



PENNANT 2016

SIMPSON CUP PREVIEW

Teams contesting the 2016 Simpson Cup

➤ Kooyonga	Won 33 titles	Most recent title 2015
➤ The Grange	Won 22 titles	Most recent title 2014
➤ Glenelg	Won 9 titles	Most recent title 2003
➤ Tea Tree Gully	Won 4 titles	Most recent title 2012
➤ Royal Adelaide	Won 10 titles	Most recent title 1951
➤ Blackwood	Won 1 titles	Most recent title 1996
➤ The Vines of Reynella	-	played 22 seasons in Simpson Cup
➤ Southern District	-	first season in Simpson Cup

Men's Premier Pennant grade The Simpson Cup, named after Mr Fred N Simpson, was inaugurated in 1927. Fred Simpson was a member of the family that established the Simpson white goods industry in South Australia.

The Simpson Cup was originally for competition between Kooyonga and Royal Adelaide from 1927 to 1939 until the outbreak of World War II. Over that 13 year initial period, Royal Adelaide won the Simpson Cup nine times and Kooyonga four.

When the Competition resumed in 1946 Post World War II, The Grange & Glenelg joined the fray with the competition contested on a home and away basis by nine-man teams from 1946 to 1948 inclusive. Teams were reduced to seven members in 1949 and remain at seven players per team today. No further changes were made until 1960 when a final was introduced after the minor round.

In 1967 the competition was expanded to eight teams with North Adelaide, Marino (The Vines), Blackwood and Mount Osmond joining the competition. In 1974 it reverted back to a four team competition and then back to eight teams again in 1980.

The competition was modified and altered over the ensuing years with promotion and relegation being introduced.



KOOYONGA

Manager: Tim Sennett
Captain: Heath Riches

Squad: Heath Riches, Will Somerfield, Joe Hodgson, Sam Inglis, Geoff Brennan, Broden McMillan, Jason Cocks, Jordan Bishop, Peter Johns, Charles Shaw, Luke Richards, Bevan O'Connor

IN: Geoff Brennan, Broden McMillan, Jordan Bishop, Charles Shaw, Luke Richards, Bevan O'Connor

OUT: Tim Baker, Zac Fuller, Sam Gava, Danny Spiers, Jonathon Temme, John Hayes

LAST YEAR 1st
TITLES 33

Managers Comments

"Our squad has seen quite a few changes this year. We have lost some real experience and talent from our 2015 squad due to a variety of reasons, but to balance that we see the return of some experienced players and a couple of new players who have not represented Kooyonga at Simpson Cup level before."

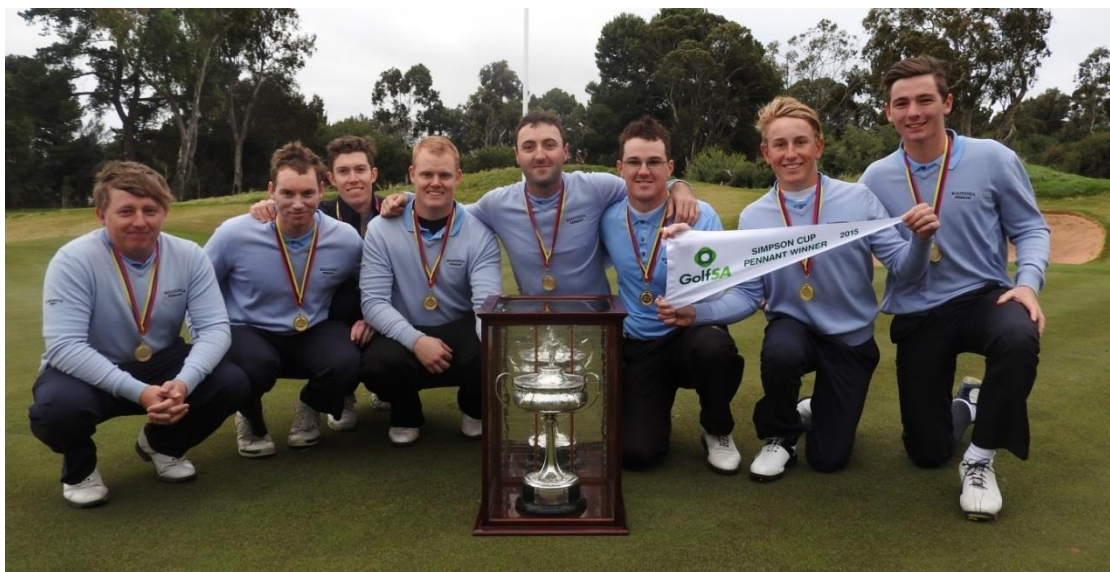
"We face a significant challenge in defending our Simpson Cup win from 2015, but it is one we look forward to with enthusiasm."

"Riches, Somerfield, Hodgson and Cocks form the core from previous years with a number of talented players keen to compliment this group. This includes Bishop and Johns who will be back for part of the season from their US college golf program, Shaw a former no 1 player, Brennan a seasoned campaigner, McMillian a talented player and formerly of The Vines, and Luke Richards and Bevan O'Connor as first time pennant players for Kooyonga."

"We are certainly looking forward to the season."

SUMMARY

Kooyonga has been hit hard by player movement, but retains enough of their top players to be a threat once again in season 2016.



2015 Winning Simpson Cup Team



THE
GRANGE
GOLF CLUB

Manager: Geoff Hendrick
Captain: Justin Crowder

Squad: Brad Andrew, Colin Coleman, Michael Coleman, Justin Crowder, Mark Demasi, Jay Gilbertson, Liam Georgiadis, Alex Hendrick, Matthew Lisk, Jack Thompson, Scott Webb

IN: Michael Coleman, Jay Gilbertson, Liam Georgiadis, Matthew Lisk
OUT: Antonio Murdaca, Andre Na, Ben Stowe, Ben Tucker, Jack Williams

LAST YEAR 2nd
TITLES 22

Managers Comments

“Grange is still smarting from its loss in last year's pennant final and determined to exact revenge this year of arch-rivals Kooyonga.”

“The departure of Antonio Murdaca, Jack Williams, Andre Na and Ben Stowe to the pro ranks and Ben Tucker to the US college golf system has created opportunities for the next generation of Grange talent to show their stuff.”

“We welcome the return of SA's number one ranked player Matt Lisk and the inclusion of state player Liam Georgiadis who came to national prominence with a stunning 67 at this year's Aussie Amateur.”

SUMMARY

Grange too, has lost some key players but still has the depth and experienced players to push for a finals berth.



2014 Winning Simpson Cup Team



GLENELG

GOLF CLUB

Manager: Geoff Attenborough

Captain: Anthony Olsen

Squad: Anthony Olsen, Lachlan Barker, Henry Duregon, Sam Earl, Ben Hallam, Josh Hayes, Andy Humphries, Jackson Kalz, Ben Layton, Will Starkey, Brodie Whitbread.

IN: Sam Earl, Ben Layton, Andy Humphries, Jackson Kalz, Brodie Whitbread.

OUT: Luke Bashford, Ben Magi, James McDonald, Braeden Kelly, David Hiern.

LAST YEAR 3rd
TITLES 9

Managers Comments

“The Glenelg squad has been strengthened with state team member Sam Earl from The Vines, Andy Humphries from Blackwood and junior member Brodie Whitbread from Southern. With current State senior and junior team members Lachlan Barker, Ben Layton along with much improved state junior team member Jackson Kalz the squad has plenty of youth.”

“Experienced players Anthony Olsen, Sam Earl, Ben Hallam, Henry Duregon, Josh Hayes, Andy Humphries and Will Starkey (who is returning from college in the USA to play pennants) gives the squad a very good balance of youth and experience.”

“The squad has been practicing hard for the upcoming season and competition for team positions will be strong with good depth from Simpson Cup, Bonnar cup through to our junior teams. Glenelg expects to be very competitive through all grades this season.”

SUMMARY

After an improved season in 2015, expect a very strong showing from Glenelg in 2016. With three junior state team members and Sam Earl into the side, they are one of the title favourites. Their season may depend on player availability.



Glenelg's Anthony Olsen



Manager: Jordan Harkin
Captain: Chris Austin/ Matt McMahon (joint)

Squad: Chris Austin, Sam Burton, Greg Blewett, Matt McMahon, Zak Amundson, Nick May, Jake Calvert, Scott Johnstone, Zane Thomson, Hayden Cook, Jacin Cook, Luke Humpage

IN: Greg Blewett (1 match), Jake Calvert, Nick May, Luke Humpage
OUT: Luke Steele

LAST YEAR 4th
TITLES 4

Managers Comments

"The loss of 2 high end players in Luke Steele and Greg Blewett (available 1 game) leaves a dent, but the inclusions of Nick May, Jake Calvert, Hayden Cook and Luke humpage, as well as a return to form for Scott Johnstone and Zane Thomson, we have a fresh new team with a bright, long future ahead."

SUMMARY

The Gullies field a strong team year after year and are always around the mark. With plenty of depth they should feature strongly.



Tea Tree Gully pictured in 2012 after winning their third Simpson Cup in a row



Manager: Rod Phillips
Captain: -

Squad: William Arnold, Nathan Baulderstone, Billy Cawthorne, Josh Groom, Patric Kroschel, Matt Lawson, Samuel Medlin, Alex Pacifico, James Wallman

IN Josh Groom
OUT Andrei Ezergailis, Louis Fuller

LAST YEAR 5th
TITLES 10

Managers Comments

“With a solid pre-season and the retention of our core group of players, RAGC is looking for a quick start to put it into contention for a finals berth at season’s end. We are expecting that with the experience of last season plus the hard work and development of our junior group including Arnold, Medlin and Groom we will be able to mix it with the competition’s heavyweights.”

SUMMARY

With some strong juniors coming through, Royal Adelaide is on the way up. Expect a strong showing in 2016.



Billy Cawthorne in action for Royal Adelaide



Manager: David Lewis
Captain: Michael Munn

Squad: Nick Wake, Daniel Wake, Michael Munn, Ben Winton, Riley Marshal, Ben Tobin, Matthew Monsma

IN: Ben Tobin, Riley Marshal, Matthew Monsma
OUT: Andrew Humphries, Gavin Britten, Steve Berridge

LAST YEAR 6th
TITLES 1

Managers Comments

“This year’s Blackwood squad blends youth and experience and has a lot of form on our side after a good preparation. We have had solid finishes in Simpson Cup over the last couple of years, despite our predictions, and I expect that this squad will challenge for the Cup..”

SUMMARY

Blackwood won two matches last season against Royal Adelaide and Glenelg, were competitive in all contests and were unlucky to not pick up another few wins and finish third or fourth.

This season they should claim a few scalps and finish mid-pack.



A2 Premiers in 2013



Manager: Nigel Coles
Captain: Tony Nobbs

Squad: Corey Apthorpe, Matthew Bell, Michael Bruggeman, Brendan Fisher, Paul Gregory, Tony Nobbs, Craig Rivett, Craig Russell

IN: Michael Bruggeman, Paul Gregory, Craig Rivett, Craig Russell
OUT: Sam Earl, Luke Noble, Mark Potter

LAST YEAR 7th
TITLES 0

Managers Comments

“The team is looking forward to the 2016 season with some confidence. There have been a number of changes from last year and whilst we have lost Sam Earl to Glenelg we are fortunate that Craig Rivett, our current Match Play Champion, has been able to make himself available for pennants this year and our side has been further strengthened with the return of Michael Bruggeman to The Vines Golf Club.”

“We believe this team is going to be very competitive and look forward to further cementing our place in the Simpson Cup.”

SUMMARY

The Vines won 2 matches last season against Highercombe and Blackwood. The loss of number one player Sam Earl will hurt but The Vines core group should be competitive enough.



A2 Premiers in 2014



Manager: Barry Green
Captain: Chad Methven

Squad: Adam Alldritt, Brad Altmann, James Brown, Chris Burns, Simon Connelly, Chad Methven, Dylan Roser, Andrew Stoodley, Jared Thoman, Nigel Turner

IN: Brad Altmann, Dylan Roser
OUT: -

LAST YEAR TITLES Winner of A2 2015
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Managers Comments

“Since first competing in Golf SA pennant, Southern have strived to advance & reach the Simpson Cup competition and in 2015 it finally went our way, after coming close to playing in the A2 final a couple of times.”

“Last season we went for experience with a good proportion of our team having previous Simpson Cup experience, namely Chad Methven, James Brown, Chris Burns, Adam Alldritt, Simon Connelly, Andrew Stoodley & Nigel Turner, along with first year player Jared Thoman.”

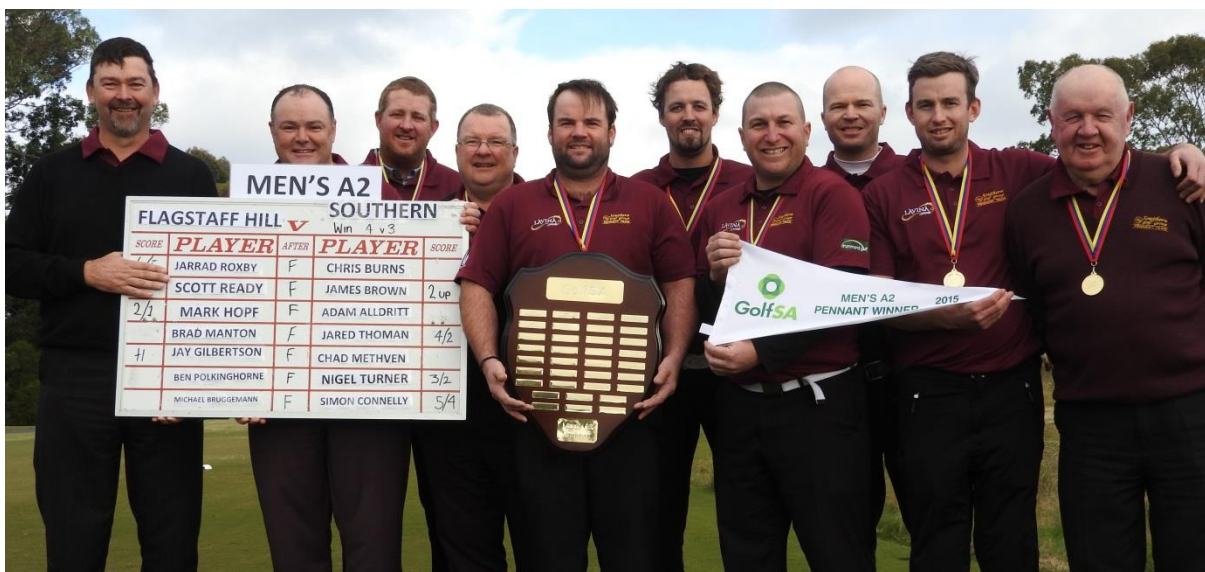
“For 2016 we have introduced two new faces into our squad, Brad Altmann and youngster Dylan Roser who have both performed well pre-season.”

“Our aim of course is to become a permanent fixture in the Simpson Cup line up. We hope, once established, Southern will be able entice our developing juniors to stay on & represent a very strong pennant side in the years to come.”

“I am more than confident this squad will serve Southern very well and give everything they have got to achieve our goal.”

SUMMARY

In A2 last season, Southern with 5 ½ wins upset the undefeated favourites Flagstaff Hill 4-3 in the A2 final. Although the Simpson Cup is a step up in class, the experienced Southern players are more than capable of competing at this level.



A2 Premiers in 2015