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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers!

Congratulations to the ground staff, who despite having to work around the unpredictable weather, have the course looking great for the upcoming Club Championships.

Wendy Jackson was a winner recently, coming in Best Net in the B Grade SSG Championships at Lake Albert. Well done!

Congratulations also to Jamie Burt on scoring a Hole in One recently.

I would like to thank both Creagh and Greg for their contributions to the putter over the years. While sometimes getting their reports has been like pulling teeth, their reports on what is happening around the Club and the Comp and Trophy Winners has been enlightening and much appreciated by the all the members.

Any items of interest, achievements, stories and news etc. please drop them in the putter box on the bar or send me an e-mail at ryeates@senet.com.au. Until next month, good golfing.

Annual General Meeting

7:30pm Friday 19th October 2012

Committee Positions

President	Rob Eibisch
Captain	Hugh Griffin
Secretary	Kym Wenham
Vice Captain	Chris Greenwood

Election required for 1 x Committee Person from the following nominations

Ray D'Alessandro
Colin Golding
Greg Klatt
Ian Langusch
Lloyd Mitchell
Geoff Quirk

Up and coming events . . .

October

Saturday 13th Stroke – 1st Qualifying Round Club Championship - 1st Round Senior Cup - B.O.S. & Best Nett – Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic

Wednesday 17th Women – Stroke
Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 holes

Thursday 18th Mid Week Comp – Stableford

**Friday 19th Echunga Golf Club
Annual General Meeting 7.30pm**

Saturday 20th Stroke – 2nd Qualifying Round Club Championship - 2nd Round Senior Cup - B.O.S. & Best Nett – Final Round Eclectic

Wednesday 24th Women - Stroke – Foursomes
TROPHY PRESENTATION (*Bar B Que*)
(Names Needed for Christmas Lunch on 12/12/12)

Thursday 25th Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 holes
Mid Week Comp – Stableford

Saturday 27th Stableford –
Quarter Finals Club Championship

November

Thursday 1st Mid Week Comp – Stroke

Saturday 3rd Stableford 2 Card Aggregate –
Semi Finals Club Championship

Sunday 4th Mixed Foursomes Championship

Wednesday 7th Women - Stroke – 1st Round Sharon
Pascoe Award Summer Competitions commence
including Gobbler and Eclectic & Betta Aluminium
Gutters Most Reduced Handicap.

Thursday 8th Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 Holes
Mid Week Comp – Stableford

Saturday 10th Par – Final Club Championship

Wednesday 14th Women – Stableford –
Pink Ball Breast Cancer Fund Raiser Day

Thursday 15th Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 Holes
Mid Week Comp – Stableford

Saturday 17th Stroke – 1st Round Christmas Trophy
Monthly Medal, Putting Comp

Wednesday 21st Women – Stableford - 1st Round
Leonore Steer Trophy
(Best aggregate stableford score)

Thursday 22nd Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 Holes
Mid Week Comp – Stableford

Saturday 24th Par – 2nd Round Christmas Trophy

Annual Trophy Presentation Night – 7.00pm

Wednesday 28th Women - Stableford
Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 Holes

Thursday 29th Mid Week Comp – Stableford

Competition Results

1Thursday 13th September Stableford CCR 68

K Fairchild	37
B Amos	36
C Dawe	36
L Mitchell	35
P Wass	35
E March	35
M Davis	35
A Roberts	34
A Portlock	34

POG C Dawe

NTP 2nd B Amos

NTP 18th B Smith

1Saturday 15th September Stroke CCR 70

Trophy Winner

Vice Presidents Trophy B Guy

A Grade	B Grade
B Guy 66	C Golding 69
J Hyland 66	R Eibisch 69
Z Bilandzic 71	R D'Alessandro 70
T Huckel 71	C Dawe 71
H Griffin 71	L Bowey 73

C Grade	D Grade
B Wallace 67	R Materne 69
G Cooper 68	G Beltchev 70
G Sterzl 69	S Rowell 70
B Sparrow 70	C Walsh 70
J Anderson 71	M Taylor 72

NTP 2nd	B Guy
NTP 7th	J Hyland
NTP 17th	J Harders
NTP 18th	B Guy

PUTTING COMP

A Grade	J Hyland	25
B Grade	A Amberg	27
C Grade	B Smith	27
D Grade	R Materne	27

MONTHLY MEDAL

A Grade	B Guy	69
B Grade	R D'Alessandro	83
C Grade	B Wallace	87
D Grade	R Materne	95

Ladies Winner C Fensom 77

2Thursday 20th September Stableford CCR 69

R Wilkinson	40
R McLauchlan	39
B Burnett	38
C Dawe	38
A Portlock	37
R Davidson	36
J Anderson	36
R Materne	35
R Anock	35

POG B Burnett

NTP 2nd D Caust

NTP 18th M Lelliott

2Saturday 22nd September Stableford CCR 69

Trophy Winners

Spring Cup K Fairchild

Father & Son A Mauviel & P Coldrey

A Grade	B Grade
A Fort 39	K Fairchild 40
C Nailer 37	A Mauviel 40
B Guy 37	P Coldrey 39
D McGlashan 34	C Golding 37
D Midwinter 34	G Quirk 35

C Grade	D Grade
B Wallace 40	H Eibisch 39
D Leach 39	G Goff 37
A Pouw-Bray 35	R Materne 37
K Wilks 34	K Hendrickson 36
B Jackson Jnr 33	R Bodin 35

NTP 2nd	P Coldrey
NTP 7th	G Watts
NTP 17th	T Guy
NTP 18th	C Greenwood

Ladies Winner M Holton 35



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**3Thursday 27th September
Stableford CCR69 – 71 Players**

Division 1		Division 2	
R Eibisch	40	R Materne	42
A Horsfall	40	D Manning	41
M Lelliott	38	B Sparrow	37
R Short	38	M Materne	36
H McLean	37	B Burnett	36

NTP 2nd	H McLean	
NTP 18th	C Barker	
POG	D Manning	24
Hole in One	J Burt	17 th

3Saturday 29th September Pinehurst

Bob Burnett & Lloyd Mitchell	60½
Alan Bailey & David Bailey	61½
Anthony Evans & Matt Hickman	62½
Ron Wilkinson & Eric March	64
Randy Jones & Ian Bonython	64½
Matt Doherty & Andrew Head	65
Grant Foster & Peter Coldrey	65
Rob Langbein & Andy Amberg	65½
Adrian Davies & Steve Neale	66
Jan Harders & Scott Handke	66
Don Slater & Dean Carver	66½
Todd Hudson & Grant Sterzl	67
John Anderson & Dennis Rainsford	67
Rodger Davison & Bernie Fox	67½
John Mason & Tom Steel	68
Russell Yeates & Bob Jackson Jnr	68
Chris Dawe & Roy MacLauchlan	68

NTP 2nd	Randy Jones
NTP 7th	Sean Rowell
NTP 17th	Mark Willis
NTP 18th	Lloyd Mitchell

4Thursday 4th October Stroke CCR70

Division 1		Division 2	
A Mauviel	67	R Materne	65
A Horsfall	68	B Sparrow	65
R Eckert	69	J Anderson	66

NTP 2nd	n/a
NTP 18th	n/a
POG	n/a

4Saturday 6th October Par CCR 69

A Grade		B Grade	
G Day	+4	J Michalik	+6
D McGlashan	+3	K Hampton	+6
T Huckel	+2	R D'Alessandro	+5
E Willgoose	+1	A Horsfall	+4
B Spaven	+1	P Coldrey	+2

C Grade		D Grade	
W Ryan	+7	M Henderson	+4
M Voigt	+4	K Hendrickson	+4
L Mitchell	+3	R Bodin	0
T Haywood	+3	S Muzyka	0
N Sylvia	+3	C Wenham	0

NTP 2nd	E Willgoose
NTP 7th	A Fort
NTP 17th	D Beams
NTP 18th	A Mauviel

Ladies Winner	C Fensom	+2
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Trophy Winners

Vice Presidents Trophy

B Guy

(Heard a rumour that Vice President Rob Eibisch was giving father Heinz away as the prize)

Spring Cup

K Fairchild

Father & Son

A Mauviel & P Coldrey

Hole in One

Thursday 17th September Jamie Burt had a Hole in One on the 17th
Unfortunately for Jamie, this was not a NTP Hole.



Captain's Report

A Grade Plate

The match committee has decided this year to run, in conjunction with Club Championships an A Grade Plate. The A Grade plate is open to all members whose handicap falls in the range of 8 to 12 and who don't qualify in the top 8 for this year's club championship. The format will be the same as per normal club championships with 2 qualifying rounds of stroke play and then quarter finals, semi finals and final using the match play system. All finals will be played with other club championship matches. Entering is automatic once members have filled out the entry form as per club championships and the match committee will rank the finalists as per normal Club Championships.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee, both current and past, all staff and all members for the support I have received in my role as Club Captain for the past nine years. As I have stated in my AGM report, I would be lying if I said I enjoyed every minute of it, but I can honestly say that I have enjoyed 99% of it. I have found the role both challenging and rewarding. Even though I have had many people over the years help me with my duties there is one person who I would like to single out and bring to the attention of all our members who read this. Brian Wallace has made what I consider to be an outstanding contribution to myself and therefore through me, all members of our club. His help both on Thursdays and Saturdays has been invaluable and has helped me greatly in fulfilling my role. Considering that Brian does not hold an official position within the club, I find his willingness to help out is fantastic and I think that all members should give him a huge vote of thanks. I am very proud of our club, the success we have in pennants, the improvements we have made to our course and the good rapport that is evident in our club. So it is with a touch of sadness that I pass on the captaincy to the new captain but I still plan on doing the handicapping so you still need to be "nice" to me. Thanks to all those people who have had words of praise and encouragement and I hope to see you on the golf course at some stage.

Thanks.

Greg Klatt

Captain(ex)

Echunga Golf Club

Election of Committee Persons

At the close of nominations 5pm, 29th September 2012, the following nominations were received.

President	Rob Eibisch
Captain	Hugh Griffin
Vice-Captain	Chris Greenwood
Secretary	Kym Wenham

There being sufficient nominations only for the above officers they will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The election of one Committee Person is required and the following nominations have been received.

Ray D'Alessandro
Colin Golding
Greg Klatt
Ian Langusch
Lloyd Mitchell
Geoff Quirk

There being more nominations received for the Committee Person than positions available, a secret ballot will be held at the Annual General Meeting for the Committee Person.

Due to the changes of Committee personnel, the two supplementary vacancies for the committee positions for one year, will be decided as per the Constitution by the Committee.

Eric March
Secretary

News from around the Club

Have you checked out the new layout of our web site? www.echungagolf.com.au Still the same address, but a much improved layout. Thanks to Hugh for his work on this update.

Golf SA Country Championships

Well done to Brad Spaven on reaching the Quarter Finals at Kooyonga recently, but unfortunately he lost on the 19th to P Chapman. A great effort, Brad!



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From the President

Course condition

The course is coming up splendidly after winter and September coring and sanding. The course looks as if it will be in top condition as we go into the warmer months. It is important that all members do their bit in keeping the course this way by repairing divots and pitch marks and encouraging all players to carry and use sand buckets.

Club Championships

The qualifying season is here again and this year there is an additional A Grade shield up for grabs. Good luck to all competitors across all grades.

AGM

The AGM is on Friday October 19 at 7.30 pm at the clubrooms. I understand that an AGM is not everyone's cup of tea however the club is run and managed by members and is strong and healthy. One indicator is that there is a lot of interest and energy in ongoing improvement and development at a range of levels. There is a significant change in Committee this year and the election of Committee Members promises to be quite competitive with more nominations than places. I would like to invite all financial members to attend and to get involved. Many clubs struggle to be viable and this club continues to defy common trends through having an active and enthusiastic membership and Management Committee. See you there.

Green Keepers

I would like to thank the Green Keepers, John Kirkham, Joel Haslett and Anthony Evans for their efforts around the course. They are supported by a group of Volunteers and a Committee. In my view they have established themselves as a first class team and the course is in as good a condition as it has ever been. Not everyone notices the little extras about the course however the detail and effort going into making the course the best it can be is very exciting. I would like to remind members that Green Keepers have priority at all times about the course and each of them, being handy golfers themselves, appreciates that golfers like to be disrupted from their pursuit as least as possible. Please respect their work and follow any directions.

Junior and Senior Clinics

The next clinics are on Sunday October 21st. There is a Seniors coaching clinic at 2pm and will cost \$10 to book a spot. There is a limit of 8 players for this clinic. At 3pm there will be a free clinic for Juniors. Warren Symons will be our coach.

Acknowledgements

After 6 years as Club President, I am standing down at the AGM. I intend to play golf more often and hopefully at an improved level. I have enjoyed the role immensely and feel lucky to have had some part in the ongoing growth and success of the club over time. I am very pleased with where the club is today and feel that the essential community aspect and value for members has not been compromised in the process. Thank you to everyone who has been active and loyal to the club over the years and I believe that the new Committee will have the vision and capacity to continue to ensure that the Echunga Golf Club represents outstanding value for members, green fee players and the broader community. I think the most enduring legacy for me will be the friendships and pleasure that comes in playing golf at Echunga.

Creagh Bedson
President

Coaching Clinics

Sunday 21st October

Seniors 2:00 pm

\$ 10.00 for Members

Juniors 3:00 pm

Free Clinic for all Juniors

All juniors welcome

No restriction on membership

**Bring your children,
grandchildren, nieces & nephews,
or neighbors.**

Future dates for the diary

Sunday November 25th

Sunday December 16th

Women's Report Competition Results

1 Wednesday 12th September

Multiplication Stableford CCR 72

Val Nairn/ Libby Pride 58

18 Hole Stableford

Janet Petherick 36

Val Nairn 35

Veronica Bowman 31

9 Hole Stableford

Minnie Semmelmann 11

4 Wednesday 3rd October Stroke CCR 73

Janeen Coleman 71

Beatrice Leonard 72

Barbara Cain 74

9 Hole Stableford

Suzanne Skibinski 20

Out and About

13th September – Murray Bridge -Stableford

Leonore, Cil, Janet, Anne, Wendy, Beatrice and Minnie competed in this competition. The course looked green and lush, but there was a lot of roll on the fairways and the greens were very fast. We had a couple of showers and thanks to the lying water were accompanied by the whine of mozzies. We were fortunate to be playing this week though, a week earlier the game would have been cancelled. The winds which had seen play at Echunga cancelled on 5 September created havoc at Murray Bridge. There had been a massive clean-up to prepare for this Open Day with many trees blown over and many more heavily pruned. Extra credit was certainly due to the groundsmen. Fourteen clubs were represented on the day with the field dominated by the red jumpers of the Tee Tree Gully contingent – a group of 25 who had travelled down by bus. 34 won the day in A grade; 38 in B grade, with Bernie Gatehouse (a former

Echunga player) second with 35; the C grade winner scored 41. Janet was our heroine: she won the Veteran's prize with 37 and also won a nearest the pin. Anne's playing partner from Victor Harbor who had just returned to playing after a ten year break from golf, celebrated by scoring a hole in one! Anne then won first prize in the raffle.

14th September – Flagstaff Hill

Val, Sharon and I played in this three ball better ball competition. Twenty groups representing six clubs played under leaden skies. The fairways had plenty of roll and we all managed to land safely over the water on the 7th, but it was a day of struggling golf with very few easy putts and very little magic. The company though was great and it was good to be out playing golf.

The results for some groups were very good with 50 being the winning score followed by forty-seven. Sadly we just missed out on the generous ball run down. There was a massive raffle and we were lucky here.

21st September – Lake Albert SSG Closed Championships A and B grades stroke

What a difference the weather makes! As we trekked down to Lake Albert again, our spirits were high as we drove (amidst the Crows supporters) in beautiful sunny weather.

Janeen and Val in A grade, played off the first while Pat U, Sue T and I in B grade played off the tenth. With fresh memories of our last game here in rain, wind and hail, we were stunned by the beauty of the day, shed layers of clothing, applied sun cream and insect repellent to try and hold the voracious mosquitoes at bay.

Everyone bar me started steadily. I was advised to take not one but two provisional balls off the tenth as I had hooked the balls so much they appeared to be out of bounds. To my huge relief, I found the first ball (we never found the second!) and it was well in!

The course was in great condition having also hosted the SA Country Juniors' Competition the previous weekend: it has certainly been a massive year of golf for the club. There was roll on the fairways though it seemed to be more sideways than forward. The greens were again very tricky: nothing held and a snail's pace was all that was needed to reach the hole.

We were treated to spectacular aerobatic formation flying by several groups of about fifty pelicans enjoying the thermals. The areas just off the

fairway were quite clear and the main hindrance to finding wayward balls was Cape daisies. Jo (playing partner from Strath) had a ball disappear completely but after much searching it was discovered in a thick dead branch about 4 metres up a tree. She managed to retrieve it through female wiles and her golf cart!

At the end of the day the A grade winner was Jenny Butcher (South Lakes) with a fantastic 69 gross; the net winner was Chris Bock (Mt Barker Hahndorf) with 72 (countback). In B grade Laine Flack (Willunga) won with 100 gross (with a three way countback); the net winner was Wendy Jackson (Echunga) with 75 (countback).



B grade net winner Wendy Jackson

To round off the day, Janeen won a glass in the lucky card draw as no-one won the A grade ntp and Pat and Sue won raffle prizes.

26th September She Oak Trophy at Strathalbyn

We were given a warm welcome at Strath – just as well because the warm morning turned fickle as the wind began to pick up – significantly we all avoided parking under the large gum tree in the car park! President Jo welcomed us and explained that the club had called in all favours from friends, family, even passing strangers so that they could field a team!!

Everyone who had played pennants here earlier in the year stressed that the course was in much better condition now and congratulated the club on the improvement. The levelling factor on this day was not the water, the fairways or the greens but the WIND! Those who could consistently keep the ball low had a great game; those who hit beautiful high balls watched in horror as the balls landed on trees or wafted off over the treetops and were ready to throw in the towel half way round.

As we ate our lunch in wind blasted exhaustion, we were amazed at the amount of lost property – several club covers, a marker, sunglasses, even a lipstick were reunited with their owners! Then Strath declared that they needed a new coach and a revitalised player list and refused to divulge their score; Echunga with a team of 17 came second with an average of 27, but were beaten by Tailem Bend with 29.



Janet won the individual laurels (OK - hanging basket) with the great score of 38. Barb and Val took out the two grade awards for most accurate drive. Veronica won wine and olive oil in the raffle.

27th September – West Lakes –Stableford

The day did not begin well as we were told our entries had not been received, but we were quickly allocated a tee and made up our own group. (The entry had been tracked down by the time we returned for lunch – in the pigeon hole of an absent player.)

The weather was beautiful – warm and windless!! The course was in perfect condition. I only managed to get into one bunker, but Janet and Leonore decided to have their bunker practice for the year. We enjoyed the round and encouraged

each other, but oh, the bodies were so tired after their battering the day before!!

We were happy to return to the clubhouse, make our purchases at the trading table and golf fashion table (look out for Janet's beautiful new shorts), and listen to the sponsor's talk on travel in Europe and Africa. There was a field of 93 representing 9 clubs. The winning scores were A grade: 32; B grade: 38 and C grade: 39. For once there was a definite trend in the results as all the prizes (except for those specifically for visitors) were won by West Lakes or ex West Lakes players!

4th October – the Vines – Canadian Foursomes

Lisa, Ann M and I played in this competition. It was a beautiful day – almost too hot for a change and we welcomed every breath of cooling breeze. The course was in great condition with only the sanded greens causing some difficulty. Fourteen clubs were represented in the field of eighty-eight. We played reasonably well but not enough to challenge the winners. In Div 1 (0-21) 66 was the winning total and Div 2 (23-45) was won with a spectacular 64 by a pair from Willunga.

Wendy Jackson

Vice President

Junior Coaching Clinics Spring 2012

Now that we have shown Winter the back door it is a good time to get down to business and start playing some useful golf.

This note is an invitation to all members to invite their children, nieces and nephews or grandchildren to attend a free coaching clinic at Echunga Golf Club on **Sunday October 21st at 3pm**. We hope to have several of our young guns there as helpers to Warren Symons, our clinic coach.

The clinics are held each month until May 2013, often precluded by a clinic for adults. It is a great way to introduce more of your family to our game and to meet other members with similar interests.

Dates for the remainder of this year are, November 25th and December 16th.

I hope you can take a moment to encourage your family and friends to attend this or any of the clinics as they have proven to be a great way to develop good skills early in an easy and friendly environment.

Creagh Bedson

President / Junior Co-ordinator

THE “51103” CLUB

The **51103** is a social golf club for Echunga Members.

We will be visiting different courses one Sunday a month, running our own competition and handicapping cards.

Upcoming Events:

* 25 th November	Fleurieu
* 30 th December	Ashbourne
* 27 th January	Mt Barker
* 24 th February	Lady Bay
* 31 st March	Echunga

Booking sheet is on the notice board and numbers will be limited to 20, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Hi All,

Thanks to those who made the trip to Tanunda Pines on Sunday, who all agreed the course was well worth the effort, but were at a loss to explain the poor scoring.

Results on the day were:

1 st	S Rowell	37pts
2 nd	D Midwinter	35pts
3 rd	S Kinnane	31pts
4 th	D Wilson	31pts
NTP 8 th	D McGlashan	
NTP 16 th	D McGlashan	

Next comp is at Fleurieu on **Sunday 25th November @ 10:30am**. Cost is regular \$5 comp fee and green fees \$34.

Booking sheet is on the notice board and **all Echunga members are welcome**.

Some players have made an excellent start to the Race to Echunga, and all those who play three rounds will qualify for the final at Echunga in March 2013. The programme is detailed above and full details are available in the club programme.

Cheers,

John Norman

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Bear Remover

A man in rural Wisconsin woke up one morning to find a bear on his roof. Not exactly sure what to do, he takes a look in the Yellow Pages, and sure enough, there's an ad for "Up North Bear Removers".

He calls the number and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes. The bear remover arrives and gets out of his van.

He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a 12 gauge shotgun and a mean ole pit bull dog. "What are you going to do?" the homeowner asks. "I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, and then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat.

When the bear falls off the roof, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go.

The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van."

He then hands the shotgun to the homeowner.

"What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner.

"If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog."

Flashback!

15 Years ago

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

1997 ECHUNGA OPEN RESULTS

A Grade	Open Champion	M Healy	(78)
		H Russel	(82)
	Nett	L McNicol	(75) ocb
		V Nackes	(75)
B Grade	Champion	R Dahlitz	(83)
		J Norman	(86)
	Nett	K Wenham	(73)
		T Guy	(76)
C Grade	Champion	J Michelson	(102)
		S Norman	(105)
	Nett	R G Miller	(81)
		D Shields	(80)
Ladies	Gross	L Barlow	(84)
	Nett	S Dahlitz	(78)

Taken from the October 1997 Putter

10 Years ago

Seems to be a proliferation of balls around the course labelled "EJM", are you losing lots Eric or is everyone labelling their balls "EJM" ??

DISAPPOINTING

John Norman recently hit a 69 off the stick which would have given him a new Course Record, something he already holds.

Unfortunately we were playing off a temporary tee on the 9th which disallows the course record.

Bad Luck John but congratulations with that score anyway.

Taken from the October 2002 Putter

5 Years ago

Competition Winners

President's Trophy

Ben Slack

Vice President's Trophy

Danny McVitty

Spring Cup

John Westerholm

Father & Son

Bob Burnett & Rob Hughes

Medal of Medals

A Grade - Ben Slack

B Grade - Jake Howard

C Grade - Lance Heinrich

D Grade - Alan Horsfall

Taken from the October 2007 Putter



2012 Golf SA Country Junior Amateur Championship Results

Well what a great weekend over in Meningie at the Lake Albert Golf Club for the Southern Golf Group Juniors. Firstly we have a back to back Golf SA Country Junior Boys Champion in Josh Hayes from McCracken GC, in a play off again, we have the Runner up in the Golf SA Country Junior Girls Championship in Caillin Lakin from McCracken GC, *we have the third place boys in Billy Cawthorne from Echunga*, Boys Net winner Lachlan Barker from Willunga, Girls net runner up Gemma Ling and the Southern Golf Group Boys Team took out the teams event from the South East by 34 shots. We also have 3 out of the six players to represent South Australia in the Border Challenge in January in 2013 in Josh Hayes, *Billy Cawthorne* and Lachlan Barker. Wow, Wow and Wow.

The first day was 36 holes held in dry but overcast conditions and with the temperature at 18 deg.

To the eventual Champion (Josh) who after the first round had shot an 81 behind the low round of the weekend by Lachlan Barker of 73 was 8 shots behind but the leader shooting a 73 (the low round of the competition) in the calm wind in the morning round and then a 78 in the second round in what could only be warmer conditions Lachlan lead the field overnight by 4 shots to Joel Durnford (Wirrabara GC) and 5 shots to Josh Hayes. The second and final day was the last and 18 holes with the weather in the morning having increasing winds and some showers on and off but still 18 deg, the chasers came with young Lachlan Barker shooting a 83, Joel Durnford shooting a 76 and Josh shooting an 75 to match his second Rnd 75, placed both Joel and Josh finishing with a total of 231 so we had a sudden death playoff again with Josh winning on the first extra hole with a par.

(Josh and Joel played off in the 2011 event with Josh winning also on the 1st extra hole) Great game boys. The gallery watched some great golf by both boys having to play from the rough for their second shots. Lachlan Barker from Willunga at 14 yrs of age and *Billy Cawthorne at 15 yrs* these boys have a big future ahead in golf. Keep up the hard work boys.

To Caillin, what can I say about this young girl. Caillin came into this event ranked # 2 and giving away 6 shots in handicap to the winner Acacia

Curtis from Wirrabara GC and completing the three rounds in second place was an excellent feat.

The boy's team consisted of Josh Hayes (McCracken), *Billy Cawthorne (Echunga)*, David Ling Jnr (McCracken) and Lachlan Barker (Willunga). After the first days two rounds the boys held a 20 shot lead to the South East team set up by Lachlan Barkers low round or the event 73. In the final round Josh and *Billy* shot their low rounds of the tournament 75 and 76 respectively with David Ling jnr also shooting his best round of 80 to win by 34 shots. Great work to the boys. Unfortunately there is only four spots and 3 boys missed out on the actual team in Steve Williams (Willunga), Sam Wells (Willunga) *and Elliot Willgoose (Echunga)* who all with some hard work in the up and coming years are going to be hard to keep out of the teams and squad.

I cannot go past young Sam Barker from Willunga who travelled up with mum and dad who played in the 9 hole competition and won hands down with scores over 3 rounds of 40, 40 and 38 to win by 8 shots. Well done Sam a player of the future.

I have attached three photos for you all to view and pin up at your clubs for inspiration to your juniors wishing to compete at representative level.

Once again thank you to the players and also to Alan Ling, Helen Schulz, *Danny Willgoose*, Allan Telford and Jenny Butcher for assisting in the weekend. Sorry for the long story but these players represented Southern exceptionally well.

Once again: Caillin Lakin (McCracken), Gemma Ling (McCracken), Josh Hayes (McCracken), David Ling Jnr (McCracken), Lachlan Barker (Willunga), Steve Williams (Willunga), Sam Wells (Willunga), *Elliott Willgoose (Echunga)*, *and Billy Cawthorne (Echunga)*.

Congratulations to all 10 who travelled to the Championships which I will list below what a great job they all did on and off the course. This group of juniors have a great future ahead of them.

This is a clean sweep for 2012 winning the Brett Ogle Cup in July and now a state champion in Josh Hayes and the country team champions. Well done to all.

Thank you

Steve Hayes
Southern Golf Group (SGG)
Junior Co-Ordinator

CLUBS with which we have RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS**South Australia****Deal**

Barmera Country Club	½ OUR green fees	
Blue Lake Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Kingscote Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Lameroo Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Loxton Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Lucindale Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Millicent Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Mount Gambier Golf Club	FREE	
Murray Bridge Golf Club	\$ 10.00 green fees	
Naracoorte Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Peterborough Golf Club	FREE	
Port Lincoln Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Tailem Bend Golf Club	FREE	
Whyalla Golf Club	FREE	to be confirmed, Listed on their web site

Victoria

Bannockburn Golf Club		to be confirmed, Listed on their web site
Hamilton Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Mildura Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Murray Downs Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Mt Beauty Golf Club	½ their green fees	
Riverside Golf Club Mildura	½ their green fees	
Sale Golf Club	½ their green fees	
West Golf Club - Bacchus Marsh	½ their green fees	

New South Wales

Broken Hill Golf & Country Club	Comp Rounds \$6.50 Social Rounds \$ 5.50
Wentworth Falls Country Club	½ their green fees

Northern Territory

Darwin Golf Club	½ their green fees	to be confirmed, Listed on their web site
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Tasmania

North West Bay Golf Club	to be confirmed, Listed on their web site
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After contacting the Clubs listed above, they have agreed to continue our previous arrangement of reciprocal rights with the fees as listed. Any competition fees would be in addition to the green fees as listed.

I do have information on competition details for some club if required. A full list of contact details for all the clubs will be on our web site and the notice board in due course.

We were contacted by Mt Beauty Golf Club in North East Victoria and welcome them to our list.

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

Contact Russell Yeates 08 83374191 or ryeates@senet.com.au for more information

October Birthdays

3 rd	Dean	Buder	
4 th	Geoff	Strelan	65
	Ann	Morton	
5 th	Janet	Petherick	
	Lynn	Walker	
	Jeff	Cathie	65
	Sharon	Pascoe	
	Michael	Nicholls	
6 th	Maurice	Materne	
	John	Schmidt	
7 th	Kevin	Wilks	
	Kathy	Clarke	
8 th	Rob	Klatowsky	
9 th	Andrew	Harrison	
10 th	Don	Beames	70
	Peter	Anderson	
	Ron	Karsiuk	
12 th	Geoff	Curtis	
13 th	John	Thurgood	
	Pete	Davies	55
	Vince	Maio	
	Clint	Guy	
14 th	John	Dring	
	Zelko	Bilandzic	50
16 th	Ford	Topham	
18 th	Tim	Steer	
19 th	Ross	Dyer	
	Grant	Sterzl	35
20 th	Keith	Bradley	
21 st	Murray	Jenkins	
	Peter	Rowe	40
	Matt	Doughty	
22 nd	Adam	Beltchev	
23 rd	Sid	Hickman	
24 th	Minnie	Semmelmann	
	Frank	Williams	
26 th	Stephen	Grivell	
27 th	Hylton	Mc Lean	
	Trevor	Huckel	55
29 th	John	Middledorp	
	Michael	Wilson	



**Happy Birthday to all,
- especially those
celebrating a milestone!**



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**Next issue deadline:
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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 drop it into the "Putter Box" next to the Computer or send them straight to the Editor.