

# **Echunga Putter**

## May 2015

Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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## From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! My apologies for this issue being a bit late this month. Both myself and my computer crashed a couple of weeks ago and it has taken a while to get back on track.

Hopefully things are on the mend with me, but not sure re the computer?

The Pennant season is about to start, so if you haven't registered yet, please do so immediately.

The Handicap Match Play is also about to start, so all the best to those participating.

Congratulation to this year's Foursomes Champions Andrew Keough & Naren Taverna. Well done and all the best in the State Championships latter in the year!

Well done to Jamie and Esther for the work they are putting into the juniors and thanks to Mike for giving his time to run the coaching clinics. He certainly has a wealth of knowledge to share with our junior golfers.

Another reminder that the volunteer group is looking for more helpers for their Tuesday working Bees. Contact Alan Horsfall if you can assist this group.

If you have any news items, stories, achievements etc. please drop them in the putter box on the bar or e-mail me at ryeates@senet.com.au.

Until next month, good golfing.



## Up and coming events . . .

May		
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Stroke – 2nd Rnd Captains Trophy
	Mont	thly Medal, Putting Comp, Eclectic
Sunday	$10^{th}$	Pre-pennant practice day
		BBQ afterwards
Wednesday	$13^{th}$	Women - Stroke -
		3rd Round International Bowl
		3rd Round Medal – Putting
Thursday	$14^{th}$	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	$17^{\mathrm{th}}$	Par
	Hana	licap Match Play Qualifying –Top 16
Wednesday	$20^{th}$	Women - Three BBB
		Stableford in conjunction
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stableford
	th	1st Rnd Handicap Match Play Finals
Wednesday	$27^{th}$	Women - Stroke -
		4th Round Medal – Putting –
	• oth	2nd Round Veterans Trophy
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	$30^{th}$	Stableford
		Quarter Finals Handicap Match Play
June		
Wednesday	$3^{\rm rd}$	Women - Stroke -
		1 <sup>st</sup> Rnd Foursomes Championships
Thursday	$4^{th}$	Mid-Week Comp – Stroke
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Stroke – Legacy Day -
	Mont	thly Medal, Putting Comp. & Eclectic
Wednesday	$10^{th}$	Women -
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Rnd Foursomes Championships
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Par Semi Final Handicap Matchplay
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Women - Par
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Week Comp – Stableford
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Stableford -
	th	Final Handicap Matchplay
Wednesday	$24^{th}$	Women – Stroke –
		5 <sup>th</sup> Rnd Medal – Putting –
	th	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rnd Veteran's Trophy
		<u>*</u>
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	
		1" Knd Vice Presidents Trophy
July		
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Women - 3 Person Ambrose
Thursday	$2^{\text{nd}}$	Mid-Week Comp - Stroke
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Stroke - Les Couch Memorial Trophy
Wednesday Thursday		Mid-Week Comp – Stableford Stableford – 1st Rnd Vice Presidents Trophy Women - 3 Person Ambrose Mid-Week Comp - Stroke

- Monthly Medal, Putting Comp. & Eclectic

Women - Stableford

Wednesday

# **Competition Results**

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April Stableford CCR69		67 Players		
Division 1		Division 2		
P Coldrey	40	R Wilkinson	37	
J Janson	40	J Anderson	35	
R Short	39	S Whittam	34	
C Nailer	37	M Materne	33	
B Jackson Snr	37	S Hickman	33	
NTP 2 <sup>nd</sup>		E March		
NTP 18 <sup>th</sup>		D Caust		
POG		T Button	21	
Women *********	****	T Button	39	

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April Opening Day Ambrose

C Greenwood, J Speed, R Eibisch, C Fensom 54 1/4

D Parrott, D Leach, T Carter, C Walsh

 $54^{3}/_{4}$ 

Z Bilandzic, R Hughes, J Gitsham, T Klar 54 %

N Judd, R Langbein, B Nielsen, S Whittam

P Coldrey, L Gray, S Handke, M Morton

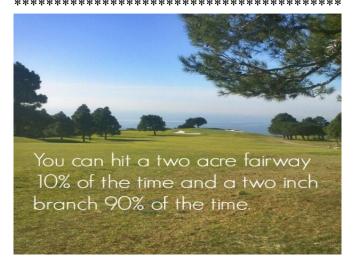
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K Wenham, K Fairchild, A Roberts, K Healey 55 %

D Fromm, G Day, H Hong, C Hasson

56

S Nailer
K Fairchild
J Jansen
K Wenham



Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April Stableford CCR69		70 Players		
Division 1		Division 2		
R Eibisch	43	B Walter	43	
B Sparrow	41	T Steel	38	
D Beams	40	S Whittam	38	
G Foster	38	S Beaumont	37	
R Short	37	R Materne	37	
NTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> NTP 18 <sup>th</sup>		B Sparrow A Amberg		
POG		B Sparrow	23	
		T Steel	23	
Women		C Fensom	37	
		T Button	35	
		P Leech	34	
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## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April Foursomes Championships

## **David Smart Trophy**

Bob Nunn & Lloyd Mitchell

#### **Senior Foursomes**

George Beltchev & Derek Parrott

B Nunn	& Lloyd Mitchell64	
G Beltchev	& D Parrott	$66 \frac{1}{2}$
A Roberts	& D Carver	67
R Langbein	& A Amberg	67 ½
R Huisman	& J Roberts	$67 \frac{1}{2}$
B Wallace	& M Morton	68
R Eibisch	& R D'Alessandro	$68 \frac{1}{2}$
J Manning	& J Michalik	69
N Judd	& J Speed	69
T Strout	& B Cagney	69
R Jones	& J Hyland	$70 \frac{1}{2}$
K Fairchild	& S Whittam	$70 \frac{1}{2}$
E March	& R Wilkinson	$70 \frac{1}{2}$
K Wilks	& B Penny	71
J Anderson	& P Edwards	71 ½
NTP 2 <sup>nd</sup>	D Caust	

B Wallace S Fensom

**B** Smith

## **Gross Foursome Qualifiers**

NTP 18<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	N Taverna V	&	A Keough
$4^{th}$	R Langbein	&	A Amberg
$2^{\text{nd}}$	P Buying	&	I Bonython
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R Fihisch	&r	R D'Alessandr

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Stableford CCI	_	75 Players	
Division 1 B Sparrow C Greenwood T Dolman G Foster J Warren	42 41 39 38 38	J Anderson S Whittam	40 38 38 37 36
NTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> NTP 18 <sup>th</sup>		B Jackson Snr B Wallace	
POG		G Davis	21
Women	****	M Holton	37
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> A			ate ate ate ate ate ate ate ate
A Grade P Coldrey A Keough N Taverna S Heemskerk W Robins	1 1 1 1 0	B Grade C McLatchie S Fensom R Langbein I Fletcher B Wallace	4 2 2 1 1
C Grade S Hickman T Carter P Johnson B Cox T Steel	4 4 4 1 0	<b>D Grade</b> D Wilson E Hadden	5 1
NTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> NTP 7 <sup>th</sup> NTP 17 <sup>th</sup> NTP 18 <sup>th</sup>		R Langbein (1) P Johnson J Cagney G Watts	
<b>NTP in 2 (11<sup>th</sup>) A-B</b> C-D		N Taverna B Walter	
Women *******	****	Y King	· ·
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April Stableford CCR69		68 Players	
T Dolman S Griffiths NTP 2 <sup>nd</sup>	38 38 37 35 35	B Smith C Bedson G Davis	40 36 35 34 34
NTP 18 <sup>th</sup>		T Dolman	

POG		C Bedson C Nailer	21 21
Women		P Leech A Morton T Button	33 31 31
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		Stableford DSR	
Saturday 2 W	ay	Stablelold DSI	
Trophy Winner Foursomes Cha Andrew Keoug	mpio		
A Grade		B Grade	
P Coldrey	38	S Handke	40
T Guy	37		39
M Haslett	37		38
H Griffin		A Horsfall	37
B Guy	34		37
C Grade		D Grade	
	45		40
T Steel	38	C Walsh	37
K Moore	36		36
B Noack	35	I Oswald	36
E March	35	R Trainor	35
NTP 2 <sup>nd</sup> NTP 7 <sup>th</sup> NTP 17 <sup>th</sup> NTP 18 <sup>th</sup>		K Gerke J Chapman B Sparrow B Rogers	
NTP in 2 (10 <sup>th</sup> ) A-B C-D		J Wenham R Trainor	
Women		A Morton	n/a
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# **Nearest the Pin:**

## (Extra sponsors' vouchers)

2<sup>nd</sup> Hills Hire \$50.00 Voucher

10<sup>th</sup> \$20.00 meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill
 18<sup>th</sup> 100 range balls at Adelaide Shores Golf

Academy



# Trophy Winners

# **David Smart Trophy**

**Congratulations Bob Nunn & Lloyd Mitchell** \*\*\*\*\*\*

# Senior's Foursomes

**Congratulations** George Beltchev & **Derek Parrott** \*\*\*\*\*

Recent Achievements

# **Hole in One**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

# **Grant Foster**

had a Hole in One on the Temp  $10^{\rm th}$ 



# **Hole in One**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

# Rob Langbein Hole in One on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Congratulations and Well Done Rob! Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

# **Hole in One**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

# Naren Taverna

had a Hole in One on the Temp 10<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations and Well Done Naren!



## **Foursomes Championships**

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April saw the club hold the first week of the annual Foursomes Championships deciding the qualifiers for the gross matchplay event as well as the winners of the best net and senior's championships. Congratulations to B Nunn and L Mitchell in shooting a net 64 to take out the David Smart Trophy for the best net score and also congratulations to G Beltchev and D Parrott who won the Senior Trophy.

Qualifiers for the gross matchplay finals are as follows:

SEMI FINAL 1: (1) N Taverna & A Keogh versus (4) R Langbein & A Amberg

SEMI FINAL 2: (2) I Bonython & P Buying versus (3) R Eibisch & R D'Alessandro

The finals will be played on Saturday 2nd May from 8:30 am in matchplay format across 18 holes. The two winners will be then play in an 18 hole matchplay final which will be scheduled to play from approximately 12:30 pm.

## Foursomes Championships **Finals**

The matchplay finals for the 2015 Foursomes Championships were played on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Gorgeous weather greeted the morning semifinalists, with the top qualifiers of Naren Taverna and Andrew Keogh prevailing against Rob Langbein and Andy Amberg whilst Ian Bonython and Pat Buying were too strong for Ray D'Alessandro and Rob Eibisch.

This set up a final between the top two qualifiers which proved to be a close and see-sawing battle which saw both pairing struggle with the difficulties of a matchplay foursomes event. Whilst Taverna and Keogh held the early edge they never held a lead greater than 1 up around the front nine. Moving onto the back, Bonython and Buying played some solid golf, evening up the score before grabbing the lead on the 12<sup>th</sup>. However, this proved short lived as they lost 14 and 15 before Buying holed a sensational birdie putt on 16 to again tie

However, it was Taverna and Keogh who proved too strong with Keogh hitting a nice shot into the 17th to set up par, along with chipping to 2 feet on the last to again set up par. When Buying's par putt missed, the game was all over.

Congratulations to our 2015 Foursomes Champions, Andrew Keogh and Naren Taverna.

# **Changes to the Course Index**

#### Re-indexing:

The match committee has decided to implement changes to the indexing of some holes as:

- (a) The holes have not been re-indexed for a number of years and the course has seen multiple changes in this time
- (b) The current "odd" indexes on the front nine and "even" indexes on the back nine are not indicative of the difficulty of some holes
- (c) The computerised scoring system makes it easier to access individual hole stats to allow an accurate assessment of each hole and;
- (d) The computerised scoring system will make changing the index more seamless as it will minimise the impact of manual errors by players.

#### **Process:**

The match committee looked at scores taken from stroke rounds over the last 2 years and formulated new indexes based on:

- (a) Assessing the hole difficulty based on differences to par across ALL handicap ranges
- (b) Assessing the hole difficulty using handicap ranges of 3, 6 and 9 to determine hole rankings for each variation
- (c) Using the above information to formulate indexes which are as close to hole difficultly as possible whilst still retaining some balance across the course.

#### **Outcomes:**

There were a number of difficulties with balancing hole difficulty across both handicaps, and the front nine and back nine of our course, which resulted in a decision to make the new index system:

- (a) Rated to 36, rather than the current 18, in order to better reflect the difficult holes for players with handicaps 19 and above.
- (b) No longer being evenly spread across the front and back nine. However players will never have a difference of more than 3 shots across nines (for example a player off 21 now receives 12 shots on the front nine and 9 shots on the back nine, rather than the current 11 / 10 split).

#### New index:

The new index is shown below. It is proposed that this new index will be used from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 with information indicating this change displayed around the clubhouse.

## **New Index**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
							13 33		
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	10	12	2	14	17	15	5	8	18
	31	<b>30</b>	23	25	28	32	22	34	36

### **Member impact:**

The match committee envisages that the change to the index will have minimal member impact. Whilst there will be a learning curve as players get used to any changes that impact them, the input of scores and calculation of results and handicaps will be handled by the computerised results system. Players will continue to input their gross stroke scores and should use the system to confirm that their resultant score in Stableford and Par events, matches that which is produced by the system.

#### Match Committee

# **New Members**

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

Brenton Slee	7 day
Stephen Basso	7 day
Kieran Kelly	6 day
Bill Manuel	6 day
Keith Glancey	6 day
Bret Sando	7 day
Az Jesson	7 day
Josh Teague	7 day
Bill Medlin	7 day
Owen McKenzie	7 day
Ben Monaghan	7 day
Rob Stobbe	7 day
Thomas Knipp	7 day
Donna Turner	7 day
Roger Fine	6 day

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

# **Coaching Clinics**

# Juniors 3:00 pm

on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month

23rd May 27<sup>th</sup> June 25<sup>th</sup> July 22<sup>nd</sup> August 26<sup>th</sup> September

# Conducted by Mike Haslett

With assistance from Jamie and Esther Burt

Free Clinic for all Juniors
Sausage sizzle and a can of drink each at the
completion of the Clinic.

All Juniors welcome

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

# Junior golf @ Echunga

Jamie and I have been very happy with how well the clinics have been attended in the first part of this year.

Warren Symonds as always has been keen to help and has a fantastic way with kids, which is just what is needed. It has been very encouraging to see so many kids out with their parents/grandparents and even more encouraging that some of the kids have now become members. Unfortunately we are without Warren (pennant commitments) during the Winter months, but have been very lucky to enlist the expertise of Mike Haslett who will be running targeted sessions with the older kids with Jamie's help, while I will run some sessions with the younger kids with some fun putting and chipping games.

The sessions will be on the fourth Saturday of the month at 3pm. Dates are: 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 26<sup>th</sup> September.

We would like to thank those members who have very kindly donated balls for the clinics. Your support of the club and particularly the youth of the club is wonderful. We are also keeping an eye out for spare kids clubs. If anyone would like to help with clinics please let us know, we are always happy to have your input.

Esther and Jamie Burt Junior coordinators

## RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck, (recreation) centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out.

And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house.

The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday, too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house.

Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.









# Women's Report Competition Results

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April Stableford

P Umlauf	36
S Telfer	35
L Steer	31

**Putting** 

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April International Bowl - Rnd Two

P Umlauf	94/65
E Burt	96/68
B Cain	105/69
P Loughhead	106/71
M Holton	105/73
K Clarke	108/73

NTP

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Stableford

Div 1		Div 2	
E Burt	34	M Semmelmann	36
P Umlauf	34	L Steer	35
V Nairn	33	T Button	32
NTP		K Clarke	

# Coaching Clinics for Women To be held at 1:00pm & 2:00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May With Warren Symonds \$10.00 pp Contact Esther to register Or through www.eventbrite.com.au

# **Women's Pennants**

Div 3 Southern Golf Group (GA 22.1 - 45.4 Handicap Match Play)

Our pennant season almost didn't happen at all. With a little arm twisting and puppy dog eyes, I was fortunate to have some amazing players put their hands up and had 4 virgin pennant players (Marg Wray, Tali Button, Kathy Clarke and Brenda McLennan) with Ann Morton, Suzanne Skibinski, Libby Pride and Minnie Semmelmann rounding off the team. It was a hard draw with two away games against home teams and no Echunga home game. Nearly all the games went to the 18th which was a great achievement by all the players.

We finished off with 3 wins to give us a respectable third place and dreams of being in the finals next year. I would like to thank Ann, Tali and Marg for playing 4 out of the 5 games and all the other girls for their contribution. It has been a real pleasure playing with these girls and I have really enjoyed my first year as captain and am so very proud of their efforts. I will have a hard job keeping my place in the team and choosing which girls to play, as they are all keen to play next year! Pennants are alive and well!

Echunga def Victor @ Tailem bend 3/2 Echunga lost Taiman (Tailem Bend/Mannum) @ Murray Bridge 2/3 Echunga def Strathyale (Strathalbyn/McLaren

Vale) @ McLaren Vale 3/2

Echunga lost Willunga @ Willunga 1/4

Echunga def Murray Bridge @ Victor Harbor 3/2

Esther Burt Team Captain

## **Out and About**

## Janet Humphrey Memorial Foursomes -Lake Albert – 17<sup>th</sup> April

The drive to Meningie was grey with lots of mist and constant rain. However, true to form, as we drove through the town the rain became drizzle and after we had played about four holes it became dry! The course looked magnificent and green! We did not enjoy the expected roll though thanks to wet fairways and heavy air – shots constantly fell short – we should have gone up two even three clubs rather than one! The raised greens caused more heartache too short and the balls rolled back down the hill, too long and they ran off the back down

the hill! It was a rare ball that actually stayed put on the green as the scores reflected. As we have noted at several courses recently, there has been a lot of clearing of trees and bushes and whole lines of trees had disappeared from the side of some fairways at Lake Albert which altered the shape of the holes considerably.

Tribute was paid to Janet Humphrey and then the results were announced. The field had doubled in the last week of entries to 48! The best gross of the day was 95 from L. Quast and M. Underwood (Mannum), but the winners (net) were their team mates, L. Hancock and H. Miller with 75 ½, narrowly beating the runners up J. Berryman and K. Watson 76 from Victor Harbor. There were also joint longest drives and nearest the pins, but the latter were over optimistic in the conditions and the prizes were reallocated to the pair who had made most use of the course, so a couple with a score just under a hundred were very happy! There was a generous raffle with all prizes well wrapped, so it was more like a lucky dip!

As we drove away we saw the sails of the Schools State Sailing Championships becalmed on the Lake and the rain began again!

Wendy Jackson Captain

## **Masters Games Clare**

This year the SA Masters Games were held in Clare and I competed in the golf events.

The Clare Golf Club hosted the competitions and the organisation of the golf and lunches was excellent.

A practise 9 holes was available on the Wednesday followed by a gournet BBQ. Playing the back 9 quite well, I thought that all would go well the following day!

Thursday and Friday were two rounds of Stableford, played in 10 yr age groups, with medals on offer for the day comp and combined two day event. My first round was very poor, despite the practice.

On Thursday evening we joined the Opening Athletes parade down the main street cheered by "crowds" of locals. Following the welcome and opening speeches there was a street fair with food stalls, wine tasting and entertainment. Friday's round was slightly better, but no medals. However I did win a ball in the random draw.

Saturday and Sunday were two stroke rounds with medals on offer for the day and combined two day

event. Finally I found my way around better and won a Gold medal for the net in 55-64 group. The next day finished with similar



score, missing out on a medal but good enough to win the Gold medal for the combined net.

Susan Telfer

# **Pennants**

Southern Golf Pennant season is approaching soon with Rnd 1 on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

Your club requires your commitment to ensure we field our strongest teams in the 5 grades that we will submit.

A1, A2, B1, B3 and C1 teams will be required, so enter your name via the Club website by using the Pennant page link or call me directly and I can help you.

In the new Club Program we have a Pennant practice event scheduled for Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May and we aim to have new Pennant shirts and caps available for players.

So get busy, sharpen up your game and submit your name for Pennant golf.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Keogh EGC Pennant Co-ordinator Ph 0428 243 374

# Golf Quips

When in trouble, play the shot you know you can play, not the shot you hope you can play.

# Fashiack

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

# 20 Years ago

**NEW CLUBROOMS** 

The suggested plans have been displayed in the Clubrooms and I thank the 4 members who made the effort to submit their thoughts in writing. These have been discussed by the Management Committee. Apparently the plans showed the kitchen & storeroom in the wrong positions. The storeroom should have been & will be alongside the bar and the kitchen will be alongside the BBQ room.

Plans are still on display and any further comments will be appreciated.

From the May 1995 Putter

## 5 Years ago

**Foursomes Championship** 

Best Gross - Matt Hickman & Randy Jones 72

**David Smart Trophy (Best Net)** 

Hugh Griffin & Oliver Temme

 $62 \frac{1}{2}$ 

Senior Foursomes (60 & Over Best Net)

Russell Yeates & Lloyd Mitchell

67

# Congratulations to our Junior Pennant Team.

This year we have a group of Juniors who have represented the club in Southern Golf Group Junior Pennants. On Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> they won the B1 grade final at Ashbourne.

Congratulations to Christine Beasley, Elliot Willgoose, Jaden McGlashan, Billy Cawthorne and Tom Wellstead for their gutsy efforts on some very challenging courses.

From the May 2010 Putter



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# Members Market



## Have

# something for sale?

Advertise it in the Putter.

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

# The Pine Tree

A young man, who was also an avid golfer, found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured that if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old man to join him.

To his surprise, the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time.

Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball and directly between his ball and the green. After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally laid.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."





One day an old German shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!," says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther.

The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with the old dogs... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! Wisdom and brilliance only come with age and experience.

# CLUBS with which we have RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS South Australia

Barmera Country Club
Blue Lake Golf Club
Kingscote Golf Club
Lameroo Golf Club
Loxton Golf Club
Lucindale Golf Club
Millicent Golf Club
Mount Gambier Golf Club
Murray Bridge Golf Club
Naracoorte Golf Club
Penola Golf Club
Peterborough Golf Club
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

We are in the process of re-confirming our Reciprocal Rights arrangements with the above Clubs on the basis that All Green Fees will be at ½ the standard Green Fees at each course.

There will also be a maximum of Six Rounds per year at another 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. Russell Yeates ryeates@senet.com.au

# An Irishman goes to the Doctor with botty problems..

'Dactor, it's me ahrse. I'd like ya ta teyk a look, if ya woot'.

So the doctor gets him to drop his pants and takes a look

'Incredible', he says, 'there is a £20 note lodged up here.'

Tentatively he eases the twenty out of the man's bottom, and then a £10 note appears.

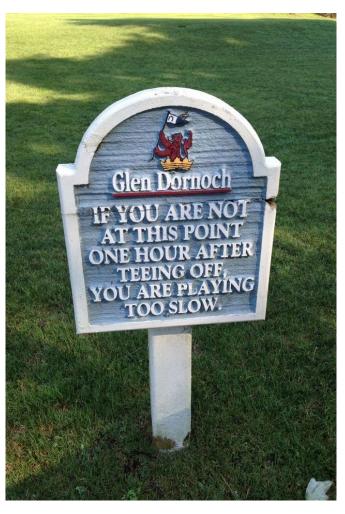
'This is amazing!' exclaims the Doctor. "What do you want me to do?'

'Well fur gadness sake teyk it out, man!' shrieks the patient.

The doctor pulls out the tenner and another twenty appears, and another and another and another, etc... Finally the last bill comes out and no more appear. 'Ah Dactor, tank ya koindly, dat's moch batter. Just out of interest, how moch was in dare den?'

The Doctor counts the pile of cash and says '£1,990 exactly.'

'Ah, dat'd be roit," says the Irishman 'I knew I wasn't feeling two grand.'



## **May Birthdays**

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$7^{th}$	Hugh	MacMillan	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Rod	Brunker	
O	Andrew	Fort	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Alan	Norman	
	Steve	Keough	
	Sean	Rowell	
	Martin	Henderson	
$10^{th}$	Tony	Barber	
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	Albert	Lee	
	John	Paynter	55
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18 <sup>th</sup>	Tony	Carter	
	Tom	Mathieson	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Creagh	Bedson	
$20^{th}$	Mike	Haslett	55
$21^{st}$	Chris	Button	
$22^{nd}$	Igor	Bajev	65
	Rob	Jones	<b>(</b>
	Russell	Kruger	6
	Roger	Abbott	50
$23^{rd}$	Pamm	Leech	
	Brenda	McLennan	
$24^{th}$	Michael	Huggard	30
$26^{th}$	Bob	Warby	
$27^{th}$	Alex	Pouw-Bray	70
	Craig	Fromm	35
	Mark	Dearman	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan	Litchfield	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tim	Curnow	
$30^{th}$	Ron	Bury	85
	David	Wundersitz	
	Chris	Holmes	
$31^{st}$	John	Dewar	
	Richard	Hill	60



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Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

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