



Echunga Putter

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Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

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From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! Great to be back out on the course again, with the fairways looking great and the greens recovering from their annual coring. I am sure that after a long wait we are all looking forward to playing the redesigned 17th hole.

The Victoria Hotel in Strathalbyn who sponsor this hole have generously donated extra prizes this Saturday, 14th October for nearest the pin in all grades.

Please note the change of date for the Mixed Foursomes which will now be held on Sunday, 29th October.

On behalf of the committee and all members I would like to wish Tali all the best in her new career and thank her for contribution to the operations 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 randryeates@gmail.com.

Until next month, good golfing.

Annual General Meeting

7:30pm Friday

27th October 2016

Up and coming events . . .

October

Saturday 14th Stableford – 3rd Rnd Spring Cup

Wednesday 18th Women – Ambrose – Trophy
Presentation –

First day of qualification for Summer Competitions.

Twilight Comp – Stableford - 9 holes

Thursday 19th Mid-Week Comp – Stableford

Saturday 21st Stroke – Monthly Medal, Putting
Comp & Eclectic

1st Rnd Qualification Club Championship

1st Rnd Senior Cup,

1st Rnd Junior Championship

Wednesday 25th Women – 3BBB –
Stableford in conjunction

Women's AGM 1.30pm tbc

Twilight Comp – Stableford - 9 holes

Thursday 26th Midweek Comp – Stableford

Friday 27th Echunga Golf Club AGM 7:30pm

Saturday 28th Stroke – Medal of Medals, Putting
Comp. & Eclectic

2nd Rnd Club Championship Qualifying

2nd Rnd Senior Cup

2nd Rnd Junior Championship

Mixed Foursomes has been moved forward

**Sunday 29th Mixed Foursomes Championship
8.00am**

November

Wednesday 1st Women – Stroke

1st Rnd Club Championship Qualifying

Twilight Comp – Stableford - 9 holes

Thursday 2nd Mid-Week Comp – Stableford

Saturday 4th Stableford –
Quarter Finals Club Championship

Wednesday 8th Women - Stableford –
2nd Rnd Club Championship Qualifying

Twilight - Stableford - 9 holes

Thursday 9th Mid-Week Comp – Stableford

Saturday 11th Par– *Semi Finals Club Championship*

Wednesday 15th Women - Stableford -

Semi Final Club Championship – Match Play

Twilight - Stableford - 9 holes

Thursday 16th Mid-Week Comp – Stroke

Saturday 18th Stableford –
Finals Club Championship

Wednesday 22nd Women - 9 holes Stableford

Club Championship Match Play Final

Championship Match tee off at 8.00am (27 holes)

Salver Match tee off 8.30am (18 holes)

Twilight - Stableford - 9 holes

Competition Results

Saturday 9th September

Stableford Men	37 Players	DSR 71
Women	- Players	DSR ---

M Jordan	36
S Wilson	34
D Murphy	34
A Amberg	34
J Hyland	33
L Thomas	33

NTP 10th	V Smith
NTP 18th	A Amberg

Thursday 14th August

Stroke	Men	6 Players	DSR 71
	Women	- Players	DSR --

G Milne	75
B Sparrow	80
G Vivian	82

Saturday 16th September

Stableford Men	53 Players	DSR 72
Women	3 Players	DSR 74

Div 1		Div 2	
P Buying	36	P Anderson	39
A Amberg	35	J Goff	34
P Edwards	34	J Janson	34
J Harders	33	G Milne	33
A Reid	31	R Easling	32
M Davidson	31	B Smith	31

NTP 10th	A Head
NTP 18th	L Thomas

Thursday 21st August

Stableford Men	40 Players	DSR 71
Women	1 Players	DSR 72

Division 1		Division 2	
R Eibisch	38	C Fromm	37
B Guy	37	B Smith	34
T Guy	37	N McNicol	32
H Hodgkison	34	J Goff	31
A Horsfall	33	G Milne	30
S Nailer	32		

NTP 2nd	M Wright
NTP 18th	L Gray

POG	T Guy	20
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Saturday 23rd September

Par BisqueMen	98 Players	DSR 68
Women	2 Players	DSR 71

A Grade		B Grade	
R Eibisch	+5	J Harders	+4
B Hodgkison	+4	R Hughes	+4
P Coldrey	+3	L Bowey	+3
K Hampton	+2	C Stevens	+3
S Nailer	+2	B Wallace	+2
R D'Alessandro	+2	P Head	+2

C Grade		D Grade	
J Janson	+5	J Ferguson	+8
K Fairchild	+5	M Jordan	+5
W Ryan	+4	M Dembski	+5
A Horsfall	+4	L Mitchell	+4
B Fox	+4	J Hogarth	+3
A Bailey	+4	B Burnett	+3

NTP 2nd	S Nailer
NTP 7th	P Head
NTP 10th	B Rogers
NTP 18th	J Gitsham

NTP in 2 (11th)

A-B	B Guy
C-D	K Gerke
Women	L Gray +1
	J Quick Sq

Thursday 28th August

Stableford Men	43 Players	DSR 70
Women	2 Players	DSR 71

Division 1		Division 2	
K Hampton	36	R Harrison	35
G Vivian	35	R Davidson	34
D Watts	35	K Fairchild	34
R Hughes	34	L Goldfinch	34
F Williams	33	N McNicol	33
B Walter	33	M Morton	30

NTP 2nd	J Thomas
NTP 18th	B Guy

POG	K Fairchild	19
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Women	L Gray	34
	P Leech	32

Twilight Golf

Now on each Wednesday

Hit off times 4:00pm to 6:00 pm

9 hole Stableford Comp

Member \$5.00 Non members \$12.00

BBQ and Bar open after round

Saturday 30th September
AFL Grand Final - Pinehurst

A Reid & C Dawe	68 ½
B Kidd & S Wilson	69 ½
P Buying & N Taverna	70 ¾
K Hampton & B Sparrow	71 ½
N Jordan & S Curtis	72 ¼
A Dutton & D Beams	74 ¼
R Hughes & B Burnett	74 ¼
M Morton & C Nailer	74 ½
G Watts & S Nailer	74 ½
V Smith & P Edwards	75 ¼
I Bonython & R Jones	75 ¼

NTP 2nd	P Buying
NTP 10th	J Thomas
NTP 18th	R Davidson

Labour Day Monday 2nd October			
Stableford Men	35	Players	DSR 70
Women	5	Players	DSR 72

J Janson	39
G Watts	38
M Wright	37
R Hasson	37
D Murphy	37
G Vivian	36

NTP	
10th	T Guy
18th	N Jordan

Women	
C Hasson	34
H Guy	32

Thursday 5th October			
Stroke	Men	38	Players
	Women	3	Players
			DSR 69
			DSR 72

Division 1		Division 2	
S Nailer	70	D Mengersen	67
R Jones	72	A Horsfall	69
C Nailer	73	M Morton	70
R Eibisch	73	N McNicol	71
F Williams	73	R Harrison	71
C Button	74	M Davis	73

NTP 2nd	B Hicks
NTP 18th	S Nailer

POG	G Davis	30

Saturday 7th October			
Stableford Men		108 Players	DSR 69
Women		4 Players	DSR 71

A Grade		B Grade	
C Smith	39	S Fensom	40
S Nailer	37	C McLatchie	37
M Haslett	36	C Golding	35
A Fort	36	C Dawe	35
B Slack	36	A Amberg	35
J McGleish	35	J Reuter	35
C Grade		D Grade	
G Dodd	40	C Fort	44
B Sparrow	40	D Carver	42
S Whittam	40	M Morton	38
C Wenham	36	J Michalik	37
K Fairchild	35	M Jordan	37
Dav Wilson	34	S Crump	36

NTP 2nd	C McLatchie
NTP 7th	R Jones
NTP 10th	H Griffin
NTP 18th	I Bonython

NTP in 2 (11th)	
A-B	M Haslett
C-D	R Grinter

Women	A Morton	36
	P Leech	34
	L Gray	34
	C Fensom	34

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsors' vouchers)

2nd Hills Hire \$50.00 Voucher

11th \$20.00 Meal Voucher Hahndorf Old Mill

Recent Achievements

Hole in One

At Murray Bridge on
Saturday 2nd September.

Garth Watts

had a Hole in One on the 14th.
Congratulations Garth!

EGC members Margo, Susan and Mick, all can
testify to this feat.



Tali Button

Congratulation Tali.

Our loss is someone else's gain!

"I am writing to advise that I have been offered full time employment in the disability sector commencing 23/10. I therefore wish to resign from my casual position at Echunga Golf Club effective 22/10.

I have enjoyed my time working at the Golf Club and I am very grateful for the opportunity that you have provided me.

As my new job is working Monday to Friday I may be able to help with an occasional weekend shift, until you are able to recruit a replacement."

Regards

Tali

"Tali. It will be sad not to see your happy face working at the Echunga Golf Club. I'm glad to see a person work hard and achieve their goals. As Club President I would like to thank you for your efforts over the past few years and I wish you all the best in the future."

Robert Eibisch

Club President

Echunga Golf Club

Mixed Foursomes

Please note the change of date for this event.

It will now be held on Sunday, 29th October.

(one week earlier than in the original program)

New 17th green

The new 17th green has come along well and the new green and hole will officially open on Saturday 14th October. To celebrate, we encourage as many members as possible to come out and play. With the course starting to look very lush and the greens bouncing back well from their coring, there is no better time to dust the clubs off after winter and get back out on the course.

To celebrate the holes opening, the 17th hole sponsor, the Victoria Hotel in Strathalbyn, have provided vouchers for use at the hotel. These will be used as nearest the pin prizes on the day, with one available in each grade.

New Members

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

Pamela Gray 6 Day

Cohen White 7 Day

Russell Barnes 7 Day

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

The Art of Chipping

Recently I took up golf again after a long break brought on by severe frustration with how badly my golf had become.

Having been playing again for a few weeks I think the years off have perhaps made my golf even worse.

While practising some chipping after work one evening, a cheerful bloke pointed out that I was rubbish.

While I secretly agreed with his sentiment, my competitive nature refused to lay down!

The only thing to do was to challenge this nice elderly man to a chipping competition.

Based on nothing except my ego, I decided to let him pick where we would chip from and to which hole.

After all he did not look like much of a golfer to me...

Quite quickly I realised I had made a terrible mistake as he repeatedly and proficiently chipped his 7 iron to within 2 feet from the hole! I don't expect anyone who has seen or does see this chipping technique in action, will be publishing articles on it.

However, he certainly seemed to have adequate control of the golf ball and is either very good at dealing with pressure or simply unaware of his surroundings, as my taunts went unnoticed as another ball rolled up under the hole. Thankfully, he rejected my offer to Chip for Money and only asked that I provide a written account of his chipping prowess.

The Gentleman 'Hustler' is also known as Club President Rob Eibisch.

Next time I will try not to fall for his bait, or practise much more.

Unfortunately, Naren Taverna.

What a Golfer May Move Without Penalty



I know that some regular readers of this blog like to have lists to assist them in understanding the Rules, so I am going to address what a player may move when their ball in play is stationary and when it is in motion.

Player's Ball in Play is Stationary;

- Artificial objects that can easily be moved are movable obstructions, which may be moved from anywhere on the course, or out of bounds, Rule 24-1. Examples are course signage, distance markers, water hazard stakes, cans, abandoned balls and other rubbish.
- Natural objects that are not fixed or growing, solidly embedded, or adhering to the ball, are loose impediments, which may be moved from anywhere on the course, except when both the loose impediment and the ball lie in or touch the same hazard. Rule 23-1. Examples are grass clippings, leaves and pine cones.
- A player is not penalised for moving, bending or even breaking anything growing or fixed, providing this happens while they are fairly taking their stance, which means using the least intrusive course of action that is reasonably necessary for the selected stroke, Decision 13-2/1.
- A player is entitled to move a natural object for the specific purpose of determining whether the object is loose; if it is not it must be returned to its

original position before making the next stroke, Decision 13-2/26.

- If a player considers that another ball might interfere with their play, they may have it lifted, Rule 22-2.
- Sand and loose soil may be moved from the putting green, but not from anywhere else, Definition of Loose Impediments.

Player's Ball is in Motion after a Stroke;

- When a ball is in motion after a stroke, no player may move any movable obstruction that might influence the movement of the ball, except the equipment of any player and the flagstick that has been removed from the hole, Rule 24-1. Examples of player's equipment are their clubs, clothing and golf bag.
- When a ball is in motion after a stroke, no player may move any loose impediment that might influence the movement of the ball, Rule 23-1. Examples are divots, a detached branch and insect-like creatures, Definition 23-5/5.
- Obviously, a player must not purposely stop any ball that is in motion, Rule 1-2.

Good golfing,

Barry Rhodes

JUNIOR Coaching Clinics

Sunday 12th November

Sunday 10th December

Family Ambrose Day

2:00pm Advanced

3:00pm Beginners

All juniors welcome

No restriction on membership

Bring your children,
grandchildren, nieces & nephews,
or neighbours.

Women's Report Out and About

Murray Bridge Open Day

Spring certainly had sprung for this Open Day with the temperature in the low 30's. Warm conditions dried out the fairways and the greens, thus making it difficult to judge sticks to use or how fast to putt. We finally decided not to read the greens and just go for centre. The course is in great condition.

By the time we were finished, weather conditions were unpleasant with the heat and wind.

Not all made hard work of the day. Minnie from Echunga flew the flag for us with 38 points to win Div. 3. Janeen came very close to winning her Division with 36 points. Echunga and Murray Bridge women had the advantage, as we have played the course many times over the winter. Winners were given a choice of any women's shirt that had been brought in as samples, plus a bottle of wine.

Pat Umlauf

Kangaroo Island Ladies Golf Week

I have been going to Kangaroo Island Ladies Golf Week since its inception and this year I was joined by Anne Morton, on her second visit several years after she first went, and Pamm Leech, her first time.

We had a rather rough trip over on the ferry, but we had much calmer weather for our first game, Foursomes at Penneshaw on the Tuesday. This was an introduction to the mysteries of scrapes for many of the mainlanders. The locals were all very helpful giving instructions. The course had been well prepared, despite the small membership and of course, there was lunch and afternoon tea provided. We didn't feature in the prize winners in fact Anne and Pamm were so determined to master the scrapes before playing at Parndana on the Thursday, they arranged a practice round at Kingscote on the Wednesday rest day.

Once again the weather was warm enough for the snakes to be out for the first round of the two day event at Parndana, although the course had a few boggy patches it was in great condition. Anne won a NTP, so close only a hole-in-one could have beaten it. I came runner up (35pts) in B grade to Rosemary from Mannum (39pts). I was also a

member of the winning team, along with Rosemary and Jenny Weise. Pamm, not to be out done won the raffle! We staggered back to our abodes full after the huge afternoon tea.

Friday at Kingscote was even warmer and with lots of the local men to help with the raking and scraping, the scores were good with Rosemary again winning B grade (39) which also made her the aggregate winner. Local ladies were winners in A and C grade. Once again the hospitality and food were fantastic.

We all had a great time and after a smooth trip back, Anne and Pamm said they will be going again next year, despite hating the scrapes, but they won't stay at the same place because the towels weren't good! I have been offered free entry for the events, as it will be the 10th anniversary of the event and I have been every year. I expect many of the 39 mainland visitors from 15 clubs ranging from Whyalla to Naracoorte, will return.

Susan Telfer

Junior Clinics

Remember to keep an eye on the Echunga website homepage and please leave a contact number when registering, so we can contact you if we need to cancel/change the clinic due to wet weather.

Thanks to all who help out with junior events and clinics.

2pm - advanced group - followed by on-course play

3pm (40mins) - beginners

Sausage sizzle and drink after session

Second Sunday of the month

November 12th

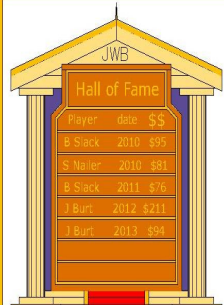
December 10th - Family Ambrose day

Esther and Jamie Burt

Junior Co-Ordinators, Echunga Golf Club

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Hall of Fame

Player	Date	Score
B Sack	2010	895
S Naler	2010	881
B Sack	2011	876
J Burt	2012	821
J Burt	2013	894

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Flashback!

25 Years ago

On the Course.. and around the Clubhouse.

President's 1992 report (as delivered at the 1992 AGM)

It gives me great pleasure to be able to present this report at the Annual General Meeting of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

As members are fully aware since the last AGM the Club has taken a big step towards establishing an eighteen hole golf course.

These extensions have progressed slowly over a period of time mainly due to the wet weather. The tees and greens have now been all built up and are now sown. A special thanks must go to the Kangarilla Earthmovers for their help in establishing the tees and greens. The irrigation system has been installed and is ready for the summer months.

I feel that with all the extensions that have been completed up to date we have managed to keep within our finances and I am still confident of having the new extensions playable the next new year.

I must also thank the Echunga Recreation Grounds Committee for their support and the Echunga Primary School for their help with the tree planting which will recommence in late October with the direct seeding of certain areas between the fairways and a larger area adjacent to the ponds.

Taken from the October 1992 Putter

20 Years ago

1997 ECHUNGA OPEN RESULTS

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

Ladies	Gross	L Barlow	(84)
	Nett	S Dahlitz	(78)

Taken from the October 1997 Putter

15 Years ago

Seems to be a proliferation of balls around the course labeled "EJM", are you losing lots Eric or is everyone labeling 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

10 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

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5 Fun Facts for your day!

1. You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
2. Blueberries will not ripen until they are picked.
3. Cherophobia is the fear of fun.
4. A tarantula can live without food for more than two years.
5. You can't hum while holding your nose closed. You just tried it didn't you?

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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

Wentworth Falls Country Club

Northern Territory

Darwin Golf Club

Tasmania

North West Bay Golf Club

**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 randryeates@gmail.com

Skiping Church

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf.

So...

He told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away.

This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone.

After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed.

"You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

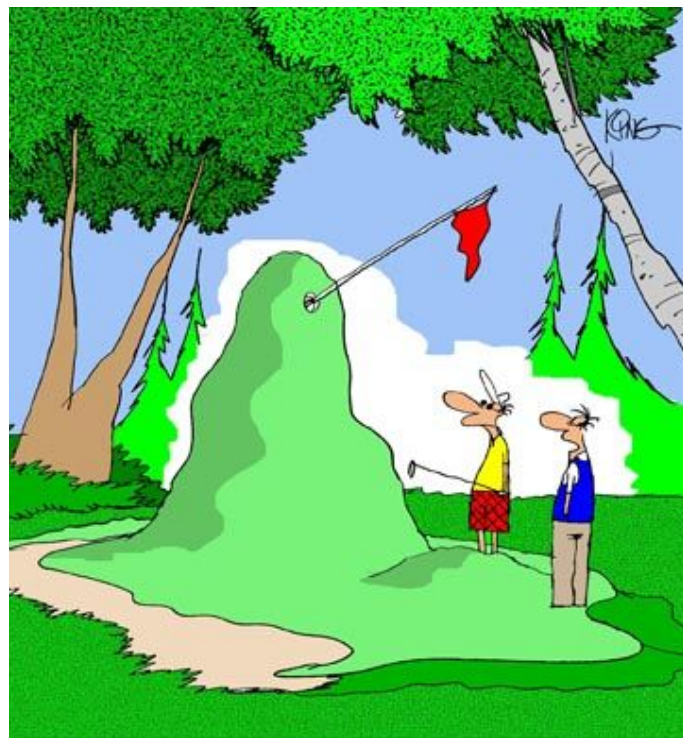
IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished.

He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

PEACE BE WITH YOU.



"I hear this is one of the tougher greens to putt on."

This Month's Riddle

"There is a word and six letters it contains.
Take away one and twelve is what remains.
What word is it?"

Answer next month

Last Month's Riddle

"Many have heard me, but nobody has seen me,
and I will not speak back until spoken to."
"What am I?"

ANSWER: *An echo*

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October Birthdays

3 rd	Dean	Buder	
4 th	Geoff	Strelan	
	Ann	Morton	
	Sandy	Williams	
5 th	Janet	Petherick	
	Bill	Kidd	
	Sharon	Pascoe	
	Hannah	Ewart	15
6 th	John	Schmidt	
7 th	Kevin	Wilks	
	Kathy	Clarke	
	Chris	Murphy	
10 th	Don	Beames	75
	Peter	Anderson	
12 th	Geoff	Staples	
13 th	Alf	Curtis	
	John	Thurgood	
14 th	John	Dring	
	Zelko	Bilandzic	55
15 th	Michael	Mills	65
17 th	Mark	Luke	40
18 th	Craig	Smith	50
	Tim	Steer	
19 th	Lynda	Garlick	
	Brian	Rowe	
	Ross	Dyer	
20 th	Keith	Bradley	
	Sam	Hunt	
21 st	Matt	Doughty	
22 nd	Chris	Burden	60
	Adam	Beltchev	
24 th	Minnie	Semmelmann	
	Frank	Williams	
26 th	Stephen	Grivell	
	Cooper	Fort	
27 th	Hylton	Mc Lean	
29 th	John	Middledorp	
	Graeme	Davis	
30 th	Sam	Grave	
31 st	Denise	Garvie	
	Lachie	Oswald-Jacobs	



Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!



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