



# Echunga Putter

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## From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! The course has certainly appreciated the rain we had at the start of the month, even if it meant it wasn't possible to play on the Thursday.

The greenkeepers have been busy carrying out several major projects on the course.

The 17<sup>th</sup> tee block has been widened to the left which will help to straighten up the hole and help take out of play the large tree, on the right side of the fairway. The approach to the tee block will now be from the right.

The volunteer group has also been very busy with many minor improvements around the course. If you can spare a few hours on a Tuesday morning to assist in their projects your assistance would be appreciated.

Well done to the Women's Pennant Team on reaching the finals, but unfortunately they lost narrowly in their final match.

Don't forget Men's Pennant Practice 20<sup>th</sup> May and matches start 27<sup>th</sup> May.

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).

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> August.

There is a Pennant Practice with the Captain's Team verses the Vice Captain's Team on May 20<sup>th</sup>

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

[egpenants@gmail.com](mailto:egpenants@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**

## Up and coming events . . .

### May

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

### June

|           |                  |   |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| Saturday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Stroke – 1 <sup>st</sup> Rnd Blue Block Challenge<br>Monthly Medal, Putting Comp,<br>Eclectic       |
| Sunday    | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Men's SGG Pennants – Week 2   |
| Wednesday | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Women - Foursomes<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Foursomes Championships                                  |
| Thursday  | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Mid Week Comp – Stableford  |
| Saturday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Stableford  |
| Monday    | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Queens Birthday – Stableford<br>Round 3 Public Holiday Medal  |
| Wednesday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Women – Par   |
| Thursday  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Mid Week Comp – Stroke  |
| Saturday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Par   |
| Sunday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Men's SGG Pennants – Week 3   |
| Wednesday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Women - Stroke –<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Round Medal – Putting<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Round Veterans' Trophy |
| Thursday  | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Mid Week Comp – Par   |
| Saturday  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Stableford  |
| Sunday    | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Men's SGG Pennants – Week 4   |
| Wednesday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Women – Ambrose<br>3 Person Ambrose   |
| Thursday  | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Mid Week Comp – Stableford  |
| Saturday  | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Stableford  |

### July

|           |                 |   |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Sunday    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Men's SGG Pennants – Week 5                       |
| Wednesday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Women – Stableford                                |
| Thursday  | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Mid Week Comp – Stableford                        |
| Saturday  | 7 <sup>th</sup> | Stroke – Monthly Medal, Putting<br>Comp, Eclectic |
| Sunday    | 8 <sup>th</sup> | Men's SGG Pennants – Finals                       |

# Competition Results

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

|                       |                   |               |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Stableford Men</b> | <b>56 Players</b> | <b>DSR 69</b> |
| <b>Women</b>          | <b>4 Players</b>  | <b>DSR 73</b> |

**Division 1**

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| B Guy    | 38 |
| C Dawe   | 37 |
| P Craven | 37 |
| B Kidd   | 36 |
| G Watts  | 35 |
| R Jones  | 35 |

**Division 2**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| J Hogarth       | 38 |
| C Bedson        | 38 |
| B Hicks         | 36 |
| W Satterthwaite | 36 |
| L Goldfinch     | 36 |
| B Burnett       | 35 |

**NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>**
**NTP 18<sup>th</sup>**
**POG**
**Women**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| B Wallace |    |
| S Nailer  |    |
| C Dawe    | 23 |
| L Gray    | 38 |
| M Holton  | 33 |

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

|               |              |                   |               |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Stroke</b> | <b>Men</b>   | <b>65 Players</b> | <b>DSR 69</b> |
|               | <b>Women</b> | <b>2 Players</b>  | <b>DSR 72</b> |

**Division 1**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| S Nailer   | 65 |
| P Murphy   | 66 |
| N Taverna  | 69 |
| P Anderson | 69 |
| B Kidd     | 70 |
| T Dolman   | 71 |

**Division 2**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| B Burnett       | 68 |
| M Voigt         | 70 |
| M Davis         | 70 |
| R Harrison      | 70 |
| W Satterthwaite | 71 |
| E March         | 71 |

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

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| H Griffin |      |
| B Guy     |      |
| S Nailer  | 33 ½ |

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

|                       |                    |               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>Stableford Men</b> | <b>125 Players</b> | <b>DSR 70</b> |
| <b>Women</b>          | <b>5 Players</b>   | <b>DSR 74</b> |

**A Grade**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| C Smith    | 41 |
| T Spry     | 38 |
| J McGleish | 36 |
| D Beams    | 35 |
| B Guy      | 35 |
| M Haslett  | 35 |

**B Grade**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| N Smith   | 36 |
| S Handke  | 36 |
| R Grinter | 35 |
| N Jordan  | 34 |
| R Eibisch | 34 |
| D Wilson  | 33 |

**C Grade**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| G Beltchev     | 39 |
| Alex Pouw-Bray | 37 |
| R Dyer         | 37 |
| P Downs        | 35 |
| K Gerke        | 35 |
| B Burnett      | 34 |

**D Grade**

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| R Trafford-Walker | 36 |
| Ant Pouw-Bray     | 35 |
| R Bodin           | 35 |
| M Clark           | 34 |
| R Barnes          | 33 |

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

|            |
|------------|
| B Slack    |
| B Hughes   |
| D Lockwood |
| I Bonython |

**NTP in 2 (11<sup>th</sup>)**
**A-B**
**C-D**

|            |
|------------|
| C Smith    |
| M Davidson |

**Women**

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| E Burt | 31 |
|--------|----|

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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

|            |              |                   |               |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Par</b> | <b>Men</b>   | <b>55 Players</b> | <b>DSR 68</b> |
|            | <b>Women</b> | <b>3 Players</b>  | <b>DSR 72</b> |

**Division 1**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| D Parrott | +1 |
| L Bowey   | +1 |
| B Hughes  | Sq |
| C Dawe    | Sq |
| R Jones   | Sq |
| C Nailer  | -1 |

**Division 2**

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| L Mitchell   | +3 |
| I Oswald     | +1 |
| R McLauchlan | Sq |
| I Wasley     | Sq |
| J Wasley     | -1 |
| B Hicks      | -1 |

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

|           |
|-----------|
| M Roberts |
| J Thomas  |

**POG**

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| R Jones | +2 |
|---------|----|

**Women**

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| T Button | -2 |
|----------|----|

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**Holiday Competition**
**Anzac Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

|                       |                   |               |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Stableford Men</b> | <b>32 Players</b> | <b>DSR 69</b> |
| <b>Women</b>          | <b>8 Players</b>  | <b>DSR 73</b> |

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| P Masters  | 38 |
| M Jordan   | 38 |
| V Smith    | 38 |
| M Quigley  | 38 |
| G Hanson   | 36 |
| J McGleish | 35 |

**Women**

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| T Button | 35 |
| E Burt   | 34 |
| P Gray   | 29 |

**NTP 18<sup>th</sup>**

|            |
|------------|
| J McGleish |
|------------|


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**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

|                       |                    |               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>Stableford Men</b> | <b>113 Players</b> | <b>DSR 68</b> |
| <b>Women</b>          | <b>5 Players</b>   | <b>DSR 72</b> |

**A Grade**

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| D Lockwood  | 38 |
| B Guy       | 37 |
| B Hodgkison | 37 |
| J Hyland    | 36 |
| S Kinnane   | 36 |
| H Hodgkison | 36 |

**B Grade**

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| N Smith  | 42 |
| I Bowey  | 38 |
| B Rogers | 38 |
| G Dodd   | 37 |
| R Dyer   | 37 |
| J Reuter | 37 |

**C Grade**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| M Davidson | 42 |
| D Wilson   | 39 |
| J Janson   | 37 |
| M Quigley  | 37 |
| D Murphy   | 37 |
| J Thomas   | 36 |

**D Grade**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| D Slater      | 39 |
| T Krawczynski | 37 |
| M Bills       | 36 |
| J Hogarth     | 36 |
| D Willgoose   | 34 |

**NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>**

M Davidson

**NTP 7<sup>th</sup>**

B Guy

**NTP 17<sup>th</sup>**

S Grivell

**NTP 18<sup>th</sup>**

K McLennan

**NTP in 2 (11<sup>th</sup>)**
**A-B**

H Hodgkison

**C-D**

R Langbein

**Women**

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| L Gray | 33 |
|--------|----|

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**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

|                       |                    |               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>Stableford Men</b> | <b>109 Players</b> | <b>DSR 70</b> |
| <b>Women</b>          | <b>5 Players</b>   | <b>DSR 73</b> |

**A Grade**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| V Smith    | 65 |
| D Lockwood | 66 |
| C Smith    | 67 |
| N Taverna  | 68 |
| P Buying   | 70 |
| S Nailer   | 71 |

**B Grade**

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| N Jordan  | 69 |
| C Dawe    | 69 |
| G Dodd    | 70 |
| B Wallace | 71 |
| M Stevens | 72 |
| L Bowey   | 72 |

**C Grade**

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| K Gerke      | 70 |
| S Wilson     | 71 |
| R McLauchlan | 72 |
| J Janson     | 73 |
| M Voigt      | 73 |
| A Head       | 73 |

**D Grade**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Ant Pouw-Bray | 67 |
| M Dembski     | 69 |
| R Davidson    | 71 |
| R Bodin       | 74 |
| J Hogarth     | 77 |

**NTP 2<sup>nd</sup>**

D Beams

**NTP 7<sup>th</sup>**

H Griffin

**NTP 17<sup>th</sup>**

P Anderson

**NTP 18<sup>th</sup>**

S Nailer

**NTP in 2 (11<sup>th</sup>)**
**A-B**

N Jordan

**C-D**

M Jordan

**Monthly Medal**

|                |           |    |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| <b>A Grade</b> | N Taverna | 74 |
| <b>B Grade</b> | C Dawe    | 85 |
| <b>C Grade</b> | S Wilson  | 92 |
| <b>D Grade</b> | M Dembski | 95 |

**Putting Comp**

|                |            |    |
|----------------|------------|----|
| <b>A Grade</b> | V Smith    | 25 |
| <b>B Grade</b> | N Jordan   | 28 |
| <b>C Grade</b> | G Beltchev | 25 |
| <b>D Grade</b> | R Bodin    | 30 |

**Women**

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| E Burt | 76 |
|--------|----|

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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 5, 14<sup>th</sup> hole on  
Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.  
Congratulations and Well Done!



### Stephen Kinnane

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### Eagle

On the par 4, 4<sup>th</sup> hole on  
Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May.  
Congratulations and Well Done!



### Alan Horsfall

# From The Shed

Some decent opening rains have meant that we have been able to turn the sprinklers off.

These rains will also have flushed away some of the salt build up.

To maximise the effect of the rain we have spiked the greens & surrounds to get the moisture through the soil profile. We have used the rollers on these areas to try and minimise the impact for golfers.

You will have noticed that we have filled in the hazard beside the first green. This area has been seeded in an attempt to turn it into a grassy swale. We hope to have the area back in play by Spring.

We will continue to monitor the drainage of the area and will extend the drainage at the front of the green, if it is required.

With the onset of the cooler weather the growth of the grass slows down. Please take care to repair your divots on fairways and tee blocks, as these areas now take much longer to recover.

*Good Golfing*

*John K*

*Course Superintendant*

## Membership

|              | 13/04/2017 | 13/04/2018 |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>460</b> | <b>466</b> |

## New Members

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

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Steven Carroll       | 7 Day    |
| Jon Coat             | 7 Day    |
| Tim Curnow           | 7 Day    |
| Cameron Fatchen      | Youth 18 |
| Mark Roberts         | 7 Day    |
| Michael Walkom       | Youth 24 |
| Graham Wiese         | 6 Day    |
| Karin Wiese          | 6 Day    |
| Chris Prentice       | 7 Day    |
| Gordon Cazalet-Smith | 7 Day    |

Welcome to Echunga Golf Club.

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

## JUNIOR Coaching Clinics

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

**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.

## Alternate Shot

A golfer playing in a two-man alternate shot tournament drove his tee shot to the edge of the green on a par-3 hole.

His partner, playing the second shot, managed to chip it over the green into a bunker. Undaunted, the first golfer recovers with a fine shot to within one foot of the hole.

The second golfer nervously putts, and sends the ball one foot past the hole, leaving the first golfer to sink the putt.

"Do you realize that we took five strokes on an easy par-3?" says the first golfer.

"Yes, and don't forget who took three of them!" answered his partner!

**The House of Golf.**



# **Women's Report**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**Stableford**

E Burt 35

S Telfer 34

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**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Stroke**

P Umlauf 69

M Semmelmann 73

E Burt 74

**Monthly medal Putting**

P Umlauf 27

**Nearest the pin**

**A Grade** E Burt

**B Grade** B Cain

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**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Shylie Rymill Foursomes**

J Coleman/S Maddern 70

**Stableford**

B Leonard 36

M Semmelmann 32

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# **Pennant News**

With a heavy heart I must report that Echunga got 'done like a dinner' as they say in the classics, by Mannum today at the Pennant Grand Final.

Well not really, all the games were very closely fought. Sue Maddern flew the flag with a win and the rest of us lost on the 18th hole which was a damn good effort. The wind was extraordinary even if you managed to get on the green in regulation, the wind would take it as far as possible away from the hole, in some cases right off the green again.

We all enjoyed our games though and Mannum were good sports.

Thank you to everyone in the team, Sue Maddern, Wendy Jackson (2 wins), Libby Pride (willing but unable), Esther Burt, Sue Telfer, Val Nairn, Me, Pat Umlauf, Sheryl Fine, Pam Gray & Kathy Clarke. We have never had such a terrific team ready to step up to the plate and I am all very proud of you.

We'll get 'em next year girls!!

**Janeen Coleman**

**Pennant Captain.**

# **Junior Clinics**

**Primary Schools Golf Day – 9/5/2018**

At the time of print, we are expecting 20 students from schools within the area, including Cornerstone College, Macclesfield Primary, Stirling East, St Michaels Hahndorf, Uraidla Primary and Kersbrook Primary School. Following a morning skills session with GolfSA, they will be competing in a modified 9- hole qualifying event with winners being selected to play in the Finals at Adelaide Shores in September, against other primary school students.

30 students from Echunga Primary School will also be participating in the morning skills sessions. This is the second year our local school has sent students to the try out day and we are very happy to have them join us again this year.

Many of the Yr5-7 students who have participated in this event have returned again and have joined our club and other clubs to continue improving their already great skills. It is so great to see them so keen and willing to learn.

**Next clinic dates:**

June 10<sup>th</sup>

July 8<sup>th</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup>

September 9th

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**

## **Female Medical Examination**

During the medical examination of a female patient, the British doctor says,

*"Your heart, lungs, pulse and blood pressure are all fine. Now let me see the part that gets you ladies into all kinds of trouble."*

The lady starts taking off her undies, but is interrupted by the doctor.

*"No! No! ... Just stick out your tongue!"*



# New Rules of Golf

The R&A and the USGA have unveiled the new Rules of Golf, to be implemented on 1 January 2019.

The R&A and the USGA finalised golf's new Rules this month after an extensive review that included a request for feedback from the global golf community on the proposed changes. Golfers can now access the official 2019 Rules of Golf by visiting [RandA.org](http://RandA.org) or [usga.org/rules](http://usga.org/rules).

The process to modernise the Rules began in 2012 and was initiated to ensure that the Rules are easier to understand and apply for all golfers and to make the game more attractive and accessible for newcomers.

While the majority of proposed Rules remain intact in the final version, several important changes to the initial proposals and further clarification of many Rules were incorporated. The most significant adjustments made following review of the feedback received from golfers around the world include:

- **Dropping procedure:** When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height. This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 suggested dropping from any height).

- **Measuring in taking relief:** The golfer's relief area will be measured by using the longest club in his/her bag (other than a putter) to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation, providing a consistent process for golfers to establish his/her relief area. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 suggested a 20-inch or 80-inch standard measurement).

- **Removing the penalty for a double hit:** The penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed. Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 included the existing one-stroke penalty).

- **Balls Lost or Out of Bounds:** Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting

committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions. (Key change: this is a new addition to support pace of play)

David Rickman, Executive Director – Governance at The R&A, said, "We are pleased to be introducing the new Rules of Golf after a collaborative and wide-ranging review process which has embraced the views of golfers, rules experts and administrators worldwide. We believe that the new Rules are more in tune with what golfers would like and are easier to understand and apply for everyone who enjoys playing this great game."

"We're thankful for the golfers, administrators and everyone in the game who took the time to provide us with great insight and thoughtful feedback," said USGA Senior Director of Rules & Amateur Status, Thomas Pagel. "We couldn't be more excited to introduce the new Rules ahead of their education and implementation."

Major proposals introduced in 2017 that have been incorporated into the modernised Rules include:

- **Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties:** There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.

- **Relaxed putting green rules:** There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

- **Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water hazards"):** Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for

moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.

- **Relaxed bunker rules:** There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.

- **Relying on player integrity:** A player's "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.

- **Pace-of-play support:** Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of "ready golf" in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.

Presented in digital, text-based form today, the new Rules will also now be translated into more than 30 languages and readied for final delivery via print and digital formats, including searchable Rules of Golf official apps developed by The R&A and the USGA.

Three important publications, to be distributed in September, will help players as well as officials and provide interpretation and guidance in how the Rules are applied:

- **The Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf:** An abridged, user-friendly set of the Rules with shorter sentences, commonly used phrases, and diagrams. Written in the "second person," The Player's Edition is intended to be the primary publication for golfers.

- **The Rules of Golf:** The full edition of the Rules will be written in the third person and include illustrations. It is intended to be a more thorough version of the revised Rules.

- **The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf:** This "guidebook" replaces the Decisions book and will contain information to best support committees and officials. It includes interpretations on the Rules, committee procedures (available local rules and

information on establishing the terms of the competition), and the Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities. It is a comprehensive resource document intended as a supplementary publication.

More than 30 "how-to apply" videos and a summary of the principal changes are now available at [usga.org/rules](http://usga.org/rules). Additional education tools will be released in September.

Players are reminded that the current edition of the Rules of Golf (2016) must be applied when playing, posting scores or competing for the remainder of 2018. The Rules of Amateur Status and the Rules of Equipment Standards were not part of this review process.

As an extension of their support of the Rules of Golf worldwide, Rolex has made a commitment to support The R&A and the USGA's efforts to modernise golf's Rules. The Swiss watchmaker's contribution to excellence in golf is based on a rich heritage stretching back more than 50 years, forged through pivotal partnerships at every level of the game, from the sport's leading professional and amateur competitions and organisations, to players at the pinnacle of their sport worldwide. it."

## Just a thought

With sand bins on all tees, how about filling divots as you walk down the fairway? You will be able to fill your bucket on the next tee and you never know, maybe next time you play, your ball may end up in the divot you filled. I once read in a golf magazine that if every player repaired three pitch marks on every green they played, then we would have no pitch marks on greens. So the next time you are waiting for your group to putt out, how about looking around you to see if there are pitch marks you can repair. Both of these suggestions will help keep our course in the best possible shape and make your round more enjoyable.

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## Around the Course

Who has had a day when nothing goes right and you should have stayed home.

It only happens on a stroke round!

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, a certain golfer (who will remain unnamed) followed one of his playing partners onto the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee block and hit from the White Markers as the previous player had done, to a position about a foot short of the green.

The group following took much delight in watching the shot being played, before offering their advice that the ball should have been hit from the Blue Markers.

Both players then proceeded to hit their third off of the Blue Markers. This certain golfer pulled his tee shot into the scrub on the left. Unfortunately, this ball could not be found so back to hit ball five from the tee. Would you believe it, this one ended up rolling across the green and into the water at the back of the green!

With six penalty shots, it was nine for the hole.

When it isn't your day, it only gets worse!

Second shot on the third hole ends up against a tree, with a drop for being unplayable.

Although not playing well, said golfer managed to stay out of trouble till the twelfth hole where he again struck trouble, under a bush for yet another unplayable. His woes continued on this hole, with his fourth shot going out of bounds.

Trouble struck again on the sixteenth, when his second shot ended up in the water hazard.

Finally, excitement on the seventeenth with a par, only to follow it up by going out of bounds on the eighteenth.

*As the word has been spreading, you might as well all know.*

*Editor*

## Golfing Giggles

An ardent golfer visited the fortune teller with one thing on his mind. He asked the fortune teller: "Are there golf courses in Heaven?"

The fortune teller replied: "I have good news, and I have bad news..."

"What's the good news?" asked the golfer.

"The good news is that the golf courses in heaven are the most beautiful you could imagine!"

Amazed, the golfer asked "How could there be any bad news with that?"

The fortune teller said: "You have a tee-time at 8:30 tomorrow morning."

## Nearest Point of Relief



Question 1: A player's ball lies in casual water, as above. Where is the nearest point of relief from which they may drop their ball within one club-length; A, B, C or D;

- If they are right-handed?
- If they are left-handed?

**Answer:**

**a) Point A,**

**b) Point C.**

Points B and D are nearer the hole than where the ball is at rest. Point C cannot be the nearest point of relief for a right-handed player, as they would still have to take their stance in casual water.

Similarly, point A for a left-handed player.

The player may drop their ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule. If a ball to be dropped or placed under this Rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

*Coopers*



# Flashback!

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

## 25 Years ago

### PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The first honorable mention must go to Barry Sparrow who scored an 83 off the stick to finish with a net 53. (Not bad for a D grader)

Rumour has it that Spoggy will lose 5 or 6 strokes.

*From the May 1993 Putter*

## 10 Years ago

### The Echunga Foursomes Championship

Held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April over 18 holes was won by

Matt Hickman and Randy Jones

With a gross score of 75

The David Smart Trophy for best net was won by

Bryan and Nigel Smith

With a score of 66

The Seniors Cup for the over 60s was won by

Allan Dutton and Don Beams

With a net score of 68 ½

*From the May 2008 Putter*

## 5 Years ago

### FOURSOMES

### David Smart Trophy

Alan Horsfall & Geoff Quirk

### Senior Foursomes

Ken Fairchild & Stan Whittam

### Foursomes Champions

Bill Guy & Mike Haslett

*From the May 2013 Putter*

## Fun Facts for your day

1. "Almost" is the longest word in English with all the letters in alphabetical order.
2. Most toilets flush in E-flat.
3. No piece of square paper can be folded more than 7 times in half.
4. M&M's actually stands for "Mars & Murrie's," the last names of the candy's founders.
5. Cats sleep for 70% of their lives.

### Get your thinking caps on.

Move one matchstick to get another correct equation.



### Answer next month

#### Last Month's Riddle

~ 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: Corn Cob

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## Golfing Giggles

Three guys are golfing with the club pro. First guy tees off and hits a dribbler about 60 yards. He turns to the pro and says, "What did I do wrong?" The pro says, "Loft." The next guy tees off and hits a duck hook into the woods. He asks the pro, "What did I do wrong?" The pro says "Loft." The third guy tees off and hits a slice into a pond. He asks the pro, "What did I do wrong?" The pro says "Loft." As they're walking to their balls, the first guy finally speaks up. He says to the pro, "The three of us hit completely different tee shots, and when we asked you what we did wrong you answered the same exact answer each time. What is loft?"

The pro says, "Lack of Fricking Talent."

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

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## May Birthdays

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



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