



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MONTH MAKES!

After a dry July, (did everyone stop drinking!!!) the rains have come!

It is with great sadness that we farewell Joel as Course Superintendant, after 11 years of creating a great course for us to play on each week. His golfing ability has shone through in knowing how a golfer expects the course to be maintained.

We wish him well in the future and thank him for his efforts.

Unfortunately it has been so wet this month that the Groundstaff haven't been able to get on the course to do any maintenance. Therefore, the back nine has been closed for several weeks and whilst the front nine is playable it is not of a standard for competitions to be held.

Well done to the Volunteers who have still been able to carry out some maintenance projects around the Clubhouse.

There will obviously be changes to both the Men's and Women's programs and these will be rescheduled when the course has recovered and the weather finally improves.

The Mixed Pinehurst Charity Day scheduled for Wednesday 21st September has been a casualty of the course condition and has been postponed, to be held at a later date.

What will not be affected by the condition of the course are the AGM's.

These will be held on Friday 28th October for the Management Committee, and then followed by the Ladies AGM coming up on the 9th November.

As you haven't been able to catch up with mates on the course, what better times to get together and have a drink or two!

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

Up and coming events . . .

September

Saturday	10 th	Stableford – 1 st Round Spring Cup
Wednesday	14 th	Women - Stableford
Thursday	15 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	17 th	Stableford – 2 nd Round Spring Cup
Wednesday	21 st	Cancer Day Pinehurst Mixed with Men Shotgun Start

POSTPONED DATE TO BE ADVISED

Thursday	22 nd	Thursday Comp – Stroke
Saturday	24 th	Stableford – 3 rd Round Spring Cup
Wednesday	28 th	Women – 4 th Rnd Stroke, 5 th Rnd Monthly Medal, 4 th Rnd Vet's Trophy
Thursday	29 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford

October

Saturday	1 st	Stroke - Monthly Medal, 2 nd Rnd President's Trophy
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Closing date for Committee Nominations 3.00pm

Monday	3 rd	Stableford - Public Holiday Trophy
Wednesday	5 th	Women – Club Foursomes Championships 1 st Rnd
Thursday	6 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	8 th	Par – Qualifying Handicap Match Play
Wednesday	12 th	Women – Club Foursomes Championships 2 nd Rnd
Thursday	13 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	15 th	Stableford – Quarter Finals Handicap Matchplay
Wednesday	19 th	3BBB – Shotgun Start front 9 holes
Thursday	20 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Friday	28 th	Echunga Golf Club AGM 7:30pm
Saturday	22 nd	Stableford – Semi Finals Handicap Matchplay
Wednesday	26 th	Women - 6 th Rnd Monthly Medal
Thursday	27 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	29 th	Stableford – Final Handicap Matchplay

November

Wednesday	2 nd	Women – Stableford -
Thursday	3 rd	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	5 th	Stroke - Monthly Medal
Wednesday	9 th	Women - Stroke – Par Women's AGM
Thursday	10 th	Thursday Comp – Stroke
Saturday	12 th	Stableford
Wednesday	16 th	Women – Drawn Canadian Foursomes
Thursday	17 th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	19 th	Stableford – Pink Shirt Day

All players hit off from the **RED Tee Blocks**

Proceeds from this Comp go towards Breast Cancer

Wednesday	23 rd	Women – Stroke – Final of Monthly Medals
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Competition Results

1 Thursday 4th August

Stableford	Men	9 Players
	Women	0 Players

K Hampton 35

P Coldrey 34

Nearest the Pin:

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Hole in ONE on any Par 3 - \$100

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10th Hole - Nearest the Pin in Two

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On Saturday and Thursday's competition the NTP prize on the 18th will be a \$20 Voucher to The Hagen Arms Hotel.

Around the Club

Annual General Meeting

7:30pm Friday

28th October 2022

Elections for the Positions of

President

Captain

Secretary

1 x Committee Person

Nominations Close Saturday 1st October



From The



Golf Course Superintendent

In July, Joel Haslett tendered his resignation from the position of Golf Course Superintendent.

Joel has been with us for 11 years, starting as an apprentice and working his way through the ranks to the position of Superintendent.

Joel has been an integral part of our Maintenance Team and has contributed to many improvements over the years.

The Committee thanks him for his skills and service over the years and we are sure that all members will join with the Committee in wishing Joel all the best in his future endeavours.

Firewood

The Committee has decided to sell some of the firewood around the course rather than burn it which has been the previous practice.

All of the wood that is currently available is seasoned for at least 3 years, some in 4ft lengths, some that might need a chainsaw to make it manageable, mostly gum.

Cost \$100 per 6x4 trailer load.

Contact Chris Button 0409 089 203 for details

Chris Button



VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

The rain has slowed us down, but we have installed a large drainpipe in the carpark, for runoff from the tanks, which could not have been done without Col's tractor and his expertise.

Pruning of the clubhouse gardens has been finished and a seat installed at the 10th tee.

Yellow tee signs have been put out, clubhouse doors and the seats on the patio have been treated and the ball washers cleaned and serviced.

Pavers have been cleaned under the verandah and the hedges around the septic tank enclosure have been pruned.

In the gravel carpark, a dead tree was removed and overhanging tree limbs pruned.

Further to that, I have it on good authority that Pete and the Toro did not have to be pulled out of the mud by a tow truck.

If you would like to join us, there is plenty to do so meet us at the clubhouse any Tuesday at 9am.

Barry Hicks

Mixed Charity Day

This was to be held on Wednesday 21st September, but due to the condition of the course, it has been postponed to a date to be advised.

Ladies tee on the way out.

Golf clubs are scrapping the ladies tee in favour of a gender neutral colour-based system, after a push from Golf Australia.

Under the recommendations, tees will be based purely on ability, regardless of sex. Women have traditionally played off a tee further forward than men.

Golf Australia's Female Engagement Manager Megan Carr said her organisation had been "doing a lot of work within clubs to get tees rerated."

"It's one thing to rerate them, but we've also got to change that name to change that stigma."

"We might have some older gentlemen in the game who can't play off the back markers anymore, and maybe need the option of playing off the front."

"As well, we've got some fantastic young women out there, who may want to challenge themselves off a longer course."

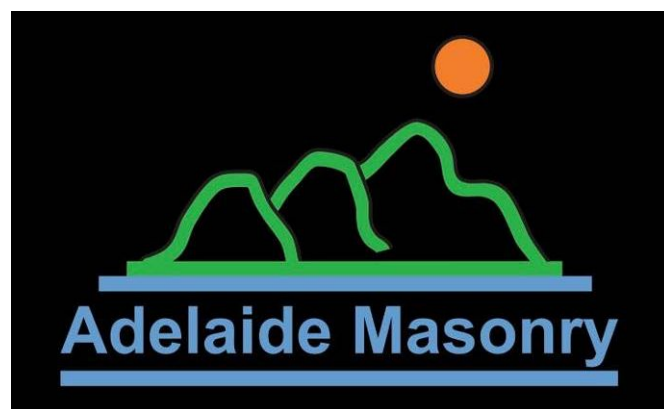
Golf Australia is hopeful the strategy will address a deficiency in attracting younger women to the game.

"We know there's an aging demographic within our female cohort within golf, so the work we're doing is about how we retain them in the game, how we change some of the systems and structures that have been set up from the past to make the game fully inclusive," Ms Carr said.

From the Sunday Mail

Fun Facts

1. An average person breathes in around 11,000 litres of air every day.
2. Your nose and ears continue growing throughout your entire life.
3. Your sense of smell is around 10,000 times more sensitive than your sense of taste.
4. Around 80 per cent of what we think is taste is actually smell. Flavour, is a combination of taste and smell perception.
5. The brain uses over a quarter of the oxygen used by the human body.
6. The brain of an adult human weighs around 3 pounds (1.5 kg). Although it makes up just 2 per cent of the body's weight, it uses around 20 per cent of its energy.



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Women's Report

1Wednesday 10th August

Stableford (Played at Murray Bridge)

S Telfer	43
S Maddern	35
J Petherick	28

2Wednesday 17th August

Stableford (Played at Murray Bridge)

J Rayner	33
M Rigby	28
M Eldridge	28
S Maddern	27
C Carter	27

3Wednesday 24th August

Stableford (Played at Murray Bridge)

J Rayner	29
E Handsaker	29
C Carter	28
M Eldridge	28
S Telfer	28

4Wednesday 31st August

Stableford (Played at Murray Bridge)

S Telfer	42
S Cain	32
S Maddern	30
P Gray	27

Janet Humphrey Foursomes

**Held Friday 19th August at
McLaren Vale Golf Club**

Janet Humphrey was a member of Echunga Golf Club from an early age and was the first Woman member to achieve Life Membership.

She served as Women's Club Captain from 1966 to 1988 and was Women's Club Champion 10 times.

We have a trophy in our cabinet which was presented annually, in her memory until 2017, with many winners, listed on the plaque, still regularly playing.

Due to her contribution to Women's golf in the Southern area, a Southern Golf Group event has been held for many years in memory of her. Unfortunately, in recent years, the number of entrants has been in decline and this year's event is quite possibly the last one which will be held. Sadly, even notable contributors, have their histories lost over time as Club membership turns over.

We only have this information thanks to the archives of the Southern Golf Group.

The competition is a Foursomes format.

It was held at McLaren Vale (Ashbourne) and attracted 26 entrants from Echunga, Strathalbyn, Aston Hills, McLaren Vale and Goolwa.

Echunga was represented by Sue Maddern, Sue Telfer, Jill Sommerlad, Ann Morton, Pam Gray and Robyn Eibisch. In what was a wet week, we were lucky to have a fine morning.

We were sent off with cheese and biscuits and coming around after the 9th, a glass of port, which was very welcome, as the wind was starting to pick up and the temperature reducing.

Lunch was a smorgasbord of homemade casseroles, butter chicken, tuna mornay, mustard chicken and beef curry. This was followed by dessert of apple and walnut pudding.

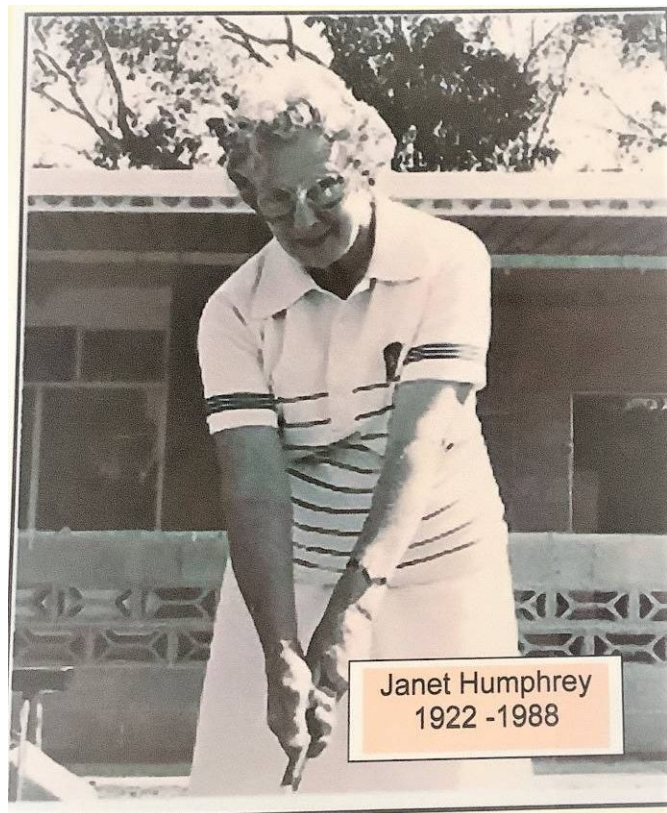
The scores were not amazing, but everyone had fun. Congratulations go to Sue Maddern and Sue Telfer who placed and won a ball each, with Sue Telfer also winning a nearest the pin.

Pam Gray

Echunga Women's Captain



Sue Telfer and Sue Maddern



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Flashback!

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

15 Years ago

Captains Report - Competition Winners

Foursomes Championship – Saturday 11th August

Champions: Ben Slack and Peter Gilbert –
Gross 75

Runners Up: Trevor Huckel and John Norman –
Gross 80

David Smart Trophy – Best Nett

Champions: Darren McGlashan and Glynn Palmer
Nett 67

Runners Up: Lloyd Mitchell and Russell Yeates –
Nett 67.5

Senior Foursomes

Kevin Wilks and Bob Penny – Nett 72

Monthly Medal – Saturday 19th August

A Grade Suthee Ogg
B Grade Gus Cooper
C Grade Greg Mundy
D Grade Stephen Grivell



Vice Presidents Trophy – 3 Rounds of Stroke Play

Daniel McVitty

Presidents Trophy – 3 Rounds of Stableford Ben Slack 119pts

Greg Klatt
Captain, Echunga Golf Club

Taken from the September 2007 Putter



Count on it.

10 Years ago

Juniors

How about Billy Cawthorne and Elliot Willgoose who paired up to represent the club along with Matthew Hickman and Randy Jones in the SA Foursomes Championships. They had to play 36 holes off the back markers at Kooyonga.

Billy and Elliot went on to win the best nett score by four shots from the field. A fantastic achievement for the boys and a very proud moment for the club to have the Echunga Club represented by these young men. We wish them both the best as they have both entered in the SA Country Junior Championships to be held at Lake Albert later in the month.

It should be an exciting tussle to see these guys about the course over the next few months. Billy has also been selected to represent Royal Adelaide in their Junior Vardon competition and won the Royal Adelaide Award for Vardon player with the most wins for the season, picked up the Royal Adelaide Junior Championship and lowered his handicap to 5 along the way. Also noticed out on the course this week was Christine Beasley who has progressed in leaps and bounds now representing the state in Women's Golf.

Taken from the September 2012 Putter

5 Years ago

Legacy Day at Glenelg

On May 27th, we held our Legacy Day. The best two Stableford scores across all grades qualify for the Annual Legacy Golf Day. Anthony Pouw-Bray and Peter Downs were the representatives for Echunga at this event held this year at the Glenelg Golf Club.

They did the club proud, with their 31 and 35 Stableford points respectfully.

Well done to you both!

I heard a rumor that Peter Anderson doesn't feed his cattle, so they had to find some greener grass on the golf course! Well done to those who assisted in the repair work.

Taken from the September 2017 Putter

This Month's Teaser

I can be hot or cold. I can run and be still. I can be hard and soft.

What am I?

Answer next month

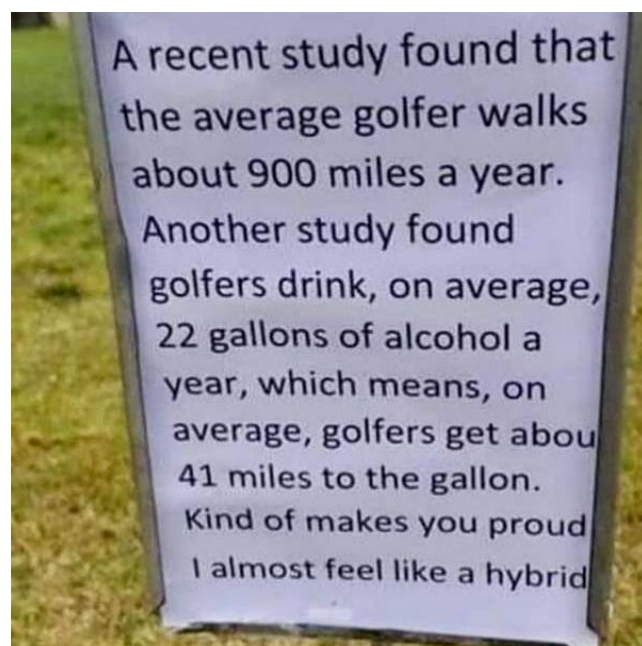
Last Month's Teaser

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves.

What am I?

ANSWER

A Bank!



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Thursday 29th September -
Monday 3rd October 2022



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Saturday
Ladies 18 Hole Stableford - One grade
Men's 18 Hole Stableford - A, B & C Grades
CLUB HOUSE DINNER WITH PAST WINNERS

Sunday
Men 36 Hole 100th year of SE Open Championship
Scratch Winner \$500 Pro Shop Voucher Scratch r/up \$250 Pro Shop Voucher
Nett Winner \$100 Pro Shop Voucher Nett r/up \$50 Pro Shop Voucher
Morning Nett Winner \$50 Pro Shop Voucher
Afternoon Nett winner \$50 Pro Shop Voucher

Monday
2 Person Ambrose - Men, Ladies and Mixed Events



Entries Close 23rd September 2022

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2022 SA Men's & Women's Mid Amateur Championships

Golf Australia invites you to participate in the 2022 SA Mid Amateur.

The 2022 SA Mid Amateur is a fantastic opportunity to spend time on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula. The tournament is open to Men and Women aged 30 - 54, with a maximum GA handicap of 18.0 for Men and 30.0 for Women.

Teeing off at Links Lady Bay over two days, this is the perfect opportunity for a weekend away-whether you just bring yourself or get together with some friends. The 2022 SA Mid- Amateur is not one to miss!

A variety of prizes will be on offer including gross, handicap and novelty prizes.

Event: 2022 SA Mid Amateur

Format: 36-holes stroke

Date: Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November

Venue: Links Lady Bay

Eligibility: Men & women aged 30 - 54 years
GA handicap limits:
Men 18.0 & Women 30.0

Entry fee: \$90 per person

Registrations close Monday 24th October at 5.00pm (ACST)

“Are you a Senior Golfer”

I have just published a golf book: “Are you a Senior Golfer” and it may appeal to a few of your more ‘senior members’.

Could you mention this, in your news to members? See attached, and it is available via

[Amazon.com.au](https://www.amazon.com.au).

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Many thanks in advance

Wilson McOrist

Member at Coffs Harbour Golf Course in NSW

Golfink No: 2150405676

2022 RULE CHANGES IN EFFECT FOR GOLFERS AGE 60 & OVER

Rule 9.k.3 – If a tree is between the ball and the hole, and the tree is deemed to be younger than the player, then the ball can be moved without penalty. This is so because this is simply a question of timing; when the player was younger, the tree was not there so the player is being penalized because of his age.

Rule 1.a.5 – A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 – A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.b.3 – There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7 – If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5.a.6 - Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

Rule 6.a.9 – There is no penalty for so-called “out of bounds”. If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.g.15 – There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9 – Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided a copy.

Golf is...above all...a game of integrity.

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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

September Birthdays

2 nd	Oliver	Clements	
4 th	Paul	Freer	
6 th	Dean	Carver	
	Ian	Oswald	
	Hara	Taverna	
	Aleks	Sliuzas	35
10 th	Joe	Michalik	75
	Rob	Hughes	
11 th	Bob	Burnett	
13 th	Lois	Warn	75
	Dave	Body	70
	Ben	Freer	
16 th	John	Hogarth	
	Evan	Florinis	
	Austin	Hollamby	25
18 th	Jeff	Reuter	
	Craig	McMaster	
	Andy	Amberg	
19 th	Michael	Clark	
	Chris	Whisson	
	Matt	Hickman	
20 th	Colin	Golding	
	Simon	Jantke	25
21 st	Trevor	Dolman	
22 nd	Tom	Hodgson	25
23 rd	Ray	Bodin	
24 th	Stefan	Bilandzic	35
	Clayton	Hollamby	
25 th	Roy	Mc Lauchlan	85
	Bruce	Lenger	
26 th	Paul	Vonthien	75
28 th	Matt	Taylor	
	Jarad	Mellor	
29 th	John	Case	
30 th	Ray	D'Alessandro	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!



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We welcome your comments

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

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