



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Unfortunately the wet weather hit a bit earlier this year.

Although water proofing has been carried out in many areas on the front nine, the course has still been quite damp!

We can only hope that the rain will ease soon and we can all get back to playing at Echunga.

Don't forget to put the 22nd October in your diary for the AGM and there are 5 Committee positions up for re-election, so here is your chance to nominate for the Committee and offer your input into the running of the club.

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.

Annual General Meeting

7:30pm Thursday 22nd October 2015

Nominations for Committee Positions

close Saturday 26th 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 . . .

August

Saturday 22nd Stableford - 2 card aggregate

Wednesday 26th Women - Stroke

Thursday 27th Mid-Week Comp - Stableford

Saturday 29th Stableford

September

Wednesday 2nd Women - Matchplay -
Stableford in conjunction

Thursday 3rd Mid-Week Comp - Stroke

Saturday 5th Stroke - Monthly Medal, Putting

Comp. & Eclectic 2nd Rnd President's Trophy

Wednesday 9th Women - Stroke

Thursday 10th Mid-Week Comp - Stableford

Saturday 12th Stableford - Prostate Cancer Day -
1st Round Spring Cup

Wednesday 16th Women - Stroke - Medal Final

Thursday 17th Mid-Week Comp - Stableford

Saturday 19th Par Bisque - Peak Fresh Trophy

Wednesday 23rd Women - She Oak Trophy - v Tailern
Bend & Strathalbyn @ Strath 9.00am start

Thursday 24th Mid-Week Comp - Stableford

Saturday 26th Stableford - 2nd Rnd Spring Cup

Closing date for Committee Nominations 5pm

Monday 28th Greens Cored (Subject to change)

Wednesday 30th Women - 4BBB Stableford

October

Thursday 1st Midweek Comp - Stableford

Saturday 3rd Pinehurst - AFL Grand Final Day

Wednesday 7th Women - Stableford - Last day of
qualification for Winter Competitions.

Twilight - First week (Subject to change)

Thursday 10th Midweek Comp - Stableford

Saturday 12th Stableford - 3rd Rnd Spring Cup

Wednesday 14th Women Ambrose - Trophy Presentation
First day of qualification for Summer Competitions.

Thursday 15th Midweek Comp - Stableford

Saturday 17th Stableford

Wednesday 21st Women - 3BBB

Stableford in conjunction

Twilight Comp - Stableford

Thursday 22nd Mid-Week Comp - Stroke

Thursday 22nd Echunga Golf Club AGM 7:30pm

Saturday 24th Monthly Medal, Putting Comp
& Eclectic

1st Rnd Qualification Club Championship

1st Rnd Senior Cup,

1st Rnd Junior Championship

Wednesday 28th Women - Stroke

1st Rnd Club Championship

Competition Results

Thursday 9th July Stableford CCR69 33 Players

K Hampton	39
C Bedson	34
J Warren	33
R Richards	33
B Hicks	33
G Palmer	32
C Greenwood	31
C Nailer	31
R Davidson	31

NTP 2nd n/a
 NTP 18th K Hampton

POG
 K Hampton 21

Women
 L Gray 24

Saturday 11th July Stableford CCR69 14 Players

H Griffin	31
A Horsfall	30
B Guy	30
M Voigt	28

Thursday 16th July Stableford 8 Players Played @ Murray Bridge

A Horsfall	32
D Beams	32
H Griffin	31
C Bedson	31

Thursday 30th July Stableford 11 Players Played @ Murray Bridge

B Walter	44
H Griffin	31
P Leech	32
B Wallace	30

Thursday 6th August Stableford 13 Players Played @ Murray Bridge

S Nailer	39
C Nailer	35
S Fensom	35
H Griffin	34
K Fairchild	33
R Eibisch	30
A Morton	30

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsors' vouchers)

2nd Hills Hire \$50.00 Voucher
 10th \$20.00 meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill

New Members

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

Mark Luke 7 day
 Seymour Barratt 7 day
 May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

Coaching Clinics

Juniors 3:00 pm

on the 4th Saturday of each month

22nd August

26th 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.

Women's Report

Out and About

Tailem Bend Open Day

Minnie, Leonore and I travelled to Tailem Bend on a very frosty morning for the Open Day.

On arrival there was the usual welcome hot drink and biscuits, then it was on with the golf.

The course was quite dry and there was lots of run, something we haven't had for a while.

As it is a nine hole course there were several opportunities to pass by the port and chocolates offered by a couple of helpful gentlemen.

A delicious three course lunch was provided. None of us were successful in the golf, but Minnie won two raffle prizes, offering one to Leonore.

Bronze Shield Country Week

Esther and I represented Echunga at Country Week, this year hosted by Murray Bridge Golf Club.

As we both travelled there each day we missed the welcome party and the dinner, but we still enjoyed the camaraderie of playing with ladies from city and country clubs.

It was extremely cold on the first day, it was difficult to swing the club wearing several layers of clothes! However the weather was fine and the sun shone for the next two days and it was slightly warmer.

Esther played very consistently scoring the same on both days and I was a few shots behind her. We were happy to finish towards the top of the field, rather than the bottom!

Together with Mel from Stirling we entered the team competition, naming ourselves the "Hill billies". Our aggregate score for Wednesday made us the winners!

Mel and I played in the foursomes on the Thursday. The highlight of the round was our birdie on a par3, my drive and Mel's putt. I won a bottle of wine for NTP on that hole.

We look forward to next year at Ardrossan.

Mannum Open Day

Ten ladies made the trip to Mannum for their Open Day. With the weather looking good we all arrived to partake of scones with jam and cream and a hot drink before heading off to our tees.

As there was a large field of over 50 players there were a few slow points early, but generally we moved along well.

It is a nine hole course with some tricky dog-legs and of course, you do need to check you are on the correct tee! The rule book was required to sort this issue with the group in front of us.

Shaun the sheep awaited wayward shots at the par 3 over the quarry hole, with a prize for those who were unfortunate and landed nearby.

13 clubs were represented. A grade winner with 39 points was a local, B grade winner had 35 points with Echunga's Christine Fensom taking second with 32. A Mannum player won C grade with 29 points and Echunga's Carol Hasson second with 28. None of us were successful in the long drive and NTP competitions, however raffle prizes were happily accepted by Sue M, Anne Quirk, Esther and Janet.

As usual the lunch and hospitality were fantastic. A great day had by all.

Susan Telfer

Vice President

Tea Tree Gully Ladies Open

On the 12th of August, 4 brave souls from Echunga braved the cold, wet and windy conditions to play at the Tea Tree Gully Ladies Open. The competition was a 3BBB. Lisa Gray, Ann Morton and myself teamed up, while Sue Telfer made up a threesome with the girls from The Stirling GC. We did see odd glimpses of sun and we only had a drizzle during the first couple of holes, but the wind! We thanked it for pushing our balls further, then we would curse it when we were hitting straight into it. Thankfully our hearing returned after the buffeting to our ears. The course was in good condition and we were amused at the large areas the groundsmen had deemed GUR due to the "bogginess" of the area. We all agreed that we would return as the course was really interesting and would be nice to play in finer weather. With this being my team's first time at the course, we were very happy to finish with a score of 43 - third place getters on a count back to four other teams! The winning score was 44 which was also won on a countback. We had a lovely lunch of quiche, salad and hot chips (yes I was very happy with the latter!), while bemoaning missed putts.

Luck was with Lisa who won first prize in the raffle!

Esther Burt





Lisa with her raffle prize

Learning from the homeless

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago, the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend it on green fees at a golf course instead of food?" The man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."



The homeless man was astounded.

"Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

The Man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and golf."

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Members Market



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New Golf Shoes

Bert, at 85 years old, always wanted a pair of soft spike golf shoes like Fred Couples, so seeing some on sale after his round, he bought them and he was so delighted with his purchase, decided to wear them home to show the missus.

Walking proudly into the house, he sauntered into the kitchen and said to his wife, "Notice anything different about me?"

Margaret at age 83, looked him over and replied, "Nope."

Frustrated, Bert stormed off into the bathroom, undressed and walked back into the kitchen completely naked, except for the new golf shoes.

Again he asked Margaret, a little louder this time, "Notice anything different NOW???"

Margaret looked up and said in her best deadpan response, "Bert, what's different? It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday, and it'll be hanging down again tomorrow."

Furious, Bert yells out, "AND DO YOU KNOW WHY IT'S HANGING DOWN, MARGARET?"

"Nope. Not a clue", she replied.

"IT'S HANGING DOWN, BECAUSE IT'S LOOKING AT MY NEW GOLF SHOES!!!"

Without missing a beat old Margaret replies, "Should have bought a new golf hat."

Rules reminder

Q. If the ball when dropped touches any person, or the equipment of any player, before or after it strikes a part of the course and before it comes to rest, must it be dropped again?

A. Yes, the ball must be re-dropped, without penalty, Rule 20-2. Note that any small object, such as a coin or a tee, when used to mark the position of a ball or the extent of an area in which a ball is to be dropped, is not equipment and so a re-drop is not required if the ball hits it, Definition of Equipment.

Q. How must a ball be dropped within the Rules?

A. The player must stand erect, hold the ball at shoulder height and arm's length and drop it without spin, Rule 20-6. If a ball is incorrectly dropped the player incurs a penalty of one stroke.

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
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Port Lincoln Golf Club
Tailem Bend Golf Club
Whyalla Golf Club

Victoria

Bannockburn Golf Club
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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

August Birthdays

1 st	Tad	Krawczynski	65
2 nd	Andrew	Evans	25
	Tim	Jarrad	
4 th	Tim	Hanckel	
5 th	Wally	Bell	65
6 th	Rob	Strelan	
7 th	Simon	Edwards	
8 th	Dennis	Mattschoss	
	Graham	Sando	65
9 th	Andrew	Kirwan	65
	Adrian	Davies	
10 th	Liz	Phipps	
	Pat	Umlauf	
	Kym	Wenham	
11 th	Esther	Burt	
12 th	Robert	Bartle	
	Neil	Holton	
16 th	Chris	Wenham	
17 th	Randy	Jones	
19 th	Peter	Wass	70
	David	Leach	
22 nd	John	Revitt	
	Bill	Guy	
23 rd	John	Thomas	
	Ben	Monaghan	
25 th	Jim	Warren	
	Yvonne	King	
	Greg	Day	
	David	Arthur	
26 th	Sheryl	Fine	
	Neil	Gettins	
27 th	David	Manning	
28 th	Roger	Fine	
29 th	Veronica	Bowman	75
30 th	Robert	Grinter	
	Cohen	White	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

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**Next issue deadline:
 7th September 2015**

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