the ears  
on the chocolate bunny first, 5 percent go  
for the feet and 4 percent for the tail.
2. The Easter egg is said to symbolize and  
represent joy, celebration and new life.
3. The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever was  
made in Italy in 2011. At 10.39 metres in  
height and 7,200 kg in weight, it was taller  
than a giraffe and heavier than an elephant!
4. The date of Passover is variable as it is  
dependent on the phases of the moon, and  
thus Easter is a movable feast.
5. The first story of a rabbit (later named the  
“Easter Bunny”) hiding eggs in a garden  
was published in 1680.

### **Get your thinking caps on.**

~ First, I threw away the outside, and cooked the  
inside. I then ate the outside and threw away the  
inside. What did I eat? ~

### **Answer next month**

#### **Last Month's Riddle**

You are in a dark room with a candle, a wood  
stove, and a gas lamp. You only have one match,  
so what do you light first?

**ANSWER:** The match



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2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim	Hambrook	
	Craig	Walsh	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ian	Bonython	55
	Justin	Neumann	
	Hugh	Griffin	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mick	Morton	
	Chris	Nailer	60
	Steven	Nailer	60
6 <sup>th</sup>	Allan	Roberts	70
7 <sup>th</sup>	Heather	Guy	60
8 <sup>th</sup>	Neville	Murphy	
	Steven	Taylor-Hull	
	David	Lockwood	
	Stuart	Callary	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Neville	Jordan	60
11 <sup>th</sup>	Pat	Murphy	
	Jared	Stringer	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Alan	Tyson	
	Tony	Stevens	
	Russell	Barnes	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nigel	Smith	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara	Cain	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne	Hocking	
	Peter	Wright	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremy	Burgess	65
	Greg	Klatt	
17 <sup>th</sup>	John	Attwood	
	Brad	Riemelmoser	
18 <sup>th</sup>	John	Anderson	75
	Joel	Haslett	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Gus	Cooper	
	Rob	Eibisch	
	Cai	Staunton	15
20 <sup>th</sup>	Peter	Geer	75
21 <sup>st</sup>	Josh	Lawson	
	Lee	Stibbs	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue	Maddern	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sean	McCallum	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mike	Bell	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bob	Nunn	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Phil	Middleton	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Pete	Edwards	
	Trevor	Lloyd	
	Tali	Button	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ken	Hampton	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bill	Patterson	



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

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