



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Your rain dance isn't working so please try a bit harder!

Congratulations Naren on your appointment as Superintendent! We are sure with your golfing knowledge, you will be an asset to the club. Unfortunately, you have taken over at a difficult time, but we are sure you, and the other Ground Staff together with the Committee's backing and in particular the Grounds Committee you will have the Course in top shape, as weather permits.

Congratulations to the Medal of Medal winners in each grade. Well Done!

Well done to the Women who once again held their Open Day, which as usual was a great success.


The Echunga Autumn Classic is on this Sunday and good luck to all who have entered.

Captain Wayne Lobban has put together the new program with several new competitions throughout the year. It is on the web site for all to see.

Membership renewals will be out soon and good golfing for the new season, starting in April.

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

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Up and coming events . . .

March

| | | |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| Wednesday | 12 th | Women – Stableford 3BBB |
| Thursday | 13 th | Thursday Comp – Stableford |
| Saturday | 15 th | Stableford – Rnd 2 Autumn Cup Rnd 10 "THE ECHUNGA" |
| Wednesday | 19 th | Women – stroke Laurel Wreath |
| Thursday | 20 th | Thursday Comp – Stableford |
| Wednesday | 19 th | Women – stroke Laurel Wreath |
| Thursday | 20 th | Thursday Comp – Stableford |
| Saturday | 22 nd | Stableford |
| Wednesday | 26 th | Women – Canadian Foursomes |
| Thursday | 27 th | Shotgun Start 9 holes, Presentation Day & Lunch |
| Saturday | 29 th | Thursday Comp – Stroke Stableford |

April

| | | |
|-----------|------------------|--|
| Wednesday | 2 nd | Women – 1 st Rnd Stroke, 1 st Rnd International Bowl, 1 st Rnd Putting or Stableford |
| Thursday | 3 rd | Thursday Comp – Stableford |
| Saturday | 5 th | Ambrose – Opening Day 8.30am Start |
| Sunday | 6 th | Echunga Golf Club Women's Open Day |
| Wednesday | 9 th | Women – - 1st Rnd Club Championship Qualifying , 2 nd Rnd International Bowl, 1 st Rnd Vets Trophy or Stableford |
| Thursday | 10 th | Thursday Comp – Stableford |
| Saturday | 12 th | Stroke - Monthly Medal, Putting, Eclectic. |
| Wednesday | 16 th | Women – Stableford - 1st Round Leonore Steer Trophy |
| Thursday | 17 th | Thursday Comp – Stableford |
| Friday | 18 th | Good Friday |
| Saturday | 19 th | Par |
| Monday | 21 st | Easter Monday |
| Wednesday | 23 rd | Women - 2 nd Rnd Club Championship Qualifying |
| Thursday | 24 th | 1 st Rnd Monthly Medal. 2 nd Rnd Stroke |
| Friday | 25 th | Thursday Comp – Multi Tee Stroke |
| Saturday | 26 th | Anzac Day |
| Wednesday | 30 th | Stableford Rnd 1 "THE ECHUNGA" |
| | | Women - Stableford – 1 st Rnd Minnie Semmelmann Trophy |

May

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------|--|
| Thursday | 1 st | Thursday Comp – Stableford |
| Saturday | 3 rd | Stroke - Club Championships Qualifying Rnd 1 |
| Wednesday | 7 th | Women- 3 rd Rnd Club Championship Qualifying, 3 rd Rnd International Bowl, 2 nd Rnd Vet's |

Competition Results

Thursday 6th February

Stableford **Field Size 69 Players**

| Division 1 | | Division 2 | |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| H Griffin | 37 | I Oswald | 38 |
| B Guy | 37 | S Ellis | 35 |
| A Amberg | 36 | K Wiese | 35 |
| D Adey | 36 | J Goff | 34 |
| A Bailey | 35 | R McLaughlin | 34 |
| F Williams | 35 | S Whittam | 34 |

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|----------------------------|----------|
| NTP 2nd | M Morton |
| NTP 18th | C Nailer |

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|------------|--------|----|
| POG | D Adey | 20 |
|------------|--------|----|

Saturday 8th February

Stableford **Field Size 128 Players**

Summer Cup Winner **C Fort** **111**

| A Grade | | B Grade | |
|----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| A Mauviel | 39 | C Fort | 38 |
| M Hopkins | 39 | B Morgan | 36 |
| R Hill | 37 | M Doughty | 36 |
| S Foster | 35 | C McLatchie | 35 |
| B Guy | 35 | R D' Alessandro | 35 |
| N Hall | 34 | R Dyer | 34 |

| C Grade | | D Grade | |
|----------------|----|----------------|----|
| R Hughes | 39 | H Burt | 41 |
| N Smith | 37 | R Yeates | 40 |
| G Milne | 37 | R Easling | 40 |
| S Crump | 36 | B Wallace | 38 |
| F Williams | 36 | S Whittam | 38 |
| P Inglis | 35 | BJ Jensen | 37 |

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| NTP 2nd | S Crump |
| NTP 7th | P Downs |
| NTP 17th | D Stevenson |
| NTP 18th | C McLatchie |

NTP in 2 (10th) \$20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher

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|------------|----------|
| A-B | S Foster |
| C-D | E March |

Thursday 13th February

Stableford **Field Size 66 Players**

| Division 1 | | Division 2 | |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| M Haslett | 37 | M Holton | 41 |
| M Lane | 36 | J Martens | 40 |
| R Hughes | 35 | P Piper | 40 |
| B Rogers | 35 | J McCarthy | 37 |
| B Guy | 35 | J Humphris | 37 |
| H Hodgkison | 35 | R McLaughlin | 36 |

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| NTP 2nd | D McGlashan |
| NTP 18th | J Dray |

| | | |
|------------|-----------|----|
| POG | M Haslett | 23 |
|------------|-----------|----|

Saturday 15th February

Stableford **Field Size 118 Players**

| A Grade | | B Grade | |
|----------------|----|----------------|----|
| B Lenger | 37 | B Rogers | 40 |
| H Hodgkison | 37 | N Gould | 38 |
| J King | 36 | S Handke | 36 |
| P Buying | 36 | T Steer | 34 |
| D McGlashan | 36 | R Paech | 33 |
| Jase Hyland | 35 | | |

| C Grade | | D Grade | |
|----------------|----|----------------|----|
| R Eibisch | 44 | K Butler | 42 |
| N Fenwick | 42 | B Fox | 40 |
| Jack Hyland | 40 | S Rowell | 39 |
| A Amberg | 38 | B Menzies | 39 |
| A Curtis | 37 | BJ Jensen | 38 |
| P Hay | 36 | R McLauchlan | 37 |

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| NTP 2nd | B Summers |
| NTP 7th | P Allen |
| NTP 17th | K McLennan |
| NTP 18th | R Dyer |

NTP in 2 (10th) \$20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| A-B | J James |
| C-D | S Carroll |



Thursday 20th February

Stableford **Field Size 59 Players**

Division 1

| | |
|-------------|----|
| T Trevorrow | 39 |
| C McLatchie | 38 |
| B Guy | 37 |
| B Rogers | 37 |
| D McGlashan | 36 |
| Tim Jenkin | 35 |

Division 2

| | |
|-----------|----|
| S Ellis | 39 |
| J Tuck | 39 |
| J Hague | 36 |
| S Grivell | 34 |
| R Easling | 34 |
| S Rowell | 36 |

NTP 2nd

D McGlashan

NTP 18th

C McLatchie

POG

S Ellis 22

Saturday 22nd February

Stableford **Field Size 108 Players**

A Grade

| | |
|-------------|----|
| R Jones | 39 |
| D Parrott | 38 |
| Jase Hyland | 37 |
| N Hall | 36 |
| I Bonython | 36 |
| S Foster | 35 |

B Grade

| | |
|-----------|----|
| R Paech | 42 |
| B Morgan | 40 |
| N Gould | 40 |
| D Wilson | 39 |
| M Doughty | 38 |
| B Rogers | 36 |

C Grade

| | |
|-------------|----|
| A Head | 37 |
| D Doorne | 37 |
| J Janson | 37 |
| F Williams | 36 |
| B Kidd | 35 |
| Jack Hyland | 34 |

D Grade

| | |
|-----------|----|
| B Sparrow | 39 |
| M Stevens | 39 |
| S Whittam | 38 |
| B Menzies | 37 |
| M Morton | 37 |
| C Young | 37 |

NTP 2nd

T Perkins

NTP 7th

A Curtis

NTP 17th

M O'Malley

NTP 18th

B Guy

NTP in 2 (10th) \$20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher

A-B

H Griffin

C-D

A Pouw-Bray



Thursday 27th February

Stableford **Field Size 73 Players**

Division 1

| | |
|--------------|----|
| P Edwards | 39 |
| R Eibisch | 39 |
| L Jackson | 38 |
| D McGlashan | 37 |
| J O'Loughlin | 37 |
| M Haslett | 36 |

Division 2

| | |
|------------|----|
| M Dembski | 42 |
| M Holton | 40 |
| M Morton | 38 |
| B Sparrow | 36 |
| A Horsfall | 35 |
| N Franzway | 35 |

NTP 2nd

T Cook

NTP 18th

T Jenkins

POG

T Cook 21

Saturday 1st March

Stroke **Field Size 129 Players**

A Grade

| | |
|-------------|----|
| D Alderson | 68 |
| S Kinnane | 69 |
| R Jones | 69 |
| Z Bozic | 69 |
| N Hall | 70 |
| H Hodgkison | 70 |

B Grade

| | |
|------------|----|
| C Fort | 67 |
| K Hampton | 68 |
| M Lane | 70 |
| N Gould | 71 |
| M O'Malley | 71 |
| J Pearce | 71 |

C Grade

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Jack Hyland | 64 |
| P Anderson | 65 |
| J Hodgson | 67 |
| A Amberg | 68 |
| A Pietsch | 68 |
| D Beames | 68 |

D Grade

| | |
|--------------|----|
| V Teague | 63 |
| B Sparrow | 65 |
| R McLauchlan | 68 |
| T Steel | 70 |
| M Bills | 70 |
| I Oswald | 71 |

NTP 2nd

S Bilandzic

NTP 7th

R Hughes

NTP 17th

J Harrison

NTP 18th

J Kerr

NTP in 2 (10th) \$20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher

A-B

S Kinnane

C-D

K O'Malley

Monthly Medals

| | | |
|----------------|------------|----|
| A Grade | B Guy | 71 |
| B Grade | C Fort | 81 |
| C Grade | P Anderson | 83 |
| D Grade | V Teague | 89 |

Putting Comp

| | | |
|----------------|------------|----|
| A Grade | S Foster | 26 |
| B Grade | S Wilson | 26 |
| C Grade | N Smith | 25 |
| D Grade | J Michalik | 28 |

Twilight Comp
Every Wednesday from 4 pm we will play 9 hole Stableford.
\$10 to play which includes a beverage, \$2 extra for RTD.
Scores over the month will determine winners.

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsor's vouchers)

Hole in ONE on any Par 3 - \$100

From Adelaide Masonry sponsors of 2nd Hole

10th Hole - Nearest the Pin in Two

\$20.00 Meal Voucher Balhannah Hotel

Recent Achievements

MONTHLY MEDALS

March

| | | |
|----------------|------------|----|
| A Grade | B Guy | 71 |
| B Grade | C Fort | 81 |
| C Grade | P Anderson | 83 |
| D Grade | V Teague | 89 |



Medal of Medals

2024 - 2025 Qualifiers

| Month | A Grade | |
|--------------|----------------|----|
| April | B Guy | 66 |
| May | B Guy | 69 |
| June | B Guy | 69 |
| July | J King | 73 |
| August | H Griffin | 75 |
| September | Jase Hyland | 76 |
| October | D McGlashan | 72 |
| November | B Guy | 68 |
| December | R Jones | 73 |
| January | H Griffin | 72 |
| February | J King | 72 |

| Month | B Grade | |
|--------------|----------------|----|
| April | R D'Alessandro | 80 |
| May | N Gould | 83 |
| June | M Roberts | 81 |
| July | T Steer | 82 |
| August | M Taylor | 83 |
| September | R Dyer | 85 |
| October | H Hodgkison | 83 |
| November | B Lenger | 77 |
| December | J Roberts | 80 |
| January | C McLatchie | 82 |
| February | J Whitford | 81 |

| Month | C Grade | |
|--------------|----------------|----|
| April | R Hayden | 90 |
| May | D Holtham | 85 |
| June | A Amberg | 91 |
| July | P Allen | 92 |
| August | N Smith | 88 |
| September | S Allanson | 87 |
| October | T Guy | 84 |
| November | S Littlewood | 86 |
| December | G Day | 86 |
| January | R Grinter | 84 |
| February | D Wilson | 85 |

| Month | D Grade | |
|--------------|----------------|----|
| April | B Fox | 92 |
| May | N Kim | 93 |
| June | D Parks | 93 |
| July | D Parks | 92 |
| August | R Oxenham | 92 |
| September | B Wallace | 98 |
| October | S McGlashan | 92 |
| November | R Oxenham | 88 |
| December | B Wallace | 93 |
| January | C Young | 92 |
| February | Jack Hyland | 88 |

Congratulation to The Winners

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----|
| A Grade | Bill Guy | 71 |
| B Grade | Hodgy Hodgkison | 81 |
| C Grade | Andy Amberg | 87 |
| D Grade | Jack Hyland | 84 |



Eagle

On the par 4, 10th hole on Saturday, 8th February. Congratulations and Well Done!



Sam Foster

Eagle

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



Patrick Buying

Eagle

On the par 5, 14th hole on Saturday, 15th February. Congratulations and Well Done!



Tim Jenkin

Around the Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a big summer on many fronts. The Grounds team continues to be busy keeping water up to the Course. Initially, due to failed irrigation infrastructure, then followed by lack of water from the bores, coinciding with the Farm dam reaching minimum capacity. More recently the pumps on the dam behind the 4th green failed. Most of the infrastructure issues have been addressed and additional controls put in place to reduce future occurrences.

Bore water draw management has been introduced to maintain water quality and reliability, supported by the increased use of the reclaimed water and wetting agents.

The Grounds Team with support from the Grounds Committee have implemented these initiatives and are exploring others to improve our water security over the short to medium term.

Naren and his team have done an excellent job in keeping the greens in good condition but unfortunately, we may see some further deterioration of the fairways until we receive decent rain. The Grounds Committee will keep you all updated.

On another note, the Committee is happy to say that Naren was offered and has accepted the role of Course Superintendent, so please give Naren and his team your support, especially until we see that rain.

Over the summer holiday period we have seen a huge influx of green fee players attend the course.

The green fee players help offset our operational cost not only through the fees (green and carts), but also through what they spend in the clubhouse.

In addition, their positive impression of the course and at the Clubhouse, is critical for our new membership pipeline.

I have been given positive feedback on several occasions from green fee players on how they have been welcomed at the Clubhouse, so a big thank you to Ben and his team.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello Members

With the 2025 -2026 program about to commence I thought I would go through some key events on this program. (The program is on the website)

Firstly, because of Easter and Anzac Day being at the end of April the Club Championships will be run over the month of May, where we have clean air and no public holidays.

We will have the first round of "The Echunga" in April and this event will be an 8 round format.

June will have Legacy Day round where our top 2 scorers will represent the club at Glenelg Golf

Club later in the year and we will also have the 2nd round of “The Echunga”.

July we will have the Vice Captains Trophy up for grabs.

August will be the Vice President’s Trophy, Pink Shirt Day and round 3 of “The Echunga”.

September will host the 2 rounds of the Spring Cup, then in October we have got Matchplay going for 3 weeks and we also have the Captains Trophy up for grabs, which will be a stroke round linking in with monthly medal.

November will be a busy month because we have a Matchplay format starting for the Thursday competition where our top 16 scores will qualify for this format, the final of Matchplay in Saturday’s competition and the Les Couch Trophy.

Mixed Foursomes is on the Sunday November 2nd.

December we will have Ham and Turkey on the 13th and the Doug MacKenzie Trophy on Sat 27th, which will also be the 1st round of the Summer Cup.

The Thursday competition will also have their matchplay games during the month (more info to follow)

January 2026 sees Foursome’s rounds happening, 2 rounds of the Summer Cup and our Thursday comp would have played their semi finals in matchplay.

February will see the 8th and final round of “The Echunga”.

Autumn Classic will be Sunday 1st March and during the month there will be 2 rounds of the Autumn Cup, a Par round for the President’s Trophy, to close out the year.

Wayne Lobban
Captain

Junior Coaching Clinics

Esther O’Young has recommenced the Junior Coaching Clinics.

BUT SHE URGENTLY NEEDS HELP!

If you are able to offer some time to help Esther she would be very much appreciative.

Contact her on 0424 478 960 for more details

VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

Watering of the garden beds and recently planted natives continues, as a priority, due to the dry conditions.

Thanks to those who have been doing so.

Fallen branches, their cutting up and removal continues, as trees respond to the drought.

Some hedge pruning and edging, grass cutting and tee block trimming has been done as well as the path rail edges to the 10th tee block re-set.

Thanks Al. Some orange distance markers have been placed deeper into the ground as for some unknown reason, they continue to fall over. Current priority is to finish mulching dirt areas on the back nine.

The Crew

Updating your details *Have you changed your address or email address recently?*

As we will soon be sending out the Membership Renewals, we need to have your up to date details.

If you have changed your address, telephone number or email address recently, please enter the new details on the sheet on the Notice Board.

These details could also be sent to us by email, info@echungagolf.com.au

Management Committee

From the Committee **Evacuation assembly areas**

The Management Committee wish to advise all members and persons using the Echunga Golf Clubrooms that in an emergency situation when an evacuation of the clubrooms is required there are TWO designated areas to assemble in.

They are;

1. Adjacent to the Practise Nets on the Northern side of the Clubrooms.
2. In the Southern car park near the entrance from Dolman Road.

Women's Report

Wednesday 5th February
Stableford

Captain's Team versus Vice Captain's Team

Captain's Team **260**

- P Gray (Captain)
- R Eibisch
- K Clarke
- M Holton
- S Moritz
- L Pride
- S Cain
- S Telfer

Vice Captain's Team **230**

Individual Stableford

- R Eibisch 35
- P Gray 35
- *****

Wednesday 19th February
Stableford

- S Cain 40
- P Umlauf 37
- B Cain 37
- *****

Wednesday 26th February
Stableford

- K Clarke 39
- M Rigby 38
- M Holton 36
- E Handsaker 35
- *****

Echunga Golf Club Women's Open Day 2025

If it's the last Monday in February, then you can bet the Echunga Golf Course is full of women from all over South Australia, enjoying the facilities, having a laugh and seriously competing for the outstanding prizes on offer.

The field, this year, comprised 78 players from 14 clubs.

Women started gathering at the clubrooms early morning to collect their cards, check tee allocations and enjoy a morning tea complete with delicious home-made biscuits.

A shotgun start saw crowds heading in all directions to commence their game of Canadian Foursomes.

In this format, both players tee off, then select the ball they want to continue with, hitting alternately until holed out. You often get to experience parts of the course you've never seen before, courtesy of your playing partner, who instead of "sorry" says "not my problem"!

Once play had finished, a lunch of chicken, and salad was served, while the scores were entered and collated.

The door prize, kindly donated by longstanding Echunga Member, Leonore Steer (a non-playing Life Member, now aged 98), was drawn. It was presented to Kathy Clarke of Echunga, by Leonore, who attended the day, pitching in to sell raffle tickets and enjoying the atmosphere.



The raffle draw, with prizes donated by members and sponsors, and featuring a beautiful, luxurious gift basket donated by Carlsa Carter, was next on the agenda.

The silent auction, for a night's accommodation for 4 people at the Swan Reach Hotel, was won by a delighted Jenny Drury from Strathalbyn. Dessert was served, closely followed by the presentation of competition prizes.

We owe many thanks to our generous sponsors, Bickfords Group, On Course Mount Osmond and

Volvik for their donations which we packaged up, allowing an extensive prize list.

The Best Gross was won by Lesley Montford and Deb Reichelt from Tanunda Pines, with a score of 93, Gross Runners Up were Kathy Clarke and Libby Pride from Echunga with 94.



Pam Gray & Elizabeth Handsaker Present Deb Reichelt & Lesley Montford with their Prizes



Pam Gray & Elizabeth Handsaker Present Kathy Clarke & Libby Pride with their prizes

Best Nett winners were Amanda Smith and Lina Carlson from Oakbank, with a score of 60.5 then 2nd Nett was awarded to Judith Hill from The Vines of Reynella, who partnered with Ann Semple from Strathalbyn, scoring 65.



Pam Gray & Elizabeth Handsaker Present Amanda Smith and Lina Carlson with their prizes



Pam Gray & Elizabeth Handsaker Present Judith Hill & Ann Semple with their Prizes

Prizes were awarded to pairs down to 8th nett position and also to Nearest the Pins and Accurate Drives over 3 grades.



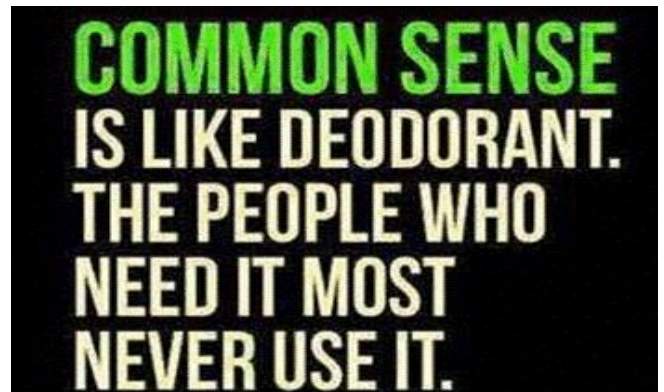
Prize Table



Raffle Table

A ball run down finished the awards, being presented to pairs scoring from 9th nett to 20th nett. A happy group of women, laden with goodies, headed home from another successful Open Day.

***Pam Gray
Echunga Golf Club Women's Captain***



Waste not Want not

On Saturday 8th February a certain member shanked his second shot on the 11th hole and it went into the tree behind the 13th green.

The ball dropped out of the tree, but also a Wood duck hit the ground.

One of his playing group raced over to check on the Duck and whilst it was still warm it was in fact dead.

He then placed it into his bag and asked did anyone have a knife.

Play continued till the round was finished whereby obtaining a knife he gutted the said Duck to be taken home and dressed for Saturday night's dinner.

I believe his wife wasn't too sure about the meal!

Golf Trivia

In the 1993 Masters, Bernhard Langer won the championship, but what was so unique about his win?

Last Month

What was the first Major that Ben Hogan won during his career?

**Answer; The PGA Championship
Congratulations Patrick Buying**



Flashback!

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

From the past

30 Years ago

SOUTHERN GOLF GROUP

FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Club entered 11 pairs in this Championship held at South Lakes on Sunday 12th February.

Best results came from Gus Cooper & Peter Wass who were runners up in the Handicap section with a net 69..

The pair of Tony Guy & Mike (Who is he?) Jenkins would have won a ball, but neither of them signed the card. Captain David Smart & Vice-Captain Keith Bywaters combined together to have the record score for any one hole.....13 shots.

From the March 1995 Putter

25 Years ago

Bank SA Echunga Autumn Classic Results

Gross Winners

| | | |
|---------|-----------|----|
| A Grade | C Baker | 76 |
| B Grade | R Manning | 83 |
| C Grade | P Munn | 89 |
| Ladies | V Gordon | 90 |

Gross R/up

| | | |
|---------|-------------|----|
| A Grade | M Raven | 77 |
| B Grade | D Mitchell | 85 |
| C Grade | A Pouw-Bray | 90 |
| Ladies | V Nairn | 96 |

Net Winners

| | | |
|---------|--------------|----|
| A Grade | R Putland | 68 |
| B Grade | D Varney | 68 |
| C Grade | T O'Loughlin | 66 |
| Ladies | G Lang | 68 |

From the March 2000 Putter

20 Years ago

A little "Birdie" has informed me that Ron Materne actually refrained from launching his new driver into orbit when it did not perform to his liking. He was heard to mutter something along the

lines of ... "This bloody thing cost too much to throw! ... hand me my old club SOMEONE!"

From the March 2005 Putter

15 Years ago

Hole in One

Congratulations to Brian Wallace on his Hole-in-One on the 2nd Hole on February 20th

A New Course Record!!!!!!

Matt Hickman has set a new course record during his round at this year's Autumn Classic. Matt's score for the day was two under par 68 which saw him easily win his fourth Autumn Classic title. Matt was even with the card on the front nine and came home with three birdies and a bogey on the back nine. Even though the par for our course has not changed this is deemed to be a new course record because of the changes we have made to the 13th hole.

From the March 2010 Putter

10 Years ago

Autumn Classic Results

1st March 2015

A Grade Gross Winner

A Evans 74

Runner up

D McKechnie (Willunga) 75

A Grade Net

1st D Parrott 67 2nd S Kinnane 68

3rd M Hickman 69 4th C Eichler 71

5th I Bonython 71 6th G Nicholls 72

7th P Coldrey 72

B Grade Net

1st J Blewit 70 2nd A Beltchev 71

3rd L Blewit 72 4th K Fairchild 73

5th P Craven 73 6th J Morro 73

7th J Roberts 73

C Grade Net Stableford

1st B Crowley 38 2nd B Walter 38

3rd R Grinter 34 4th G Beltchev 34

5th A Kaesler 34 6th K Gerke 33

7th J Mason 33

Women Stableford

1st E Burt 35 2nd J Petherick 32

3rd C Stobo-Wilson 30

From the March 2015 Putter

5 Years ago

Keith Healey

It is with much sadness that we wish to advise members of the passing of Keith Healey.

Keith aged 82 years, was a member of Echunga for many years.

Keith had also served on the committee of the South Australian Veterans Golf Association for many years and for his contribution of this Association, had been awarded Life Membership.

From the March 2020 Putter

This Month's Teaser

Some try to hide, some try to cheat,
but time will show, we always will meet.
Try as you might, to guess my name,
I promise you'll know, when you do claim.
Who am I?

Answer next month

Last Month's Teaser

Until I am measured, I am not known.
Yet you miss me, when I have flown.
What am I?

Answer; Time

Irish Humor

Mick walks into Paddy's barn and catches him dancing naked in front of a tractor.


Mick says, "Oi Paddy, what ya doing?"

Paddy says, "Well me and Mary haven't been getting on in the bedroom lately & the therapist recommended I do something sexy to a tractor."

Club Sponsors and Tee Block Advertisers

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**All Green Fees will be at ½ the standard
Green Fees at each 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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Out of the Past...

*Part 2 of the History of the Club
reproduced from the story on the wall.*

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 3 next putter.....

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My trip to the grocery store:

There was a bit of confusion at the store this morning.

When I was ready to pay for my groceries, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to my local member about Security running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking had finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my credit card.

I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

It's not my fault - they need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer!

Alternate Shot

A golfer playing in a two-man alternate shot tournament drove his tee shot to the edge of the green on a par-3 hole.

His partner, playing the second shot, managed to chip it over the green into a bunker. Undaunted, the first golfer recovers with a fine shot to within one foot of the hole.

The second golfer nervously putts, and sends the ball one foot past the hole, leaving the first golfer to sink the putt.

"Do you realize that we took five strokes on an easy par-3?" says the first golfer.

"Yes, and don't forget who took three of them!" answered his partner!

**Remember: when
something goes wrong
in the circus, they send
in the clowns to
distract the audience.
Well, something has
gone very wrong with
this circus, and the
clowns are
everywhere.**

March Birthdays

| | | | |
|------------------|---------|-----------|----|
| 2 nd | Ross | Handsaker | |
| 4 th | Jase | Hyland | |
| 5 th | Alan | Bailey | |
| 6 th | David | Parks | |
| 8 th | Paul | Harris | |
| 10 th | Sam | Foster | 35 |
| 11 th | BJ | Jensen | |
| | Bryan | Harris | 60 |
| | James | Roberts | |
| 12 th | Wal | Melhuish | |
| 13 th | Darren | McGlashan | |
| 14 th | Barry | Hicks | |
| 17 th | Theo | Perkins | |
| | Steve | Crump | 60 |
| | Joe | Hodgson | |
| 20 th | Tim | Jenkin | 35 |
| 21 st | Pam | McEvoy | |
| | Sue | Russo | |
| | Ben | Irving | |
| 22 nd | Dianne | Hill | |
| | David | Doorne | |
| 23 rd | Susan | Telfer | |
| | John | Gitsham | |
| | Richard | Mills | |
| | Samuel | Bacskai | |
| 24 th | Vicki | Nielson | |
| 25 th | Elliot | Willgoose | |
| 27 th | Peter | Beasley | |
| | Paul | Head | |
| 30 th | Les | Cooper | |
| 31 st | Bernie | Fox | |



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