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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Echunga Golf Club has again shown it can punch above its weight, with five of our six Pennant Teams making the Finals.

Unfortunately we were only able to bring home two trophies, so congratulations to the C1 & C2 teams on their wins, and well done to the other three teams who fought hard in their contests.

The Club Championships have been run and won and congratulations to all who qualified this year.

Congratulations to Nathan Separovich on becoming the 2022 Club Champion. To the Grade winners in Alan Bailey, Garth Dodd and Michael Clark, Congratulations, and Well Done to their opponents who made it to the Finals

I am heading North for a couple of months, so there will not be a July Putter, but hopefully I will be back in print, sometime in August.

Till then, Stay Safe and Good Golfing.

If you have any news items, stories, achievements etc. please e-mail me at randryeates@gmail.com.

Up and coming events . . .

June

Wednesday	2 nd	Women – Stableford
Thursday	3 rd	Thursday Comp – Par
Saturday	5th	Stableford - Legacy Day
Wednesday	9 th	Women – Stableford
Thursday	10 th	Thursday Comp – Stroke
Saturday	12th	Stroke - Monthly Medal, Putting Comp & Eclectic
Monday	14 th	Queens Birthday – Stableford Public Holiday Medal
Wednesday	16 th	Women – Stroke 3rd Round Medal – Putting 2 nd Round Veterans' Trophy
Thursday	17 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	19th	Par – Doug McKenzie Memorial Trophy
Wednesday	23 rd	Women –3 Person Ambrose
Thursday	24 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	26th	Stableford
Wednesday	30 th	Women – Par

July

Thursday	1 st	Thursday Comp – Stroke
Saturday	3rd	Stroke – Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic
Wednesday	7 th	Women – Stableford - Orange Tees if wet
Thursday	8 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	10th	Stableford
Wednesday	14 th	Women – Pinehurst Foursomes
Thursday	15 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	17th	Par
Wednesday	21 st	Women – Par
Thursday	22 nd	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	24th	Stableford
Wednesday	28 th	Women – Stableford 3 Card aggregate
Thursday	29 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	31st	Stableford

August

Wednesday	4 th	Women – 4 Person Ambrose. Scramble
Thursday	5 th	Thursday Comp - Stroke
Saturday	7th	Stroke-Monthly Medal, Putting, Eclectic. 1st Round Vice Presidents Trophy
Wednesday	11 th	Women – Stableford - Orange Tees if wet
Thursday	12 th	Thursday Comp - Par
Saturday	14th	Stableford
Wednesday	18 th	Women – Stroke 4 th Round Medal – Putting 3 rd Round Veterans' Trophy
Thursday	19 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	21st	Par Bisque
Wednesday	25 th	Women – Multiplication Stableford (3 persons Best 2 multiply)

JUNIOR

Coaching Clinic

Sunday 20th June

2.00pm: Advanced Juniors

3.00pm: Young Juniors

4.00pm: Adults

Book on eventbrite

No restriction on membership

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

Competition Results

Thursday 6th May

Stableford **Men** **53 Players**
 Women **0 Players**

Division 1		Division 2	
C Golding	37	S Rowell	40
S Nailer	36	J Dray	37
V Smith	36	J Goff	36
F Williams	36	N Franzway	35
M Haslett	36	S Grivell	35
D Collings	36	A Amberg	34

NTP 18th	K Hampton		
POG	S Rowell	20	
	J Dray	20	

Saturday 8th May

Stroke **Men** **103 Players**
 Women **3 Players**

A Grade		B Grade	
S Koop	67	S Littlewood	66
N Taverna	67	S Fensom	67
D McGlashan	69	S Crump	67
J Burt	70	J Hodgson	67
D Parrott	70	S Handke	69
N Separovich	72	N Jordan	70

C Grade		D Grade	
K Truran	69	D Slater	69
M Dembski	70	D Carver	70
D Doorne	71	S Whittam	70
M Voigt	72	J Goff	73
E March	72	R Hayden	73
J Fowler	72		

NTP 2nd	J Reuter
NTP 7th	S Rowell
NTP 17th	R Eibisch
NTP 18th	T Hodgson

NTP in 2 (10th)	
A-B	P Head
C-D	K Truran

Women	E Burt
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Thursday 13th May

Stableford **Men** **22 Players**
 Women **0 Players**

³ M Clark	37
D Cheney	34
K Hampton	34
S Whittam	33
S Grivell	33
R Jones	32

NTP 18th	S McGlashan	
POG	S Whittam	18

Weekly Comp Ending Friday 14th May

Stableford **Field size** **7 Players**
 Members **7 Players**

W Lewis	43
B Sparrow	35

Saturday 15th May

Stableford **Men** **100 Players**
 Women **2 Players**

A Grade		B Grade	
Z Bilandzic	37	K McLennan	36
J Wenham	35	S McGlashan	34
B Lenger	35	D Jones	34
B Slack	34	R D'Alessandro	34
Dar Wilson	33	N McNicol	33
M Roberts	33	J Roberts	33

C Grade		D Grade	
B Wallace	38	T Steel	33
J Janson	33	B Fox	30
S Whittam	31	D Carver	30
K Gerke	30	D Cheney	30

NTP 2nd	A Amberg
NTP 7th	L Bowey
NTP 17th	R D'Alessandro
NTP 18th	Al Pouw-Bray

³ NTP in 2 (10th)

A-B	B Slack	
C-D	n/a	
Women	S McLennan	38



Thursday 20th May

Stroke	Men	59 Players
	Women	1 Players
Division 1	Division 2	
J Reuter 68	R Yeates 68	
R Eibisch 69	J McCarthy 70	
T Lloyd 70	I Tremain 70	
F Williams 71	V Moore 71	
C Golding 71	R McLauchlan 71	
G Milne 72	B Sparrow 72	
NTP 18th	P Coldrey	
POG	N Franzway 31	
Women	M Holton 73	

Weekly Comp Ending Friday 21st May

Stableford	Field size	15 Players
	Members	15 Players
M Jenkins		46
J McDonald		38
W Lewis		37

Saturday 22nd May

Par	Men	123 Players
	Women	3 Players
A Grade	B Grade	
M Henderson +3	D Doorne +1	
Z Bozic +2	C Stevens Sq	
P Buying +1	Dav Wilson Sq	
C McLatchie +1	J Roberts Sq	
T Hodgson Sq	J Michalik Sq	
Z Bilandzic Sq	D Jones Sq	
C Grade	D Grade	
J Janson +2	W Hocking +2	
A Head +1	D Cheney +2	
M Stevens Sq	B Fox +1	
P Downs Sq	R Yeates Sq	
R Easling -1	T Steel Sq	
S Grivell -2	D Slater Sq	
NTP 2nd	N Taverna	
NTP 7th	L Rowe	
NTP 17th	T Guy	
NTP 18th	P Buying	
NTP in 2 (10th)		
A-B	J Burt	
C-D	E Burt	
Women	E Burt +1	

Thursday 27th May

Stableford	Men	69 Players
	Women	2 Players
Division 1	Division 2	
M Haslett 39	J Case 37	
M Dembski 37	N Franzway 35	
B Guy 37	C Young 34	
T Hodgson 36	M Morton 33	
R Eibisch 35	I Oswald 32	
B Agnew 34	J Goff 32	
NTP 18th	S Nailer	
POG	M Haslett 20	
Women	L Gray 31	

Weekly Comp Ending Friday 28th May

Stableford	Field size	12 Players
	Members	9 Players
	Visitors	3 Players
W Lewis		30
A Pietsch		30
N Separovich		29

Saturday 29th May

Stableford	Men	112 Players
	Women	6 Players
A Grade	B Grade	
J Haynes 37	M Quigley 35	
J Haslett 37	P Downs 35	
H Griffin 36	J Roberts 34	
D Lockwood 33	J Michalik 32	
M Trafford-Walker 32	Dav Wilson 32	
M Hopkins 32	S McGlashan 31	
C Grade	D Grade	
A James 30	A Massie 36	
N McNicol 30	J Peach 31	
J Fowler 30	B Morgan 38	
R Easling 28	B Burnett 27	
J Hogarth 28	M Morton 25	
NTP 2nd	Dav Wilson	
NTP 7th	H Griffin	
NTP 17th	G Vivian	
NTP 18th	B Guy	
NTP in 2 (10th)		
A-B	J Michalik	
C-D	M Temme	
Women	Z Dodd 29	
	P Leech 29	

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsors vouchers)

10th \$20.00 Meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill

Recent Achievements

Eagle

On the par 4, 8th hole on

Saturday, 20th March.

Congratulations and Well Done!

Wayne Lobban



Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on

Saturday, 15th May.

Congratulations and Well Done!

Jase Hyland



Around the Course

VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

The new sand bucket rack, that replaces the wire cage on the way to the first tee, is almost finished. Hopefully, it will be more convenient and prevent damage to the buckets.

The seat on the 9th has been repaired, a large fallen tree limb on the first fairway cut up and removed and lots of sticks removed from the rough areas on most holes.

Weed eradication has taken place and tee block markers given a trim.

Preparation for the Ladies' Tree Planting exercise, by digging lots of holes, was handled ably by Pete and Graham.

Joel laid a drainage pipe down by the Ladies 6th tee and cleaning of drains is under way with lots more to do.

On-going tree maintenance of fairway borders, continues, with a professional pruning along the third, fourth, sixth and around the tenth tee block,

not to make it easier for us to reach the green, but to look after the health of the trees.

Please remember to fill in divot marks on the fairways when you can. It is very annoying, when on the fairway, your ball is in a divot mark when right next to it is a nice piece of flat grass!

Spaces are still available for volunteer workers. No experience or tools needed, great lunch and drink provided.

See you any Tuesday at 9am at the clubhouse.

Barry Hicks

Juniors

Coaching clinics

Sunday June 20th

2pm: Advanced Juniors

3pm: Young juniors and beginners

4pm: Adults

Esther Burt

Junior Coordinator



Photo of Don Beames' drive on 8th recently.

Help Needed **Note Change of Date** **On Tuesday, June 1st**

Volunteers needed to help plant native seedlings in 3 areas of the Echunga Golf Course as part of the club's ongoing Biodiversity plan. Please check website for up to date details.

Old Sponsor has returned.

Welcome back to one of our long time previous sponsors, John Westerholm. John runs Norwood Screen Print who has been for many years the supplier of our club clothing. Good to have you back with us again, John!

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Autumn Classic Results **14th March 2021**

27 Hole Open results

1 st	N Separovich	113
2 nd	D McGlashan	117

18 Hole results

A Grade Net Stroke

1 st	J McGleish	71
2 nd	J Norman	71
3 rd	D Parrott	72
4 th	C Eichler	73
5 th	P Buying	73
6 th	T Hodgson	75
7 th	A Fort	75

B Grade Net Stroke

1 st	D Norman	67
2 nd	P Murphy	70
3 rd	P Sheldrake	72
4 th	J Wood	73
5 th	R Thurtell	74
6 th	W Lobban	74
7 th	W Ryan	74

C Grade Stableford

1 st	J Privopoulos	37
2 nd	M Johnson	37
3 rd	I Tremain	35
4 th	A Curtis	35
5 th	P Walton	34
6 th	T Klaveniek	33
7 th	J Janson	32

Women Stableford

1 st	P Gray	37
2 nd	J Davies	33
3 rd	L Gray	32

Accurate Drive

A Grade	D Parrott
B Grade	S Crump
C Grade	R Easling
Women	J Petherick

Long Drive

Men	J McGleish
Women	V Whitmee

Men

NTP

2 nd	V Smith
7 th	M Haslett
17 th	V Smith
18 th	M Roberts

NTP in 2

3 rd	L Cooper
10 th	D McGlashan

Women

NTP

2 nd	H Anderson
18 th	J Davies

Putting

Darren Wilson

Fun Facts

1. Dolphins sleep with one eye open
2. The largest padlock in the world weighs 415.5 kg or 916 pounds.
3. There's a LEGO bridge in Germany that you can walk across.
4. Spider webs were used as bandages in ancient times.
5. Blood donors in Sweden receive a text when their blood is used.

2021 Club Championship Qualifiers

A Grade

Nathan Separovich
Jamie Burt
Naren Taverna
Darren McGlashan
Vivian Smith
Jase Hyland
Derek Parrott
Joel Haslett

B Grade

Scott Handke
Rob Eibisch
Simon Fensom
Stephen Littlewood
Steve Crump
Wayne Lobban
Frank Williams
Alan Bailey

C Grade

Mick Voigt
Andy Amberg
Mark Johnson

D Grade

Alf Curtis
Ian Tremain
Sean Rowell

Mark Dembski
David Doorne
Kym Truran
Garth Dodd
Eric March

Rob Hayden
Bob Burnett
Michael Clark
Mick Morton
Bryan Smith

Quarter Finals

A Grade

Nathan Separovich (1) def Joel Haslett (8) 8/7
Jamie Burt (2) def Derek Parrott (7) 4/3
Naren Taverna (3) def Jase Hyland (6) 21st
Darren McGlashan (4) def Vivian Smith (5) 20th

B Grade

Alan Bailey (8) def Scott Handke (1) 3/2
Rob Eibisch (2) def Frank Williams (7) 2/1
Simon Fensom (3) def Wayne Lobban (6) 1up
Steve Crump (5) def Stephen Littlewood (4) 7/5

C Grade

Mick Voigt (1) def Eric March (8) 1up
Garth Dodd (7) def Andy Amberg (2) 2up
Kym Truran (6) def Mark Johnson (3) 5/4
Mark Dembski (4) def David Doorne (5) 2up

D Grade

Alf Curtis (1) def Bryan Smith (8) 5/4
Ian Tremain (2) def Mick Morton (7) 3/2
Michael Clark (6) def Sean Rowell (3) 8/7
Rob Hayden (4) def Bob Burnett (5) 5/4

Semi Finals

A Grade

Nathan Separovich (1) def Darren McGlashan (4) 6/4
Naren Taverna (3) def Jamie Burt (2) 3/2

B Grade

Alan Bailey (8) def Steve Crump (5) 3/2
Rob Eibisch (2) def Simon Fensom (3) 4/3

C Grade

Mick Voigt (1) def Mark Dembski (4) 19th
Garth Dodd (7) def Kym Truran (6) 4/3

D Grade

Rob Hayden (4) def Alf Curtis (1) 2/1
Michael Clark (6) def Ian Tremain (2) 4/3

Finals



A Grade

Nathan Separovich (1) def Naren Taverna (3) 7/5



B Grade

Alan Bailey (8) def Rob Eibisch (2) 7/6

C Grade

Garth Dodd (7) def Mick Voigt (1) 7/5

D Grade

Michael Clark (6) def Rob Hayden (4) 4/3



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Pennant update

Round 5 results

A great final week with 3 wins and a half, and getting 3 teams to the final and with 1 team just falling short by a whisker.

Well done to everyone!

It was the B1's who won their match on Sunday, 4.5/2.5, but unfortunately they just missed out on a 3 way (games) count back for the second finals spot. They only lost 1 match during the season. They halved twice and won twice, had one of those halved matches just sunk 1 extra putt it would have made all the difference, but alas it was not to be.

A great effort that they should all be proud of none the less.

Special mentions to a couple of players. Bruce Agnew won 4 out of 4 matches, and had he not gone to Mildura last week I'm sure he'd have made it 5! All those games were played at number 1 or 2 against some very good opponents so well done Bruce! Well done also to Zelko with 4 out of 5 wins.

In the C1's they had an easy win on the weekend winning 6/1. This team has dominated their grade and finished with 4 wins and 1 loss. Darren Wilson won 5 out of 5 matches this year making him joint Pennant Player of the Year along with myself. Congratulations and Well Done big Dazza! Alan Bailey has also had a great year winning 4 from 5 matches. Congrats also to Zack Bozic who has made his pennant debut this year in round 3. Zack played the final 3 games and won them all, so lets hope he can get a win in the Final and keep his 100% winning record going! Good luck to all the players on Sunday.

The C2's had a halved match on Sunday which was just enough for them to make the final. Jaden McGlashan has had a good season winning 3 out of 4, in what was a 4 game minor round after Mt Compass pulled their team out last minute. There were several debutantes in this team, with Dan Murphy, Bill Lewis, and Craig McLatchie all joining in and now making it to a Final in their debut seasons. Special thanks to David 'Dougie' Wilson who stepped up for us this year, firstly by filling in in round 1 and then joining the team again in their time of need for round 5 and now in

the GF... Thanks Dougie! In this team there were very little absentees during the minor rounds which is great, apart from the fact that now their 7 players are the only ones eligible to play the final this week with no back ups should anyone fall ill or injured. So a word of warning for the guys in this team; If you can't make it to the game on Sunday we can put an impostor in, but we will need collect some DNA from you in order to fool the authorities.... A retina and a few finger tips should do the trick!

In the **A1 division** the teams gathered at Aston Hills on yet another fine day for golf. With Lady Bay already guaranteed their place in the final, the main event of the day was between Willunga and Echunga, where the winner would become the other team to make it to the Final.

The Willunga team looked very strong on paper having a couple of Simpson cup (A1 Metro) players, in Steve Williams and Ben Layton, plus a few long standing club greats such as Scott Murray, David Pateyjohns and Paul Stanfield. The Echunga team was without the young star Billy Cawthorne who had other commitments, but they did have some good experienced players in Bill Guy, Mike Haslett, and Jamie Burt, mixed with some very capable emerging players like Nathan Separovich, Naren Taverna, Viv Smith and Elliot Willgoose.

The teams matched up close to how the players might be ranked with the exception of The Willunga duo of Pateyjohns and Stanfield playing 5 and 7 respectively, in the hope of securing wins against Echunga's lower order players. This tactic didn't quite pan out though, because The Echunga lower order stood up and played some amazing golf.

Elliot Willgoose, playing at number 7 took control early, intimidating Stanfield with his big driving and birdie making abilities. Elliot nearly had it won being 3 up with 4 to play, but a couple of late birdies to Stanfield and just the slightest wobble from the young 'Goose' and the match was halved.

Echunga played Naren Taverna in the number 5 match against the highly rated Pateyjohns. Naren's form hadn't been great so far in the season but Naren is a real competitor who is just coming back from a 2 year break from golf and has been building his game well over the past few weeks.

The 2018 Echunga club champ found his mojo and bewildered Pateyjohns with his renowned putting, holing putts from everywhere and producing a stunning 4/3 win.

Playing in the same group, the number 6 match saw Willunga's Matt Hage take on Viv Smith, who was coming off some disappointing performances losing his previous 2 matches. Viv turned his form around brilliantly though, and led all day to win 3/2 and tuned the game very much in Echunga's favour.

With Echunga now holding 2.5 wins, they only need 1 more with 4 matches still in progress. At Number 4, Jamie Burt was down by 1 or 2 shots for most of the day against the Willunga captain Brad Steele. In a grinding battle Jamie clawed his way back in to it and eventually took the lead making a nice birdie on the 17th hole. In the same grouping meanwhile Mike Haslett did the opposite against Willunga's Scott Murray. Mike was 3 up with 6 to play, and although he'll hate me for reporting it, there came a stunning and uncharacteristic collapse from Mike losing 5 holes in succession to lose 2/1 on the 17th hole.

It was at this point that Nathan Separovich Had won his match 3/2 against Steve Williams back on the 16th hole. Nathan is a great player who tends to come up against guys who are on fire at number 2, and so he'd only had the 1 win so far in the season and his confidence was down but this was a great win for him and for the team.

So with Jamie Burt 1 up with 1 to play, the best Willunga could do was to lose 4 matches to 3. Bill Guy and Ben Layton played the 17th hole at which point Ben was 1 up over Bill, but the game was done and dusted, so Willunga conceded the last hole to Jamie and Bill. The overall score in the end was 5/2 and Echunga are through to play against Lady Bay next Sunday at Victor Harbour for the A1 title and the Von Doussa shield.

..... Congrats to Nathan, Naren, Viv, and Elliot who slayed the giants on Sunday and carried us through to the GF! A Great season again for the Skipper, 'Big Billy' Guy who went through the season undefeated winning 4 and a half matches playing all except 1 game in the Number 1 position and slaying all the best players as he has for many years now. Also a big thanks to the true captain of our team, 'xx Wendy Guy xx' for her

encouragement and organization, and for just being a wonderful positive presence around our team as she has also done for several years now too!

Pennant Final Wrap

Well, 2021 Pennant Season is over, done and dusted, and we have won!... and we have lost as well,

Congratulations to our C1 team and our C2 team who are both pennant champions in 2021!

Commiserations to the A1 team who went down in the final and to our B1 team also who missed the final by a whisker...

C1 Team

The C1 team headed down to McCracken and took on the hugely endowed Oakbank team. Oakbank were the only team to beat our boys during the season. It's fair to say that our lads were intimidated on that day, intimidated by the size of their opponents.... handicaps!. They had to give away 50 shots and none of them could fathom the idea of running into a team who could possibly 50 shots worse golfers than themselves... It's no wonder the boys lost that day... but going into the Final they were awake to the scenario, and after a few little pep talks here and there they went in with the understanding, that the reason they have to give up 50 shots is because their opponents are really crap!, and that they themselves are like pro's in comparison.... They went down to McCracken some young lads with a bit of belief, and walked out grown (old) men carrying the shield, and leaving the Oak-bankers in their dust, to lick their wounds and rue the day that they tried to out handicap the mighty Echungans!

Best player on the day was the Captain Martin 'Hendo' Henderson. Or so he told me several times at the club afterwards. Many of his team mates said he didn't play very well at all, but I don't believe them so he can have an extra bottle of wine for player of the day. Hendo had a good season winning 3 out of 4 including his Finals win.

The best season for any pennant player this year belongs to Darren 'Bloody' Wilson, who became the only player to win the maximum 6 games, when he won on Mother's Day at McCracken. Well done Dazza!

Hendo and Dazza are both proud members of the XXXL club alongside team mates, Peter 'Angry' Anderson, and Alan 'Hay' Bailey.. Peter had had a lean season by his lofty standards, winning only 2 and losing 3, before claiming a 19th hole win in the Final. Hay Bails on the other hand had a great minor season winning 4 games, but lost in the Final giving him a 4/2 season tally.

A young lad called Zack, made his pennant debut in round 3, and proceeded to produce a perfect season winning 4 from 4 including a convincing 4/3 win in the Final. Zack is one of 4 undefeated players this season.... Steve 'VP' Nailer narrowly lost his game in the Final going 1 down, but Steve did contribute 2 from 2 in the minor rounds, gaining a spot with the demise of out of form Neville Jordan who dropped himself after 4 losses.. Reigning player of the year Warren 'Wazza' Ryan, had a typically good year winning his first 3, then losing a couple under difficult circumstances, but then fining his winning form again in the Final to make sure his team won again for the 3rd season running!

Three other players played 1 game each in this team throughout the season. They being Derek Jones, Rob Eibisch and Andrew Fort. Much appreciation for these guys I call the swing men, (not because they have great golf swings), because they make themselves available to play in any team at any time, and have made, (no longer referring to Rob), valuable contributions in multiple teams this year...

Big thanks again to Hendo for captaining and making my job easy, and an even bigger thanks for picking up the pizzas on Sunday, (sorry bout that).



C2 Team

In the C2 grade we Echungans were also very victorious, and when I say 'we' I mean John McDonald and his merry men!. But to be totally honest, these guys were a hopeless bunch of misfits at the start of the season. They were belted to the tune of 6/1 in their opening round match against Nairne, who they would ultimately face again in the final stanza, which was played on Mother's Day at the Aston Hills Golf Course. But the difference between round 1 and the final was that over that 8 week period, Captain Private Major John McDonald, whipped his men into shape with a lots of hard yards and a bit of tough love. He went and turned that bunch of losers into super fit, super switched on, elite golfing unit!

After the round 1 debacle the team all had a week off to reflect, and take a good hard look at themselves.

John organized a boot camp at Victor Harbor in that off week, and some say that the 'collective minds' crew were also called in to further enhance the players psychological and metaphysical key performance indicators.....

That brings us to the most experienced player in the team, that being Jaden McGlashan, a veteran of 15 pennant matches prior to the start of this season. Despite being beaten in round 1, Jaden became the most dependable player in the team, and playing at #1 every week he strung together 4 solid wins in a row, proving to be the corner stone of this premiership winning team. His 4/3 win in the Final also earns him player of the day, so Jaden can pick up an extra bottle of wine from the club at his convenience.

Captain McDonald did a superb job as leader of this group. He organised practice games which were well attended. He organised the new team shirts which came into play for round 3, and he built a great team camaraderie among his players and hi organization made life easy for me. He also contributed a couple of wins along the way and delivered a fine speech at the end of season celebrations back at the club on Sunday afternoon....

Other players who contributed to this team are Janis Jansen who filled in for round 1, and Dave Norman who had to withdraw after round 4 due to exceptional circumstances.



A1 Team

Lady Bay Claim the 'Von'

The Finals of the Southern Golf Group Men's Pennant Series was played on Mother's Day at various courses throughout the Hills and Fleurieu peninsula. In the A1 division Lady Bay and Echunga met down at the much loved Victor Harbor Golf Club.

Lady Bay had gone through the 5 round minor series undefeated and a clear favorite to win against the Echunga team who won all but the game against Lady Bay in round 4. Lady Bay boasts 2 Simpson cup players in their line up in Jak Carter and Andrew Nakone. With the premier Metro competition commencing and clashing with the SGG finals, there was speculation over the availability of said players. To their credit both Jak and Andrew played for Lady Bay despite pressure from their Metro Club commitments.

Echunga did well in ordering their players in an effort to choose the match ups that would give them the best chance of defeating their highly rated opponents.

In the #7 match Echunga's Viv Smith played the Lady Bay captain, Jason Schlink. Schlink like the rest of his team had had a very good season winning the majority of his matches whilst Smith had a 2 wins, a half, and 2 losses including a defeat at the hands of Schlink in round 4. Schlink got the job done again for his team on Mother's Day and won 3 and 2, (3 holes up with 2 to play).

Playing at #6 Nigel Turner from Lady Bay played against long-time friend and rival in Mike Haslett. These two wise old heads would have 100 years of golf between them, and both are very hard to beat.

Turner was going into the game undefeated for the season, whilst Haslett was coming off of a disappointing loss in round 5. The match was a battle royal. It was close all day, with Haslett just edging out the Turner on the last hole to win 1 up and keep the Echungans in the hunt.

Playing at #5 it was Echunga's Nathan Separovich taking on Lady Bay's Craig Baker. Nathan, coming off of a good win in Round 5, continued his winning form in another close match. The Echunga man coming out on top after 18 holes winning 1 up, and taking the advantage for his team leading 2/1 with three matches completed.

In the #4 match Elliott Willgoose (Echunga) and Adam Aldrit locked horns in a battle of the big hitters. Big hitting isn't everything though, and someone was bound to come unstuck around the tight Victor Harbor layout. On this occasion it was Willgoose who found more of the shrubbery and had a game he'd rather forget losing after 16 holes 3 down with 2 to play (3/2).

With the team score at 2 all, the #3 match-up of Jamie Burt (Echunga) and Steve 'Spud' Alderson from the 'bay of Ladies' was going to be crucial in the overall scheme of things. There was plenty at stake and the standard was high on the front 9 with Alderson holding a slight lead. After halving the 10th hole with birdies, and with the pressure building, the match went downhill fast with both players simultaneously imploding through a series of poor shots, unlucky shots, stupid shots, and nervous misses. With only 1 par between them in the last 6 holes it was the previously unbeaten Jamie Burt who crashed the hardest, conceding 2 more holes in unlikely circumstances before losing to Alderson 3/2.

Lady Bay #1 Jak Carter was always going to be near impossible to beat for any of the Echunga players such is the quality of his performance throughout the season. One brave soul in Naren Taverna put his hand up and took on the challenge, going in with some confidence after claiming the prized scalp of David Pateyjohns from Willunga in the previous week. Naren put up a good fight and was playing pretty near to par golf but Jak was still just that few shots better and eventually won on the 16th hole 3/2.

With 4 matches and the Von Doussa shield in their keeping the remaining match was called a half

between Andrew Nakone (Lady Bay) and Echunga captain Bill Guy. Their match was all square heading down the 18th, and would have made for a thrilling grand stand Finish had the Echungans been able to produce another winner in their ranks.



Congratulations to Lady Bay! SGG A1 Pennant winners for the first time in their club's history.

With Mount compass now relegated from the A1 division, all eyes turned to the A2 Final between South Lakes and McCracken golf clubs, to see who would win that title and join the A1 division next year. This match was played at the beautiful Links Lady Bay course. The weather was fine as it has been all season and these two strong teams went at it and it went down to the wire with each club holding 3 wins apiece, it was a final hole grand stand finish with South lake's Nick Talbot needing to hole a 12 foot putt on the last hole to push the game into extra hole but the putt lipped out and McCracken took the win 4/3 and will join the top clubs in the big dance next year.

The same 2 clubs, McCracken and South Lakes, played off in the B1 Final as well and unfortunately for South Lakes the result was also the same with McCracken winning 4/3. This game was also played at Links Lady Bay in what was a great day for McCracken and quite the opposite for South Lakes.

In the other divisions the results were:

B2 Nairne def Oakbank 4.5/2.5, played at Willunga GC.

B3 Strathalbyn def Victor Harbor 5/2, played at South Lakes GC.

C1 Echunga def Oakbank 5/2, played at McCracken GC.

C2 Echunga def Nairne 4/3, played at Aston Hills GC

Congratulations to all the winning clubs and players, and to all who participated in the 2021 SGG men's pennant season.

This was from the Finals Report printed in The Courier Newspaper

Thanks to all the A1 players including Hara Taverna who played 2 games in the A1's halving his match at Murray Bridge, and also providing a crucial win at Willunga, without which we would have lost to the bottom side and missed the finals. Thanks also to Derek Jones who filled in that day at Willunga also and put up a brave showing, after being called upon in the early hours and asked to play at very short notice after poor Elliot Willgoose was struck down by, 'FOOD' poisoning, and was too ill to make it....

Thanks to Captain Bill again for bringing Wendy along to do the real captaining work including the speech at the end of season celebrations.

Wendy is a great part of our team who brings the most positive vibe and actual love and encouragement to everyone in the team, as well as taking care of the team sheet and all the other formalities.... leaving Bill to get the biz done on the golfing side of things. Bill went undefeated again this year which is pretty dam good considering he gets the best opposition player nearly every week.... Unless it's 'Jak' of course... which reminds me, that Billy Cawthorne also played one week for us this season, Taking on and halving with 'Jak' in round 4 at Mt Compass. Thank you Billy... it was actually his debut at the top level, (SGG A1 Pennant) despite having some other fantastic golf credentials, Billy must now surely feel like he has taken a big step up the mountain of success!

Thanks again to all the players and caddies for their involvement in what has been a good season at Echunga. I'm looking forward to next year as I think there are some players who are developing their game to the next level, plus a few new members around that are keen to join the Pennant ranks also. Thanks to the management committee for their support of Pennants, and to the green keepers and staff for presenting Echunga Golf Club and course in a positive way.

It is already becoming common knowledge right around the hills and peninsula and into the suburbs,

that Echunga isn't actually a mud hole but, "when we played there in Pennants" it's actually very good (and dry) course to play for most of the year. The players have enjoyed playing in Autumn rather than Winter, and despite some reluctance from clubs, time will show that the clubs will reap long term \$\$ rewards for presenting their course to such a large cross section of golfers, whilst the course is in it's best condition.

Well done all and thanks for playing.

P.P.S If you haven't picked up your bottle of wine from the club for player of the week then you can do so now. And if you haven't paid for your shirt you can also do that at the club.

Jamie Burt

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This Month's Teaser

I shave every day, but my beard stays the same.

What am I?

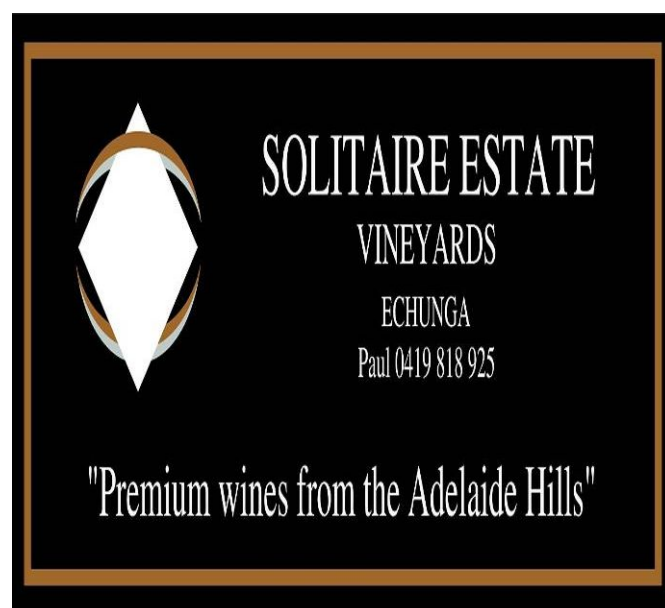
Answer next month

Last Month's Teaser

A woman gave birth to two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year, but were not twins. How is this possible?

Answer:

They're triplets, not twins.



Women's Report

Wednesday 5th May

Foursomes

L Gray & E Burt	72 ½
C Carter & V Day	75
K Weise & I Sobolewski	76 ½

Stableford

V Nairne	36
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Wednesday 19th May

Stroke

A Grade		B Grade	
P Gray	67	W Jackson	65
S Maddern	67	M Holton	68
A Morton	71	C Carter	70

Wednesday 26th May

Foursomes

R Eibisch & P Gray	68
S Cain & J Rayner	75 ½
E Burt & J Petherick	76

WOMEN'S PENNANTS

Women's Div 2 Hills Pennants Final

We had a fortnight between our last match of the minor rounds and the Final. One player in the final's team was familiar with the Willunga course, where we were scheduled to play, but the rest of us opted for a practice round which we played on Tuesday 27th May. We took our time and copious notes and were glad we had played, as there are certainly some tricks to the course, as there are for many courses.

Finals Day, Monday May 3rd dawned as overcast, with a couple of minor drizzles of rain. We all assembled with time to have some swings and practice putts. Echunga had provided us with carts and a new ball each. We, bar one, had caddies to calm and support us. We also had Val Nairne and her husband out cheering us on.

All 5 matches were close and hard fought, with the overall final result not decided until the last player finished on the 18th hole. Unfortunately we lost to Oakbank 2 matches to 3. Pam Gray finished 5/3 and Robyn Eibisch 1/0. (A fine time to peak with her first Pennant win)

I'd like to thank all the players who took part in this division over the season – Sue Telfer, Jeanette Rayner, Rebecca Hewett, Elizabeth Handsaker, Pam Gray, Robyn Eibisch, Janeen Coleman and Esther Burt. All of these players won, or at the least drew, matches over the season, which is outstanding. Thanks also to our caddies – Vicki Day, Elizabeth Handsaker, Jill Freer (from Stirling) and Rob Eibisch. Final thanks to the rest of the Women's cohort for your interest, messages and support.

Pam Gray

Captain, Echunga Div 2 Hills Pennant Team



The finals team at Willunga. L to R Sue Telfer, Jeanette Rayner, Rebecca Hewett, Pam Gray and Robyn Eibisch

Echunga Division Three Pennant's Final

After getting into the finals on games, we were all excited about travelling to Links Lady Bay to play Victor Harbor. NOT !!!

3 of us had not played this course in over 10 years while Ann and Ruth had not played it at all. Therefore, Ann and Mick went down for a practice round the Friday before our Monday game.

Ruth looked up the Links Course guideline and then had nightmares as the writer had written some gruesome conditions for new players.

The Women's committee decided to use our raffle money from our Open Day to supply carts and balls for all players.

The weather was looking pretty ordinary for Monday Final Day, so all rugged up ready for the gale-force winds and rain that we have always experienced at the Links.

All players had a caddy to calm their nerves, look for wayward balls and keep scores.

We all had to be up before the birds as we had a 9-00 a.m. hit off and, with road works needed to allow 1 ½ hours' drive plus time to get prepared.

The rain and fog proved to eventuate but by the time we arrived at Links Lady Bay the conditions were perfect with no wind, overcast skies, not really cold and no rain. This weather persisted for the morning.

All of us watched as Janeen was the first to tee off, just thankful it wasn't us. The course is full of sand bunkers sometimes higher than us and very steep. We all, of course, managed to find some of them throughout the day.

The first three games resulted in a 2 /1 to Victor Harbor so all were up watching the final two games. One of these went to the 19th with a loss and the other a loss at the 18th so, Victor won 4 /1.

All games went to the last 2 holes, so our women were not disgraced. Ruth was our winner with 6/5.

Thank you to our team, Janeen Coleman, Ruth Waterman, Ann Morton, Pat Umlauf, Shirley Cain, Janet Petherick and Jeanette Rayner for volunteering for pennants. Also, to our caddies on the Finals, a big thank you!

The team spirit and sportsman like behaviour of all players throughout the season is a great tribute to the Echunga Women.

Our small club can be proud of our 2 Pennant teams.

Pat Umlauf
Captain Div. 3.



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A golfer in a red shirt is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a lush green course. The background shows a well-maintained golf course with sand traps and trees.

Mixed Pinehurst Foursomes Charity Day **Wednesday 12th May 2021**

This event had been rescheduled from October 2020, when a sudden COVID lockdown caused a last minute cancellation. We had a field of 34 players and a perfect golfing day, luckily avoiding steady rains, which occurred on days either side.

A 9am shotgun start saw the couples head off on a beautifully manicured course. The greens were a bit slower than usual due to the recent rains, but the field moved through well. Quite a few kangaroos around, as shown in the photo below.

While we were all out playing Di cooked the sausages and onions for lunch. Pat Umlauf had set up the prize tables on Tuesday (as well as having all the cards, with handicaps, prepared).

Once the players had returned to the clubroom, lunch was served with a choice of sausages, bubble and squeak, chicken or quiche, with bread and salad. Dessert was apple crumble with ice cream or a mini magnum. Thanks to our kitchen helpers, Kathy Clarke and Esther Burt.

Once lunch was finished, the raffle was drawn by Libby Pride and Alan Bailey. Not passing any judgements but the wine disappeared well before the chocolates!

Pat Umlauf and Pam Gray then announced the prizewinners and presented them with their booty.

- 1st - Janet Petherick and Jamie Burt 70.7
- 2nd – Jeanette Rayner and Andy Amberg 71.5
- 3rd – Libby Pride and Alan Bailey 72.5
- 4th - Robyn and Rob Eibisch 74.5

There was a ball rundown for the next 6 highest nett scores.

An accuracy drive was held on the 16th hole – 0-20 handicap Rob Eibisch, 20-32 handicap Pat March and above 32 handicap Pat Umlauf.

Val Nairne and Carlsa Carter sponsored a nearest the pin on the 2nd hole. This was subtitled the Environmental Award as obviously the winners here had not been tramping through the adjacent bush land looking for balls!

Winners were: Elizabeth Handsaker and Ross Handsaker who are clearly a handy pair!

Overall, a successful day. \$400 was donated to Beyond Blue from the proceeds. Thanks to all who participated and helped to set up and run the day.



Strathalbyn Women's Open Day

On the 28th May four Echunga women attended the annual dress up open day at Strathalbyn. The fog that greeted us on arrival did not set the scene for a good start. However, once it lifted and the drizzle and rain came and conditions only got worse. Cold wind prevailed so those who didn't rug up froze. None of this stopped the laughter, the bad golf and the excellent comradeships among all the players. The day started with most women dressed in red as that was the theme for the year. Costumes varied from Where's Wally, The Devil, all types of red tops, wigs and hats to Little Red Riding Hood and her Grandma. As usual morning tea was an essential start to our food feast. A shot gun start saw the field of 64 players move off smoothly and with little hold ups for the Pinehurst competition.

The traditional stop-over after 9 holes or thereabouts provided us with the excellent homemade Minestrone or Mushroom soup and bread.

Our group thought that would boost our golf skills that were sadly missing by our group of four.

Not so !!

We battled onto the 6th hole where the men were supplying all with port, orange juice and chocolates. This being a par three saw the men taking bets, with odds according to our handicap, as to whether we could get on the green or for money back between the orange Ines. If we hit the fellow in the creek with his inverted umbrella and the ball landed in it there was a \$20-00 reward. First round most had 1 port while second time round 2 or more ports were the order of the day. Some wobbly legs in our group!

One creative Strath woman had cut out of galvanised iron, very large kangaroos. One was located in the middle of the fairway with a prize for closest to it.

After we finished Little Red Riding Hood and Grandma got dressed in costume again ready for the raffle draw, guess how many Jaffa's in the jar and prize run down where we knew we were out of the running by the preverbal mile.

Judy Greenway was the only winner of a raffle, Leonore won the Jaffa's with a count of 290 plus a Wallis cinema pass, I won nearest the kangaroo and Leonore as Grandma and myself as Little Red Riding Hood won best dressed couple.

Congratulations to all the Strathalbyn Members for making it such a great day.

Pat Umlauf





Flashback!

On the Course...and around the club...

20 Years ago

Congratulations to the members of the Echunga Women's Pennant Team who recently took out the Southern Zone, Women's B1 Grade Final at South Lakes 3/2.

Despite strong competition from the Willunga team our girls were too strong and completed a very successful season which had seen them finish as minor round premiers.

Members of the team were..

Minnie Semmelmann (Captain)

Pat Ackland

Claudia Dawson

Rhonda Martin

Jenny Meyers

Val Nairn

Leonore Steer

Taken from the June 2001 Putter

10 Years ago

Handicap Match Play

Tim Hanckel won this year's Handicap Match Play final in what turned out to be a closely contested final against **Kym Wenham**.

With the largest margin for the day being two up and the lead changing hands a couple of times this all made for an absorbing match.

After sixteen holes Kym was one up with two to play.

Tim was able to make par on the seventeenth to Kym's bogey which saw the match all square with one to play.

Both players were unable to get an advantage on the eighteenth which left the match all square after eighteen holes. On the first extra hole Tim was able to make bogey to Kym's double bogey which saw him take out the championship.

I would like to commend both players on the way they played the match and the good sportsmanship they both displayed.

It was an interesting and enjoyable match to be a part of.

Greg Klatt
Captain

History review –

Don Beames and Bob Jackson Jnr are perusing old copies of Committee meeting minutes, Putters and whatever they can find that has a reference to the Echunga Golf Club.

They have even found that the land just purchased to gain access to extra water from Mrs. R. Dametto was known as Keyes paddock, where the Echunga steeplechase was held in 1876 and 1877. The jumps were made up of logs wedged between forked trees. This was the forerunner of the Oakbank Easter Carnival Races, which includes the Great Eastern Steeplechase.

The Echunga course was considered unsuitable and the race was shifted to Oakbank.

If you have or know of anyone who may have any details of the early days of the EGC please contact either of these history researchers.

The editor is also looking for any old copies of the Putter, in particular any from the early 1990's.

Taken from the June 2011 Putter

Lost

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old man sitting on a park bench sobbing his eyes out. I stopped and asked him what was wrong. He told me, 'I have a 22 year old wife at home. She rubs my back every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee.'

I continued, 'Well, then why are you crying?'

He added, 'She makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favourite biscuits, cleans the house and then watches sports TV with me for the rest of the afternoon.'

I said, 'Well, why are you crying?'

He said, 'For dinner she makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favourite dessert and then we cuddle until the small hours.'

I inquired, 'Well then, why in the world would you be crying?'

He replied, 'I can't remember where I live.'

Stroppy Receptionists

There is nothing worse than a Doctor's Receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong with you in a room full of other patients. I know most of us have experienced this, and I love the way this guy handled it.

A 65-year-old man walked into a crowded waiting room and approached the desk.

The Receptionist said, 'Yes sir, what are you seeing the Doctor for today?'

'There's something wrong with my dick', he replied.

The receptionist became irritated and said, 'You shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that.'

'Why not, you asked me what was wrong and I told you,' he said.

The Receptionist replied; 'Now you've caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and discussed the problem further with the Doctor in private.'

The man replied, 'You shouldn't ask people questions in a roomful of strangers, if the answer

could embarrass anyone. The man walked out, waited several minutes, and then re-entered. The Receptionist smiled smugly and asked, 'Yes??' 'There's something wrong with my ear,' he stated. The Receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice.. 'And what is wrong with your ear, Sir?'

'I can't piss out of it,' he replied.

The waiting room erupted in laughter...

Mess with seniors, and you're going to lose.... (yep, sure are)

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THE CUPBOARD

Rosie Hall buys a self-assembly, flat-pack, cupboard from her local Homebase store. Reaching home Rosie reads the instructions carefully, counts the pieces then assembles the cupboard in the bedroom. It looks really great and she is delighted.

Now, Rosie lives near a railway line and as the train passes by the cupboard collapses.

Undaunted by this misfortune she re-reads the instructions and reassembles the cupboard.

Once more, another train passes and the whole cupboard collapses again.

Rosie now frustrated and thinking that she must have done something "wrong" re-re-reads the instructions and re-re-assembles the cupboard.

Shortly, a train passes and the whole cupboard collapses yet again for the 3rd time.

Rosie is now fed up, cross and rather angry so she 'phones the customer service department.

She is told that this is quite impossible and that they'll send along a fitter to take a look.

The fitter arrives and assembles the cupboard.

Again, a train passes and the cupboard collapses.

Completely baffled by this unexpected event, the fitter decides to reassemble the cupboard and sit inside it to see whether he can find out what causes the cupboard to collapse.

At this point, Rosie's husband comes home, sees the cupboard and says, 'Oh, that's a splendid looking cupboard,' and he opens it to look inside. The fitter, who had been wondering how to explain his position in Rosie's bedroom cupboard, blurts out, 'You probably won't believe me, but I'm standing here waiting for a train.'



June Birthdays

1 st	Peter	Frost	70
	Neville	Bowen	50
	Tyson	Scott	
2 nd	Richard	Easling	
	Trent	English	
3 rd	Danny	Willgoose	
4 th	Robyn	Eibisch	
	Thomas	Knipp	
6 th	Janeen	Coleman	
9 th	Reg	Phipps	
	Bill	Medlin	
11 th	Chris	Dawe	
12 th	Judy	Greenway	
	Peter	Allen	60
	Adam	McArthur	
13 th	Peter	Bowen	
14 th	Nic	Mc Nicol	
	Trevor	Nielsen	
15 th	Tim	Kelly	
	Mitchell	Jenkin	
17 th	Frank	Schoof	
18 th	Bob	Hughes	
	Craig	McLatchie	
20 th	Chris	Woodrow	
21 st	Mary	Collum	65
23 rd	Philip	Faccenda	
24 th	Reilly	Hollamby	
25 th	Ashley	Mauviel	
26 th	Steven	Koop	
27 th	Lewie	Parent	20
28 th	Wendy	Jackson	
29 th	Graham	Milne	65
	Kym	Truran	
30 th	Evan	Daws	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

The Beer Prayer

Our lager,
Which art in barrels,
Hallowed be thy drink,
Thy will be drunk, (I will be drunk),
At home and in tavern,
Give us this day our foamy head,
And forgive us our spillages,
As we forgive those who spill against us,
And lead us not to incarnation,
But deliver us from hangovers,
For thine is the beer,
The bitter and the larger,
Forever and ever,
Barman

July Birthdays

1 st	Sharon	Geake	
2 nd	Oodle	Gray	
3 rd	Ryan	Bailey	
4 th	Alan	Watson	
	Henry	Ewing	
6 th	Alan	Horsfall	
8 th	Val	Nairn	
	Brian	Tarry	
	Sam	Shearer	
9 th	Jill	Williams	70
10 th	Paul	Williams	
	Mathew	O'Callaghan	
	Aiden	Mackereth	
12 th	Thomas	Frost	
	Mark	Roberts	
13 th	Vaughn	Moore	
	Pam	Gray	65
14 th	Cindy	Groth	
15 th	Guofa	Liu	70
16 th	Glenn	Hanson	
	Chris	Schneider	
	James	Ewart	
18 th	Lindsay	Richards	
19 th	Janis	Janson	
	Bruce	Agnew	60
20 th	Mark	Lane	
	Darren	Wilson	
	Ian	Rushton	
21 st	John	Chamberlain	
22 nd	Mark	Davidson	65
	Brian	Morgan	
	Danny	Michele	60
23 rd	Warren	Jones	
	Graham	Schliebs	
	Brad	West	
24 th	Matt	Hopkins	
25 th	Graeme	Vivian	
	Madeleine	Cook	60
26 th	Kieran	Kelly	80
	Barry	Powell	70
	Terry	Greaney	
	Tony	Guy	
27 th	Russell	Yeates	
	Nick	Harrison	
28 th	Jeff	McCarthy	
30 th	Jeff	Harman	
31 st	Kym	Williams	
	Jonathon	McGleish	
	Cooper	March	



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Sometime in August 2021

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