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### NEWSLETTER

We pick the weather right again at Kooyonga.

80 players made the most of a brief break in our winter weather to really enjoy "Yalumba's" wonderful hospitality, the usual well-presented outstanding Kooyonga Golf Course, and of course another excellent dinner. Our thanks go out to Chris Greening and all his helpers, for not only their choice of wines but for the run down on their features.

As I have observed before the "Scribbler" was out standing. Great value!! As usual S. Smith & Sons one of our longest time sponsors provided us with a wonderful day. It made the day fantastic value for money.

National Foods presented their 3 round trophies to the following winners.

A GRADE PETER COUSINS  
 B GRADE VAL MOHYLA  
 C GRADE FRANK DONAGHEY

Well-done fellows and many thanks to the National Food Boys for their wonderful support.

### RESULTS

A GRADE	WINNER	BRUCE LINDNER	37
	RUNNER UP	MATT BINNS	36 C/B Wayne Tanner
B GRADE	WINNER	DENNIS WILDEN	33
	RUNNER UP	VAL MOHYLA	31 C/B Chick Marchioro
C GRADE	WINNER	FRANK DONAGHEY	34
	RUNNER UP	BRIAN SMITH	28 C/B Steve Horn
VISITOR	WINNER	STEVE HAVILAND	37 H/C 16 THAXTED
	RUNNER UP	KEVIN MULLENS	33 H/C 21 FLAGSTAFF
A.H.A FIRST NINE		CLIVE FOWLER	20 C/B 4 others
SCHWEPES SECOND NINE		ROB SMITH	20 C/B Garry Marriott
N.T.P	3 <sup>rd</sup> COOPERS	DAVID LIPMAN	
	7 <sup>th</sup> DRUMMOND GOLF	TERRY GOODWIN	
	14 <sup>th</sup> LION NATHAN	BRIAN SMITH	
	15 <sup>th</sup> S.C. PRINT & GRAPHICS	RICK BIRCHMORE	
3 <sup>RD</sup> SHOT	9 <sup>TH</sup> TURNER SECURITIES	MICHAEL O'SHAUGHNESSY	
2 <sup>ND</sup> SHOT	18 <sup>TH</sup> T.A.B.	ROB SMITH	

**MEMBERS SECRET BIRDIE 6<sup>TH</sup> \$550.00**

NO WINNER \$650.00 NEXT TIME

**MEMBERS ONLY SECRET SIX 13-18 \$120.00**

T. GOODWIN & R. SMITH 13 PTS EACH

**PROFILE GROUP BIRDIES**

A. TAPP (2), A. DADDS (2), O. PORTER, R. SAID, D. LIPMAN, T. HOY (2),  
M. BADE, G. MARRIOTT, S. UPPINGTON, M. KELLY

**CURTIN FOOD EQUIPMENT TROPHIES 32 PTS OR BETTER**

M. DEANS, K. MOORE, P. COUSINS, W. TANNER, G. MERRILL, J. ROBERTS

**MEMEBERS ONLY NET EAGLES**

P. COUSINS, M. NOBLE, O. PORTER, R. SAID, C. FOWLER, D. LIPMAN, J. LANFORD, B. SMITH,  
M. BADE, J. BIDSTRUP, S. HORN, S. FALCONER, P. BROOKS,  
T. GOODWIN (2), J. ROBERTS, C. MACROW, S. UPPINGTON, M. KELLY, J. TANTI

**FOSTERS RAFFLE**

STEVE HORN, TIM RYAN, WARREN WOODS, SANDY FALCONER, MICK KELLY

**PARS**

- Congratulations to Rob Gillies on arranging for a wonderful article in memory of our late committeeman Joe Budin in the latest edition of "Hotel SA" grab a copy from someone and read it, if you haven't already done so!
- If your card did not find its way back to your club after our Kooyonga Day it was because you did not put your home club on it.
- Also if you have won or finished runner up in any event this year please check your handicap every time you play, incorrect handicaps will always be disqualified.
- It has been remiss of me not to congratulate one of our very supportive members Brendan Bowler on receiving an AM in the June Queen's Birthday honours list. Our club is proud of you Brendan and acknowledge your huge voluntary contribution to Age Care in South Australia
- My son Kevin (a club member) who is involved in prostate cancer research is running the City Bay on 19<sup>th</sup> September as a Fund Raiser. Anyone interested in supporting the cause, which on average will affect some of our members. Please visit the website [www.everydayhero.com.au/thebhc](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/thebhc) or contact Kevin on email [kevin.o'shaughnessy@unisa.edu.au](mailto:kevin.o'shaughnessy@unisa.edu.au) or phone 0412 173 617
- Our thoughts are with Rod Said, Bruce Lindner & Robbie Cooter-Tims who all lost a parent recently. It's never easy.
- Life Members Trophy Leaders after Kooyonga

**LIFE MEMBERS TROPHY LEADERS**

STEVE UPPINGTON	69
BRIAN NASH	62
JACK ROBERTS	61
DAVID LIPMAN	59
JIM BIDSTRUP	58
RICK BIRCHMORE	57
BRUCE LINDNER	56
MIKE NOBLE	55
PETER COUSINS	55
BILL DAVIS	54
ROBERT SMITH	53
BRIAN SMITH	48

- Net Eagle Leaders after Kooyonga

**NET EAGLE LEADERS**

PETER GANGUR	6
PAUL KNIGHT	6
JIM BIDSTRUP	6
BRIAN SMITH	5
SANDY FALCONER	4
MICK KELLY	3

- One of our long standing sponsors Darren Graetrex of Profile Promotional Partners is involved with Kick in 4 Kids Golf Day at Glenelg on September 20<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for a couple of fours to fill their field. Please contact Lauren on 83574158 or email [lauren@profilepartners.com.au](mailto:lauren@profilepartners.com.au) all proceeds to Variety Tent 75. Please support someone who supports us!

**NEXT EVENT**

**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
ROYAL ADELAIDE GOLF CLUB  
TEE TIMES 12-1PM**

**MAJOR SPONSOR COCA COLA AMATIL  
WINE SPONSOR ANGOVES PTY LTD**

**VISITORS VERY WELCOME**

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FORM ATTACHED.**

***Stella Awards***

It's time again for the annual "Stella Awards." For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head and say WTF. So keep your head scratcher handy.

**Here are the Stellas for the past year:**

**\* SEVENTH PLACE \***

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

**\* SIXTH PLACE \***

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles , California , won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbour ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbour's hubcaps.

**\* FIFTH PLACE \***

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol , Pennsylvania , who was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish. Keep scratching .. There are more.....

**\* FOURTH PLACE \***

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbour's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

**\* THIRD PLACE \***

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

**\*SECOND PLACE\***

Kara Walton, of Claymont , Delaware , sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000 ..... oh, yeah, plus dental expenses.

**\* FIRST PLACE \***

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City , Oklahoma , who purchased new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her -- are you sitting down? --- \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

**Are we, as a society, getting more stupid ....  
or are more members of Congress serving on juries these days**