



Echunga Putter

February 2014

Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! It has been a bit warm for the last couple of Saturdays with the early tee times fully booked out. A similar weather pattern to 5 years ago, but what a relief to get this rain!

The Women's Open Day has once again been fully booked out and we wish them all the best for their big day.

Preparation for the Autumn Classic is well under way and entry forms are available from the Clubrooms or on the web site.

Tickets for the raffle are available at the bar and there are some great prizes on offer this year.

Alan's volunteer group has been busy, but could do with some extra help in preparation for the Autumn Classic, if you have a spare Tuesday morning.

Not too sure about the new handicapping system and how it all works, but will wait and see how it works after a few rounds.

If you have any items of interest, achievements, stories and news etc. please send me an e-mail at ryeates@senet.com.au

Until next month, good golfing.

ECHUNGA

AUTUMN CLASSIC

Dates to put in your diary

Sunday 2nd March 2014

DIV 1 - 7.30 am - Shotgun Start
DIV 2 - 12.45 pm - Shotgun Start

Nomination forms available
www.echungagolf.com.au

Up and coming events . . .

February

Saturday	15 th	Par – Doug MacKenzie Memorial Trophy
Sunday	16 th	51103 Club – McCracken 9:00am
Wednesday	19 th	Women - Pinehurst - Opening Day Summer Season Trophy Presentation Lunch Meeting 1.30pm (<i>bring a plate of food</i>) (<i>Entries close for 2013 Laurel Wreath</i>) Twilight Golf – Stroke – 9 Holes
Thursday	20 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	22 nd	Stableford – 1st Rnd Courier Trophy <i>Tee times move back half an hour due to sunrise</i> (<i>subject to change</i>)

Monday 24th Women's Open Day

Wednesday	26 th	Women Twilight Golf – Stableford – 9 Holes
Thursday	27 th	Mid Week Comp – Stableford

March

Saturday	1 st	Stroke – Monthly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic Hills Hire Trophy
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Sunday 2nd
ECHUNGA AUTUMN CLASSIC
DIV 1 - 7.30 am - Shotgun Start
DIV 2 - 12.45 pm - Shotgun Start

Wednesday	5 th	Women – Stroke – 1 st Round Medal - Putting Twilight – Stableford 9 Holes
Thursday	6 th	Mid Week Comp - Stroke
Saturday	8 th	Stableford – 2nd Round Courier Trophy
Wednesday	12 th	Women – Stroke – 1 st Round Veterans Trophy
Thursday	13 th	Mid Week Comp - Stableford
Saturday	15 th	Stableford – 3rd Round Courier Trophy
Wednesday	19 th	Women – 1 st Round Laurel Wreath Twilight – Stableford 9 Holes
Thursday	20 th	Mid Week Comp - Stableford
Saturday	22 nd	Par
Wednesday	26 th	Women – Par Bisque – Janet Humphrey Memorial Trophy
Thursday	Last Week	Twilight – Stableford 9 Holes
Thursday	27 th	Mid Week Comp - Stableford
Saturday	29 th	Stableford
Sunday	30 th	FINAL ROUND 51103 Club

Competition Results

1Saturday 18th January Par CCR 69
2nd Round Summer Trophy

A Grade		B Grade	
M Haslett	+4	S Nailer	+6
J McGleish	+3	C Stevens	+5
K Hampton	+2	J Wenham	+5
D Beams	+2	B Amos	+5
B Sims	+1	G Day	+3

C Grade		D Grade	
L Carroll	+7	R Davidson	+6
R Easling	+5	M Bills	+3
P Edwards	+5	M Clark	+3
D Murray	+4	A Kaesler	+2
I Langusch	+4	D Leach	+2

NTP 2nd	I Bonython
NTP 7th	G Foster
NTP 17th	D Bailey
NTP 18th	I Fletcher

NTP in 2 (10th)	
A-B	J Wenham
C-D	G Dodds

Ladies	C Headland	0
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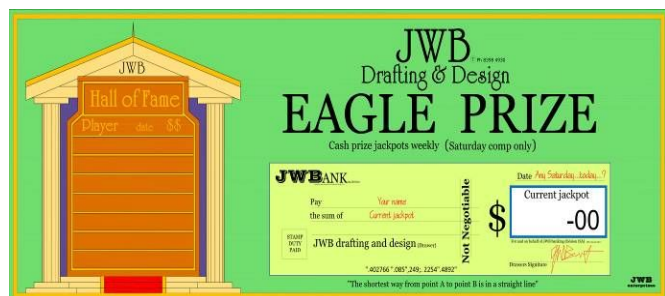
2Thursday 23rd January
Stableford CCR69 64 Players

Division 1		Division 2	
T Hanckel	46	A Roberts	41
A Fort	42	S Rowell	39
P Coldrey	36	D Caust	38
C Greenwood	36	J Thomas	38
D Crouch	36	P Edwards	36

NTP 2nd	T Hanckel
NTP 18th	I Wasley

POG	T Hanckel	24
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Ladies	A Morton	31
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2Saturday 25th January 2 Man Ambrose

A Amberg	&	M Dembski	59 ¼
T Guy	&	G Quirk	59 ½
R Jones	&	J Hyland	61
B Slack	&	B Jackson Jnr	61
B Spaven	&	D Spaven	62 ¼
B Sparrow	&	K Hampton	63
A Thomas	&	D Crouch	63
C Button	&	D Rainsford	63 ¼
B Rogers	&	M Henderson	63 ½
G Nicholls	&	P O'Rourke	63 ½
D Callary	&	T Strout	63 ¾
D Liddell	&	S Roberts	64
B Burnett	&	R Hughes	64
J Harders	&	J McGleish	64 ½
R Hill	&	B Wallace	64 ¾
S Nailer	&	C Nailer	65
G Day	&	K Wenham	65
S Griffiths	&	A Roberts	65
P Buying	&	A Fort	65
C Peirce	&	C Peirce	65 ½
S Byrth	&	P Allen	65 ½

NTP 2nd	P Head
NTP 7th	W Koop
NTP 17th	P Edwards
NTP 18th	G Nicholls

3Thursday 30th January
Stableford CCR69 53 Players

Division 1		Division 2	
T Guy	41	P Anderson	44
A Fort	41	S Beaumont	42
G Sando	39	T Nielsen	42
G Nicholls	38	B Sparrow	42
S Callary	38	M Clark	39

NTP 2nd	B Sparrow
NTP 18th	n/a

POG	T Guy	23
	S Beaumont	23

Twilight Golf

Now on each Wednesday
 Hit off times 4:00pm to 6:00 pm
 9 hole Stableford Comp
 \$4.00 per round
 Non members \$10.00

3Saturday 1st February Stableford CCR 69
A Grade

D Spaven	41	J Warren	44
B Spaven	39	B Wallace	43
C Greenwood	39	C Button	42
A Evans	38	M Davidson	40
S Koop	37	D Bailey	39

C Grade

J Speed	41	T Strout	43
P Allen	39	M Clark	42
M Henderson	38	D Stobbe	41
C Freeman	38	S Rowell	39
C Peirce	37	G Smith	37

NTP Temp

R Davidson

NTP 7th

M Mattler

NTP 17th

M Henderson

NTP 18th

J Warren

NTP in 2 (10th)
A-B

A Beltchev

C-D

S Taylor-Hull

4Thursday 6th February
Stroke CCR70 64 Players
Division 1

G Foster	69	J Anderson	69
H MacMillan	69	J Lawrence	69
T Guy	70	D Wilks	70
B Amos	71	S Hickman	71
T Hanckel	71	J Goff	71

Division 2
NTP 2nd

J Burt

NTP 18th

C Stevens

POG

M Hodgkison 26

4Saturday 8th February Stroke CCR 70
Trophy Winner
Summer Trophy Jeff Cathie
A Grade

Z Bilandzic	67	S Keough	67
S Koop	68	T Guy	68
J McGleish	68	M Gourlay	69
D Spaven	69	C Dawe	70
P Buying	69	G Foster	70

B Grade
C Grade

J Cathie	65	T Strout	68
J Thomas	66	M Dembski	69
R Huisman	68	J Anderson	71
C Freeman	68	D Carver	72
J Speed	68	A Zanker	73

D Grade
NTP 2nd

n/a

NTP 7th

J Reuter

NTP 17th

J Speed

NTP 18th

R Dyer

NTP in 2 (10th)
A-B

S Callary

C-D

T Strout

Monthly Medal

A Grade	B Slack	75
B Grade	S Keough	83
C Grade	J Cathie	86
D Grade	M Dembski	96

Putting Comp

A Grade	I Bonython	25
B Grade	S Handke	27
C Grade	R Huisman	35 ?
D Grade	D Slater	29

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsor's vouchers)

 2nd Hills Hire \$50.00 Voucher

 10th Buy one get one free meal Voucher

Hahndorf Old Mill

 18th 100 range balls at Adelaide Shores Golf Academy

Trophy Winners

MONTHLY MEDALS February

A Grade	B Slack	75
B Grade	S Keough	83
C Grade	J Cathie	86
D Grade	M Dembski	96



Summer Trophy

Jeff Cathie



With rounds of	Stableford	31
	Par	+3
	Stroke	65

Well done! A great effort.

Eagle

On the par 4, 3rd hole
Saturday 14th December.
Congratulations and Well Done!



Zelko Bilandzic

Course Improvements

Over the past months members should have noticed some of the work completed by Alan Horsfall's merry group of volunteers. On the 10th Tee Block and 2nd Tee Block they assisted grounds staff to lay new turf. Outdoor settings completed. Clubhouse windows cleaned (thanks Lisa) New nets, mats & paving in Practice Net area. Club House gardens tidied for Autumn Classic. Scrub left hand side of 4th cleared after years of fallen branches and dead trees. Usual 'pick up sticks' close to fairways so that mowers don't get damaged. (Note - the recent hot dry windy conditions has meant that there is still plenty to 'pick up' - So if you have a free few hours on a Tuesday morning members are welcome to join the group in the lead up to the Autumn Classic)

See Alan Horsfall to volunteer your service on a Tuesday morning from 9 am - 12 pm.

New Sponsor - 16th Tee Jumpfirst Jumping Castles Mark Hodgkison ('Hodgy')



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.

It is unfortunate that sometimes requests are sent to me to be included in the Putter that I wish the circumstances could be changed.

The following is one such request and we wish you all the best Max.

Hi Russell.

I haven't played golf since July last year when carts on the course were withdrawn due to bad weather. Since then I have been in hospital twice - respite for 3 weeks - and up to Leigh Creek to stay with my daughter for 5 weeks. During this period I applied for a disabled permit which my doctor filled out the application. Within a day of it being approved they informed me that I was unfit to drive and to forfeit my licence within 5 days. After some considerable thought I decided to cancel my licence. As a result I'm no longer driving, which means now I have a vehicle for sale, plus a full set of golf clubs for sale. Therefore it would be appreciated if they could be included in the Putter.

Regards Max Beer.

FOR SALE --Subaru Liberty Wagon 2.5 litre auto purchased new Jan. 2008, factory fitted GPS navigation, headlight and bonnet protection, genuine 33000kms, dealer serviced, reg. to Jan. 2015, immaculate condition, all instruction books included, \$19000
contact Max Beer, 82935654.

FOR SALE-- Full set RH Powerbilt golf, clubs, graphite shafts, good condition, inc. bag & cover, \$350,
contact Max Beer, 82935654

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Women's Report Competition Results

2Wednesday 22nd January

Multiplication Stableford

Winners

Sharon Pascoe & Mary Holton 58

Runners Up

Val Nairn & Beatrice Leonard 53

3Wednesday 29th January Stroke

Ginge Gilbert Memorial Trophy

Winner

C Fensom 68

Runner Up

E Burt 76

Third

J Coleman 77

L Steer 77

V Bowman 77

NTP

Div 1 J Coleman

Div 2 Y Ellis

4Wednesday 5th February

Stroke Award Round 3 / Putting

Div 1

W Jackson

69

S Pascoe

72

Div 2

C Fensom

68

E Burt

71

V Bowman

72

Putting

S Pascoe 26

NTP

E Burt



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For Sale

Golf Club Surplus Asset

Turfco Mete-R-Matic Top Dresser

(2009 model) \$7,000 ono

This is Golf Club equipment that is now surplus to our requirements.

In good condition. Purchased new from Squires Summertown S.A. Used on Echunga Golf Course.

Will provide Tax Invoice GST inclusive.



*Contact Geoff Quirk (Treasurer) if interested.
0420 502 464*

The Golfing Couple

Out on the golf course with his wife, the husband says, "Twenty years ago I had a brief affair. It meant nothing. I hope you can forgive me."

His wife was hurt but said, "Dearest, those days are long gone. What we have now is far more valuable. I forgive you." They embraced and kissed. On the seventeenth tee, the husband was starting his back swing when the wife blurted out, "I'm sorry darling, I've been so conscience-stricken since you told me, but since we're being honest with each other, I have something to tell you also."

Fifty-two years ago I had a sex change operation. I was a man before I met you. I hope you can forgive me." The husband, froze at the top of his back swing, then threw a fit! He slammed the driver into the ground, kicked the ball into the woods, stormed off the tee, pushed the golf cart over on its side, broke the rest of his clubs one by one, then started on hers. He screamed and ranted, "You liar! You cheat! You despicable deceiver! How could you? I trusted you with all my heart and soul...and all these years you've been playing off the ladies' tees!"

Flashback!

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

20 Years ago

WHERE ARE THEY????

Last year it was Peter Wass & Gus Cooper who got lost between South Lakes & Peter Vivian's place after the Foursome's Championship.

This year it was Greg Klatt & Paul Hall who became the "Men From Belvedere".

No more allowed to be said.

Taken from the February 1994 Putter

5 Years ago

Summer Trophy

Ray Bodin with 18 points on a count back from Tony McDonald.



Course Superintendents Report

The State has recently experienced a heat wave with our golf course being no exception. Temperatures recorded at Echunga in series were 41, 42.2, 46.7, 44.8, 43.2 during the week. Watering was increased through the week to minimise the heat damage to fairways and greens. Full watering will continue on the fairways until the Autumn Classic, after this the watering on fairways will be cut back again to ensure the water supply holds out to the end of the season.



The turf wasn't the only thing to suffer the heat. Many of the native animals that now call the course home suffered badly as well. Possums and Koala's were dropping out of the trees all over.



This Koala tried his best to beat the heat by getting as low to the ground as possible. He was later found dead in the creek between water hazards, he must have tried to keep cool in the water but it wasn't enough. Ground staff offered cold water to as many of the little critters as they could find such as this Ringtail possum. In fact it was these little soles that suffered the most with Ringtail Possums being found all over the course in various states of decline. It was interesting to note that no Brush tail Possums were found suffering. Small Wrens also suffered with some found dead on the fairways in the afternoon.

Michael Nicolls

Course Superintendent



Taken from the February 2009 Putter

Coaching Clinics

Re- Scheduled
Sunday 23rd February

Juniors 3:00 pm

Free Clinic for all Juniors

All juniors welcome

No restriction on membership
Bring your children, grandchildren,
nieces & nephews or neighbors.

Echunga Golf Club

Autumn Classic Raffle

1st Prize

Toro Personal Pace Recycler Mower

Valued at \$749 Thanks to Toro Australia

2nd, 3rd & 4th Prizes

1 night for 2 in a Spa Chalet at The Hahndorf Old Mill

Valued at \$120 each Thanks to Hahndorf Old Mill

5th & 6th Prizes

1 Dozen Titleist Pro V1 Golf Balls

Valued at \$69 each Thanks to Titleist

7th, 8th, 9th & 10th Prizes

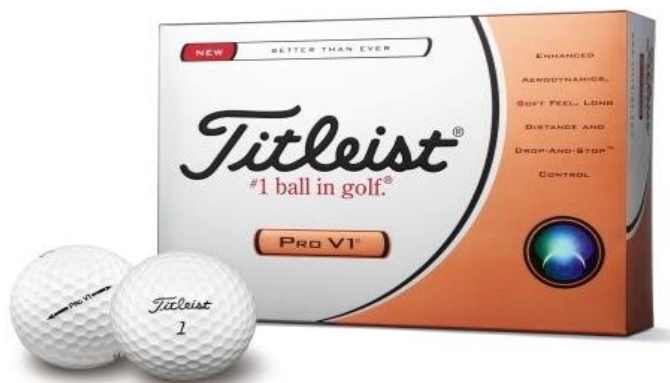
1 Titleist Golf Cap

Values at \$20 each Thanks to Titleist

To be drawn at the Echunga Autumn Classic
2nd March 2014

Tickets available from the bar
\$2 each or 3 for \$5

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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:

* 30th March Echunga

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

51103 Club

On 30th March we will be holding our final ever 51103 club event at Echunga. We have decided not to run again next season due to a combination of modest member interest and changes in time commitments for both of us. We want to thank all those members who have played over the past 4 years, and at the final event on 30th March all players who have played even 1 round in the 51103 club in the past 4 years will be eligible for the huge swag of prizes on offer. Further details will be sent out by email during March, and booking sheet will be on the notice board shortly.

John Norman and Hugh Griffin

From the Advertiser recently. What's Your Problem?

Ruining the game.

I play golf at Echunga opposite a feedlot. The flies are a problem. I have tried almost everything. Can you suggest any ideas? A.Q. (Stirling)

Answer

Possible fly repellent solutions include oil of lavender, citronella, eucalyptus, peppermint, lemongrass, cloves, basil and mint.

Anne we need to know which remedy works?

Husband says "A.Q" remedy number one - Tie golf balls in the feet of a pair of pantyhose then hang it from your umbrella. The swishing works the same as using your hand and saves your energy. 'so guys get some balls and go buy some pantyhose'

Geoff

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Adelaide Shores Golf Academy
Toro Australia
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Scottish Death Notice

She thinks it over and then says, "In that case, let it read 'Angus MacPherson died. Golf clubs for sale'."

I had always thought it was a golfing term

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Mildura Golf Club
Murray Downs Golf Club
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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.

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

RCGA Changes in Golf Rules for Senior Golfers Aged 55+

Rule 1.a.5

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

Rule 2.d.6 (B)

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

Rule 3.B.3(G)

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

Rule 4.C.7(H)

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

Rule 5.

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

Rule 6.a.9(K)

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

Rule 7..G.15(Z)

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

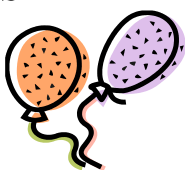
Rule 8.K.9(S)

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

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

February Birthdays

1 st	Eric	March	
	Martin	Wright	
	Andrew	Pietsch	
2 nd	Rob	Langbein	
3 rd	Stu	Beaumont	
4 th	Mal	Davis	90
5 th	Peter	Coldrey	
	Ronald	Hasson	
	Gary	Stibbs	
6 th	Pete	Angove	
9 th	Rex	Eckert	70
15 th	Danny	McVitty	
16 th	Tom	Sandery	
17 th	Rob	Ainslie	
	Peter	Baltussen	
	Wayne	Satterthwaite	60
18 th	Darragh	Patton	15
19 th	John	Unjacke	
	Naren	Taverna	
20 th	Ian	Wasley	
	Peter	Masters	
	David	Drew	55
21 st	Anne	Quirk	
23 rd	Colin	Stevens	60
	Brenton	Sims	
24 th	Jan	Harders	



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 send them straight to the Editor. ryeates@senet.com.au