



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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“End of an Era”

After approximately 24 years as Bar Supervisor for the Echunga Golf Club Heather Guy has chosen to reduce her involvement & step aside as Bar Supervisor.

Heather will continue to offer her valued insight & services under a new structure with the new supervisor Ben Slack.

Congratulations to Ben who won the position after advertising & interviews were carried out over the last several months.

Although Heather's shoes will be hard to fill, change is inevitable & we look forward to the continued positive direction for your Club.

Ben has been a notable club member for many years and Club Captain until prior to this appointment - his knowledge of the Club and Golf will be of benefit in fulfilling this role.

This is the beginning of a number of positive changes planned at EGC with further information to follow.

The Committee is immeasurably grateful to Heather's commitment & achievements over this period & are confident the entire membership share this sentiment. We cannot thank her enough for the job she has performed over such a long period. With her usual modesty she declined to mention highlights of her time at EGC, of which we are sure there many. Thank you Heather.

We are also confident members will join us in congratulating Ben on his appointment and all look forward to working with him in his new capacity as Bar Supervisor.

Robert Eibisch has once again stepped into the breach & will fill the role of Club Captain until nominations occur for this position for the next AGM.

Tony is looking forward to spending more time at home with Heather..... To be continued.

Mike Clark

EGC Transition committee.

Up and coming events . . .

February

Thursday	10 th	Thursday Comp – Par
Saturday	12 th	Stableford – 1st Rnd Summer Cup Quarter Finals Handicap Matchplay
Wednesday	16 th	Women – Stroke / Final Monthly Medal
Thursday	17 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	19 th	Par – 2nd Rnd Summer Cup Semi Finals Handicap Matchplay
Wednesday	23 rd	Women – Stableford
Thursday	24 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	26 th	Stableford – 3rd Rnd Summer Cup Finals Handicap Matchplay

Monday 28th Women's Open Day

March

Wednesday	2 nd	Women – Stroke - Entries close for Laurel Wreath
Thursday	3 rd	Thursday Comp – Stroke
Saturday	5 th	Monthly Medal, Putting Comp & Eclectic - Medal of Medals
Monday	7 th	Stroke – Veterans Autumn Classic (Golf Week)
Wednesday	9 th	Women – Ladies Autumn Classic (Golf Week)
Thursday	10 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	12 th	Stableford
<u>Sunday</u>	13th	<i>ECHUNGA AUTUMN CLASSIC</i>
Monday	14 th	Stableford – Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Trophy
Wednesday	16 th	Women – Matchplay 1 st Rnd Laurel Wreath
Thursday	17 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	19 th	Par
Sunday	21 st	Men's SGG Pennants – Week 1
Wednesday	23 rd	Pinehurst Foursomes - Presentation Day – Shared Lunch (<i>bring a plate of food</i>)
Thursday	24 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	26 th	Stableford -
Wednesday	30 th	Women - 1 st Rnd Stroke 1 st Rnd International Bowl 1 st Rnd Medal – Putting
Thursday	31 st	Thursday Comp – Stableford
April		
Saturday	1 st	Ambrose – Opening Day
Wednesday	6 th	Women - Women – 1 st Rnd Club Championship Qualifying 2 nd Rnd International Bowl
Thursday	7 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	9 th	Stroke - Monthly Medal, Club Championships Qualifying
Wednesday	13 th	Women – Stableford 3 card aggregate

From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Congratulation to Hugh Griffin and Nathan Taverna the Gross Foursome winners and also to the David Smart Trophy winners Ken Hampton and Barry Sparrow who also won the Seniors Trophy. Well done to you all!

Time now to hone your golfing skills, with a busy few months ahead starting with the Handicap Matchplay Championships, followed by Autumn Classic Golf Week and then followed in April with the Club Championship.

The program for the 2022 – 2023 season is out now on the web site, so you can plan ahead and see when the major events are coming up.

The volunteers are back into it again, so if you can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning I am sure they would appreciate your help.

Don't forget you can spend your winning vouchers at the Club and also at the Pro Shop at Mt Osmond Golf Course.

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

ECHUNGA
AUTUMN CLASSIC
Sunday 13th March 2022
Premier Event of the
Echunga Golf Club



Ian Pritchard
Head Professional Mt Osmond Golf Club
Certified PGA Member
Pro Shop (08) 8379 1674 0406 429 625



Autumn Classic Week

**Monday 7th March to
Sunday 13th March inclusive**

Vets Golfers from all Regions are not only invited but encouraged to play in an “over 55years Event Day” on Monday 7th March 2022.

The event is part of the Echunga Autumn Classic week and will be open to all golfers over 55years of age with a Golflink number.

Numbers are limited to 80. Either get a group together you want to play with or let the club slot you in somewhere.

Book early with the Echunga Golf club on 83888038 to secure your place, and a cart if you need one. Cost is \$35 including lunch. Pay on the day when registering.

9am shotgun start.

Great prizes and lots of fun.

(Anyone wishing to also play the Autumn Classic on Sunday 13th will receive a discounted price for that event)



Competition Results

Thursday 13th January

Stableford **Men** **65 Players**
 Women **3 Players**

Division 1

D McGlashan	39	B Wallace	37
D Parrott	38	J Thomas	36
R Hill	37	B Hughes	34
H Griffin	37	E March	34
N Taverna	36	V Moore	34
J Reuter	36	S Grivell	33

Division 2

G Milne	
B Agnew	

NTP 2nd

NTP 18th

POG

J Thomas	19
D McGlashan	19
A Horsfall	19
N McNicol	19

Women

P Leech	34
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Weekly Comp Ending Friday 14th January

Stableford **Field size** **7 Players**
 Members **3 Players**
 Visitors **4 Players**

L Cooper	41
J McDonald	36
K Sladden	35
H Kennedy (Royal Adelaide GC)	35

Saturday 15th January

Par **Men** **142 Players**
 Women **8 Players**

A Grade

V Smith	+4	P Head	+5
P Buying	+2	M Doughty	+3
B Agnew	+2	N Fenwick	+2
J Wood	+2	S Foster	+2
I Bonython	+2	G Vivian	+1
B Slack	+1	J Wenham	+1

B Grade

P Head	+5
M Doughty	+3
N Fenwick	+2
S Foster	+2
G Vivian	+1
J Wenham	+1

C Grade

S Grivell	+3	B Fox	+6
N Harrison	+1	W Goldsmith	+2
A Head	+1	D Cheney	+2
K Wenham	Sq	B Burnett	+1
A Curtis	Sq	R Bodin	Sq
B Sparrow	Sq	B Smith	Sq

D Grade

B Fox	+6
W Goldsmith	+2
D Cheney	+2
B Burnett	+1
R Bodin	Sq
B Smith	Sq

NTP 2nd

G Foster

NTP 7th

B Slack

NTP 17th

W Hocking

NTP 18th

M Davidson

NTP in 2 (10th)

A-B

R Hill

C-D

B Wallace

Women

C Hasson	Sq
E Burt	Sq
P Leech	Sq
M Wray	-1
S McLennan	-1

Junior 9 Hole Stableford I Roberts 17

Thursday 20th January

Stableford **Men** **73 Players**
 Women **4 Players**

Division 1

N Judd	42	M Morton	36
G Vivian	35	J Thomas	36
B Guy	35	B Sparrow	35
P Anderson	35	C Bedson	35
R Eibisch	35	J Goff	34
B Potier	34	T Steel	33

Division 2

M Morton	36
J Thomas	36
B Sparrow	35
C Bedson	35
J Goff	34
T Steel	33

NTP 2nd

E March

NTP 18th

Z Bilandzic

POG

D McGlashan	19
A Bailey	19
M Morton	19

Women

M Holton	35
J Sommerlad	33

Weekly Comp Ending Friday 21st January

Stableford **Field size** **13 Players**
 Members **9 Players**
 Visitors **4 Players**

A Pietsch	41
J Close (Riverside GC)	35
R Hill	35
N Separovich	35



Saturday 22nd January
Foursomes Championships
Gross Foursome Qualifiers

 1st R Hill & N Separovich 70

Versus

 2nd H Griffin & N Taverna 72

Net Foursome Qualifiers

 1st B Lenger & M Doughty 66

Versus

 2nd K Hampton & B Sparrow 66

Senior Foursomes Champions

K Hampton & B Sparrow 66

Overall Results

B Lenger & M Doughty 66

K Hampton & B Sparrow 66

H Griffin & N Taverna 67 ½

R Hill & N Separovich 68

A Curtis & M Johnson 68 ½

R McLaughlin & T Steel 69

D Lockwood & D Holtham 70

M McLennan & T Spry 70 ½

T Trevorrow & G Dodd 71

N McNicol & B Fox 71

R Yeates & B Burnett 71 ½

D Murphy & V Smith 71 ½

C Young & A Bailey 71 ½

D Slater & R Dyer 72

H Hodgkison & M Haslett 72

J Goff & J Warren 72 ½

S Koop & C Dawe 72 ½

M Steven & A Head 73

P Buying & B Guy 73

S Rowell & P Downs 73

C Stevens & C McLatchie 73

B Slack & A Horsfall 73 ½

A Pietsch & M Temme 73 ½

K Wenham & W Hocking 73 ½

B Agnew & M Roberts 73 ½

M Morton & T Guy 73 ½

NTP 2nd B Agnew

NTP 7th J Burt

NTP 17th M Roberts

NTP 18th J Thomas

Thursday 27th January
Stableford
Men
64 Players
Women
3 Players
Division 1

H Griffin 37

R Jones 36

D McGlashan 36

M Haslett 35

J Warren 35

T Trevorrow 35

Division 2

T Steer 39

I Langusch 36

W Satterthwaite 36

J Thomas 32

B Sparrow 31

NTP 18th

A Fort

POG

R Jones 20

Women

J Sommerlad 36

Weekly Comp Ending Friday 28th January
Stableford
Field size
10 Players
Members
9 Players
Visitors
1 Players

A Bailey 33

C Young 33

R Aldrit (Links Lady Bay) 32

L Jackson 32

R Furness 32

Saturday 29th January
Stableford
Men
157 Players
Women
8 Players
A Grade

E Willgoose 40

D Parrott 38

H Griffin 37

C Smith 37

J McGleish 36

S Koop 35

B Grade

M Davidson 39

G Milne 38

D Doorne 37

D Murphy 37

A Bailey 37

P Downs 37

C Grade

N Harrison 42

B Morgan 36

C Young 36

A Head 36

S McGlashan 35

J Ferguson 35

D Grade

D Carver 37

D Slater 36

T Steel 34

C Bedson 32

W Goldsmith 31

M Bills 30

NTP 2nd

S Crump

NTP 7th

D Parrott

NTP 17th

S Koop

NTP 18th

H Griffin

NTP in 2 (10th)

A-B M Haslett

C-D R Yeates

Women C Fensom 29

Junior 9 Hole Stableford W Burt 19

Thursday 3rd February

Stroke Men 62 Players
Women 4 Players

Division 1

G Foster	65
R Hill	68
A Bailey	69
G Milne	69
C McLatchie	69
J Reuter	70

Division 2

S Whittam	69
N McNicol	70
S Grivell	71
I Langusch	71
C Young	72
B Wallace	72

NTP 2nd

NTP 18th B Guy

POG K Hampton 34

Women L Gray 74

Weekly Comp Ending Friday 4th February

Stableford	Field size	26 Players
	Members	19 Players
	Visitors	7 Players

C Bedson	38
L Jackson	38
G Murray	38
S Spence (Kingston GC)	36
M Smith (From Future GC)	36
L Cooper	36
B Cawthorne	34
T Trevorow	34
R Hosking (Coomealla GC)	33
B Sparrow	32
A Bailey	32
S Hann (Grange GC)	32

Saturday 5th February

Stroke	Men	138 Players
	Women	8 Players

A Grade

S Bilandzic	67
J McGlashan	67
Z Bilandzic	67
S Nailer	68
P Buying	68
B Rogers	68

B Grade

R Pearce	67
R Dyer	69
M Roberts	69
R Eibisch	69
D Murphy	70
P Anderson	70

C Grade

A Head	68
M Taylor	69
B Hughes	70
R McLaughlin	70
D Stoddard	70
J Fowler	71

D Grade

S Whittam	68
R Yeates	73
T Steel	75
W Hocking	76
R Hayden	76
D Slater	77

NTP 2nd

NTP 7th M Doughty

NTP 17th S Nailer

NTP 18th K Wenham

NTP in 2 (10th)

A-B P Coldrey

C-D I Tremain

Monthly Medals

A Grade	H Griffin	73
B Grade	R Pearce	82
C Grade	A Head	90
D Grade	S Whittam	93

Putting Comp

A Grade	J McGlashan	22
B Grade	C McLatchie	24
C Grade	D Stoddard	24
D Grade	J Thomas	27

Women C Hasson 70

Junior 9 Hole Stableford H Burt 17

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsors vouchers)

10th Nearest the Pin in Two

\$20.00 Meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill



Foursomes Championships

The Echunga Golf Clubs Foursomes Championships are played 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 gross and net event holds 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 2022 Foursomes Championships have been decided from the results of the competition held on Saturday 22nd January.

The following pairs played a match play final on Saturday 29th January.

Net Qualifiers Playoff

Bruce Lenger & Matt Doughty

Versus

Ken Hampton & Barry Sparrow

27 hole matchplay final

Barry Sparrow and Ken Hampton defeated Bruce Lenger and Matt Doughty on the last (27th) hole.



*(L to R) Ken Hampton, Barry Sparrow,
Bruce Lenger & Matt Doughty*

It was a close battle all day with the lead changing a number of times. It came down to a putt off on the last hole, where Ken holed a 15 foot putt to take the victory.

Making Ken Hampton & Barry Sparrow the David Smart Trophy Winners for 2022

Full credit to all players the match was played in great spirit.

Randy Jones

Vice Captain

Gross Foursomes Championship Playoff.

Richard Hill & Nathan Separovich

Versus

Hugh Griffin & Naren Taverna

Unfortunately due to illness, the pairing of Richard Hill & Nathan Separovich had to forfeit this match.

Therefore the **Foursomes Champions for 2022** were **Hugh Griffin & Naren Taverna**

Ken Hampton & Barry Sparrow were also the **Senior Champions for 2022.**

Recent Achievements

Eagle

On the par 4, 15th hole on
Thursday, 9th September.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Mike Haslett



Eagle

On the par 4, 15th hole on
Saturday, 13th November.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Derek Parrott



Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on
Saturday, 27th November.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Bill Guy



Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on
Saturday, 27th November.
Congratulations and Well Done!

**Nathan
Separovich**



Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on
Thursday, 20th January.
Congratulations and Well
Done!



Richard Hill

MONTHLY MEDALS

February

A Grade	H Griffin	73
B Grade	R Pearce	82
C Grade	A Head	90
D Grade	S Whittam	93



Around the Club

Captain's (yearly) monthly Report Feb 2 2022

Dear fellow members after 45 years as a member and 10 on the committee (6 as president) the opportunity for me to be Club Captain presented itself. You are probably aware Heather is stepping back from her role as bar supervisor and after 2 rounds of advertisements in search of a replacement and many interviews Ben Slack (now our former Club Captain), was deemed the best applicant. I am sure you would join me as I take this opportunity to personally thank Heather for her efforts over the years and wish Ben all the best in his new role at the club.

So why did I put my hand up to be Captain?

The answer is simple there is a lot happening over the next few months and the role needed to be filled as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. It is also an honour to take up the role. Please remember in October we have Committee elections. If you feel you have the time and the passion to be Captain please put your hand up. You will not hurt my feelings.

If you have a Captain related query (EG a ruling ETC) I am available for you. However, may I point out as a volunteer and avid golfer it would be preferable you don't ask for my help while I am playing golf unless the matter is urgent - there is

little I can do halfway through a round. Please feel free to call me during the week. My contact details are 0498 193 054 or eibischr@gmail.com. If you need to discuss an issue after your round, I will be pleased to help – it may be advisable to ask how I went on my round first. If I say great then you will have my ear - if I respond in a negative manner, please give me 2 minutes to throw my clubs in the car or dam then I will be happy to assist as best I can.

There is a lot coming up. I completed the program for 2022 to 2023 with Randy my amazing Vice Captain and that is on the web site. We have tried to keep everything the same as we have all had enough change over the past few years.

A few points to consider

Club Champs will be held in April starting in the second week. This will have one interruption each year due to Easter.

Stroke rounds on Saturdays will be played on the first week of each month where ever possible and on the 3rd week on Thursdays.

Opening Day will be the first week of April 2022. This will also be our Presentation Day for all events held in 2022 season. I will have a list of those who won published in advance so please turn up if you won.

Ham & Turkey Day is always good fun so we have decided to run an additional one for all members on Thursday the 8th of December in the lead up to the actual Saturday event, which will also be the day we acknowledge and thank our staff and volunteer group.

After the Club Champs this year, we are looking to trial a new system of play where you will be able to select the Tee you play from. Simply put - you will be given a choice to play off the blue, white or red markers on a given day – the handicapping system will adjust accordingly. This system may cause some issues with grades etc, but we will work through those aspects. Watch out for this change.

One problem that plagues every Captain is the last-minute call of personal issues and how it affects the following days round or worse a championship. To help advise me I have set up a Rules Committee comprising Randy Jones, Mike Haslett and myself. Between us we have an average handicap of 7 (as you know I have most of it) - this group, using the rules of golf, will use its best endeavours to arrive

at a fair and correct outcome. Please understand some matters can be sensitive hence the more time we have the better.

Anyway, I have babbled on enough of this month.
Remember we come to golf to have fun.

Robert Eibisch
Capitan

Upcoming Events

Veterans

Course Closed until 1:30 pm

Monday February 21st 2022 - Hills
Monday March 7th 2022 - Hills

EGC Women's Open Day

Monday 28th February 2022
Now Fully Booked

Juniors

Clinic dates

February 13th
March 20th
April 10th

Club House Doors

Have you noticed the Clubhouse doors lately?

Thanks to Alan Horsfall, who collected donations from some of the members and organised the sign writing on the entrance doors to Clubrooms. Well done Alan and thanks to the generosity of the members who donated.

VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

The gardens are in the process of having a light prune due to the good rains that we have had. Tee blocks have been given an edge trim and markers as well. They will be painted as soon as Pete gets the paint! Lots of brush cutting going on in the bush and around trees. Sand bins are being filled on a regular basis as well as ball washers being kept full.

The blocked outlet drain from the toilet between the 4th green and the Ladies 5th tee block has been cleared.

Glad I did not have that job!

Tree limbs keep on falling and we keep cutting them up and removing them.

Three bunkers were "manicured" and some sand added.

We are also pruning new growth at the base of trees to allow the ground staff to get closer with the mower.

If you want to help maintain and improve the course and need some gentle exercise, meet us at The Clubhouse any Tuesday at 9am.

Barry Hicks

New Members

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

Matthew Breslauer	7 Day
Dylan Schipper	7 Day
Lachie Williams	Next Gen
Dave Herbert	7 Day
Logan Steens	6 Day S Rejoined
Tom Eccleston	7 Day
David Kerner	7 Day
Jorden Pouw-Bray	7 Day Junior
Rocco Columbus	7 Day Junior
Simon Jantke	Next Gen
Franco Stubbs	7 Day
Paul Timoney	6 Day
Charlie Morbeg	7 Day Junior
Blake Lewis	7 Day Junior
Jess Lobban	7 Day Junior
Jarad Mellor	Next Gen
Oliver Butcher	7 Day Junior
Jordi Kane	Next Gen

Welcome to Echunga Golf Club.

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

Membership Numbers

January	2020	425
January	2021	448
January	2022	468

Women's Report

Wednesday 12th January

9 hole Stableford

J Williams 16

18 hole Stroke

A Morton 34

M Holton 33

Nearest the pin

B Grade J Williams

Wednesday 19th January

Team Stableford

Captain versus Vice Captain (20 Players)

Best Individuals

H Guy 38

J Sommerlad 37

E Handsaker 37

Captain's Team 299

P Gray (Captain)

H Guy

S Cain

K Clarke

R Eibisch

V Nairne

M Holton

S Maddern

R Williams

E Burt

Defeated Vice Captain's Team 286

Wednesday 2nd February

Stableford

R Eibisch 38

S Cain 36

K Clarke 33

V Nairne 32

J Sommerlad 32

Nearest the pin

P Gray

A married man woke up one morning and took out his marriage certificate and stared at it seriously for a very long time.

His wife then asked him, "Why are you looking at our marriage certificate like that?"

He answered, "I'm looking for the expiry date."

This Month's Teaser

What is something that is yours, yet everyone uses more than you?

Answer next month

Last Month's Teaser

What gets bigger the more you take away from it?

ANSWER:

A Hole

Flashback!

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

30 Years ago

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

President Peter's Pleasantries

Over the road

There has been plenty of action over the road since the last newsletter and there is plenty more to come.

Some 5500 tonnes of earth have been moved in for the tees and greens and Stage one will be completed, when the irrigation system is installed early in March. This should take 4 – 5 weeks to complete.

Stage two will be started once this work is completed and will involve the levelling of several fairways and the carting of approx 1400 tonnes of sand for the tees and greens drainage.

A plan of the additional 9 holes is included in this edition of the newsletter so that when you and you are welcome to do so, walk over the area you will have some idea where each hole is.

I had a hit over the road recently to test the fairways and found it to be quite good. I am looking forward to the completion of this area and trust that you have the same feeling.

Taken from the February 1992 Putter

25 Years ago

CLUBHOUSE

It is great to see some action at last. The floor slab has been laid & there are some wall frames up

If all goes well we should be in the building by the end of May 1997.

TUTT TUTT...PUTT PUTT (article from the local 'Courier')

We (at the Courier) are often reminded of the efforts of colleague Wayne Koop's prowess on both the football and cricket fields during his halcyon days.

Yes, he was a class full forward at footy and a keen cricketer all rounder.... but these days (I'm reliably informed) Wayne is scoring well at golf.

On February 1st (might have been better had it been April 1st), Wayne was seen five (5) putting a green at Echunga, which included an "Airy" when less than five centimetres from the pin.

Then last weekend at Murray Bridge's Puzzle Park miniature course (where the Kids play) "the Koop" had 11 putts before getting his wayward ball into the hole.

EAGLE ACHIEVERS

3RD HOLE 1st February Matthew Hickman

4TH HOLE 8th February Lachlan McNicol
(Followed by a Double Bogey on the 8th)

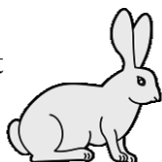
Taken from the February 1997 Putter

20 Years ago

Peter Anderson reported some unusual happenings on the 4th fairway when out spotlighting for foxes recently.

On hearing some strange noises he focused his night scope only to find it's not just rabbits who like a bit of "frisky" business on the fairway.

(Members are asked to make less noise.)



Taken from the February 2002 Putter

5 Years ago

Competitions Winners

Thursday		Field Size (Men):	54	DSR: 68
19/01/2017	Stroke	Field Size (Women):	0	DSR: n/a
Division One		Division Two		
<u>\$20 Voucher</u>		B Guy	66	C Fort 65



Cooper Fort

We had quite a success story yesterday, Thursday 19th January 2017. Cooper Fort won the Division 2 competition.

Cooper turned 13 last October and has been a member for just four years next month (February). Andrew, Cooper's Dad has put in a great deal of support, getting Cooper to lessons, to games at the Club and generally encouraging him. Cooper has the temperament of a good golfer, and is a pleasure to play with.

Congratulations to the Junior team, Jamie & Esther Burt, and Mike Haslett, for their work in supporting and teaching our juniors. They are generous with their time, and it must be a great pleasure to see the positive results of their efforts, not only from Cooper but all the young people who are learning the 'pleasures' of golf.

Eric March

Wow that's great!

Could be greater things to come - I see his name alongside Bill's!

Esther Burt

Taken from the February 2017 Putter

Updating your details

Have you changed your address, telephone number or email address recently?

It is essential that the Club's membership records be kept up to date at all times. As we will be sending out membership renewal accounts in about 6 weeks, we would like to have your correct details to avoid these going astray. If you have changed any of these details recently could you please advise us by email, membership@echungagolf.com.au or give your current details to Ben, Heather or one of the Committee.

Fun Facts

1. The Nobel Peace Prize is named for Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite.
2. Cats are not able to taste anything that is sweet.
3. You fart on average 14 times a day, and each fart travels from your body at 7 mph.
4. One of the ingredients needed to make dynamite is peanuts.
5. The largest living organism in the world is a fungus. It is in Oregon, covering 2,200 acres and is still growing.

An old man walks up to the counter of a pawn shop holding an old, weathered guitar:

"I'd like your expert opinion on this guitar, how much do you think it's worth?" asks the old man.

The pawnbroker looks it up and down.

"Well, I can tell right now that there's a little warping in the neck, the lacquer is faded and there are scratches and dents all over it. It's an old, well-played guitar but I don't think it's worth any more than twenty bucks."

The old man reaches his hand out and says.

"Okay, if that's what you think it's worth, you have a deal!"

"Great!" replies the pawnbroker, shaking his hand.

"Here's twenty bucks." says the old man.

"I'll buy it right now!"

The broker stops and suddenly looks confused.

"Wait, buy?" he asks.

"Yes!" smiles the old man as he flips the guitar over.

"This one has a sticker price of \$150, but now that I have your honest opinion I think twenty bucks is a great deal."

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**All Green Fees will be at ½ the standard
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**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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A horse in a pub having a few beers when he spots a donkey in the corner, so he goes over for a chat....

The donkey asks "What do you do for a living?"

The horse says "I run on the flats in the summer and do the jumps in the winter."

And the donkey says "I work with the kids on the beach."

He then asks the horse "Did you win anything?"

The horse replies

"Yes, on the flats I won the Oaks, St Leger and the Derby. And over the jumps, I won the Grand National and the Gold Cup."

They arrange to meet at the donkey's house the following week and the donkey thinks

"I really need to impress this guy...he has done everything."

So he goes out and buys a big picture of a Zebra and hangs it above his fireplace.

The horse arrives and says

"Lovely place you have here and who's that in the picture on the wall?"

The donkey replies

"That's me when I played for Juventus.."



Out of the Past...

Part 1 to 3 of the History of the Club reproduced from the story on the wall.

The Echunga Golf Club was formed in 1933. A nine-hole course was laid out on a portion of the land donated to the community years earlier, "for their recreational benefit".

The original nine holes were the southern 9 near the oval. The "greens" were oiled sand scrapes until 1940 when a load of slag was purchased from B.H.P. at Pt Pirie for the cost of £3 but the rail freight was an additional £34.72. The first set of flags was made from calico and tape for a cost of 11 pence.

These were replaced by a set of red flags purchased for the princely sum of 14 pence and later with a set of red metal discs, made by local blacksmith, Mr. Hurtle Smith.

In 1933 there were 42 members who each paid a fee of 10 pence. 1934 saw a 100% increase in fees and by 1935 they had risen to 50 pence for members and 25 pence for mid-week members. Matches were played against Kuitpo, Jupiter Creek, Hahndorf, and Strathalbyn.

The Club felt the need for a club house and in 1936 purchased a shed from the Woods and Forests Dept; for £4. An iron fireplace cost a further £4.82, ridge capping 40 pence, paint 45 pence, kalsomine 25 pence and a padlock for the door for 10 pence. After a coat of green paint topped with a red roof, the club room was open for business. The biggest problem was that it was too small for everyone to fit in so a hole was cut in the side wall and hinged to act as a servery.

In 1937 the Club Officers were listed as HJ Causby, President, J. Kavanagh Secretary, Jack Brogan, Captain, P. Kavanagh Vice Captain, Mrs. Pledge Associate Captain and H. Liebelt as Auditor.

The official opening of the Echunga Golf Club took place on Saturday, and following are the results of competitions conducted during the afternoon....

Miss T Warland (Jupiter Creek) won the Women's putting and driving contests.

Miss Janet Lowe (Echunga) won the Ladies round of 9 holes. Mr. C. Hill (Hahndorf) won the Men's driving contest. Mr. P. Kavanagh (Echunga) won the men's putting contest. Mr. C.J.B. Symon of "Hindhead" Mylor, presented the trophies to the successful contestants and after congratulating the Club on their improvements to the course, wished them every success for the coming season. Visitors were present from Mt Barker, Meadows, Hahndorf, Jupiter Creek and Kuitpo. Afternoon tea was served by the members.

Mt Barker Courier of June 3rd 1937.

As with many clubs, the war years called a halt to activities.

The final event before the Club went into recess was an Open Day in 1941 which took the form of a "Patriotic Effort". The entry fee for the day was 1/- and 6d for afternoon tea. Proceeds for the day went to the Queen of Echunga competition as part of the war effort.

Part 4 next putter.....



A couple had been married for 50 years.

They were sitting at the breakfast table one morning when the wife says,

'Just think, fifty years ago we were sitting here at this breakfast table together.'

'I know,' the old man said. 'We were probably sitting here naked as a jaybird fifty years ago.'

'Well,' Granny snickered. 'Let's relive some old times..' Where upon, the two stripped to the buff and sat down at the table.

'You know, honey,' the little old lady breathlessly replied, 'My nipples are as hot for you today as they were fifty years ago.'

'I wouldn't be surprised,' replied Gramps. 'One's in your coffee and the other is in your oatmeal

February Birthdays

1 st	Eric	March	75
	Andrew	Pietsch	70
	Brad	Hodgkison	
2 nd	Jack	Read	20
3 rd	Stu	Beaumont	
4 th	Wayne	Goldsmith	
	Sally	McLennan	
	Jeremy	Paech	
5 th	Peter	Coldrey	75
	Ronald	Hasson	65
9 th	Doug	Hayden	
10 th	Mike	Coppins	
	Josh	Teague	
	James	Bate	
	Lochie	Southam	
12 th	Mark	McLennan	
17 th	Peter	Baltussen	
	Wayne	Satterthwaite	
18 th	Kerin	Bailey	
	Neil	Franzway	
	Ben	Stubbs	
19 th	David	Kerner	55
	Naren	Taverna	45
	George	Walsh	
21 st	Mike	Quigley	60
22 nd	Paul	Scott	
23 rd	Colin	Stevens	
	Shaun	McGlashan	40
	James	Whisson	25
24 th	Alfred	Fox	
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Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!



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