



# Echunga Putter

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## From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Just into the new year and it is all happening! Congratulations to those that qualified for the Foursomes Championship Finals and in particular the winners Pat Buying and Ben Slack who won the best Gross and to Martin Henderson and Jeff Reuter on winning the best Net. Congratulations also to Malcolm Bills and Eric March who were runners up in the Net event, but took out the Seniors Championship.

A busy month coming up with the Men's Club Championships, Women's Open Day and the Echunga Autumn Classic. We wish all the best to those who will be participating in these events.

Please note the changes to the Junior Championships which will now be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

There have been a couple of changes to the Management Committee and are explained on page 7. The Committee and Members wish to thank both Bill Walter and Randy Jones for their efforts in filling these important roles within the Club.

Good Golfing for the New Year!

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).

# ECHUNGA

## AUTUMN CLASSIC

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

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## Up and coming events . . .

### February

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Women – Stableford  
Multiplication Stableford - Foursomes  
Twilight Golf – Stableford - 9 holes  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Mid Week Comp – Stroke  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> **Stroke – Medal of Medals, Putting  
Comp. & Eclectic**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rnd Club C/ship Qualifying  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rnd Senior Cup**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Women – Stroke –Stroke Award  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rnd – Putting  
Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Mid Week Comp – Par

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Stableford – Quarter Finals Club  
Championship**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Women's Open Day**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Women – Stableford  
**(Entries close for 2018 Laurel Wreath)**  
Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes  
Mid-Week Comp – Stableford

### March

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Par– Semi Finals Club Championship**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> ECHUNGA AUTUMN CLASSIC**

**8.00 am - Shotgun Start**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Women –Matchplay  
1<sup>st</sup> Rnd Laurel Wreath  
Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 Holes

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Mid-Week Comp – Stableford

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Stableford -Finals Club Championship**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Adelaide Cup Day – Stableford –  
Rnd 7 Public Holiday Trophy

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Women – Stroke  
Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Mid-Week Comp – Stroke

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Stroke – Monthly Medal, Putting  
Comp, Eclectic, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Vice Presidents Trophy**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Women – Par  
Janet Humphrey Memorial Trophy  
Last day of qualification for Summer Comps  
Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Mid-Week Comp – Par

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Stableford –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rnd Blue Block Challenge**

**1<sup>st</sup> Rnd Junior Championship**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rnd Junior Championship**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Pinehurst Foursomes - Summer Season  
Trophy Presentation *(bring a plate of food)*  
Twilight – Stableford- 9 holes  
Final week (subject to change)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Mid-Week Comp – Stableford

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Trophy Presentation  
Night – 6:30 for 7:00 pm**

# Competition Results

## New Years Day Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January

<b>Stableford Men</b>	<b>24 Players</b>	<b>DSR 69</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>4 Players</b>	<b>DSR 73</b>

C Nailer	39
R Hill	37
G Vivian	39
A Horsfall	36
N McNicol	35
C Bedson	34

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## 1Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Par</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>80 Players</b>	<b>DSR 68</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>3 Players</b>	<b>DSR 72</b>

<b>Division 1</b>		<b>Division 2</b>	
A Struck	+6	B Smith	+8
A Fort	+5	J Mason	+6
Z Bilandzic	+3	S Whittam	+4
B Kidd	+2	W Satterthwaite	+2
P Anderson	+1	I Langusch	+2
N Callary	+1	G Davis	+2

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	E March
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	G Milne

<b>POG</b>	S Whittam	+4
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## 1Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January

### Foursomes Championships

#### Gross Foursome Qualifiers

1 <sup>st</sup>	P Buying	&	B Slack	79
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	R Hill	&	N Taverna	80

#### Net Foursome Qualifiers

1 <sup>st</sup>	E March	&	M Bills	66
		V		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	M Henderson	&	J Reuter	66 ½

#### Senior Foursomes

E March	&	M Bills	66
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#### Overall Results

M Henderson	&	J Reuter	66 ½
S Crump	&	T Healy	68 ½
J Mason	&	R McLauchlan	68 ½
C Dawe	&	C Stevens	69 ½
A Pietsch	&	B Rogers	70
N McNicol	&	B Fox	70
M Roberts	&	B Agnew	70 ½

D Bailey	&	A Bailey	70 ½
P Coldrey	&	P Edwards	71
B Wallace	&	A Horsfall	71 ½
J Michalik	&	J Gitsham	72
A Head	&	P Head	72 ½
P Buying	&	B Slack	72 ½

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	N Taverna
<b>NTP 7<sup>th</sup></b>	R McLauchlan
<b>NTP 17<sup>th</sup></b>	S Nailer
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	D Parrott

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## 2Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Stroke</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>58 Players</b>	<b>DSR 69</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>1 Players</b>	<b>DSR 72</b>

<b>Division 1</b>		<b>Division 2</b>	
B Agnew	65	R McLauchlan	64
R Short	67	G Davis	68
D Beames	67	B Hughes	68
P Coldrey	68	S Crump	70
M Haslett	68	I Wasley	70
F Williams	68	C Young	71

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	D Beames
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	B Kidd

<b>POG</b>	R Hill	32
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## 2Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Par</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>117 Players</b>	<b>DSR 68</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>6 Players</b>	<b>DSR 72</b>

<b>A Grade</b>		<b>B Grade</b>	
T Healy	+5	M Roberts	+7
B Agnew	+4	K McLennan	+7
R D'Alessandro	+2	M Quigley	+6
P Coldrey	+2	W Walkom	+3
B Hodgkison	+1	C McLatchie	+3
I Bonython	+1	R McLauchlan	+2

<b>C Grade</b>		<b>D Grade</b>	
D Willgoose	+2	J Hogarth	+4
Al Pouw-Bray	+2	R Davidson	+4
I Fletcher	+1	M Clark	+1
S Grivell	+1	R Easling	Sq
N Jordan	+1	T Steel	Sq
B Sparrow	Sq	B Bollard	Sq

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	G Vivian
<b>NTP 7<sup>th</sup></b>	R Davidson
<b>NTP 17<sup>th</sup></b>	N Jordan
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	T Hodgson

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

<b>A-B</b>	S Koop	
<b>C-D</b>	A Head	
<b>Women</b>	T Button	-1
	E Burt	-2

**Foursome Winners**

<b>Gross</b>	Pat Buying & Ben Slack	8/7
<b>Nett</b>	Jeff Reuter & Martin Henderson	6/5

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**3Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Stableford Men</b>	<b>12 Players</b>	<b>DSR 69</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>- Players</b>	<b>DSR ---</b>

<b>R Jones</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>G Vivian</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>S Whittam</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>G Milne</b>	<b>34</b>

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	K Hampton
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	R Jones

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**3Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Stableford Men</b>	<b>130 Players</b>	<b>DSR 68</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>6 Players</b>	<b>DSR 72</b>

<b>A Grade</b>	<b>B Grade</b>
A Fort 43	D Bailey 48
B Agnew 41	G Watts 40
J Hyland 40	S Jensen 40
C McLatchie 39	B Wallace 39
B Guy 39	M Roberts 38
S Koop 39	S Wilson 37

<b>C Grade</b>	<b>D Grade</b>
J Michalik 40	C Fort 39
M Stevens 37	T Klar 38
M Dembski 37	R Bodin 38
D Willgoose 36	Anth Pouw-Bray 38
J David-Smith 36	J Hogarth 37
A Curtis 35	

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	D Parrott
<b>NTP 7<sup>th</sup></b>	J Ferguson
<b>NTP 17<sup>th</sup></b>	D Beams
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	T Button (Hole in One)

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

<b>A-B</b>	A Horsfall	
<b>C-D</b>	S Grivell	
<b>Women</b>	T Button	32
	E Burt	31
	M Holton	31

**Australia Day Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Stableford Men</b>	<b>35 Players</b>	<b>DSR 68</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>2 Players</b>	<b>DSR 72</b>

I Rushton	42
Anth Pouw-Bray	41
N Jordan	41
B Wallace	39
G Hanson	39
C Nailer	38

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**4Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

<b>Stableford Men</b>	<b>67 Players</b>	<b>DSR 68</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>3 Players</b>	<b>DSR 72</b>

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Division 2</b>
P Anderson 43	T Nielsen 42
C Stevens 40	B Burnett 40
N Taverna 39	M Davis 40
P Coldrey 38	R Harrison 38
D Parrott 38	T Klar 37
C Nailer 38	I Wasley 37

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	R Jones
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	R Jones

<b>POG</b>	P Anderson 23
	C Stevens 23

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**4Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

<b>Stableford Men</b>	<b>114 Players</b>	<b>DSR 68</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>5 Players</b>	<b>DSR 72</b>

<b>A Grade</b>	<b>B Grade</b>
D Parrott 41	N Sylvia 44
P Buying 38	G Milne 42
D Lockwood 37	T Curnow 40
T Healy 37	S Carroll 39
T Guy 36	W Ryan 38
R Jones 36	Dar Wilson 38

<b>C Grade</b>	<b>D Grade</b>
J David-Smith 44	Anth Pouw-Bray 45
C Fort 43	K Gerke 39
S Crump 40	R Easling 36
S Whittam 37	S Rowell 34
N Jordan 37	J Goff 33
S Grivell 37	

<b>NTP 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	M Dembski
<b>NTP 7<sup>th</sup></b>	V Smith
<b>NTP 17<sup>th</sup></b>	R Easling
<b>NTP 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Dar Wilson

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

**C-D** P Allen

**Women** L Gray 33

M Wray 31

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## Nearest the Pin:

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

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

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## Foursomes Championships

The Echunga Golf Clubs Foursomes Championships are played in January/February each year with Gross, Net and Senior Competitions held.

The Senior Competition (over 60's) is based on the 18 hole Foursomes event played on Week one, whilst the Net and Gross event hold Qualifying in Week one and a Matchplay Competition in Week two, between the top two qualifying pairs with an 36 hole final for the gross and 27 hole final for the net competition.

## Foursomes Championships Qualifiers

Qualifiers for the 2019 Foursomes Championships have been decided from the results of the competition held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

The following pairings played a Match Play Final on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### Gross Foursome Qualifiers

**1<sup>st</sup>** P Buying & B Slack 79

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**2<sup>nd</sup>** R Hill & N Taverna 80

### Net Foursome Qualifiers

**1<sup>st</sup>** E March & M Bills 66

V

**2<sup>nd</sup>** M Henderson & J Reuter 66 ½

# NEW RULES

**Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January**

New rule books and also quick reference guides are available from the clubrooms.

## 2019 Foursomes Champions Gross

Pat Buying &amp; Ben Slack

Winning 8/7

## Net

Jeff Reuter &amp; Martin Henderson

Winning 6/5

## Senior Foursomes

E March &amp; M Bills

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# Summer Cup

The winner of the 2019 Summer Cup was decided today in hot weather and trying conditions.

Our Summer Cup Champion this year is 15 year old Cooper Fort, with an aggregate score of 119 (37, 39, 43). A great result for this promising young golfer and another trophy to add to his growing stash.

All here at Echunga Golf Club congratulate Cooper - well played young man!

## Recent Achievements

## Eagle

**On the par 5, 6<sup>th</sup> hole on**
**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January.**
**Congratulations and Well Done!**


## Jase Hyland

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## Hole in One

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Tali Button

**Had a Hole in One on the par 3,**
**18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Tali!**


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# From The



Two words describe this season - bloody dry.

The Green Keepers are working flat out keeping the greens and fairways alive.

The challenge with a season like this is that you have to water grass to keep it alive, and when you water it in warm weather it keeps growing (vigorously) so there is plenty of grass to cut.

This has put a strain on the staff, machinery and the watering system, but it has led to excellent playing conditions (when it's not too hot)

If we don't see any summer rain the greens will start to show some signs of excess irrigation. (salt) They may not look as good, but the playing conditions shouldn't be effected.

The Committee has asked us to trial having one of the Green Keepers work on each Saturday morning for the next couple of months. They will mow, roll, or blow the greens, depending on the needs of the course. Your feedback to the committee on this trial will be appreciated.

Another thing we are trialing is using growth retardant on the roughs around the greens, to try and reduce their lushness and make them easier to play from. We hope this helps.

If you know of a good rain dance give it a go.....

*Good golfing*

*JK*

## **CAPTAINS REPORT**

Hello fellow golfers,

I can't believe that a month has flown by already. In January we had the time honoured Foursomes Club Championship and the David Smart Trophy for the Foursomes net winners. I was a bit disappointed at the reaction and the lack of interest that the members gave me in this very important and major part of our golfing calendar. Anyway

that's enough whinging. The winners of the Foursomes Championship, played over 36 hole Foursomes Match Play conditions was Patrick Buying and Ben Slack who beat Naren Taverna and Richard Hill in a most enjoyable game of golf, played in the right spirit. The David Smart Trophy was played over 27 holes in a Net Foursomes Match Play, format was won by Martin Henderson and Jeff Reuter who beat Malcolm Bills and Eric March and all reports were that all parties enjoyed a great game, but Malcolm got sick of carrying Eric. Well done to all players in both formats.



February is a big month, having the Club Championships starting this month for the first time and on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> while in our second week of qualifying, we are also to have the final of the Medal of Medals. So if you have won a Monthly Medal this year you will be in contention to win this trophy.

Good luck to everybody in the Club Championships I think it will be a really fantastic event as the weather has been kind for golf in the last few week. The boys in the Green Keepers' shed have the golf course in great shape, with different things happening every day.

Enjoy your golf,

**Ben Slack**  
*Club Captain*

PS. Don't forget to sign your card?

## **Presentation Night**

### **Watch for details on the notice board re date**

Please make bookings with Heather  
*If you have won a trophy in the past twelve months, this is the night to receive it.*

### **Fun Facts about Valentine's Day**

So this month it's Valentine's Day.

Read on to learn some interesting facts about the 14<sup>th</sup> of February!

1. Every year, around 9 million people buy their pets a Valentine's Day gift.
2. Hallmark was one of the first to mass produce a Valentine's Day card, all the way back in 1913.
3. February 14<sup>th</sup> is the second largest card giving day of the year, just after Christmas. This year, it's expected that 1 billion cards will be exchanged around the world.
4. The only other day that beats Valentine's Day in floral sales is Mother's Day.
5. Who says you can't be your own Valentine? In 2015, 18% of women sent themselves flowers.

## **Women's Report**

### **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Stroke**

J Petherick 74

J Coleman 75

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### **Wed 30<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **9 Hole Stableford**

P Umlauf 19

K Clarke 17

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# **Juniors**

**Announcing that the 2019 Junior Championship has been moved from the programmed dates.**

It had been programmed to be played in conjunction with the men's Championship Qualifying rounds, but will now be held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of March. 2 x 18 hole Stroke play. Any juniors wanting to play should contact Jamie Burt (0418 855 831), to be registered and booked in to play.

We look forward to seeing you all out there soon, with the first Junior Clinics set for the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

A reminder that there is **Skills Training** on Wednesdays at 4pm, followed by on-course play at 4.30pm (orange tee blocks).

## **Next Coaching Clinics**

February 10<sup>th</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup> (Please note this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)

2pm advanced juniors (with on-course play after)

3pm beginner juniors

4pm adults (\$10pp)

Please register on Eventbrite or contact Esther to book.

**Esther and Jamie Burt**

**Junior Co-Ordinators, Echunga Golf Club**

**0424 478 960 Esther**

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## Presidents Commentary

Dear Echunga Golf Club Members

There are significant events to look forward to around this time of the year with Club Championships and the Autumn Classic before us.

The Green Keepers are working diligently at the moment under dry conditions.

For an overview on activities the report "From the Shed" is provided in this issue of the Putter.

Some of our forward planning deals, not only with course management and game day experience, it also incorporates financial considerations.

Echunga Golf Club from my perspective, which I am sure most members would agree with, is a real Gem of a club with emphasis on "Club". To be able to have our facilities at the membership cost levels we enjoy can only be achieved by significant volunteer input and cost management. A notable "thank you" to all our volunteers.

The club has evolved as a result of the energies and attitudes of previous committees. They ensured the Club's financial integrity was maintained and never spent beyond their means – a thank you is also warranted in this regard.

The result today is a debt free club offering 18 watered greens and fairways, good equipment and a preserved water supply.

You can be assured the current committee is made up of people with the Club's best interest in mind.

While the Club's financial and membership numbers are healthy the income is based on memberships, green fees and canteen take. Statistical information indicate Clubs across the state are down on all fronts (with exceptions), while operational costs are generally on the increase.

The Committee is focused on maintaining operating expenses to acceptable levels to underpin our affordable golfing experience balanced against course improvements.

There are many items on our agenda, the outcome of which we will share with you moving forward

***Cheers***

***Ray D'Alessandro***

***President***

***Echunga Golf Club***

## Around The Course

### From the Committee

Unfortunately, at the January Committee Meeting Bill Walter, the Secretary advised, that due to personal commitments he would have to resign from this position. Bill Kidd who was elected to the committee last October, advised that he would be prepared to fill the vacant position until the next AGM and his offer was accepted by the Committee.

Therefore, there is now a vacant position on the committee which will be discussed at the February meeting.

Randy Jones has indicated that due to not being available for all of the Pennant season he would not be able to continue in the role as Pennant Coordinator. If this is a position you may be able to fill, please contact Club Captain, Ben Slack to offer your services.

You may have noticed the bore at the side of the 6<sup>th</sup> green near where the coke machine was, has been lifted as the pump itself had failed and a number of lengths of the casing had rusted out.

As the repairs to this piece of equipment is a major expense, and we require the bore to be operational due to the current dry weather, the Committee has given approval to go ahead with the repair of the pump.

The Committee also approved major gearbox repairs to our greens roller, which the Green Keepers have been nursing along over recent weeks. It has been widely acknowledged that the greens have been much improved since we purchased the roller six months ago.



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## God's Plan for Aging:

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they'd 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'd drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and 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 jalapeño peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

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# Flashback!

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

## 25 Years ago

WHERE ARE THEY???

Last year it was Peter Wass & Gus Cooper who got lost between South Lakes & Peter Vivian's place after the Foursome's Championship.

This year it was Greg Klatt & Paul Hall who became the "Men From Belvedere".

No more allowed to be said.

*Taken from the February 1994 Putter*

## 10 Years ago

### Summer Trophy

Ray Bodin with 18 points on a count back from Tony McDonald.



### Course Superintendents Report

The State has recently experienced a heat wave with our golf course being no exception. Temperatures recorded at Echunga in series where 41, 42.2, 46.7, 44.8, 43.2 during the week. Watering was increased through the week to minimise the heat damage to fairways and greens. Full watering will continue on the fairways until the Autumn Classic, after this the watering on fairways will be cut back again to ensure the water supply holds out to the end of the season.



The turf wasn't the only thing to suffer the heat. Many of the native animals that now call the course home suffered badly as well. Possums and Koala's where dropping out of the trees all over.

This Koala tried his best to beat the heat by getting as low to the ground as possible. He was later found dead in the creek between water hazards, he must have tried to keep cool in the water but it wasn't enough.



Ground staff offered cold water to as many of the little critters as they could find such as this Ringtail possum.

In fact it was these little soles that suffered the most with Ringtail Possums being found all over the course in various states of decline. It was interesting to note that no Brush tail Possums where found suffering. Small Wrens also suffered with some found dead on the fairways in the afternoon.

*Michael Nicolls*

*Course Superintendent*



*Taken from the February 2009 Putter*

## 5 Years ago

**From the Advertiser recently.  
What's Your Problem?**

***Ruining the game.***

*I play golf at Echunga opposite a feedlot. The flies are a problem. I have tried almost everything. Can you suggest any ideas? A.Q. (Stirling)*

**Answer**

Possible fly repellent solutions include oil of lavender, citronella, eucalyptus, peppermint, lemongrass, cloves, basil and mint.

***Anne we need to know which remedy works?***

Husband says "A.Q" remedy number one - Tie golf balls in the feet of a pair of pantyhose then hang it from your umbrella. The swishing works the same as using your hand and saves your energy. 'so guys get some balls and go buy some pantyhose'

***Geoff***

*Taken from the February 2014 Putter*

# **JUNIOR Coaching Clinics**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

**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.

## **This Month's Teaser**

The more you take of it, the bigger it becomes.  
What is it?

**Answer next month**

## **Last Month's Riddle**

When I'm first said,  
I'm quite mysterious,  
But when I'm explained,  
I'm nothing serious.

**Answer**

**A Riddle**

## **Life Members**

I am trying to update our list of Life Members  
Does anyone know what year the following were  
granted Life Membership?

M Hibbard	D Smart	A Potter
M Sharley	G Flint	K Bywaters
P Wass	Mrs. R Martin	B Nicol

Any information would be helpful, please contact  
Russell Yeates (Editor)

## **Judgment Day**

A few minutes before the church services started, the towns-people were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church.

Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the old man and said; "Don't you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't." said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.

"Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, AGONY for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope," said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."



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Lameroo Golf Club  
Loxton Golf Club  
Lucindale Golf Club  
Millicent Golf Club  
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Murray Bridge Golf Club  
Naracoorte Golf Club  
Penola Golf Club  
Peterborough Golf Club  
Port Lincoln Golf Club  
Tailem Bend Golf Club  
Whyalla Golf Club

### **Victoria**

Bannockburn Golf Club  
Hamilton Golf Club  
Mildura Golf Club  
Murray Downs Golf Club  
Mt Beauty Golf Club  
Riverside Golf Club Mildura  
Sale Golf Club  
West Golf Club - Bacchus Marsh

### **New South Wales**

Wentworth Falls Country Club

### **Northern Territory**

Darwin Golf Club

### **Tasmania**

North West Bay Golf Club

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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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## **What does the Future Hold?**

This will no doubt put Coca Cola out of business in  
the near future!

The Pfizer Corporation announced today that  
Viagra will soon be available in liquid form and  
this new product will be marketed by Pepsi Cola as  
a power beverage suitable for use as a mixer.

It will now be possible for a man to literally pour  
himself a stiff one.

Obviously we can no longer call this a soft drink,  
and it gives new meaning to the names of  
cocktails, highballs and just a good old-fashioned  
stiff drink.

Pepsi will market the new concoction by the name  
of: MOUNT & DO.

## **Thought for the day.**

There is more money being spent on breast  
implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's  
research.

This means that by 2025, there should be a large  
elderly population with perky boobs, huge  
erections and absolutely no recollection of what to  
do with them.

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Eighteen holes of match play will teach you more  
about your foe than 18 years of dealing with him  
across a desk.

-- Grantland Rice

Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just  
how childlike golf players become. This is proven  
by their frequent inability to count past five.

-- John Updike

If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork as poorly  
as they do a golf club, they'd starve to death.

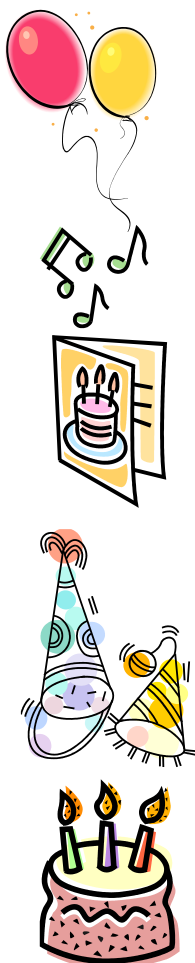
-- Sam Snead





## February Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric	March	
	Andrew	Pietsch	
	Brad	Hodgkison	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rob	Langbein	
	Nic	Bailey	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stu	Beaumont	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mal	Davis	95
	Wayne	Goldsmith	
	Michael	Jones	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Peter	Coldrey	
	Ronald	Hasson	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Josh	Teague	
15 <sup>th</sup>	David	White	65
17 <sup>th</sup>	Peter	Baltussen	
	Wayne	Satterthwaite	65
18 <sup>th</sup>	Neil	Franzway	70
	Darragh	Patton	20
19 <sup>th</sup>	Naren	Taverna	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ian	Wasley	
	Peter	Masters	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mike	Quigley	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Colin	Stevens	65
24 <sup>th</sup>	Alfred	Fox	
	Jan	Harders	
28 <sup>th</sup>	John	Mooney	70



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

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**24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### We welcome your comments

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

If you have any snippets of information which you think might be of interest to other members send them straight to the Editor. [randryeates@gmail.com](mailto:randryeates@gmail.com)