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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! The Annual Presentation Day was held after the Opening Day Ambrose event this year on the 2nd April. A great day was had by all and congratulations to all of the past year's trophy winners.

The Women also held their Presentation Day on Wednesday 23rd March and congratulations to their trophy winners, also.

Judging by the recent form of a number of players who have had Eagles lately, the upcoming Club Championships could be a tight contest. With the first Qualifying Round held last week, we wish those that qualify all the best over the coming weeks.

All the Pennant teams are again in the mix to play in the Finals and we wish them every success in bringing home some Pennant Flags once again.

The three bunkers on the course are all undergoing major refurbishment, so at times they may be GUR, whilst the work is carried out.

I will be away for a few weeks in May so there won't be a May edition, but hope to bring you all the good news on the Club Championships and the Pennant results in the June edition.

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

From the Committee

The Committee would like to ask a question of the members each month to get their feedback.

Mark Davidson is coordinating the feedback and this month asks.

What can the club do to improve the member's enjoyment of golf?

Please assist the Committee with your feedback by contacting Mark personally or by email.

markdavidson1956@hotmail.com

Up and coming events . . .

April

Thursday	14 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Friday	15 th	Public Holiday Trophy
Saturday	16th	Stableford – Easter
Monday	18 th	Public Holiday Trophy
Wednesday	20 th	Women – 3 person Ambrose
Thursday	21 st	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	23rd	Stroke - Club Championships
		Qualifying
Wednesday	27 th	Women - 2 nd Rnd Club Championship
		<i>Qualifying 1st Rnd Monthly Medal</i>
Thursday	28 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	30th	Stableford - Quarter Finals Club Championships

May

Monday	2 nd	Stableford - Public Holiday Trophy
Wednesday	4 th	Women - Semi Final Club Championship (or Stableford)
Thursday	5 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	7th	Stroke - Monthly Medal, Semi Finals Club Championships
Wednesday	11 th	Women - Club Championship Match Play Final A, 27 holes, B 18 holes Others Stableford 9 or 18 holes
Thursday	12 th	Thursday Comp – Par
Saturday	14th	Stableford - Final Club Championships
Wednesday	18 th	Women – Par
Thursday	19 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	21st	Stableford - Legacy Day Vice Presidents Trophy
Wednesday	25 th	Women – Stableford - 1st Round Leonore Steer Trophy
Thursday	26 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	28th	Stableford

June

Wednesday	1 st	Women – 2 nd Rnd Monthly Medal, 1 st Rnd Vet's Trophy, 3rd Rnd International Bowl
Thursday	2 nd	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	4th	Stroke - Monthly Medal,
Wednesday	8 th	Women – Stableford – 2 nd Round Leonore Steer Trophy
Thursday	9 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	11th	Stableford – Les Couch
Monday	13 th	Stableford - Public Holiday Medal
Wednesday	15 th	Women – Shylie Rymill Handicap Foursomes
Thursday	16 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	18th	Stableford
Wednesday	22 nd	Women – Stableford - May Sheehan Memorial Trophy

Competition Results

1Thursday 17th March

Stableford **Men** **63 Players**
 Women **2 Players**

Division 1

A Horsfall	41	J Case	37
H Hodgkison	38	I Oswald	34
H Griffin	37	R Cullen	34
B Agnew	36	B Wallace	34
C McLatchie	35	T Steel	33
H Kennedy	35	I Tremain	33

Division 2

NTP 2nd

B Guy

NTP 18th

J Tuck

POG

H Griffin 22

A Horsfall 22

1Saturday 19th March

Par **Men** **138 Players**
 Women **4 Players**

A Grade

M Hopkins	+6	K McLennan	+4
J McGleish	+3	P Craven	+3
B Rogers	+3	S Jantke	+2
G Vivian	+2	S Wilson	+2
K McLennan	+2	M Roberts	+2
S Nailer	+1	J Hodgson	+1

B Grade

C Grade

N Harrison	+3	J Bates	+8
P Allen	Sq	R Hayden	+4
A Massie	Sq	D Hayden	+1
M Dembski	-1	W Goldsmith	+1
K Wenham	-1	I Tremain	Sq
K Gerke	-2	W Hocking	-1

D Grade

NTP 2nd

J Reuter

NTP 7th

R Hasson

NTP 17th

G Vivian

NTP 18th

M Voigt

NTP in 2 (10th) \$20 Old Mill Voucher

A-B D Wilson

C-D R Grinter

Women

S McLennan +2

Junior 9 Hole Stableford

W Burt 19

2Thursday 24th March

Stableford **Men** **59 Players**
 Women **2 Players**

Division 1

C Stevens	38	N McNicol	38
Z Bilandzic	37	K Jeanes	36
T Trevorrow	37	S Grivell	35
A Horsfall	36	M Morton	35
H Hodgkison	36	R Conner	35
R McLaughlin	36	J Goff	34

Division 2

NTP 2nd

D Collings

NTP 18th

D Cheney

POG

N McNicol 21

2Saturday 26th March

Stableford **Men** **120 Players**
 Women **8 Players**

A Grade

J McGlashan	39	M Henderson	39
J Hodgson	39	S Handke	37
S Foster	38	S Wilson	36
T Spry	37	N Fenwick	36
B Guy	37	D Wilson	36
V Smith	37	A Sliuzas	35

B Grade

C Grade

J Janson	41	I Tremain	39
R Grinter	36	J Thomas	34
B Sparrow	35	I Oswald	34
M Temme	35	B Burnett	33
N Kim	34	A Curtis	33
J Fowler	34		

D Grade

NTP 2nd

P Scott

NTP 7th

T Spry

NTP 17th

M McLennan

NTP 18th

B Guy

NTP in 2 (10th) \$20 Old Mill Voucher

A-B V Smith

C-D A Amberg

Women

L Gray 36

E Burt 36

J Sommerlad 34

Junior 9 Hole Stableford

H Burt 17

W Burt 13

3Thursday 31st March

Stableford	Men	59 Players
	Women	3 Players

Division 1

L Jackson	38	J Goff	39
S Crump	35	N McNicol	39
G Foster	35	N Kim	34
P Clements	35	B Hicks	34
P Coldrey	34	M Morton	34
G Vivian	34	S Grivell	34

Division 2
NTP 2nd

H Hodgkison

NTP 18th

R Jones

POG

S Crump	20
J Tuck	20
N Kim	20
N McNicol	20

Women

E Burt	32
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3Saturday 2nd April
Opening Day – Ambrose

B Lenger, S Crump, J Sommerlad, H Burt	52.75
H Griffin, J Roberts, R Dyer, R Easling	54.50
Z Bozic, A Bailey, B Wallace, M Morton	54.62
V Smith, S Fensom, M Taylor, B Burnett	55.25
D Parrott, L Jackson, K Wenham, E March	57.00
W Lobban, N McNicol, K McLennan, C Bedson	57.12
M Hopkins, M Henderson, M Temme, A Morton	57.50

NTP 2nd

A Mauviel

NTP 7th

J Burt

NTP 17th

J Reuter

NTP 18th

M Morton

Nearest the Easter Bunny (Individual)
3rd

B Sparrow

10th

B Sparrow

NTP in 2
4th

A Bailey

13th

B Guy

Putting Comp
1st

Z Bilandzic

9th

Z Bozic

NAGA

G Day, R D'Alessandro, A Amberg, M Bills **Lots**

4Saturday 9th April

Stroke	Men	127 Players
	Women	3 Players

A Grade

M McLennan	66	M Henderson	65
J McGleish	67	D Beams	66
C Smith	68	R D'Alessandro	67
C Nichols	68	P Murphy	68
A Fort	69	G Milne	69
D McGlashan	69	S Wilson	70

B Grade
C Grade

G Dodd	65	J Tuck	66
R Conner	67	R Yeates	67
M Stevens	68	I Tremain	72
D Kerner	69	A Curtis	73
D Stoddard	70	Al Pouw-Bray	74
M Johnson	70		

D Grade
NTP 2nd

M Trafford-Walker

NTP 7th

N Separovich

NTP 17th

C Smith

NTP 18th

M McLennan

NTP in 2 (10th) \$20 Old Mill Voucher
A-B

M Haslett

C-D

K Truran

Monthly Medals
A Grade

B Guy	72
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B Grade

M Henderson	81
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C Grade

G Dodd	86
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D Grade

J Tuck	92
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Putting Comp
A Grade

B Slack	25
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B Grade

D Beams	24
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C Grade

B Fox	27
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D Grade

C Bedson	28
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Women

S McLennan	69
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Nearest the Pin:
(Extra sponsors vouchers)
10th Nearest the Pin in Two
\$20.00 Meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill

Recent Achievements

Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on
Saturday, 29th January.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Jase Hyland

Eagle

On the par 4, 5th hole on
Saturday, 5th February.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Matt Doughty

Eagle

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

Hugh Griffin

Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on
Thursday, 24th February.
Congratulations and Well
Done!

Darren

McGlashan

Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on
Saturday, 26th February.
Congratulations and Well Done!

James Roberts



Eagle

On the par 4, 10th hole on
Thursday, 3rd March.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Bill Guy

Eagle

On the par 4, 16th hole on
Thursday, 24th March.
Congratulations and Well
Done!

Colin Stevens

Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on
Saturday, 26th March.
Congratulations and Well
Done!

Jaden

McGlashan

Eagle

On the par 4, 15th hole on
Saturday, 26th March.
Congratulations and Well
Done!

Tony Spry

Eagle

On the par 4, 11th hole on
Saturday, 7th April.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Bill Guy



MONTHLY MEDALS

April

A Grade	B Guy	72
B Grade	M Henderson	81
C Grade	G Dodd	86
D Grade	J Tuck	92



Around the Club

Captains Blog

2nd April - Open Day & Presentation Day

Thanks to the 76 keen members who attended this event, the start of our golf year for 2022-23.

To those that could not attend due to COVID - my thoughts are with you as I am now on day 4 of my backyard isolation.

The day went well, the weather was great and some pretty good golf was played, at least by some. Days like these require quite a bit of volunteer support and I would particularly like to thank my band of helpers Creagh Bedson for getting us started handing out cards, Pam Gray & Robyn Eibisch doing the BBQ, Randy doing the results and Ben for organising lunch.

After most activities I like to sit down and review the activity for future improvements. I have only positive feedback about doing the trophy presentation on the day however I thought it did go a bit too long, so next year we will make some changes to try and speed things up a bit.

I am always open to suggestions for improvement, so if you have any ideas please contact me and I will work through them. Remember, the only bad idea is a good one you don't tell anyone about.

So, now it's time to sharpen your game ready for the Club Championships. Good Luck to all players.

Rob Eibisch
Club Captain

From The



Bunkers

3rd Bunker. You will have noticed extensive works at the 3rd bunker. The aim of this project is to improve the playability of the bunker if or when you venture into it. The works will include;

- > Excavation of all of the white sand from the bunker
- > Reduction of the size of the bunker with several metres on the southern end to be filled in and turfed
- > Installation of hard clay banks on all edges of the bunker to ensure that when the ball rolls into the bunker it has sufficient velocity to reach the centre of the bunker rather than finish by the edge
- > Finally filling the bunker with bunker sand to ensure a better lie in the bunker

Works should be completed in the next 2 to 3 weeks

13th Bunker. You will have noticed this bunker is currently "GUR ed". This is because there is insufficient sand in there and the underlying Geofabric is coming to the surface making for difficult or dangerous playing conditions. After the project on the 3rd is complete this bunker will be excavated, the Geofabric relaid, and the bunker filled with bunker sand.

7th Bunker. This bunker will also be excavated and filled with bunker sand when the above projects are complete.



"For all your Stockyard and Rural Shed requirements, give us a call on 08 8568 2666"

VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

Spraying of noxious weeds continues while the weather is fine.

The barrels and tables in the patio area have had their final coat and look really good, so now it is on to the exterior doors of the clubhouse.

Trees continue to fall, to be cut up and removed. The access gate to the oval was removed from its hinges and had to be reset. With some bush ingenuity from Pete and some cold black-smith work from John, it went back on.

Wasp nests have become a problem with four being sprayed in the last three weeks. If you see one, please tell us or the bar staff with an accurate description of precisely where it is.

Potholes in the car park have been filled in by Chris and we have received a donation of a lot of pavers.

Bushes and tree limbs which were over hanging the fence and causing problems for the mower, on the left hand side of the first fairway, have been removed.

Lifting markers on the tee blocks is almost finished as is the painting of hoops.

The depot yard was put in order by Bruce so now it is so tidy that no one can find anything!

Carts were cleaned by Col and the clubhouse compressor given a good clean.

New plantings of bushes were watered by the ladies and I believe that there has been a very small loss rate which is great.

Bruce on the tractor and Al giving advice removed the sand from the bunker on the side of the third green with the intention of redesigning it to be smaller.

As you can see we have been very busy, but we still have ten jobs to do, so if you can help and want to taste the sandwiches to die for, prepared by Ben for lunch and get a free drink, then meet us at the clubhouse any Tuesday at 9am.

Barry Hicks

Upcoming Events

Get into Golf - 3 day intro to golf

For adults

April 26, 28 and 29

3pm - 4pm

[Register online](#)

New Members

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

Ashley Mauviel	7 Day Standard
Natalie Quigley	6 Day Standard
Joel King	7 Day Standard
Neil Gray	6 Day Standard
John Reimelmoser	6 Day Standard
Steve Grimley	6 Day Standard
Rob Conner	7 Day Standard
Adam Wesley	7 Day Junior
David Stoddard	7 Day Standard
Craig Eldredge	7 Day Standard
Greg Hart	7 Day Standard
Deb Crump	6 Day Standard
Eleanor Whisson	Next Gen (22-30)
Brockie Hebbberman	7 Day Standard
Matt Taylor	7 Day Standard
Simon Perram	7 Day Standard
Nick Cullen	7 Day Standard

Welcome to Echunga Golf Club.

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

Juniors

MyGolf school holiday sessions

April 26 - 29

Girls only: 2pm

Mixed: 3pm

[Register online](#)

SA - 12 & Under School Golf

Stage 1 Country Qualifying

Southern - Barker & Hills

@ Echunga GC

Wednesday 1st June

[Register online](#)

Wisdom Of A Retiree !!

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?'

Well.. I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background, one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, wine, Scotch, and margaritas into urine.

Life is good, live it.

Web Site Topics

Rules for playing out of a penalty area

Check the Web site for more information

UPDATED SCORE CARDS

From Saturday 9th April, the standard score card will have a dot for each stroke that the player is entitled to on each hole.

2021 Trophy Winners

Vice Captain's Trophy Bill Guy
Summer Cup Mike Stevens
Foursomes Senior Cup Wayne Goldsmith & Peter Coldrey
Foursomes Best Net (David Smart Trophy) Tony Guy & Brian Wallace
Foursomes Best Gross Ben Slack & Steven Koop

Autumn Classic Nathan Separovich
Autumn Cup Brett Rogers
Captain's Trophy Naren Taverna
Handicap Match Play Runner Up Jaden McGlashan
Legacy Day Zelko Bilandzic
Adam James
Les Couch Memorial Trophy Bruce Agnew
Most Pennant Wins Darren Wilson & Jamie Burt
Pennant Winners
Division C1 Martin Henderson (Capt)
 Steve Nailer Warren Ryan
 Alan Bailey Peter Anderson
 Darren Wilson Zack Bozic
Division C2 John McDonald (Capt)
 David Wilson Jaden McGlashan
 Daniel Murphy Bill Lewis
 Les Cooper Craig McLatchie
Doug McKenzie Memorial Trophy Brian Morgan
President's Trophy Don Beams
Spring Cup Jason Wood
Medal of Medals –
A Grade Bill Guy
B Grade Matt Doughty
C Grade Brian Wallace
D Grade Stan Whittam
Senior Cup - Best Gross Derek Parrott
Senior Cup - Best Net Simon Fensom
Mixed Foursome – Best Gross Steve Nailer & Lisa Gray
Mixed Foursome – Best Net James & Isabelle Roberts
A Grade Champion Nathan Separovich
Runner Up Naren Taverna
B Grade Champion Alan Bailey
Runner Up Robert Eibisch
C Grade Champion Garth Dodd
Runner Up Mick Voigt
D Grade Champion Mick Clark
Runner Up Ian Tremain
Christmas Trophy Andrew Massie
Vice President's Trophy Bruce Agnew
Hole in One Bruce Lenger

Women's Report

1Wednesday 16th March	Stableford
R Eibisch	43
A Morton	38
E Burt	35
M Holton	35

Stableford 9 Hole	
K Weise	19
B Cain	18

Nearest the pin B Grade	P Umlauf
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2Wednesday 23rd March	18 hole Foursomes
S Telfer & L Steer	77 ½
R Waterman & W Jackson	78 ½
B Cain & E Burt	79 ½

Stableford 9 Hole	
P Gray	20

Nearest the pin B Grade	P Umlauf
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3Wednesday 30th March	Stroke
Best Gross	
R Eibisch	98
Net	
R Williams	73
R Waterman	74
A Morton	75
W Jackson	75

Putting	
R Eibisch	27
E Burt	27

4Wednesday 6th April	Stroke
Best Gross	
P Gray	88 (Net 65)

Net Results	
V Nairn	71
R Williams	75
J Rayner	75
H Guy	75
J Sommerlad	77

Stableford 9 Hole	
I Sobolewski	18

Nearest the pin	V Nairn
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Women's Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day for 2021 was held on Wednesday 23rd March, 2022. It was preceded by a Foursomes Competition and a 9 hole Stableford Competition. Lunch of quiche or chicken with salad and an ice cream was provided by some of the raffle funds raised on Open Day.

The Women's Captain, Pam Gray, presented the prizes, medals and trophies.

The winners represented a broad cross section of the regular competition players.

Pam thanked the women for their participation, enthusiasm and willingness to help out when needed.

We all look forward to our 2022 season.

A summary of the winners is set out below:

Club Foursomes Championship

Gross Winners	Lisa Gray / Esther Burt
Net Winners	Pat Umlauf / Pam Gray

Medal of Medals	Mary Holton	74
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Eclectic	Sue Maddern	64 ½
R/up	Jill Sommerlad	65

Gobblers	Sue Maddern	9
R/up	Mary Holton	7

Putting Best 2 of 4	Sue Maddern	50
R/up	Mary Holton	57

Super Senior over 70 Best 2 net rounds

	Pat March	148
R/up	Jeanette Rayner	152

Vets over 60 Best 2 net rounds

	Jill Williams	144
	Mary Holton	144

Best Gross Best 2 rounds	Esther Burt	186
R/up	Robyn Eibisch	197

Best Net Best 2 rounds	Jill Williams	145
R/up	Jeanette Rayner	146

Most improved Handicap

A Grade 0 – 30	Robyn Eibisch	-3.4
R/up	Pam Gray	-1.8

Most improved Handicap

B Grade 31 – 45	Jill Williams	-4.7
R/up	Shirley Cain	-0.6

May Sheehan Trophy	Robyn Eibisch	38
Leonore Steer Trophy	Best of 2 Stableford	
	Esther Burt	69
R/up	Jill Williams	62
Championships A Grade Winner	Sue Maddern	
Runner up A Grade	Esther Burt	
<i>Pam Gray</i>		
<i>Women's Captain</i>		



Echunga Pennants 2022

Round 1 summary

C2 stars with a big game against Nairne who beat us 5/2 last year. We had to give 54 holes over the 7 matches Andrew Masse a beginner, had to give 5 strokes forgot to start slowly, but bolted out of the gates going to 3 up after 3 holes. Finished brilliantly 5/4 Wow!

Experienced Dan Murphy had to give 10 strokes and took a different approach by being 7 down after nine holes. A quick pep talk and Dan won on the last hole.

Dan put smiley faces on his score card for every hole he won. A truly magnificent effort.

Stable Craig McLatchie, only had to give 9 holes and ended up square. As good as a win.

Matt Doughty first match only had to give 9 and also brilliantly drew his match. Enjoyed the match and now consulting with his better half to play more matches.

Leader Jayden only had to give 7 holes and put the screws down from the start. Well lead Jaden. Lachie Williams another newbie had to give 7 holes and managed to win relatively easily 3 / 2. Les Cooper tried hard, but lost 4/2. He had to give 7.

What a great start to the 2022 pennants season with the C1s having a home game in perfect conditions. Playing McCracken who had drifted down from the B2s last season and met with some very good handicaps, this was going to be a tough day.

I guess the benefit of their great handicaps was that all of our 7 players got at least 4 shots from our opposition. The weight of playing a home side and giving up plenty of shots was too much for the McCracken team to bear. The home side ran away with a 7-0 win. Great wins by all players on the day. My vote for player of the day was Zack Bozic with a 7&6 win. Playing a player with a handicap of 4 Zack didn't miss a beat and always seems to rise to a challenge on a Sunday. The next worth a mention was the giant of a man Andy Amberg. He started the day worried with his current form. Quickly worked his way to 3 down, fought back to even only to go back to 3 down, back to even, one up on the 16th, putts a 10m putt to win the match only to watch it do 3 laps of the hole before popping out. He then played a perfect 18th to win the match 1 up. Now we look towards the next

match against Aston Hills at Aston Hills.

In the B1's they had a half, with Zelko winning his last 2 holes to halve his match! and with John Norman stepping up and soundly beating Nairne's number 1 player.

In the A's it was a narrow win. Thanks for Tony Trevorrow for stepping up in the last minute to replace Nathan who was sick. Best player was Bruce Agnew with a solid 4/3 win.

Players of the week

Dan Murphy
Zak Bozic
John Norman
Bruce Agnew

Pennants Week 2

Players of the week were;

Nathan in the A's
Craig Smith in the B's
Andy Amberg in the C1's
Jayden McGlashan in the C2's

Pennants week 3 summary

Week 3 was fairly successful again with The A's and the C2's claiming victories, whilst the C1 team had a draw and the B team went down, unfortunately.

In the A's it was a solid win for our team playing at home against the defending champions in Lady Bay.

Winning players were Slacky, Nathan, myself, Jase, and the Goose, and Captain Bill had another half, That's 3 in a row this year for Bill after only having 2 or 3 halves in his previous 72 matches for the club. That's right, Bill chalked up his 75th pennant match on Sunday! Well done, Bill!

Might be worth noting that Slacky also chalked up a milestone 80th pennant match on the previous Sunday, with myself also reaching the 80th on Sunday.

A big thank you to Jase who stepped up to play for us this week. We were looking very thin with many players unavailable for various reasons.

It made a big difference to not only the A team, but the flow on effect for the other teams cannot be understated. The team has 4 points with 2 wins and a loss and still in the running for a finals spot.

Player of the week would have to be Ben Slack who won by the most holes and also played low in the order at number 2.

In the B's they set out to get a win for Zelko in his 100th, but didn't quite get it done losing 5/2 to a strong South Lakes team on their home course. They did put up a fight though with most matches being close, without quite getting the results in the end. Z-man himself put up a brave showing against a very accomplished opponent pushing all the way to the 18th, but losing 1 down in the end.

Derek Parrott the ultimate match play man was the only winner with halves (that could easily have been wins) going to Bruce Lenger and Craig Smith. The team has three points on the ladder with a win and a loss and a draw now, and looking for a win next week to keep them in the hunt for a finals berth.

Player of the week is Derek...

In the C1 team they went to McCracken and played against Strath and came away with a draw. The skipper, Martin Henderson had a whopping 9/7 win, Leaving his opponent wishing he'd just stayed in bed. Other winners were Shaun McGlashan and Alan Bailey and half was had by Andy Amberg. This result is good enough to keep them well in contention with 5 points and looking good with 2 rounds to go.

Player of the week is Martin Henderson.

The C2 team played at Victor, It was a really tight match against South lakes. Scores came in slowly, Andy Massie had a win, Matt Doughty also in with a win. Craig McLatchie got a win whilst Dan Murphy had a loss as did Jaden. John McDonald and Lachie Williams both had a half each. All that adds up to a 4/3 win for the team. Well done again to this team who were on top at the start of the day. Now we're REALLY on (equal) top on 5 points and looking good.

Andrew Massie was the best player with a big 5 / 4 win.

There has been a little confusion over the remaining dates for this season, so to clarify for all. Round 4 is this Sunday the 10th April. Easter is the following week with no games. Round 5 is on Sunday the 24th April. And the final is on the 1st of May.

Jamie Burt

Pennant Coordinator

It's Not Golf ... But

Two members of our club recently represented South Australia in the annual Over 60s cricket carnival in Echuca. 32 teams from 5 states played in the carnival, over 5 days in March.

Bill Kidd and Mark Trafford-Walker were members of the SA side which won the interstate division of the carnival, beating ACT in the final.



"You had enough power in our cell phone to make one last call, and instead of getting us rescued, you cancel your tee-time?"

Coopers

Flashback!

30 Years ago

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

Over the Road

Work is progressing slowly but surely. It is anticipated that the irrigation work will be completed next week and the cost should be within the budgeted costs which is great.

Once the irrigation and drainage is completed then the greens will be sanded off and planted. Hopefully all this will be done by the end of May, but it will be depending on the weather.

If the greens are not seeded by the end of May then we will need to wait until November before seeding can be done.

Echunga Primary school is also assisting the Club and will be planting some 400 trees (as if we do not have enough trees now!) during the month of May as part of their conservation and environment project.

The Committee is very appreciative of this offer by the school.

Taken from the April 1992 Putter

Golf's an easy game

After what happened on Saturday 2nd May the Club may have to replace "Sam's" Glove on the notice board with a dummy as he spat his out after being made to tee off last on the next hole (the 17th) after he scored a Birdie on the 16th.

It appears that on the 16th all four ... Ken "Sam" Hampton, Nick "Anzac" McNicol, Peter Wass and John Venning all put their tee shots on the green and all scored Birdies.

Taken from the May 1992 Putter

20 Years ago

COUNCILLORS VISIT

Prior to the start of the last committee meeting the Committee were briefed on the intention of

the Council by councilors, Allan Rote and Roger Irvine.

The Council is aware of the strong financial position of the EGC and acknowledged the hard work and foresight shown by past committees in getting the club to such a position.

The councilors could see no likelihood of the Council ever wanting to use the current course for anything than as a Golf course.

A Register is currently being compiled by the State government of how council lands are used and it would be a very difficult process to have current usage changed. (At the very least there would need to be a great deal of Public consultation which would take place.)

All of the buildings are owned by the golf club which is a saleable asset.

No need for any changes to be made in the arrangements we already have with the Council.

The golf club would have to want to change it.

There are restrictions on what we can do with the land but there are options as long as we don't compromise the watershed problems.

The Committee were heartened by what they heard and appreciated the attendance of the councilors.

Taken from the May 2002 Putter

10 Years ago

New Green

The 15th is much closer to being ready for play. The surrounds and the green look to be in very good condition, but the fairway is still a bit patchy. Michael is on holidays for this week and updates from John suggest that it could be ready in a couple of weeks. No firm date can be given yet.

Council

Whilst the Mt Barker Council at their council meeting approved the lease agreement for the Golf Course they had made several amendments to the original draft. These changes are still being discussed between both parties.

CCTV

Danny Willgoose has been very busy installing the new CCTV system. It will be a system that covers both inside and outside of the clubhouse with extra security for our Bar Staff and monitoring screens in both the Office and Canteen areas.

Taken from the April 2012 Putter

Foursomes Champions

Best gross scores stroke play with the top four teams playing off in match play finals.

Matt Hickman & Randy Jones

Runners up

D McGlashan & B Cawthorne

David Smart Trophy

Best nett scores stroke play.

M Voigt & B Fox

Senior Foursomes

Best nett scores stroke play.

E March & R Wilkinson

History is made

On Saturday, 28th April, Bill Guy scored 42 Stableford points. Some of you may think that that's no big deal as you have scored this many or even more points than this on numerous occasions, but Bill did this off a 1 handicap. His score off the stick that day was 64 which was 5 under the card.

Unfortunately for Bill this round would have easily been a course record, but it was a Stableford round and we are also using a temporary hole so therefore it cannot be considered for a course record. This is the second time that Bill would have had a course record, but both times this has occurred it has not been in a stroke round.

Bill's score on the day consisted of one bogey (the first, not how you would like to start), eleven pars and six birdies. He shot a 32 on the front and then followed up with another 32 on the back.

You may have thought that with a round like this that Bill's handicap would have tumbled, well it did. His handicap went from 1.3 to 0.5 which still left him on a 1 handicap.

The following week's par round, which I am told are usually very difficult for low handicappers, saw Bill come in with a score of +1. I'm not sure what Bill had off the stick as he picked up on 2 holes during the front nine, but he did have another 32 on the back nine.

After handicaps were calculated at the completion of the day, Bill's handicap went from 0.5 to 0.3 therefore making Bill the first member of Echunga that I am aware of to officially play off a scratch handicap.

Congratulations Bill on this achievement and I presume your next goal will be to play off a positive handicap.

Greg Klatt

Captain

Taken from the May 2012 Putter

5 Years ago

Ball Markers

Recently, President Rob Eibisch noted that all four people in his group had the same ball marker. This could be confusing for people with short term memory challenges.

So Heather now has plastic ball markers for 60 cents each and metal 'Smiley Face' types for \$6.

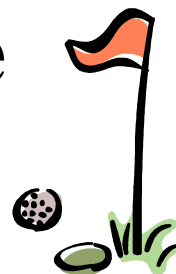
Hole in One

Thursday 6th April.

Frank

Williams

had a Hole in One on the 10th.
Congratulations Frank!



Who am I?

I have a birthday on the 18th June

I ran my own business for many years fixing other people's problems.

I'm quite a "chatty" fellow

I buy ladies nail polish to mark my golf balls (now that's a giveaway.)

My nick names are Rowdy and Bobett.

I am B..... H.....

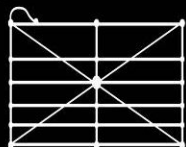
Taken from the April 2017 Putter



Fun Facts

1. The earth moves around the Sun at 67,000 miles per hour. Try clocking that on a police radar gun!
2. Planet Earth has an estimated age of 4.5 billion years. Jeremiah P. Ostricker, a senior research scholar at Princeton University, tells Popular Mechanics. "Homo Sapiens have been around for at most 450,000 years. That is 1/10,000 of the age of the planet. And then, more recently, we spread over the whole globe in 1/100,000 of the age of the planet."
3. In an average lifetime, a single person produces enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.
4. Gross and fascinating at the same time!
5. Your sense of smell is closely linked with you memories. Certain smells can trigger very strong emotions and memories almost instantaneously. (Fun fact: women have a stronger sense of smell than men.)
6. In India, there isn't one national language, the constitution states there are 23 official languages. While Hindi is the most widely spoken and the language of the central government in India, no language is more official than others. According to the constitution, each of the 23 languages (plus English) are of equal importance.
7. India now boasts 6,884 ultra-high-net-worth individuals with assets over US \$30 million and claims to have 140 Billionaires, ranking the country third in the world for billionaires, behind USA and China.

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This Month's Teaser

A man is trapped in a room. The room has only two possible exits: two doors. Through the first door, there is a room constructed from magnifying glass. The blazing hot sun instantly fries anything or anyone that enters. Through the second door, there is a fire-breathing dragon.

How does the man escape?

Answer next month

Last Month's Teaser

You have me today, Tomorrow you'll have more;
As your time passes, I'm not easy to store; I don't
take up space, But I'm only in one place; I am what
you saw, But not what you see. What am I?

ANSWER:

Memories

Getting out of Sand Traps

An octogenarian who was an avid golfer moved to a new town and joined the local golf club.

He went to the club for the first time to play, but was told there weren't any people he could play with because they were already out on the course.

He repeated several times that he really wanted to play that day.

Finally, the assistant pro said he would play with him and asked him how many strokes he wanted for a bet.

The 80 year old said "I really don't need any strokes as I have been playing quite well.

The only real problem I have is getting out of sand traps." And he did play well.

Coming to the par four 18th, they were all even.

The pro had a nice drive and was able to get on the green and two putt for a par.

The old man had a nice drive, but his approach shot landed in a sand trap next to the green.

Playing from the bunker, he hit a high ball that landed on the green and rolled into the cup.

Birdie, match and all the money!

The pro walked over to the sand trap where his opponent was still standing and said.

"Nice shot, but I thought you said you had a problem getting out of sand traps."

Replied the octogenarian.

"I do, would you please give me a hand?"

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**All Green Fees will be at ½ the standard
Green Fees at each course.**

**There will also be a maximum of Six
Rounds per year at another course.**

Any competition fees would be in addition to the green fees as listed.

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

Russell Yeates randryeates@gmail.com

Out of the Past...

HISTORY OF THE ECHUNGA GOLF CLUB

From recollections of Ralph Bonython

Some of our Own History

Thanks to Ralph Bonython who has compiled this interesting History of the club following the interest that was shown after the reunion at the old Club House.

In the early 1900's Michael Kavanagh Sen was instrumental in getting the Echunga Council to apply to the Government for 80 acres of land for a Recreational Ground, and approximately 40 acres for a public Cemetery. His message was "We do not need it now, but prosperity will need it." His words have proved correct and this section now contains school grounds, nine hole golf course, basketball and tennis courts, football ovals, and the Echunga R.S.L Memorial Garden.

The Echunga Golf Club was formed in 1933, but only an acre of the original nine holes was cleared before they had a fairway to hit the ball down. Scrapes were made of oiled sand until 1940 when slag was used. There was a membership of 42 and fees of 1/- (10cents). An iron shed was built at the far end of the old car park and used as a meeting place.

As with many clubs the war years called a halt to golf. The final event before the club went into recess was an open day in 1941. The proceeds of the day went to the Queen of Echunga competition, as part of the war effort.

In 1947 a meeting was held to try and reform the club and reopen the course. Dances were held to try and raise funds. Mr. Ted Sheehan worked 13 hours, ploughing, discing and levelling for a payment of 9 pounds 7/6. The interest was short lived and in 1947 the club again went into recess.

Meetings were held in 1950 once again with no interest.

In 1951 Mr. H. Myers was asked to come along and lay out the 9 holes for the club.

At a meeting in 1956 Mr. P Kavanagh and Mr. T Whatman met with the Recreation Committee to see what could be done with regards to making the Golf Links playable.

In June 1961 a meeting was held to see if there was enough interest in forming a club again. The Meadows-Echunga Golf Club was formed consisting of 9 holes with Mr. D. Hampton as President, Mr. W Munro as Secretary, and Mr. Moon as Treasurer.

The preparation of the course was done with voluntary labour as well as working bees by members.

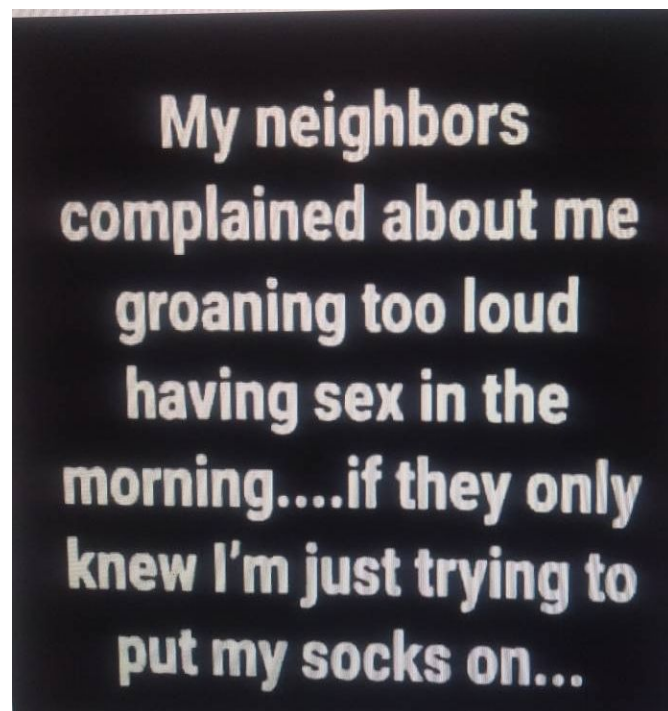
The ladies formed their own club in August 1962 playing their games on Wednesdays. Mrs. J Gilbert was president and Mrs. H Huxtable was Secretary. Ladies fees were 2 pound 10/- per annum.

In June 1967 they were admitted to the SA Ladies Golf Union.

The fairways were covered mainly with dandelions. Because of the lack of irrigation the course was only used in the winter.

The fairways were very wet so a lot of the women wore rubber boots while playing.

To be continued....



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Wisdom with Age

Two old ladies Dolly and Ruby were talking about their grandchildren.

Dolly said, "Each year I send each of my grandchildren a card with a generous cheque inside.

I never hear from them... never receive a thank you message."

Ruby replies, "I too send my grandchildren a very generous cheque. I hear from them within a week after they receive it. In fact, they each pay me a personal visit."

"Wow! How come?" remarked Dolly.

"I don't sign the cheque!



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2 nd	Jim	Hambrook	
3 rd	Ian	Bonython	
	Justin	Neumann	
	Hugh	Griffin	
4 th	Jack	Ferraro	60
5 th	Mick	Morton	75
	Steven	Nailer	
	John	Westerholm	
7 th	Heather	Guy	
8 th	Neville	Murphy	
	David	Lockwood	
10 th	Neville	Jordan	
11 th	Pat	Murphy	75
	David	Collings	
	Craig	Bevan	
	Colby	Rylands	
12 th	Alan	Tyson	
	Tony	Stevens	
13 th	Di	Foster	
	Nigel	Smith	
	Charlie	Morbeg	
14 th	Barbara	Cain	
	John	McBain	
15 th	Wayne	Hocking	
	Peter	Wright	
	Andrew	Massie	
16 th	Jeremy	Burgess	
	Greg	Klatt	
	Nathan	Separovich	
17 th	Guy	Murray	
18 th	Joel	Haslett	
19 th	Gus	Cooper	
	Rob	Eibisch	
	Cai	Staunton	
20 th	Peter	Geer	
22 nd	Sue	Maddern	
	Tom	Messenger	25
23 rd	William	Burt	10
26 th	Phil	Middleton	70
27 th	Trevor	Lloyd	
29 th	Ken	Hampton	
	Lloyd	Jackson	
30 th	Wayne	Walkom	55



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

May Birthdays

1 st	Shirley	Cain	
2 nd	Pat	Buying	
	Lachie	Williams	25
4 th	Carlsa	Carter	
	Nicholas	Fenwick	
5 th	Craig	Eldridge	60
	Jonathon	Taylor-Ketley	
6 th	Neil	Gray	
	Jill	Sommerlad	
8 th	Andrew	Fort	
	Hamish	Todd	15
9 th	Alan	Norman	
	Sean	Rowell	
	Derek	Jones	60
	Martin	Henderson	55
	Dylan	Schipper	
12 th	Geoff	Shearer	80
	Dennis	Round	
13 th	Mark	Johnson	
	Matt	Jenkin	
14 th	Peter	Vivian	
	Neil	Sylvia	
	Carol	Hasson	
15 th	Ian	Perrin	80
	Pauline	Lauritsen	
	John	Paynter	
16 th	Peter	Dossor	
18 th	Tony	Carter	60
	Jill	Braithwaite	
19 th	Jeanette	Rayner	
	Creagh	Bedson	
20 th	Mike	Haslett	
	Logan	Steens	
	Harrison	Burt	
21 st	Chris	Button	65
22 nd	Rob	Jones	60
	Mitch	Dollard	
23 rd	Pamm	Leech	
27 th	Alex	Pouw – Bray	
	Anthony	Pouw – Bray	
29 th	Zack	Bozic	
	Tim	Curnow	
31 st	Margaret	Rigby	
	Richard	Hill	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

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

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