

Hi Everybody

A great final week with 3 wins and a half, and getting 3 teams to the final and with 1 team just falling short by a whisker.  
Well done to everyone!

It were the B1's who won their match on Sunday, 4.5/2.5, but unfortunately they just missed out on a 3 way (games) count back for the second finals spot. They only lost 1 match during the season. They halve twice and won twice. had one of those halved matches just sunk 1 extra putt it would have made all the difference, but alas it was not to be. A great effort that they should all be proud of none the less. Special mentions to a couple of players. Bruce Agnew won 4 out of 4 matches, and had he not gone to Mildura last week I'm sure he'd have made it 5! All those games were played at number 1 or 2 against some very good opponents so well done Bruce!  
Well done also to Zelco with 4 out of 5 wins.

In the C1's they had an easy win on the weekend winning 6/1. This team has dominated their grade and finished with 4 wins and 1 loss. Darren Wilson won 5 out of 5 matches this year making him joint pennant player of the year along with myself, congratulations and well done big Dazza! Alan Bailey has also had a great year winning 4 from 5 matches. Congrats also to Zack Bozic who has made his pennant debut this year in round 3. Zack played the final 3 games and won them all, so lets hope he can get a win in the final and keep his 100% winning record going! Good luck to all the players on Sunday.

The C2's had a halved match on Sunday which was just enough for them to make the final. Jaden McGlashen has had a good season winning 3 out of 4, in what was a 4 game minor round after Mt Compass pulled their team out last minute. There were several debutantes in this team, with Dan Murphy, Bill Lewis, and Craig McLatchie all joining in and now making it to a final in their debut seasons. Special thanks to David 'Dougie' Wilson who stepped up for us this year, firstly by filling in in round 1 and then joining the team again in their time of need for round 5 and now in the GF... Thanks Dougie! In this team there were very little absentees during the minor rounds which is great, apart from the fact that now their 7 players are the only ones eligible to play the final this week with no back ups should anyone fall ill or injured. So a word of warning for the guys in this team; If you can't make it to the game on Sunday we can put an impostor in but we will need collect some DNA from you in order to fool the authorities.... A retina and a few finger tips should do the trick!

For the A1's I will cut and paste the report I wrote for the tomorrows courier rather than write a second one. It is a bit lengthy but .....

In the **A1 division** the teams gathered at Aston hills on yet another fine day for golf. With Lady Bay already guaranteed their place in the final, the main event of the day was between Willunga and Echunga, Where the winner would become the other team to make it to the final.

The Willunga team looked very strong on paper having a couple of Simpson cup (A1 Metro) players, in Steve Williams and Ben Layton, plus

a few long standing club greats such as Scott Murray, David Pateyjohns and Paul Stanfield. The Echunga team was without the young star Billy Cawthorne who had other commitments, but they did have some good experienced players in Bill Guy, Mike Haslett, and Jamie Burt, mixed with some very capable emerging players like Nathan Separovich, Naren Taverna, Viv Smith and Elliot Willgoose.

The teams matched up close to how the players might be ranked with the exception of The Willunga duo of Pateyjohns and Stanfield playing 5 and 7 respectively, in the hope of securing wins against Echunga's lower order players. This tactic didn't quite pan out though, because The Echunga lower order stood up and played some amazing golf.

Elliot Willgoose, playing at number 7 took control early, intimidating Stanfield with his big driving and birdie making abilities. Elliot nearly had it won being 3 up with 4 to play, but a couple of late birdies to Stanfield and just the slightest wobble from the young 'Goose' and the match was halved.

Echunga played Naren Taverna in the number 5 match against the highly rated Pateyjohns. Naren's form hadn't been great so far in the season but Naren is a real competitor who is just coming back from a 2 year break from golf and has been building his game well over the past few weeks. The 2018 Echunga club champ found his mojo and bewildered Pateyjohns with his renowned putting, holing putts from everywhere and producing a stunning 4/3 win.

Playing in the same group, the number 6 match saw Willunga's Matt Hage take on Viv Smith, who was coming off some disappointing performances losing his previous 2 matches. Viv turned his form around brilliantly though, and led all day to win 3/2 and tuned the game very much in Echunga's favour.

With Echunga now holding 2.5 wins, they only need 1 more with 4 matches still in progress. At Number 4, Jamie Burt was down by 1 or 2 shots for most of the day against the Willunga captain Brad Steele. In a grinding battle Jamie clawed his way back in to it and eventually took the lead making a nice birdie on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. In the same grouping meanwhile Mike Haslett did the opposite against Willunga's Scott Murray. Mike was 3 up with 6 to play, and although he'll hate me for reporting it, there came a stunning and uncharacteristic collapse from Mike losing 5 holes in succession to lose 2/1 on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

It was at this point that Nathan Separovich Had won his match 3/2 against Steve Williams back on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole. Nathan is a great player who tends to come up against guys who are on fire at number 2, and so he'd only had the 1 win so far in the season and his confidence was down but this was a great win for him and for the team.

So with Jamie Burt 1 up with 1 to play, the best Willunga could do was to lose 4 matches to 3. Bill Guy and Ben Layton played the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at which point Ben was 1 up over Bill, but the game was done and dusted, so Willunga conceded the last hole to Jamie and Bill. The overall score in the end was 5/2 and Echunga are through to play against Lady Bay next Sunday at Victor Harbour for the A1 title and the Von Doussa shield.

..... Congrats to Nathan, Naren, Viv, and Elliot who slayed the giants on Sunday and carried us through to the GF! A Great season again for the Skipper, 'Big Billy' Guy who went through the season undefeated winning 4 and a half matches playing all except 1 game in the Number 1 position and slaying all the best players as he has for many years now. Also a big thanks to the true captain of our team, 'xx Wendy Guy xx' for her encouragement and organization, and for just being a wonderful positive presence around our team as she has also done for several years now too!

I am trying to organize a get together after our finals on Sunday at the club. There will be more details to come about this in the coming days. Remember that you will be able to have a free practice round at your finals venue if you just ring ahead to let the host club know you are coming.

Regards to all  
Jamie Burt