



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Well done to the Ground staff in getting the pumps back into operation which has seen a great improvement to the course already.

Together with the 11 mm of rain recently this has certainly helped but there are still areas of the course that have suffered badly and will take time to recover.

Congratulations to Darren McGlashan on winning the Autumn Classic Well done!

Well done also to all who played especially the prize winners in each grade,

Membership renewals are now due so early payment allows you to keep playing.

Opening Day this week with an Ambrose Comp and the annual presentation of trophies to follow.

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

FIFTH GREEN WORK

We are all aware of the problems we have had with water supply for course irrigation. Although our efforts have "saved" the course and kept us playing it has caused some issues. This is no more evident than on the 5th green where poor drainage (a long-term issue) and water quality have led to a deterioration of sections of the surface.

We have developed a plan which will improve the drainage of excess water from the surface, improve the efficiency of the irrigation, increase the green area of the upper tier and repair the damaged turf.

To facilitate this plan there will be a period where only the lower section of the green will be in play and there will be a large GUR area on the upper level, with two drop zones. Replacement turf will come from our turf nursery, so the new surface will establish quite quickly.

Work will start immediately.

We trust that you accept that this is essential work and that our short-term pain, will definitely lead to long term gain.

Grounds Committee

Up and coming events . . .

April

Wednesday	9 th	Women - - 1 st 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 1 st Rnd Monthly Medal. 2 nd Rnd Stroke or Stableford
Thursday	24 th	Thursday Comp - Multi Tee Stroke
Friday	25 th	Anzac Day
Saturday	26 th	Stableford Rnd 1 "THE ECHUN
Wednesday	30 th	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, 3rd Round International Bowl, 2 nd Rnd Vets
Thursday	8 th	Thursday Comp - Stableford
Saturday	10 th	Stroke - Club Championships Qualifying Rnd 2
Wednesday	14 th	Women - Shylie Rymill Handicap Foursomes
Thursday	15 th	Thursday Comp - Stableford
Saturday	17 th	Stableford - Quarter Finals Club Championships
Wednesday	21 st	Women - Club Championship Semi Final or Stableford or Laurel Wreath
Thursday	22 nd	Thursday Comp - Stableford
Saturday	24 th	Stableford - Semi Finals Club Championships
Wednesday	28 th	Women - Club Championship Final A 27 holes, B 18 holes (Stableford - 9 or 18 holes) Lunch
Thursday	29 th	Thursday Comp - Stableford
Saturday	31 st	Par - Final Club Championships

June

Wednesday	4 th	Women- Stableford- 2 nd Rnd Leonore Steer Trophy
Thursday	5 th	Thursday Comp - Stableford

Competition Results

Thursday 6th March

Stableford **Field Size 68 Players**

Division 1		Division 2	
P Anderson	41	R McLaughlin	38
N Hall	39	T Cook	36
A Pietsch	39	M Morton	34
D Parrott	37	R Yeates	34
R Hughes	37	R Fine	34
M Lane	37	K Wiese	34

NTP 2nd	B Guy
NTP 18th	R Fine

POG	R McLauchlan	24
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Saturday 8th March

Stableford **Field Size 120 Players**

A Grade		B Grade	
I Bonython	39	M Henderson	37
T Spry	37	N Gould	37
T Trevorrow	35	C Golding	35
R Jones	35	J Roberts	33
Z Bozic	34	R Paech	33
Z Bilandzic	33	B Rogers	32

C Grade		D Grade	
J Reuter	35	A Pouw-Bray	37
P Allen	34	M Stevens	36
J Stenklev	34	C Hasson	35
C Stevens	31	S Rowell	35
F Williams	30	S Whittam	34
		E March	32

NTP 2nd	J Reuter
NTP 7th	C Golding
NTP 17th	B Rogers
NTP 18th	B Morgan

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

A-B	S Thomson
C-D	N Litchfield



Thursday 13th March

Stableford **Field Size 63 Players**

Division 1		Division 2	
P Anderson	40	J Humphris	34
D Parrott	36	I Tremain	33
M Roberts	34	R Hayden	33
H Hodgkison	34	S Grivell	33
M Haslett	33	S Ellis	33
C Stevens	33	K Wiese	32

NTP 2nd	A Amberg
NTP 18th	S Foster

POG	P Anderson	19
	M Roberts	19

Saturday 15th March

Stableford **Field Size 95 Players**

A Grade		B Grade	
J Wood	36	M Taylor	35
B Guy	36	A James	35
D McGlashan	33	J Blucher	35
Tim Jenkin	33	E O'Young	34
J King	33	A Pietsch	34
D Parrott	33	P Head	33

C Grade		D Grade	
Jack Hyland	39	Alex Pouw-Bray	33
P Scott	35	Ant Pouw-Bray	33
F Williams	34	C Grant	33
R Conner	34	S Grivell	32
K Truran	33	T Nicholls	32
G Milne	32		

NTP 2nd	J Roberts
NTP 7th	J Goff
NTP 17th	S Bilandzic
NTP 18th	S Foster

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

A-B	H Griffin
C-D	M Stevens



Thursday 20th March

Stableford **Field Size 45 Players**

Division 1		Division 2	
K Hampton	35	R Fine	34
B Guy	34	J Goff	33
R Jones	33	G Milne	32
H Hodgkison	31	R Yeates	32
B Morgan	30	G Pohl	31
M Roberts	30	B Sparrow	31

NTP 2nd	R Yeates
NTP 18th	T Cook

POG T Cook 21

Saturday 22nd March

Stableford **Field Size 114 Players**

A Grade		B Grade	
T Hodgson	41	R Paech	37
H Hodgkison	37	P Craven	37
D Parrott	36	T Guy	36
D Stevenson	35	L Jackson	36
D McGlashan	35	M Doughty	36
Jase Hyland	34	B Rogers	34

C Grade		D Grade	
P Downs	38	T Steel	36
V Teague	37	I Oswald	31
D Parks	36	B Menzies	31
R Oxenham	34	M Bills	31
J Reuter	33	T Nicholls	31
T Woods	33		

NTP 2nd	S Foster
NTP 7th	M Taylor
NTP 17th	D McGlashan
NTP 18th	P Head

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

A-B	N Hall
C-D	R Oxenham

Thursday 27th March

Stroke **Field Size 59 Players**

Division 1		Division 2	
R Huisman	65	R Yeates	67
R Jones	68	J Dray	69
M Lane	68	J Hague	72
N Hall	69	J Humphris	73
A Bailey	70	G Milne	75
T Trevorrow	71		

NTP 2nd	T Trevorrow
NTP 18th	D McGlashan

POG R Yeates 30.5

Saturday 29th March

Stableford **Field Size 121 Players**

A Grade		B Grade	
H Griffin	40	J Kerr	43
S Foster	38	R Paech	39
B Guy	37	J James	37
M Haslett	36	M Roberts	36
Z Bilandzic	36	A Conley	36
C Smith	35	M Voigt	34

C Grade		D Grade	
R Mills	43	J Goff	36
T Woods	40	I Tremain	33
N Harrison	38	S Grivell	33
N Litchfield	38	S Rowell	33
C Young	37	G Hart	32
S McGlashan	37		

NTP 2nd	D Lockwood
NTP 7th	K O'Malley
NTP 17th	A Curtis
NTP 18th	R Mills

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

A-B	A Sliuzas
C-D	K Truran



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Nearest the Pin:

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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

Eagle

On the par 4, 15th hole on Saturday, 1st March.

Congratulations and Well Done!



Jayden McGlashan

Eagle

On the par 4, 10th hole on Saturday, 15th March.

Congratulations and Well Done!

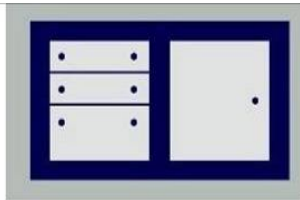


Hugh Griffin

NEW SPONSOR

Welcome to Tony Spry

A long term member who has joined our growing list of sponsors.



Autumn Classic Results

9th March 2025

Open results

1 st	D McGlashan	77
2 nd	Tony Trevorror	78

A Grade

Net Stroke

1 st	D Adey	67
2 nd	A Mauviel	72
3 rd	C Smith	73
4 th	H Hodgkison	73
5 th	S Bilandzic	74
6 th	I Bonython	74
7 th	A Conley	74

B Grade

Net Stroke

1 st	J Roberts	70
2 nd	R Hughes	71
3 rd	N Fenwick	71
4 th	M Harris	72
5 th	M O'Malley	73
6 th	M Henderson	75
7 th	A Sliuzas	75

C Grade

Stableford

1 st	P Lennon	33
2 nd	I Ogier	32
3 rd	T Klaveniek	32
4 th	R Easling	31
5 th	M Johnson	30
6 th	N Litchfield	30
7 th	N Franzway	28

Women

Stableford

1 st	J Davies	35
2 nd	P Gray	34
3 rd	A Graham	32

Accurate Drive

A Grade

A Conley

B Grade

R Grinter

C Grade

T Klaveniek

Women

S Pearce

Long Drive

Men

S Foster

Women

A Lawson

Men NTP

2nd

C Leek

7th

H Hodgkison

17th

H Griffin

18th

R Heslop

NTP in 2

3rd

D Adey

11th

T Trevorror

Women NTP

2nd

R Eibisch

18th

J Davies

Putting

Z Bilandzic

Around the Club

IMPORTANT MEMBER NOTIFICATION

We need to inform you, our members, of important changes to the Player's Personal Liability Insurance Policy offered by Golf Australia.

The following changes to the policy terms, will take effect immediately.

Exclusions: Specific exclusions have been added for any claim, loss, damage, liability or costs and expenses incurred directly or indirectly in connection with third party property damage to:

- Golf carts; and
- Personal electronic devices include phone, iPad, watch, rangefinder or anything similar.

Excess: There are now three categories of insurance claim:

1. Personal injury claims – NO excess will be payable
2. Property damage where golfer is found to have followed all expected duty of care, local rules and the Rules of Golf – NO excess payable
3. Property damage where golfer is found to have acted in a negligent manner and caused damage to a third-party property - \$1,000 excess is payable.

EGC Committee

RULE CHANGES

At the beginning of the year, we informed you about a rule change regarding the use of self-standing putters.

This came into force on January 1, 2025.

Now that the golf season is just around the corner, we would like to remind you again.

You can find more information in our two posters:

SEE OUR NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE INFORMATION

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Echunga Classic 2025

The 2025 Echunga Classic was played on a rather warm morning this year with 92 players of which 34 were visitors.

The course was playing quite tricky and full marks to Naren and his team for giving us a great challenge.

Darren McGlashan took out the classic with a 77 off the stick for a net 73, runner up off the stick was Tony Trevorror a shot back.

18 Women competed in this year's event and winning the day was Janice Davies with 35 points and our own Pam Gray was runner up with 34 points.

In the Men's C Grade the winner only had 33 points but well done to Paul Lennon for winning by 1 point.

B Grade winner was James Roberts who netted a 70 to beat Rob Hughes and Nick Fenwick by a shot.

A Grade net winner was Dale Adey from Blackwood who carded a 67 to beat Ashley Mauviel by 5 shots.

Taking nothing away from Darren's win in what was a challenging course, there was an 8 shot gap from last year's winner to this year.

Thank you to all the members who played and I hope you had a good day for this event.

Wayne Lobban
Captain

VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

Watering of the garden beds and new native plants on the course continues due to the dry weather.

Mulching laid before the 2nd tee block, tee block trimming and around sponsors' signs and short course markers, with leaf removal from practise nets and buggy wash area.

More fallen tree branches cut up and removed, [when will it end?] with some pruning of garden beds and removal of dead plants.

Replacement plants will be put in when we get some rain.

We will be working on cleaning up the area between the 14th and 16th fairways so that the mowers can do their job, so if you would like to join us and enjoy good company and a free lunch and a drink, no equipment needed, then meet us any Tuesday, 9am at the clubhouse.


The volunteer work crew, sitting on the new seat at the 4th Tee Block.

Great views!!



Taking a break!

The Crew



Heritage restoration
Stone construction
Brick work
Rendering
Retaining walls

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\$100 for a hole in one

New Members

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

Zak Kranixfeld	6 Day Standard
Will Ryan	7 Day Standard
Dean Hurford	6 Day Standard

Welcome to Echunga Golf Club.

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

Membership as at 17/03/2025

Male 353 Female 38 Total 391

It can happen to the best of us!

The Autumn Classic brought him undone!
Playing off a 5 Handicap he managed a score of 95 off the stick for a net 90.

Everyone deserves a bad round occasionally and it gives hope to us high handicappers.
His excuse "New Clubs"

For Sale

4 wheeled ride on golf buggy in good condition,
Can be viewed in golf shed where it is stored,
For Sale at \$1500 with 12 months storage paid.
See Mick Morton ph 0413943829



Golf Trivia

When was the first British Open Held?

Last Month

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

Answer;

He was the last player to win using a wooden-headed driver

Women's Report

Wednesday 5th March

Stableford 3 Card Aggregate

J Stenklev, J Braithwaite & E Handsaker 92

Stableford

C Carter	35
J Stenklev	34
E Handsaker	34
M Rigby	34
R Eibisch	33
V Nairn	31

Wednesday 12th March

2BBB & Individual Stableford

Best Stableford

R Eibisch	34
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2BBB

K Clark & R Eibisch	39
S Telfer & J Hussey	37

Wednesday 19th March

9 hole Canadian Foursomes

J Hussey and P Umlauf	36
P Gray and J Williams	36.5
S Cain and V Nairn	39.5

Wednesday 26th March

Stroke

E Handsaker	77
J Stenklev	79
S Cain	80

Stableford

J Hussey	30
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2024-5 Women's Competition Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day, held on Wednesday 19th March, started with a 9 hole, 2 person Ambrose, because in the end, it's all about golf. When play was finished, we all gathered in the clubrooms to celebrate the culmination of our playing year.

Pam Gray (Women's Captain) and Elizabeth Handsaker (Vice Captain) presented winners and runners up with prize vouchers, trophies and medals. 14 players overall received prizes, which represents over 50% of our regular playing group.

The major winners were:

Kathy Clarke, Marg Rigby, Julie Stenklev and Robyn Eibisch. Julie Stenklev won the Women's Club Championship trophy and medal and also the Championship Foursomes trophy and medal, with Susie Moritz, who unfortunately couldn't make it on the day. The Championship Salver was won by Marg Rigby, who was also away on the day. The full list of recipients is below:



Eclectic	Julie Stenklev	65
R/up	Kathy Clark	66
Gobblers (Ball holed from off the green)		
	Shirley Cain	9
	Susie Moritz	6
Best Gross Best 2 rounds		
	Robyn Eibisch	192
R/up	Kathy Clark	197
Best Net Best 2 rounds		
	Pat Umlauf	139
R/up	Julie Stenklev	142
Vets over 60 Best 2 net rounds		
	Marg Rigby	145
R/up	Robyn Eibisch	192
Super Senior over 70 Best 2 net rounds		
Joint Winners	Shirley Cain	149
	Jill Williams	149
Putting Best 2 of 4		
	Libby Pride	55
R/up	Kathy Clarke	60
	Julie Stenklev	60
	Pat Umlauf	60
Leonore Steer Trophy Best of 2 Stableford		
	Marg Rigby	73
	Robyn Eibisch	68

Minnie Semmelmann		
Trophy	Marg Rigby	70
R/up	Robyn Eibisch	68
Medal of Medals		
R/up	Kathy Clarke	73
	N/A	
Club Foursomes Championship		
Gross Winners		
	Julie Stenklev & Susie Moritz	200



Elizabeth Handsaker and Pam Gray presenting Julie Stenklev with her trophy

Net Winners		
	Kathy Clarke / Libby Pride	146

Most improved Handicap		
A Grade 0 – 30	Robyn Eibisch	-6.5
R/up	Kathy Clarke	-4.8

Most improved Handicap		
B Grade 31 – 45	Barbara Cain	-5.5
R/up	Ann Morton	-5.2

Championships A Grade Winner	
	Julie Stenklev
Runner up	Kathy Clarke
Salver B Grade Winner	
Runner up	Vicki Day
Laurel Wreath	
R/up	Elizabeth Handsaker
	Robyn Eibisch

Shylie Rymill Foursomes
Vicki Day & Ann Morton

International Bowl Bronze	Pat Umlauf 67
R/up	N/A



All the trophy Winners

Once the presentations were finished, we celebrated with a meal of quiche and salad, followed by Pavlova with fruit and cream.

Thanks to Elizabeth Handsaker for all her help and support over the course of the competition year, to Pat Umlauf, who, although not holding any official position is always filling in gaps, to life member, Leonore Steer who sponsors a 2 round Stableford competition, to all the players and to the Women's Committee, especially Elizabeth Handsaker and Shirley Cain, who baked the delicious pavlovas.

Pam Gray
Echunga Golf Club Women's Captain

Score!

John and Bob were two of the most bitter rivals at the club.

Neither man trusted the other's arithmetic. One day they were playing a heated match and watching each other like hawks.

After holing out on the fourth green and marking his six on the scorecard, John asked Bob, "What'd you have?"

Bob went through the motions of mentally counting up. "Six!" he said and then hastily corrected himself, "No, no....a five."

Calmly John marked the scorecard, saying out loud "Eight!"

"Eight?" Bob said, "I couldn't have had eight."

John said, "Nope, you claimed six, then changed it to five, but actually you had seven."

"Then why did you mark down eight?" asked Bob.

John told him, "One stroke penalty, for improving your lie."

The Last Say

An old man and woman were married for many years and they grew to hate each other. When they had a confrontation, screaming and yelling could be heard deep into the night.

The old man would shout, 'When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!'

Neighbours feared him. They believed he practiced black magic because of the many strange occurrences that took place in their neighbourhood.

The old man liked the fact that he was feared..

To everyone's relief, he died of a heart attack when He was 98.

His wife had a closed casket at the wake. After the burial, she went straight to the local bar and began to party, as if there was no tomorrow.

Her neighbours, concerned for her safety, asked, 'Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way up and out of the grave and come back to haunt you for the rest of your life?'

The wife put down her drink and said, 'Let him dig. I had him buried upside down.....'

Bloody women they think of everything!!!!

This Month's Teaser

They fill me up and you empty me, almost every day; if you raise my arm, I work the opposite way. What am I?

Answer next month

Last 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;
Death

Flashback!

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

25 Years ago

Playing to your Handicap...

It has been reported to the Committee that several players are not playing to their full potential.

These players during their round become aware that if they keep playing well they are going to lose a stroke or two from their handicap and suddenly easy putts are missed or balls "accidentally" go out of bounds.

The Committee does not approve of this and will consider taking action if it continues.

BEWARE of wayward hits when driving east along Dolman Road. A poor truck driver had his front windscreen destroyed by a ball off the first tee. How UNLUCKY can you be.???

From the April 2000 Putter

15 Years ago

Who left her clubs home?

On Saturday, March 13th *LIFE* wasn't *GOOD* for some golfers.

Who was the lady golfer who kept her group waiting while she returned home to get her clubs etc. She had arrived to play without all her golf gear?????????

L G wasn't her group's favourite electrical appliance either that day.

From the April 2010 Putter

10 Years ago

Autumn Trophy

Congratulations

Janis Jansen

114pts

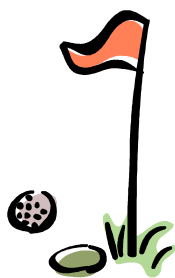


Hole in One

Saturday 4th April.

Ken Fairchild

had a Hole in One on the 17th.
Congratulations and Well Done Ken!



From the April 2015 Putter

5 Years ago

Autumn Classic
15th March 2020

A Grade Gross Winner

Richard Hill

76



Runner up

Billy Cawthorne

77

Top Rookies Named

Fourteen S.A. golfers were named recently in the Tier 3 section of Golf Australia's 2020 "Rookie Squad" National Athletes program.

Congratulations to Billy Cawthorne and Caitlin Pierce, on being selected in this squad.

Both started their golfing journey as juniors at Echunga before advancing to achieve success at this elite level. Well done to you both!

From the April 2020 Putter

Black and White

(Under age 40? You won't understand.)

You could hardly see for all the snow, Spread the rabbit ears as far as they go.

My Mum used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning.

Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember getting e.Coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no breach closures then.

We all took PE and risked permanent injury with a pair of Dunlop sandals instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now.

We all said prayers in school and sang the national anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention.

I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box, or 270 digital TV cable stations.

Oh yeah ... and where was the Benadryl and sterilisation kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!

We played "King of the Hill" on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites and when we got hurt, Mum pulled out the 48 cent bottle of mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did) and then we got our butt spanked.

Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10 day dose of a \$49 bottle of antibiotics and then Mum calls the Attorney to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional

family.

How could we possibly have known that?

We never needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes.

We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!

How did we ever survive?

LOVE TO ALL OF US WHO SHARED THIS ERA. AND TO ALL WHO DIDN'T, SORRY FOR WHAT YOU MISSED.

I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING!

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Victoria

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Mildura Golf Club
Murray Downs Golf Club
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Sale Golf Club
West Golf Club - Bacchus Marsh

New South Wales

Wentworth Falls Country Club

Northern Territory

Darwin Golf Club

Tasmania

North West Bay Golf Club

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

A new clubhouse was built with voluntary labour in 1966. This was always intended as a temporary measure until new clubrooms could be built to service the new 18 hole course.

Plans for the new nine holes and clubroom were first drawn up in 1983. The first trees were felled to make way for the new nine in 1985 but development did not begin in earnest until 1990 with final Council approval being granted in 1991.

The 18 hole course was officially opened on the 27th November 1993 with holes one to seven being played on the old nine then players crossed the road to play the new nine and ended with seventeen & eighteen being the former eighth and ninth holes.

Work on the new clubrooms began in 1996 and the building was officially opened on Sunday July 13th, 1997.

Land just purchased to gain access to extra water, from Mrs R Dametto was known as Keyes paddock, where the Echunga steeplechase was held in 1876 and 1877.

The jumps were made up of logs wedged between forked trees. This was the forerunner of the Oakbank Easter Carnival Races, which includes the Great Eastern Steeplechase. The

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

It has taken over 30 years to realise the two dreams of an 18 hole course and new clubrooms but Members will agree it was worth the work and the wait.

Editor's Note...

As a fairly recent member my hat goes off to past members, and in particular, Committee members who worked hard and put up with basic facilities for many years in order to save up and provide us with the excellent

facilities we have today, FREEHOLD.

At a time when many clubs are in financial difficulties for over capitalising and consequently have to increase their fees just to cover their repayments we can feel proud to be part of a club which has been well managed and goes from strength to strength.

Who do you know

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand.

He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?'

She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defence attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defence attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counsellors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said,

'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair...!!'

April Birthdays

1 st	Barry Sparrow	80
3 rd	Ian Bonython	
	Hugh Griffin	
	Tom McKenna	
5 th	Mick Morton	
	Steven Nailor	
8 th	Neville Murphy	
	Dan Stevenson	
	David Lockwood	
11 th	Rhys Paech	
12 th	Alan Tyson	
13 th	Di Foster	
	Nigel Smith	
14 th	Barbara Cain	85
	John McBain	85
	Aaron Vogt	
15 th	Wayne Hocking	
	Brian Menzies	
	Andrew Massie	
16 th	Jeremy Burgess	
	Greg Klatt	65
	Allani Dawes	
	Nathan Separovich	
17 th	Guy Murray	
18 th	Joel Haslett	
19 th	Gus Cooper	
	Rob Eibisch	
23 rd	William Burt	
24 th	Sanjay Taverna	45
26 th	Phil Middleton	
27 th	Trevor Lloyd	65
29 th	Ken Hampton	75
	Lloyd Jackson	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

**Hate this time of year!
 Busy night at Stonehenge as all
 the workers move the stones
 forward one hour!**



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28th April 2025

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