



PENNANT 2017

SIMPSON CUP PREVIEW

Teams contesting the 2017 Simpson Cup

➤ Kooyonga	Won 33 titles	Most recent title 2015
➤ The Grange	Won 22 titles	Most recent title 2014
➤ Glenelg	Won 10 titles	Most recent title 2016
➤ Tea Tree Gully	Won 4 titles	Most recent title 2012
➤ Thaxted Park	Won 4 titles	Most recent title 1994
➤ Blackwood	Won 1 titles	Most recent title 1996
➤ The Vines of Reynella	-	played 23 seasons in Simpson Cup
➤ Southern District	-	second 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.





GLENELG

GOLF CLUB

Manager: Geoff Attenborough
Captain: Anthony Olsen

Squad: Anthony Olsen, Lachlan Barker, Jack Buchanan, Sam Burton, Henry Duregon, Sam Earl, Josh Hayes, Jackson Kalz, Ben Layton, Michael Munn, Frank Vucic.

In: Jack Buchanan, Sam Burton, Michael Munn, Frank Vucic
Out: Will Starkey, Ben Hallam.

LAST YEAR 1st
TITLES 10

Managers Comments

"The Glenelg Simpson Cup, Bonnar Cup and Sharp Cup squads have been practising hard for the upcoming pennant season.

"After our Simpson Cup win last season the Glenelg team are taking nothing for granted and respect all opposition.

"With Sam Burton from Tea Tree Gully, Michael Munn from Blackwood and up and coming juniors Jack Buchanan and Frank Vucic added to our squad the Glenelg team is confident of a strong defence of our title win from last year."

SUMMARY

Glenelg has a very strong squad with eight players having represented SA at junior or senior level over the past two years. Anything can happen in a 7 round season, but if their players fire, they will be a very strong chance to make the final and go back to back.



2016 Simpson Cup Champions - Glenelg GC



THE
GRANGE
GOLF CLUB

Manager: John Windsor
Captain: Matthew Lisk

Squad: Matthew Lisk, Colin Coleman, Mark Demasi, Liam Georgiadis, Alex Hendrick, Andrew Nakone Jr, Jack Thompson, Scott Webb

IN: Andrew Nakone Jr
OUT: Justin Crowder

LAST YEAR 2nd
TITLES 22

Managers Comments

“After another disappointing loss in the Final last year, The Grange Golf Club is looking forward to going that next step in 2017. Last year’s Captain Justin Crowder will be missed this year due to work commitments, however The Grange still believes it has the players to go to that next step.

“We are excited to have our Club Champion and the SA State Captain Matt Lisk as our 2017 Grange Pennant Team Captain and look forward to a successful year under his leadership.”

SUMMARY

Crowder out will be a big loss, but Nakone Jnr will hold his own against any opponent. The Grange have a great blend of experience and talented youth, expect them to finish high up the ladder and contest for the title yet again.



2014 Winning Simpson Cup Team

KOOYONGA

Manager: Tim Sennett
Captain: Heath Riches

Squad: Heath Riches, Will Somerfield, Joe Hodgson, Danny Speirs, Sam Inglis, Kyle Hayter, Tim Baker, Jason Cocks, Luke Richards, Geoff Brennan, Joel Durnford, Jordan Bishop, Brett Eadie

IN: Danny Spiers, Tim Baker, Joel Durnford, Jason Cocks
OUT: Broden McMillan, Charles Shaw, Peter Johns, Craig Weckert

LAST YEAR 3rd
TITLES 33

Managers Comments

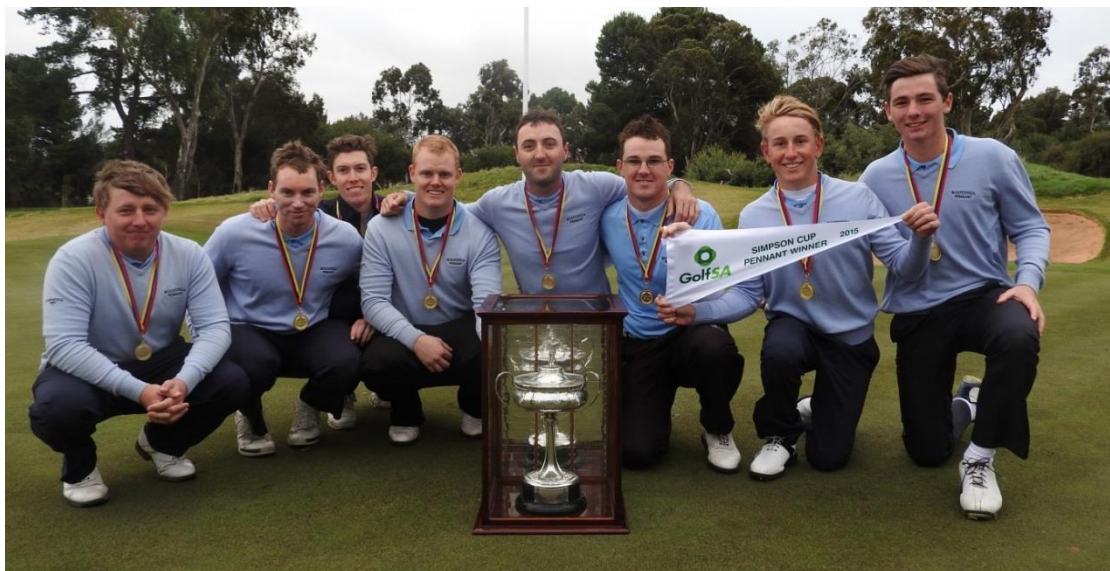
"2016 was a challenging year for us where we came up short of making the final. We are excited about the 2017 season, to see if our best form can match it with the other leading teams.

"Riches, Somerfield, Hodgson, Inglis and Hayter are all back from 2016 and in good form. We believe the return of the likes of Speirs, Baker, Cocks and Durnford has strengthened our squad compared to last year. Durnford and Bishop will be back for part of the season from their US college golf program. We also have other accomplished players that will push for selection including Brennan, Richards and Eadie.

"We are certainly looking forward to the season."

SUMMARY

Kooyonga has a very strong team and with Baker and Speirs back would expect to finish high up the ladder. How best Kooyonga can manage its side from week to week could determine their fortunes this season, with Joe Hodgson also off to college in the US mid-year.



2015 Winning Simpson Cup Team



Manager: Lindsay Elliott
Captain: tba

Squad: Gavin Britten, David Clough, Riley Marshal, Gavin Paterson, Ben Tobin, Daniel Wake, Nick Wake

IN: Gavin Britten, David Clough, Gavin Paterson
OUT: Michael Munn, Ben Winton, Matthew Monsma

LAST YEAR 4th
TITLES 1

Managers Comments

“A squad with lots of pennant experience, with this year’s additions looking forward to capably replacing those lost from last year.”

SUMMARY

Blackwood won three matches last season and proved they could mix it with the sides loaded with state reps. The question is can they cover the loss of last year’s number two and three, Winton and Munn and win four or five matches to finish in the top two? Time will tell.



A2 Premiers in 2013



Manager: Barry Green
Captain: Chris Burns

Squad: Chris Burns, Adam Alldritt, Brad Altman, Jak Carter, Simon Connelly, David Pateyjohns, Jared Thoman, Dylan Roser, Andrew Stoodley, Nigel Turner, Andrew Stoodley, Steve Williams.

IN: Jak Carter, Dave Pateyjohns & Steve Williams.
OUT: Chad Methven (Retired)

LAST YEAR 5th
TITLES 0

Managers Comments

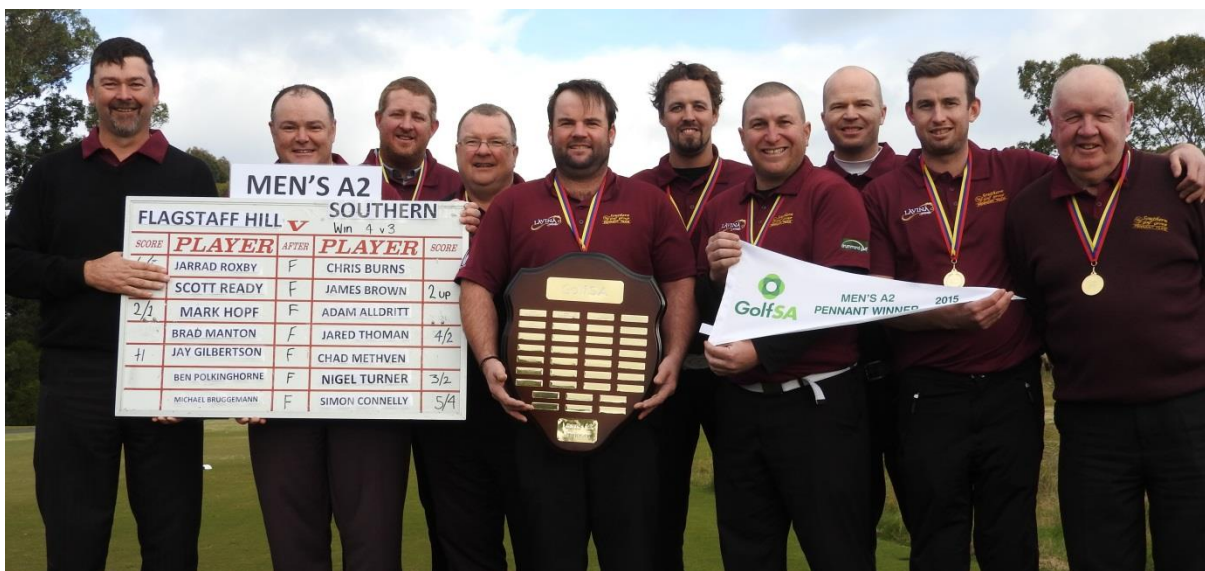
“Our first foray last year into Simpson Cup was for us very pleasing, finishing 5th on the ladder and of course our intention is to improve on that result this year.

“Chad Methven retires after 10 years’ service but we have recruited two new faces, Jak Carter & Steve Williams. Dave Pateyjohns also returns from a 6-year absence along with Dylan Roser who is still a junior & very close to fronting up.

“All players have been performing very well in our trial matches over the last few months and with a good balance of experience, youth & enthusiasm, we are hoping to progress up that ladder.”

SUMMARY

Southern defeated Royal Adelaide, The Vines and Kooyonga last year to pick up three wins. They have a squad capable of lifting Southern into the top half of the ladder and picking up a few more big scalps.



A2 Premiers in 2015

FLAGSTAFF HILL		SOUTHERN	
SCORE	PLAYER	AFTER	PLAYER
16	JARRAD ROXBY	F	CHRIS BURNS
	SCOTT READY	F	JAMES BROWN
2/2	MARK HOPF	F	ADAM ALLDRITT
	BRAD MANTON	F	JARED THOMAN
11	JAY GILBERTSON	F	CHAD METHVEN
	BEN POLKINGHORNE	F	NIGEL TURNER
	MICHAEL BRÜGGEMANN	F	SIMON CONNELLY
			5/4



Manager: Brian Jordan
Captain: Matt McMahon

Squad: Matt McMahon, Zak Amundson, Nick May, Jake Calvert, Scott Johnstone, Zane Thomson, Hayden Cook, Jacin Cook

IN: Jake Hurst
OUT: Chris Austin, Sam Burton, Greg Blewett, Luke Humpage

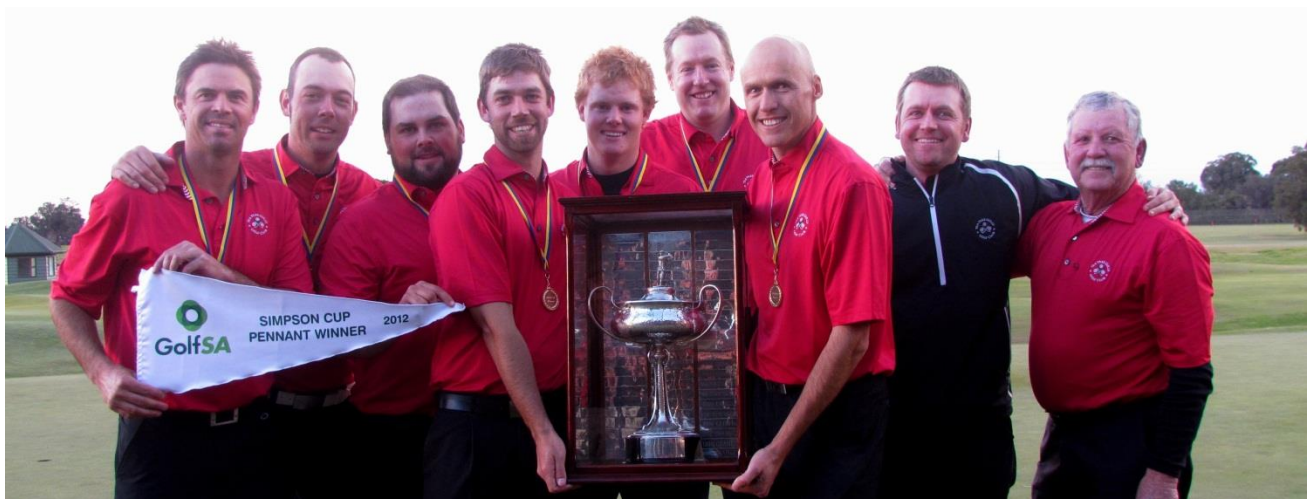
LAST YEAR 6th
TITLES 4

Managers Comments

"Tea Tree Gully will face a challenging year with the unavailability of several highly experienced players, however this will provide opportunity for others."

SUMMARY

Some big outs for Tea Tree Gully, especially former SA Amateur Champion Chris Austin and Sam Burton, who filled the top two positions in the team last year. The Gullies are always in for a fight so expect them to be ultra-competitive each week.



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



Manager: Nigel Coles
Captain: Tony Nobbs

Squad: Corey Apthorpe, Matthew Bell, Michael Bruggeman, Clayton Byrne, Alex Curtin, Brendan Fisher, Tony Nobbs, Craig Rivett

IN: Alex Curtin, Clayton Byrne
OUT: Paul Gregory, Craig Russell

LAST YEAR 7th
TITLES 0

Managers Comments

"Whilst the team for 2017 is largely the same as last year it has been strengthened with the return of Alex Curtin to the club after an absence of several years. The other addition to the squad is Clayton Byrne who has been impressive with his pre-season form.

"All the players are keen to play and looking forward to a successful season."

SUMMARY

The Vines defeated Blackwood and Kooyonga last year to pick up two wins and lost two matches 4-3 which shows they aren't far away. Expecting them to improve on last year and cause a few upsets.



A2 Premiers in 2014



THAXTED PARK GOLF CLUB

Manager: David Murdock
Captain: Matthew Rolton

Squad: Ben Ash, Matthew Rolton, Keiren Barratt, Jamie Trezise, Tom Haxby, Jake Munn, Matthew Hey, James Coulson, Shaun Tate, Robert Liddell, Casey Thomas

IN -
OUT -

LAST YEAR Winner of A2 in 2016
TITLES 4

Managers Comments

“Thaxted Park Golf Club are honoured to be back in Simpson Cup. We have had a great lead up in pre-season & look forward to the competition in 2017.”

SUMMARY

It's great to see Thaxted Park back into Simpson Cup after defeating Mt Osmond 4-3 in last year's A2 final. It's a nice reward for all involved and the players will be looking to prove they belong in the top division of SA Amateur golf. Look out.



A2 Premiers in 2016