

## 2020 CAPTAIN'S REPORT - ECHUNGA GOLF CLUB

I won't beat around the bush with my report this year and start off by saying that WOW this year has gone no where near where I wanted it to go. To start the year, I had a whole new revamped program, with all different sorts of changes being made.

The start of the year and the new program was going really well, and everybody seemed happy with the way the new program was set up and the way it was running. The programmed year got as far as the Autumn Classic which was a fantastic day and to all the people that helped me with that day, I say a big thank you. To the boys in the green keepers shed, I haven't seen the course set up for tough competition golf like that ever and I think it was fantastic. Tough for the higher handicap players though, as the scores showed. Great day and I didn't get any bad feedback from anybody the whole day which is nice.

Then Covid 19 kicked in and the place hasn't been the same since!!!

I would like to congratulate every member of this club for the way they have understood and gone about dealing with all the changes that we have had to do while this virus is upon us. Golf Australia were helpful with setting up all the rules while we had the Covid 19 restrictions to start off with and once again to the boys in the green keepers shed for setting up the holes with the foam in them so we could continue to play golf.

While I have congratulated everybody on the way we went about the whole Covid 19 pandemic there are a few people I would like to thank for helping me keep the golf side of this year going.

First thank you is to Bill Kidd who is absolutely fantastic with all the help he gives me behind the scenes, setting up all the competitions and almost every Saturday doing the results of the members comp and also this year helping set up and publish a new program every time we had to change it this year. Cheers Bill.

Second thank you is to my Vice Captain Randy Jones who is always good for a chat on the phone. He also helps me by doing the Thursday competition results. Because I haven't been able to play a lot lately, he is very good at giving me a report on the course, when or if we need to make a ruling at any stage.

Third thank you goes to Brian Wallace who every week helps out on Saturday and Thursday with the competition results and checking all the cards to see if they have been filled out correctly.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff of the Echunga Golf Club. Heather and the girls for being there on competition mornings and also for all the work the girls do booking people in for the bigger days such as the Autumn Classic etc. Also, to Joel and the boys in the Green Keepers shed, this winter hasn't been easy but as I said before the course was the best I had ever seen it through the earlier part of the year.

If I get the opportunity to be the Captain of this great club for the next few years I look forward to implementing the same program as we were to run this year hopefully with no Viruses and restrictions like this year.

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