



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers!

Another month of not much golf played at Echunga. Most members have been playing at various courses on both Thursdays and Saturdays with some having good scores although I did hear one of our members with a low handicap say, "These first eight holes at Murray Bridge would have to be the hardest in Australia." Another said "I love the course but I can't play it!" I felt much better after that, knowing I wasn't the only one having trouble.

With the weather clearing the course should be in top condition and we can all start playing better golf.

If you want to be more than just a member, nominate for one of the vacant positions on the committee and be part of the management team running this fantastic golf club.

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 18th October 2012

**Nominations for
Committee Positions
close Saturday 28th September
at 5:00pm**

**Nominations required for the Positions
of**

Vice President

Vice Captain

Treasurer

2 x Committee Persons

Each position is for a 2 year term.

Up and coming events . . .

September

Thursday	19 th	Mid-Week Comp - Stableford
Saturday	21st	Stableford 2nd Round Spring Cup
Wednesday	25 th	Women - She Oak Trophy - v Tailem Bend & Strathalbyn @ Echunga
Thursday	26 th	Mid-Week Comp - Stableford
Saturday	28th	Pinehurst 8:30am Shotgun start Pick your own four, then watch the AFL Grand Final on the Big Screen

October

Wednesday	2 nd	Women - Guest Day - Shotgun Start - Ambrose
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To encourage new players, bring a plate to share

Thursday	3 rd	Midweek Comp - Stroke
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Nominations for Committee Positions

close Saturday 28th September at 5.00pm

Saturday	5th	Stableford - 3rd Rnd Spring Cup - Father & Son Day
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Wednesday	9 th	Women - Stroke - Foursomes - Trophy Presentation
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BBQ (names needed for Christmas Lunch 11/12/13)

Thursday	10 th	Midweek Comp - Stableford
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Saturday	12th	Stroke - Monthly Medal, Putting Comp & Eclectic
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1st Rnd Qualification Club Championship

1st Rnd Senior Cup, 1st Rnd Junior Championship

Wednesday	16 th	Women - 3BBB
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Thursday	17 th	Midweek Comp - Stableford
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Friday 18th Echunga Golf Club

Annual General Meeting - 7:30pm

Saturday	19th	Stroke - Monthly Medal, Putting Comp. & Final Round Eclectic
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2nd Round Qualification Club Championship

2nd Round Senior Cup

2nd Junior Championship

Wednesday 23rd Women - Ambrose

Women's Annual General Meeting 1:30 pm

Twilight - Competition starts - Stableford - 9 holes

Thursday	24 th	Mid-Week Comp - Stableford
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Saturday	26th	Stableford
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Quarter Finals Club Championship

Wednesday	30 th	Women - Stroke Award 1st Round
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Summer Competitions commence

including Gobbler & Eclectic

Betta Aluminum Gutters most reduced

Handicap commences

Twilight - Stableford - 9 holes

Thursday	31 st	Mid-Week Comp - Stableford
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Competition Results

Thursday 5th September Stroke CCR70

T Guy	71
B Sparrow	71
B Cawthorne	71

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

POG	n/a
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Saturday 7th September Stroke CCR 70

Trophy Winner

Presidents Trophy

Stewart Callary

A Grade		B Grade	
M Haslett	68	S Callary	67
I Bonython	70	S Fensom	68
H Griffin	71	P O'Rourke	68
B Guy	73	C Nailer	70
K Hampton	73	B Amos	70
R Jones	75	R D'Alessandro	70
D Spaven	75	A Horsfall	72
R Hasson	76	J Harders	72
J Hyland	76	J Reuter	72
S Griffiths	76	D Beams	73
		T Guy	75
		C Button	75
		K Fairchild	76
		S Nailer	76

C Grade		D Grade	
S Wilson	73	n/a	
B Wallace	74		
R Dyer	76		
C Peirce	76		
B Sparrow	76		

NTP 2 nd	C Golding
NTP 7 th	R D'Alessandro
NTP 17 th	B Sims
NTP 18 th	R Dyer

NTP in 2 (10th)

A-B	B Slack
C-D	A Dutton

Monthly Medal

A Grade	M Haslett	72
B Grade	C Nailer	83
C Grade	B Wallace	94
D Grade	S Muzyka	105

Putting Comp

A Grade	B Slack	27
B Grade	S Nailer	25
C Grade	M Henderson	29
D Grade	S Rowell	29

Trophy Winners

Presidents Trophy

Stewart Callary

MONTHLY MEDALS September

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Apologies to Peter. Incorrectly listed Jeff Reuter as the winner of this trophy last month.

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Trophy Winner

Peter Craven

Captain's Report

Hopefully some fine weather will see us playing more golf in the coming months and if the condition of the course last Saturday is anything to go by we are in for an even better year in regards to course conditioning. Once again we have our ground staff to thank for all the work they have been doing.

Online Booking

It's now that our new online booking system is of key importance as there are plenty of bookings available on our time sheet provided that members do the right thing and only book when they are playing. As such it was disappointing to see that 15 members booked, but did not play last Saturday and members need to be aware that this will be tracked over the coming weeks.

Members also need to be aware that making bookings by phoning the club cannot be done before the booking sheet is open and as Heather is often busy at the time the booking sheet opens there is also no guarantee that she can access the sheet at 3 pm.

For this reason the Match Committee has decided that:

Phoning the club to make a booking can only be made from the Saturday 7 days prior to round.

Online bookings will continue to open at 3 pm on the Thursday 9 days prior to the round.

Slope system

The next phase of Golf Australia changes to the handicapping system will come into affect on 23rd January 2014. This will involve players having a "GA Handicap" which is not designed to be a playing handicap, but will be used in conjunction with a course's slope rating to determine a player's Daily Handicap.

Thankfully this system will be done automatically and further information will be available to members in the coming months so we can all be educated on the changes. It may also give the match committee a chance to affect other changes, such as looking at the indexing of our course, to better reflect recent changes.

The coming months will be very busy around the club with our Grand Final Day event, Club Championships, Presentation Night and AGM all

coming up in the next few months, so keep your eye out in the Putter and on the website for the latest news and updates.

Hugh Griffin
Captain

New Members

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

Robert Grinter	7 day
Rennie Williams	6 day
Lee Stibbs	7 day (under 23)

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

Membership Facts

Have we become an "old" club?

There are 11 members aged over 70 having birthdays this month.

Figures taken from our membership records at the 30th June show the top 10 age groups of members are,

Aged 65 years	24 members
Aged 62 years	18 members
Aged 66 years	15 members
Aged 61 years	14 members
Aged 60 years	13 members
Aged 63 years	13 members
Aged 70 years	13 members
Aged 72 years	12 members
Aged 69 years	11 members
Aged 59 years	11 members



Members Market

Have something for sale?

Advertise it in the Putter.

Email me your details and place a gold coin donation in the 3 putt tin.

Congratulations Billy Cawthorne

Royal Adelaide Golf Club Junior Champion for second year running. Well done Billy!

From the President

Finally the rain has eased and we can get back to what we like doing. During winter there have been a few additions to the club house, mainly a new cool room and a coffee machine.

There are a few things coming up that I would like to bring to your attention.

AGM October 17th 2013 at 7.30pm

Put this date into your diary as it is an important night for the club. There are a number of Committee positions that are due for re-election.

I would hope that members will again demonstrate their support for the club, firstly by attending and secondly I hope that a number of members will put their hands up to be part of the Committee.

Sanding & Coring Of the Greens

On Wednesday the 18th of September we will be sanding & coring the greens. This is a necessary part of looking after our greens and there are 3 main reasons this is done.

Removal of thatch. *This is to stop the greens going soft and spongy.*

Level the greens. *Remove holes and damage.*

Aerate the greens. *If this is not done the greens will compact due to constant traffic harden and die.*

I would like to thank the army of volunteers that come every year to help us do this job.

Rob Eibisch
President

No More Sex!

A recent article in the Kentucky Post reported that a woman, one Anne Maynard, has sued St Luke's hospital, saying that after her husband had surgery there, he lost all interest in sex.

A hospital spokesman replied, "Mr. Maynard was admitted in Ophthalmology.
All we did was correct his eyesight."



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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:

- * 6th October Barossa Valley
- * 24th November Fleurieu
- * 29th December Ashbourne

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

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Women's Report Competition Results

Wednesday 21st August

Multiplication Stableford CCR 73

Janeen Coleman/Libby Pride	39
Pat Umlauf/Leonore Steer	39

Stableford

Wendy Jackson	29
Sue Maddern	26

NTP

Sue Maddern

Wednesday 28th August

Stroke CCR 72 Monthly Medal

Janeen Coleman	76
Val Nairn	76
Wendy Jackson	80
Lisa Gray	80
Libby Pride	80

NTP

Pam Leech

Putting

Janeen Coleman

Wednesday 4th September

Echunga Pride Foursomes CCR 72

Lisa Gray/Val Nairn	76 ½
Priscilla Loughhead/Janeen Coleman	82

Out and About

Oakbank 23rd August

The game was Canadian Foursomes and five Echunga couples and a spare fronted up on a damp, chilly morning. The club house was buzzing with conversation, but all too soon we had to set out into the showers to play the game.

The course was suffering the same fate as all the other Hills' clubs – a surfeit of water, but while the fairways lacked their usual roll, the greens were as tricky as ever. We found it impossible to accept that they were so much slower than normal and paid the penalty for over cautious putting.

The winners managed respectable scores, but sadly we were not among them. The best we could do was applaud the raffle success of Anne (Quirk) and Ann (Morton).

The lunch was generous, the trading table successful, the hospitality first class and the home Captain's appreciation for us turning out on such a miserable day was boundless!!

Wendy Jackson

Vice Captain

Fart in Harrods...

A lady walks into Harrods. She looks around, spots a beautiful diamond bracelet and walks over to inspect it. As she bends over to look more closely, she unexpectedly farts.

Very embarrassed, she looks around nervously to see if anyone noticed her little whoops and prays that a sales person was not anywhere near.

As she turns around, her worst nightmare materialises in the form of a salesman standing right behind her - Good looking as well cool as a cucumber, he displays all of the qualities one would expect of a professional in a store like Harrods.

He politely greets the lady with, "Good day, Madam. How may we help you today?"

Blushing and uncomfortable, but still hoping that the salesman somehow missed her little 'incident', she asks, "What is the price of this lovely bracelet?"

He answers, "Madam - if you farted just looking at it - you're going to shit yourself when I tell you the price!"



Flashback!

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

20 Years ago

MEMBER'S PROFILE

(Robert's answers are in this type)

(The "Phantom's" answers are in *Italic*)

NAME ROBERT EIBISCH.
 NICKNAME Bob (*Heinz 58th Variety*)
 OCCUPATION Sales Manager
 BIRTHDATE 16-4-61 (*19-4-61*)
 BIRTHPLACE Adelaide
 WIFE'S/HUSBAND'S/PARTNER'S NAME Robyn
 CHILDREN David & Rebecca
 HEIGHT 6 feet 2 inches
 WEIGHT Lots (*Fat*)
 JOINED ECHUNGA 1976
 POSITION WITHIN CLUB In the trees (*Stirrer*)
 GOLF DEBUT 1970
 BEST GOLF SHOT Hitting the Clubhouse with drive of the 1st Tee (*Still to come*)
 WORST GOLF SHOT Missing George (*the three inch put*)
 FAVORITE RELAXATION Beating "Old Man" at golf
 FAVORITE FOOD Beer
 FAVORITE T V SHOW Simpson (*Get Smart*)
 FAVORITE FOOTBALL TEAM Any team which defeats Port Adelaide
 FAVORITE DRINK Beer (*Anything Free*)
 FAVORITE OTHER SPORT Sledging
 FAVORITE ACTOR/ACTRESS Homer Simpson - (reminds me of Dad)
 SUPERSTITIONS Teeing (*Wife praying for rain every Sat. morning*)
 BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER Getting a job (*Mother-in-law*)
 LIKES Teeing off on booked time (*Spending his Dad's money*)
 DISLIKES Not teeing off on time (*losing*)
 GREATEST MOMENT Defeating the "Old Boy" in h/cap match play
 LAST BOOK READ Who Reads? I just look at the pictures (*1st year Primer*)
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT Dad paying more attention to the donkey than to me
 HOBBIES Whatever my wife lets me do

Taken from the September 1993 Putter

Will and Guy's Top Ten Golfing Trivia and Interesting Fun Facts

Golf balls were originally made of wood. Later, they were made from boiled feathers stuffed into stitched leather known as "featheries". The modern, and cheaper, golf ball filled with gutta-percha was not developed till 1848.

There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

Balls travel significantly further on hot days. A golfer swinging a club at around 100 mph will carry the driver up to eight yards longer for each increase in air temperature of 25°F.

Approximately 20 million golf balls are lost in water hazards in the UK each year.

Phil Mickelson, who plays left-handed, is actually right handed. He learned to play golf by mirroring his father's golf swing, and he has used left handed golf clubs ever since.

The chances of making two holes-in-one in a round of golf are one in 67 million.

The youngest golfer to shoot a hole-in-one, known to Will and Guy, was Coby Orr, who was five years old at the time. It happened in Littleton, Colorado, USA, in 1975. That is unless you know better. Tiger Woods was 8 years old says Will.

Golf was banned in Scotland from 1457 to 1502 to ensure citizens wouldn't waste time when preparing for an English invasion.

80% of all golfers will never achieve a handicap of less than 18.

Golfers use an estimated \$800 USD million worth of golf balls annually. [Approx £52 million GBP]



"We've only played three holes and we've both already shot our ages!"

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South Australia

Barmera Country Club
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Lameroo Golf Club
Loxton Golf Club
Lucindale Golf Club
Millicent Golf Club
Mount Gambier Golf Club
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Port Lincoln Golf Club
Tailem Bend Golf Club
Whyalla Golf Club

Victoria

Bannockburn Golf Club
Hamilton Golf Club
Mildura Golf Club
Murray Downs Golf Club
Mt Beauty Golf Club
Riverside Golf Club Mildura
Sale Golf Club
West Golf Club - Bacchus Marsh

New South Wales

Broken Hill Golf & Country Club
Wentworth Falls Country Club

Northern Territory

Darwin Golf Club

Tasmania

North West Bay Golf Club

The above Clubs have agreed to continue a reciprocal rights arrangement with us. 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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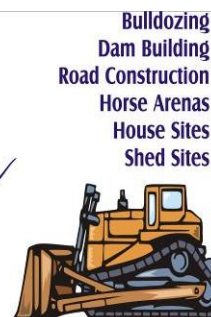
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The Truth

Wife - "Where the hell have you been?
You said you'd be done with golf by noon!"
Husband - "I'm so sorry Honey...
but you probably don't want to hear the reason."
Wife - "I want the truth, and I want it NOW!"
Husband - "Fine. We finished in under 4 hours,
quick beer in the Clubhouse.
I hopped in the car, and would have been here at
12 on the button.
On the way home, I spotted a girl half our age
struggling with a flat tyre.
I changed it in a jiffy, and next she's offering me
money.
Of course I refuse it - then she tells me she was
headed to the bar at the Sheraton - and begs me to
stop so she can buy me a beer.
She's such a sweetie, I said yes.
Before you know it - one beer turned to three or
four and I guess we were looking pretty good to
each other.
Then she tells me she has a room at the Sheraton
less than 50 steps from our table.
She suggested we get some privacy while pulling
me by the hand.
Now I'm in her room....clothes are flying
the talking stopped....and we proceeded to have sex
in every way imaginable.
It must have gone on for hours, because before I
know it the clock says 5:30.
I jumped up, threw my clothes on, ran to the car,
and here I am.
There. You wanted the truth....you got it.
Wife - "Bullshit! You played 36 holes, didn't you!"

*Echunga
Earthmovers*

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September Birthdays

2 nd	Philip	Baker	
3 rd	Phil	Brennan	
4 th	Paul	Corcoran	
	Paul	Freer	55
	Jacob	Speed	
6 th	Dean	Carver	80
	Ian	Oswald	
	Hara	Taverna	35
8 th	Max	Beer	
	Neville	Bottger	
	Dennis	Wilks	
	David	Lockwood	
10 th	Joe	Michalik	
11 th	Len	Goldfinch	
	Bob	Burnett	75
	Paul	Le Messurier	
12 th	Bob(Jacko)	Jackson	
13 th	Lew	Graham	
	Dave	Body	
15 th	Terry	Holmes	
16 th	John	Hogarth	
	Rosie	Foster	
	Geoff	Brennan	
18 th	Jeff	Reuter	
	Andy	Amberg	
	Todd	Hudson	35
19 th	Michael	Clark	
	Ian	Fletcher	50
	Matt	Hickman	
20 th	Colin	Golding	65
21 st	Bruce	Watchman	
	Trevor	Dolman	
	Mark	Duncan	55
22 nd	Garth	Dodd	
23 rd	Ray	Bodin	
	Mike	Williams	
	Paul	O'Rourke	
25 th	Roy	McLauchlan	
26 th	Paul	Vonthien	
27 th	Chris	Edwards	
29 th	Wayne	Koop	
30 th	Ray	D'Alessandro	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!



Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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**Next issue deadline:
7th October 2013**

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. ryeates@senet.com.au