Echunga Putter

April 2026

Official Newsletter of the Echunga Golf Club Inc.

PO Box 53 Echunga SA 5153 Ph: 08 8388 8038

www.echungagolf.com.au

From the Editor . . .

Hi Fellow Golfers! The start of another season is upon us and wishing you all good golfing.

Congratulations to Jeremy Lawson this year's winner of the "Echunga" Trophy.

They have done it again, their 4th Foursomes Championship win. Congratulations Bill Guy and Hugh Griffin. Well Done!

Congratulations also to the David Smart Trophy winners in Col Stevens and Mark Roberts.
Well Done!

Opening Day is upon us with presentation of trophies to those who excelled over the past year and we congratulate you all.

The Women have been victorious by winning the Div 2 Pennant title. I think the only Pennant win the Club had for the year. Well Done!

Thanks to Michael Clark who has been our Membership Manager and done a great job for the past 15 years. We wish our new Membership Manager, Jeremy Lawson all the best in taking over from Michael.

Don't forget the Club Championships start in early May.

Wishing you all good golfing

If you have any news items, stories, achievements etc. please e-mail me at randryeates@gmail.com

MT BARKER IRRIGATION PUMP DEPOT

Up and coming events . . .

April

Wednesday	15th	Women – Stableford - 1st Round Leonore Steer Trophy
Thursday	16th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	**18th**	**Stroke - Monthly Medal, Putting, Eclectic**
Monday	***20th***	***Women's Open Day***
Wednesday	22nd	Women - 2nd Rnd Club Championship Qualifying 1st Rnd Monthly Medal. 2nd Rnd Stroke or Stableford
Thursday	23rd	Thursday Comp –Stroke
Saturday	25th	**Anzac Day** Stableford **- Rnd 2 Autumn Cup**
Wednesday	29th	Women - Stableford – 1st Rnd Minnie Semmelmann Trophy
Thursday	30th	Thursday Comp – Stableford

May

Saturday	**2nd**	**Stroke – Monthly Medal Club Championships Qualifying Rnd 1**
Wednesday	6th	Women –3rd Rnd *Club Championship Qualifying,* 3rd Round International Bowl, 2nd Rnd Vets
Thursday	7th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	**9th**	**Stroke - Club Championships Qualifying Rnd 2**
Wednesday	13th	Women – Shylie Rymill Handicap Foursomes
Thursday	14th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	**16th**	**Stableford - Quarter Finals Club Championships**
Wednesday	20th	Women – Club Championship Semi Final or Stableford or Laurel Wreath
Thursday	21st	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	**23rd**	**Par - Semi Finals Club Championships**
Wednesday	**27th**	Club Championship Final A 27 holes, B 18 holes (Stableford – 9 or 18 holes) **Lunch**
Thursday	28th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	**30th**	**Stableford - Final Club Championships**

June

Wednesday	3rd	Women – Stableford – 2nd Round Leonore Steer Trophy
Thursday	4th	Thursday Comp – Stableford
Saturday	**6th**	**Stroke - Monthly Medal, Putting, Eclectic**
Monday	8th	King's Birthday - Stableford
Wednesday	10th	Women – 2nd Rnd Monthly Medal, 3rd Rnd Vets Trophy, 2nd Rnd Putting or Stableford

Competition Results

Thursday 5th March
Stableford **Field Size 68 Players**

Division 1		**Division 2**	
B Guy	37	S Bell	36
Z Bilandzic	37	J Dray	25
M Haslett	36	J Humphris	34
A Bailey	35	G Hart	32
H Hodgkison	35	S Ellis	32
P Williams	35	I Tremain	32

NTP 2nd M Roberts
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher** A Bailey

POG		A Bailey	21
		M Haslett	21

****

Saturday 7th March
Stroke

A Grade		**B Grade**	
J McGlashan	67	K Hampton	65
D McGlashan	68	R Dyer	68
B Guy	69	L Stain	69
R Hill	70	A Melillo	70
W Lobban	70	S Nailer	70
C Smith	71	H Hodgkison	72

C Grade		**D Grade**	
S Crump	66	J Dray	64
M Healy	67	G Hart	69
J Janson	67	T Steel	69
S Wilson	67	W Hocking	70
R Eibisch	69	S Rowell	70
G Day	69	D Slater	71

NTP 2nd R Hill
NTP 7th A Conley
NTP 17th J Dray
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher** S Foster

NTP in 2 (10th) $20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher
A-B W Lobban
C-D G Day

Monthly Medals

A Grade	B Guy	68
B Grade	K Hampton	80
C Grade	S Crump	83
D Grade	J Dray	92

Medal of Medals

A Grade	B Guy	68
B Grade	D Stevenson	79
C Grade	K Hampton	80
D Grade	J Dray	92

Putting Comp

A Grade	R Hill	22
B Grade	A Melillo	26
C Grade	D Doorne	26
D Grade	K Wiese	27

****

Thursday 12th March
Stableford **Field Size 68 Players**

Division 1		**Division 2**	
N Gould	42	A Gould	41
D Stevenson	39	J Tuck	39
S Littlewood	38	T Steel	36
A Massie	38	D Doorne	36
D Parrott	37	R Hughes	35
A Melillo	37	G Milne	34

NTP 2nd A Melillo
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher** J Dray

POG N Gould 21

****

Saturday 14th March
Stableford **Field Size 124**

A Grade		**B Grade**	
A James	41	M Roberts	40
J McGuire	39	J Roberts	38
A Jennings	39	G Day	37
N Hall	37	J Lee	36
A Conley	37	M Henderson	36
J Wood	37	P Coldrey	35

C Grade		**D Grade**	
J Janson	35	A Morton	38
A Daws	34	R Yeates	36
G Foster	34	K Wiese	36
R Conner	34	C Hasson	36
K Wenham	34	M Clark	36
D Stoddard	33	B Menzies	35

NTP 2nd D Blaschek
NTP 7th L Stain
NTP 17th X Kell
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher**
E Myer
NTP in 2 (10th) $20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher
A-B D Stevenson
C-D K Wenham

****

Thursday 19th March
Stroke **Field Size 65 Players**

Division 1		**Division 2**	
K O'Malley	62	A Gould	69
M Haslett	68	Y Obushak	72
D Stevenson	69	G Hart	72
D McGlashan	71	T Steel	73
R Jones	72	J McCarthy	75
R Eibisch	72		

NTP 2nd R Hill
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher**
M Haslett

POG K O'Malley 32.5

****

Saturday 21st March
Par **Field Size 115**

A Grade		**B Grade**	
J McGlashan	+5	M Henderson	+4
J McGuire	+5	J Paech	+3
I Bonython	+4	J James	+3
M Roberts	+3	G Day	+2
M Haslett	+2	C Stevens	Sq
S Koop	+1	P Head	Sq
C Grade		**D Grade**	
D Holtham	+3	P Nickson	+2
C Nickson	+2	A Gould	-2
K Wenham	+1	S Moritz	-2
S Allanson	Sq	J Kell	-3
D Parks	Sq	S Grivell	-3
R Lane	Sq		

NTP 2nd P Head
NTP 7th H Griffin
NTP 17th S Foster
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher**
B Guy
NTP in 2 (10th) $20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher
A-B J King
C-D K Wenham

Thursday 26th March
Stableford **Field Size 70 Players**

Division 1		**Division 2**	
J Hague	38	T Nichols	41
P Coldrey	37	G Pohl	41
P Williams	35	J McCarthy	38
M Henderson	35	K Wiese	38
M Haslett	35	R Cullen	33
R Hayden	34	D Doorne	32

NTP 2nd R Eibisch
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher**
M Roberts

POG T Nichols 23
G Pohl 23

****

Saturday 28th March
Stableford **Field Size 111**

A Grade		**B Grade**	
A Jennings	39	G Day	39
S Koop	38	M Healy	39
P Buying	36	M O'Malley	38
M Trafford-Walker	36	S Littlewood	37
D Parrott	36	P Coldrey	37
D Stevenson	35	L Stain	36
C Grade		**D Grade**	
N Harrison	37	T Cook	40
D Parks	36	P Nickson	36
A Durant	36	S Grivell	34
K Wenham	35	S Moritz	34
J Tuck	35	E March	34
M Mills	34	Y Obushak	33

NTP 2nd A Durant
NTP 7th A Durant
NTP 17th P Buying
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher**
P Buying

NTP in 2 (10th) $20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher
A-B B Guy
C-D G Cooper

Thursday 2nd April
Stableford **Field Size 63 Players**

Division 1		**Division 2**	
Z Bozic	39	T Nichols	38
M Temme	38	J McCarthy	38
B Guy	37	R Cullen	37
H Hodgkison	36	A Amberg	34
C Smith	36	R Yeates	33
K O'Malley	35	S Grivell	33

NTP 2nd H Hodgkison
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher**
R Eibisch

POG T Nichols 25

****

Saturday 4th April
Stableford **Field Size 115**

A Grade		**B Grade**	
A Conley	41	S Wilson	38
I Bonython	41	S Bilandzic	37
R Jones	36	J Lee	36
R Hill	35	N Sylvia	34
M Haslett	35	S Crump	33
M Roberts	35	M Hodge	33

C Grade		**D Grade**	
N Kim	37	A Lawson	39
J Janson	37	E March	38
M Stevens	37	M Symes	37
S McGlashan	36	P Leech	37
R Hughes	36	R Yeates	36
R Oxenham	36	W Satterthwaite	35

NTP 2nd B Guy
NTP 7th M Stevens
NTP 17th R Oxenham
NTP 18th **$20 Hotel Barker Voucher**
D Parks

NTP in 2 (10th) $20 Balhannah Hotel Voucher
A-B J Lee
C-D A Durant

MAGNUS AUSTRALIA
"For all your Stockyard and Rural Shed requirements, give us a call on 08 8568 2666"

Nearest the Pin:

(Extra sponsor's vouchers)

Hole in ONE on any Par 3 - $100
From Adelaide Masonry sponsors of 2nd Hole

10th Hole - Nearest the Pin in Two
$20.00 Meal Voucher Balhannah Hotel

18th Hole - HOLE IN ONE JACKPOT $1465.00
Nearest the Pin
$20.00 Meal Voucher Hotel Barker

Recent Achievements

MONTHLY MEDALS
February

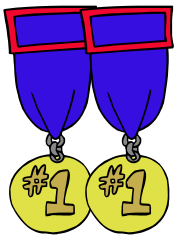
A Grade	B Guy	67
B Grade	H Hodgkison	80
C Grade	K Hampton	81
D Grade	P Allen	88

MONTHLY MEDALS
March

Monthly Medals

A Grade	B Guy	68
B Grade	K Hampton	80
C Grade	S Crump	83
D Grade	J Dray	92

Medal of Medals



A Grade	B Guy	68
B Grade	D Stevenson	79
C Grade	K Hampton	80
D Grade	J Dray	92

Eagle

On the Par 4, 10th hole on Thursday, 12th March. Congratulations and Well Done!

Richard Hill Eagle

On the Par 4, 13th hole on Saturday, 21st March. Congratulations and Well Done!

Jase Hyland Eagle

On the Par 4, 11th hole on Saturday, 4th April. Congratulations and Well Done!

Stefan Bilandzic

Around the Club

From The President

The 2026/27 season is approaching.

A busy period for the Echunga Golf Club and a good time for a brief update.

The new season kicks off with the Open Day Ambrose on 11th April that includes lunch and presentations for the previous year.

The Club Championships commence in May, noting that the Championships are only available to financial members.

Over the last 12 months we have seen continued improvement in the course relating to the initiatives that have been actioned over the last couple of years. The Ground Staff have done a great job in understanding the irrigation issues and how to work around them resulting in quality greens and improved fairways. The irrigation system will continue to be a risk until major works are completed on the system.

The work done on the 5th green and on the 2nd and 18th tee blocks has improved the playing experience without significant cost.

You all will note the shed extension work currently in progress. The shed extension will allow us to increase our hire cart numbers and storage for our Volunteers and Juniors, equipment.

We recently completed the painting of the club house roof to extend the life and a large TV, kindly donated by Martin Henderson was fitted within the clubhouse.

Along with the implementation of Golf Australia's new handicap system, the club is in the process of transferring over to an electronic voucher system so please feel free to talk to the bar staff how that will work.

An engineering company has been engaged to design an adequate spillway for our dam located across the road at the farm. Hopefully we will have the design and approvals ready for construction work to commence in May.

One of our members, Peter Coldrey was recently struck on the cheek with a golf ball at very close range. This is the second of a similar incident that has occurred over the last couple of years. Fortunately, Peter was relatively lucky that no serious injury occurred, but a few millimetres either way, it may not have been the case. While incidents such as Peter's are somewhat rare, it is a timely reminder to be aware of your surroundings both whilst you are addressing and or walking towards your golf ball.

Slow Play is a challenge that most golf clubs experience and constantly needs to be addressed. Over the past few weeks, we have been experiencing Stableford rounds in excess of 4 ½ hours which needs to be improved for the enjoyment of all our members.

Please be conscious where your group is, in reference to the group ahead and don't be afraid to ask your playing partners to move it along.

If you are practicing on the course, can you please play through the course and keep your practice balls to a handful, taking into consideration of other players and grounds staff (who have right of way) who maybe on the course.

Please utilise the designated chipping and putting greens where possible.

After 15 years, Michael Clark will be stepping down as the Membership Manager at the end of March. The committee would like to thank Michael for his effort and time that he dedicated to the role in a volunteer capacity.
Jeremy Lawson who has a strong background in IT will be taking over the responsibility with Michael's help during the transition.

Thanks to both Michael and Jeremy.

Happy golfing
Mark Roberts
President

From the Club House

Member Prize Wallet

As previously advised, the club has introduced a digital member prize wallet connected to the Point of Sale (POS) system. This system has now been activated therefore competition winnings will be credited directly to your digital wallet instead of being issued as physical vouchers.

To view or use the funds in your wallet, you can simply ask our staff for assistance.

New Golf Ball prices

High priced balls
Now $10.00
(Pro V1, TPS, Callaway Tour)

Medium priced balls
Now $7.50
(Bridgestone Tour Balls)

Lower priced balls
Now $5.00
(Callaway Super soft, Srixon Soft Feel, Bridgestone E12)

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Our 2025-2026 **"The Echunga"** winner this season is Jeremy Lawson who extended his round 7 lead where only 55 people played in what was to be a wet weekend, but instead was quite dry.

Jeremy finished in the top 20 to get 35 points and an 8 round total of 618 points, where our runner up Jase Hyland had his worst round for the season and finished outside the Top 30 scores and only got 22 points for his round to finish with 601 points.
Bill Guy rounded out the Top 3 with 567 points. Well done, fellas.

Full leader board is on the bulletin board.

CLUB FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well we finally had a winner with our Foursomes, and dynasty continues with Bill Guy and Hugh Griffin winning their 4th straight Foursomes title, this time beating Sam Foster and Joel King 8 /6.

The time between qualifying and having this game was a result of extreme weather (being too hot) , Hugh doing work around his house and needing to go to hospital for stitches to fix a hole in his hand , extreme weather policy again (biblical wet weather for weekend) and then KAOS cup trip.

The first 9 was quite tight with both groups adjusting to the conditions and eyeing each other's game with Bill and Sam teeing off the odds and Hugh and Joel teeing off the evens and before crossing the road for the first time all was square.

Holes 10 -18 the champs flexed their game and ripped the course to shreds and walking off 18 they were 4 up.

Of course Sam and Joel were not going to give up easy, but unfortunately for them Bill and Hugh like birdies a bit better, a good struggle. Well done.

I would also like to thank the members playing on Saturday who moved away to let them play through without question, thanks again.

Rob Eibisch
& Wayne Lobban
Captain

DAVID SMART TROPHY

The Best Net Foursomes final was between Brett Rogers/Mark Temme and Col Stevens/Mark Roberts.

It was a titanic struggle with Col Stevens and Mark Roberts the eventual winners by 3/2.

Brett and Mark, playing the more consistent team golf early leading well into the final round until they relinquished the lead to Col and Mark on the 22nd hole.

Mark Roberts

VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

Still or should I say as usual, we have been cutting up fallen tree branches and removing them, watering the garden and picking up sticks.

The toilet near the female tee on the 5th has been washed on the outside and painted inside and out.

We have almost finished cleaning all the drains and sumps on the course and the one outside the cart shed.

Ball washes have been cleaned and filled, weeds sprayed around the mixing dam and sponsors' signs cleaned, as well as trimming around the base of each.

The practise net's base was cleaned and grass trimmed around the outside.

Welcome to Chhay, a new member of the team, who makes us all feel positively old! You too can join us any Tuesday at 9am at the Clubhouse if you really want to get to know the course and how it is maintained and improved by us and the grounds staff.

THE CREW

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined or rejoined our Club over the past months

Sandy Williams	3Day Standard
Chris Nickson	NxtGen
Riley Evans	7Day Junior
Travis Sayers	7Day Standard
Hans Kohl	7Day Standard
Wayne Rohrig	6Day Standard

Welcome to Echunga Golf Club.

May you enjoy your golf and friendship with us.

Echunga Autumn Classic 2026

What a day we had with the 2026 Classic with a sudden death playoff required to determine our winner.

Bill Guy and Marcus Klaveniek both had a 74 off the stick which resulted in these 2 going down the 9th hole to determine the winner, with Bill Guy winning the hole with a bogey to claim another victory in the Classic.

It was a tricky day for the field with the wind keeping all golfers on their toes and some challenging pin positions also.

Full marks to the Grounds team who had a busy weekend getting the golf course in this condition, but also having to deal with a big limb falling down just off the 7th Green late Friday afternoon.

Thank you to the members for advising our staff about this limb.

Mark Trafford Walker had a day to remember also, notching his first hole in 1 in his golf career, on the second hole.

Overall 77 people played in this year's edition and other notable winners were Jaden McGlashan who won A Grade with a nett 67 to win by 3 shots.

Peter Lindner won B Grade who beat Rob Hughes in a countback with a nett 68.

David Holtham won the C Grade beating Neil Franzway by countback also with 37 points and in the Women's Division Jeong A Choi from North Adelaide Golf Club won with 38 points.

Thanks go out to Zelko and Mike Haslett for cooking a wonderful Egg and Bacon Breakfast, Bev and Tanya Slack for the Luncheon and the great work Ben Slack did in presenting the room for the awards.

Thanks also to our sponsors for the day Sam Fosters Adelaide Masonry, Pat Buying from Bowden Printing and Beresford Estate wines for the wine prizes.

Wayne Lobban
Captain

Autumn Classic Results 2026

Open results

1st	**Bill Guy**	**74**
2nd	**Marcus Klaveniek**	**74**

A Grade Net Stroke

1st	J McGlashan	67
2nd	S Callary	70
3rd	M Haslett	73
4th	A Conley	73
5th	J Matheon	73

B Grade Net Stroke

1st	P Lindner	68
2nd	R Hughes	68
3rd	J James	70
4th	D Kim	70
5th	A Bailey	72

C Grade Stableford

1st	D Holtham	37
2nd	N Franzway	37
3rd	M Johnson	36
4th	T Cook	34
5th	J Janson	33

Women Stableford

1st	Jeong-A Choi	38
2nd	K Edwards	35
3rd	S Sechser	35
4th	L Ingerson	34
5th	J Jose	34

Long Drive

Men B Guy

Women Kerrie E

Men NTP

2nd	M Trafford-Walker
7th	J Choz
17th	S Crump
18th	P Buying

NTP in 2

3rd	D Kim
10th	I Bonython

Women NTP

2nd	J Choi
18th	n/a

Senior Citizen

If you are an older senior citizen and can no longer take care of yourself and need Long-Term Care, but the government says there is no nursing home care available for you, what do you do?

You may opt for Medicare Part G.

The plan gives anyone 75 or older a gun (Part G) and one bullet.

You may then shoot one worthless politician.

This means you will be sent to prison for the rest of your life where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating and air conditioning, cable TV, a library, and all the health care you need.

Need new teeth? No problem. Need glasses? That's great. Need a hearing aid, new hip, knees, kidney, lungs, sex change, or heart? They are all covered!

As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now! And, who will be paying for all this?

The same government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a nursing home.

And you will get rid of a useless politician while you are at it.

And now, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any more income taxes! Is this a great country or what?

Now that you have solved your senior Long-Term Care problem, enjoy the rest of your week!

This Month's Teaser

What can be swallowed, but can also swallow you?

Answer next month

Last Month's Teaser

What is harder to catch the faster you run?

Answer: **Your breath**

Women's Report

1Wednesday 4th March
Stableford

C Fowler	38
P Gray	37
S Moritz	36
J Williams	36
M Chapple	34
R Williams	33

NTP
B Grade S Moritz

****

2Wednesday 11th March
Stableford

J Williams	38

Stableford 3 Card Aggregate

K Clarke, R Eibisch & C Hasson	106

****

3Wednesday 18th March
Stableford

J Stenklev	40

3BBB

R Williams, P Umlauf & C Carter	47
(J Hussey cheerleader)	
J Stenklev, M Rigby & S Cain	46

****

4Wednesday 25th March
9 Hole Canadian Foursomes

J Stenklev & A Morton	32
C Fowler & P Gray	34
K Clarke & J Hussey	35
S Maddern & P Umlauf	37

****

5Wednesday 1st April
Stroke
Best Gross

P Gray	101

Best Nett

J Stenklev	76
R Eibisch	76
M Rigby	77
S Telfer	77

Putting

R Eibisch	29

2025-6 Women's Competition Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day, held on Wednesday 25th March, started with a 9 hole, Canadian Foursomes, because in the end, it's all about golf.

When play was finished we all gathered in the clubrooms to celebrate the culmination of our playing year.

Pam Gray (Women's Captain) presented winners and runners up with prize vouchers, trophies and medals. 14 players overall received prizes, which represents around 50% of our regular playing group.

The major winners were:

Pam Gray, Julie Stenklev, Libby Pride and Robyn Eibisch.

Pam Gray won the Women's Club Championship Trophy and medal, Best Gross Stroke Trophy, Putting Trophy, the Bronze International Bowl and also the Championship Foursomes Trophy and medal, with Robyn Eibisch.

The Championship Salver was won by Celia Fowler. The full list of recipients is below:

Eclectic	Pam Gray	62.5
R/up	Robyn Eibisch	68.5

Gobblers (Ball holed from off the green)

	C Fowler	8
	Kathy Clark	5
	Julie Stenklev	5

Best Gross Best 2 rounds

	Pam Gray	192
R/up	Robyn Eibisch	202
	Julie Stenklev	202

Best Net Best 2 rounds

	Carlsa Carter	145
R/up	Libby Pride	146

Vets over 70 Best 2 net rounds

	Marg Rigby	150
R/up	Pat Umlauf	155

Putting Best 2 of 4

	Pam Gray	57
R/up	Julie Stenklev	62

Leonore Steer Trophy Best of 2 Stableford

	Julie Stenklev	61
	Libby Pride	58

Minnie Semmelmann Trophy
Julie Stenklev 61

R/up Libby Pride 58

Medal of Medals Carlsa Carter 77
R/up N/A

Club Foursomes Championship
Gross Winners by 2
Pam Gray & Robyn Eibisch 209

Net Winners by 2
Jill Williams & Rennie Williams 156.5

Most improved Handicap
A Grade 0 – 30 Sue Maddern -1.5

R/up Pam Gray -0.4

Most improved Handicap
B Grade 31 – 45 Carol Hasson -1.2
R/up Jill Williams -0.8

Championships A Grade Winner Pam Gray

Runner up Robyn Eibisch

Salver B Grade Winner Celia Fowler

Runner up Elizabeth Handsaker

Laurel Wreath Libby Pride
R/up Julie Stenklev

Shylie Rymill Foursomes
Kathy Clark & C Fowler 76.5

International Bowl Bronze Pam Gray 69
R/up N/A

Retiring Women's Member

After 30 years as a loyal member of Echunga Golf Club Barbara Cain has decided it's time to hang up her golf clubs.

When Barbara joined the Club in the mid 1990's there were few women members operating from the old Besser brick Clubhouse over near the 12th tee block.

Barbara was one who rolled up her sleeves and worked to earn money to contribute to the building of the Clubhouse, we now so proudly occupy.

Many town and social activities were catered for in those days.

Barbara was on the committee at that time, and the women fundraised enough money to allow Barbara to go and buy the necessary cutlery and crockery for the new kitchen, A tractor was also handed over to Michael who was grounds person at that time, so he didn't need to borrow members equipment.

Barbara has been president and secretary of the Women's Committee for several years.

While serving on the committee for over 20 plus years she was known for her cooking in the kitchen.

This included cooking a full roast meal for our Christmas lunches with a couple of helpers to serve the meals.

Our Open Days, once on our 18-hole course, saw Barbara preparing hand cut salads, heating food then serving for up to 120 players. Pat Ackland and June Clarke were always there to help her plate up the artistic looking lunches.

Barbara's husband, Joe, built the club a lectern and a pedestal.

Barbara won a B grade championship and when she found that only the A grade had a trophy, she promptly bought one for the club.

Barbara is a quiet person who has silently been a great worker for our club.

We wish her continued enjoyment of life and welcome her back to visit when she has time.

Pat Umlauf

TORO Count on it.

2026 Echunga Golf Club Women's Pennants

We fielded two teams in the Southern Golf Group Women's Pennants Competition this year.

One in the Division 2 Hills and one in Division 3.

Both teams consisted of 5 players, and the competition was handicap match play.

The competition was held over 5 minor rounds, with each team having a bye on the week their club hosted.

Echunga hosted 8 teams from Division 2 Hills and Division 3 on Monday 23rd February.

A lunch of quiche and salad, followed by chocolate mud cake was available and most participated.

Thanks to the volunteers on the day who started the teams off, set the tables, prepared lunch, waited on tables and cleaned up afterwards. (including Carol Hasson who wasn't even playing pennants, but just came to help)

Division 3

Our team of Vicki Day, Jill Williams, Carlsa Carter, Rennie Williams and Marg Rigby started the season at Victor Harbor playing against South Lakes. The day was cool and drizzly, but it didn't impede the golf, and we finished with a resounding win 5-0.

2026 Div 3 Pennant team L to R Jill Williams, Marg Rigby, Rennie Williams, Vicki Day and Carlsa Carter

Round two against McCracken was played at the newly laid out South Lakes and provided a challenge to all with the new little par 3 in play for the first time. Unfortunately, we couldn't hold our good form going down 0.5-4.5.

Round three against Victor Harbor at Willunga saw us back in form with another good win of 4-1.

So, with the last minor round to go, we were in contention to make finals, and we just had to beat Willunga at McCracken. We had 2 new team members for this match without whom we could not have fielded a full team. So huge thanks to Pat Umlauf and Shirley Cain for their (reluctant) willingness to play at McCracken. The strong Willunga team and the difficult McCracken course proved to be a challenge too far. The matches were close but, unfortunately, we ended up going down 0.5-4.5.

The season saw us finishing third overall, but with the same number of winning games as the top team and I sincerely thank our team for their contribution, willingness to travel to far flung golf courses and the sterling effort they displayed, as well as the overall level of camaraderie.

Marg Rigby Captain

Division 2 Hills

Our first match was played against Murray Bridge at Oakbank, which is a 9-hole course. It was raining on and off for most of the match, which was an added challenge. We were lucky to have Celia Fowler volunteer to replace one of our players who was unwell. The team won 3-2.

Div 2 Hills Team L to R Robyn Eibisch (Captain), Libby Pride, Pam Gray, Julie Stenklev and Celia Fowler

The next match was held the following Tuesday to allow for the Adelaide Cup Day public holiday on the Monday. This was played against Oakbank at the Strathalbyn course, which is also 9 holes. Celia, being happy to keep playing, we still required another player and Jill Braithwaite stepped up to take part. In contrast to the previous week, the day was quite warm so luckily, we had an early start. Once again, we won 3-2.

Div 2 Hills team L to R Celia Fowler, Jill Braithwaite, Pam Gray, Julie Stenklev and Robyn Eibisch (Captain)

Round 4, our third match was played against Strathalbyn at Aston Hills. Once again, it was a bit wet, even more so than the last week, but apparently that suits an Echunga team, as we achieved our favourite 3-2 score again. This put us in the enviable situation of being guaranteed a spot in the finals, regardless of the results in the final round.

The final minor round was played at Murray Bridge against Aston Hills. The weather decided to play the heat card again. We were all in great form and pleased to have Libby Pride joining us, having recovered. We had a great result with a 5-0 win.

Div 2 Team L to R Sue Telfer, Celia Fowler, Pam Gray, Robyn Eibisch (Captain) and Julie Stenklev

The finals were held at the South Lakes Golf course and due to the distance we needed to travel, the team of Robyn Eibisch (Captain), Julie Stenklev, Pam Gray, Celia Fowler and Susan Telfer, opted to stay locally the night before. We walked part of the course Sunday afternoon, paying particular attention to the new holes on the course.

We teed off in order from highest handicap to lowest on what promised to be quite a warm day. The three first matches finished with us holding a 2-1 lead over Aston Hills. The next two matches were drawn after 18 holes so went to a playoff, starting again at the first hole. Julie won her match while Pam was halfway up the first fairway so did not need to finish, that match being halved.

The final score was 3.5-1.5 and Mel Phillips, from the Southern Golf Group presented us with the perpetual shield and our trophy.

Our last win for this division was 2022, so we were all pretty happy.

Robyn Eibisch
Captain

I'd like to thank all the players involved in this season, both those who originally volunteered and those who filled in as reserves or were essentially press ganged. You played in the best spirit of competition with friendliness and terrific team camaraderie.

Thanks also to the two team Captains, Robyn and Marg for great leadership and communication.

Julie Stenklev Pennant Co-ordinator

Flashback!

On the Course...and around the Clubhouse.

From the Past

25 Years ago

Club to purchase more Water.

At a Special General Meeting held on April 11th members voted to purchase the property opposite to the Recreation grounds in an effort to ensure a reliable supply of water for the future.

A large crowd of members attended the meeting and following a debate over the legality of the meeting due to inconsistencies in the Constitution heard 3 speakers,
Vice-president, Tony Guy,
Head Green Keeper, Mike Nichols and
Committee Member Craig Bedson.

Tony presented information on the History of why we needed to move on the acquisition.

Over the past few years, quality and quantity of water from the 4 bores on the course has been decreasing and the likelihood that any good water could be found seems both unlikely & would be expensive to search for.

Tony approached the owner of the property across the road in an effort to purchase water for the course, a request which was followed with an opportunity to purchase the property outright.

Mike presented us with reports which had followed sampling of the existing bores.

These reports showed all bores to be above the level of salinity recommended for irrigation.

Mike also surprised us with the fact that during Feb; this year we had actually run out of water and if it had not been for increased pumping from the "poo ponds" we would have been in dire straits.

Other minerals in the water from the current bores are also leading to problems on the course.

Creagh outlined the financial position of the club. $260,000 is currently held in a "water reserve", all plant & equipment is in good condition and all legal obligations to staff are accounted for.

With the option of the current owner to lease back the property and arranged vendor finance the Club would only be exposing itself to out of pocket expenses of $4000 in the first year to service the interest repayments.

A lot of questions were asked by members and where answers were unable to be given the assurance was made that solutions from the appropriate people would be sought.

(Ans; in future Putters)
The motion ***"..that the Management Committee of E.G.C Inc be authorised to finalise the purchase of the 32.71ha property described in certificate of Title Register Book Vol 5462 Folio 838 for the price of $495,000 + neg costs"*** was put **& carried.**

Taken from the April 2001 Putter

15 Years ago

Nearest the Pin

Marking Your Ball For Nearest The Pin: I was asked last Saturday how a ball should be marked on the green for nearest the pin during comps on Saturday and Thursday. The correct way is that one of the points of the triangle marker is placed in line with the front of ball closest to the hole. If we actually measured the distance between the ball and the hole we would measure to the front of the ball and write that measurement down. This is the reason why we place the marker to the front of the ball.

Greg Klatt
Captain

Foursomes Championships

Best Gross
J. Burt & J. Hyland 74

Best Nett (David Smart Trophy)
J. Janson & R. Huisman 66 ½

Senior Foursomes (Over 60)
K. Hampton & B. Sparrow 67

Taken from the April 2011 Putter

10 Years ago

Hole in One

Saturday 2nd April.

Bob (Jacko) Jackson

Had a Hole in One on the 18th.
Congratulations and Well Done Jacko!
(It's only taken you 75 years and 172 days! Can you wait that long again?)

Taken from the April 2016 Putter

Creation of Life

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God agreed.....

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."
The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God agreed.....

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."
The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about only twenty years and I'll give you back the other forty?"

And God agreed again.....

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God. "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.
There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service.

Golf Trivia

Who has won the most Ryder Cups?
Answer next month

Last Month

Who is the only golfer to hold all four modern Major titles simultaneously?

Answer;

Tiger Woods

****

Lake Albert Golf Club
Meningie
Shambles Golf Event
Sunday 19th April

See notice board for more information

****

2026 SA Masters Games

See notice board for more information

****

2026 Riverland Big River Golf Showcase.

April 21st (Barmera), 22nd (Loxton) & 23rd (Berri), 2026

See notice board for more information

****

Club Sponsors and Tee Block Advertisers

Preferred Finance - ***Aaron Vogt***
Adelaide Masonry - ***Sam Foster***
Magnus Australia- ***Craig McLatchie***
Beresford Estate Wines – ***Wayne Lobban***
Solitaire Estate Wines– ***Paul Freer***
Farm Gate Services- ***Ashley Day***
Commercial SA- ***Andrew Turner & Evan Florinis***
Adelaide Hills Accounting & Financial Planning- ***Brendan O'Donnell***
Bowden Print Group– ***Patrick Buying***
Coopers Brewery - ***Jason Ridge***
Balhannah Hotel – ***Greg Ryan***
Commercial SA- ***Andrew Turner & Evan Florinis***
Spry & Spry Architectural Cabinetmakers ***Tony Spry***
Volvik Golf Balls - ***John Harris***
Mad Aussie Signs– ***Andrea & Gibbo Gibson***
Mt Barker Landscaping Centre– ***Ryan Bailey***
Mt Barker Irrigation Pump Depot– ***Rick Babidge***
Josh Teague MP. - ***Member for Heysen***
Hotel Barker -
Toro Australia- ***Simon Jones***
Drakes Supermarket Mt Barker - ***Sean Collins***

These Companies sponsor our Golf Club. Please repay their generosity by supporting them where possible. If you have a business, or know of a business interested in having their name on a Tee Block Sign please contact the Sponsorship Committee. Any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated and will ultimately help to keep your membership fees down.

History!!! Did you know?

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about The 1500s:

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery . . . If you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor" But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot . . . They "didn't have a pot to piss in" & were the lowest of the low.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell . . . Brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the Saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw - piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof . . . Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt Poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving

leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: Peas porridge hot, peas' porridge cold, pea's porridge in the pot nine days old. Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon."
They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up.

Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave.

When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. . So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.

Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth . . . . Now, whoever said history was boring!!!

CLUBS with which we have RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

South Australia

Barmera Country Club
Barossa Valley Golf 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 **(from 1/01/2026 $25.00)**
Naracoorte Golf Club
Penola Golf Club
Peterborough Golf Club
Port Lincoln Golf Club
Tailem Bend Golf Club
Victor Harbor Golf Club
Whyalla Golf Club

Victoria

Bannockburn Golf Club
Hamilton Golf Club
Mildura Golf Club
Murray Downs 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.

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

April Birthdays

1st	Barry	Sparrow
3rd	Ian	Bonython
	Hugh	Griffin
	Lochie	Howe
4th	Samuel	Stain
5th	Mick	Morton
	Steven	Nailer
	Mary	Chapple
8th	Neville	Murphy
	Dan	Stevenson
10th	Trent	Shorland
11th	Rhys	Paech
12th	Alan	Tyson
13th	Nigel	Smith
14th	Barbara	Cain
	John	McBain
	Aaron	Vogt
15th	Wayne	Hocking
	Andrew	Massie
16th	Jeremy	Burgess
	Greg	Klatt
	Brian	Menzies
	Nathan	Separovich
17th	Guy	Murray
18th	Joel	Haslett
19th	Gus	Cooper
	Rob	Eibisch
22nd	Sue	Maddern
23rd	William	Burt
24th	Sonny	Taverna
26th	Phil	Middleton
29th	Ken	Hampton
30th	Levi	Beesley

Happy Birthday to all - especially those celebrating a milestone!

Echunga Golf Club Inc.
2024/2025 Management Committee

President	Mark Roberts	0409 066 176
Vice President	Zelko Bilandzic	0433 590 970
Secretary	Ian Bonython	0417 814 435
Treasurer	Martin Henderson	0400 295 792
Club Captain	Wayne Lobban	0414 268 974
Vice Captain	Randy Jones	0406 061 356

Committee

Esther O'Young	0424 478 960
Peter Anderson	0412 612 611
Sam Foster	0478 139 073
Pam Gray	0407446 806
Marg Rigby	0401 121 632

Handicapper

Randy Jones	0406 061356

Pennant Co-Ordinator

Ben Slack	0417 809 588
Email: manager@echungagolf.com.au	
John Mc Donald	0401 299 920

Membership Manager

Jeremy Lawson	0407 000 855
Email: membership@echungagolf.com.au	

Junior Co-Ordinator

Esther O'Young	0424 478 960

Bar Supervisor & Course Bookings

Ben Slack	08 8388 8038
	0417 809 588
Email: manager@echungagolf.com.au	

Putter Editor

Russell Yeates	0417 834 705
Email: randryeates@gmail.com	

Sponsorship

Rob Eibisch	0498 193 054
Email: eibischr@gmail.com	

2024/2025 Women's Committee

Chair & Captain	Pam Gray	0407 446 806
Vice Captain		
Secretary	Robyn Eibisch	0402 061 825
Social Convenor	Shirley Cain	0403 056 550
Committee	Elizabeth Handsaker	0400 289 025
Committee	Marg Rigby	0401 121 632
Committee	Jill Williams	0407 698 490

Next issue deadline:
9th May 2026
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. randryeates@gmail.com