

PENNANT 2018 SIMPSON CUP PREVIEW

Teams contesting the 2018 Simpson Cup

Won 33 titles Kooyonga Most recent title 2015 Won 22 titles The Grange Most recent title 2014 Won 11 tiles Glenela Most recent title 2017 Royal Adelaide Won 10 titles Most recent title 1951 Tea Tree Gully Won 4 tiles Most recent title 2012 Thaxted Park Won 4 titles Most recent title 1994 The Vines of Reynella

The Vines of Reynella
 Southern District
 played 24 seasons in Simpson Cup
 third 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.





Manager: Gary Thompson
Captain: Anthony Olsen

Squad: Anthony Olsen, Jack Buchanan, Frank Vucic, Jack Tanner, Josh Hayes, Ben Layton,

Jackson Kalz, Michael Munn.

In: Jack Buchanan, Frank Vucic, Jack Tanner
Out: Lachlan Barker, Sam Earl, Sam Burton

LAST YEAR 1st TITLES 11

Managers Comments

"Our squad has been working together since February in an attempt to defend our title. We have selected a very young squad and while we have lost some experience from last year, we still expect our boys will be very competitive, but we also respect the opposition and their endeavor to bring us down. We are looking forward to the season."

Golf SA Summary

Glenelg will be chasing a three-peat, trying to emulate Tea Tree Gullies run from 2010-12 and The Grange 2007-2009. With a host of state representatives (two boys and three men) and Olsen (Team of the year Captain) leading the team, Glenelg will once again be fielding a strong side. Barker and Earl are players you can't replace, it will be a matter of can the youngsters rise to the challenge?



2017 Simpson Cup Champions - Glenelg GC

KOOYONGA

Manager: Tim Sennett
Captain: Heath Riches

Squad: Heath Riches, Joe Hodgson, Kyle Hayter, Tim Baker, Jordan Bishop, Nick Deutrom,

Jake Eadie, Geordie Golding, Hayden Massey, James Percy, Jordan Percy,

Darcy Salamon

IN: Nick Deutrom, Jake Eadie, Geordie Golding, Hayden Massey, James Percy,

Jordan Percy, Darcy Salamon, Jordan Bishop

OUT: Jason Cocks, Will Somerfield, Danny Speirs, Joel Durnford, Sam Inglis,

LAST YEAR 2nd TITLES 33

Club Comments

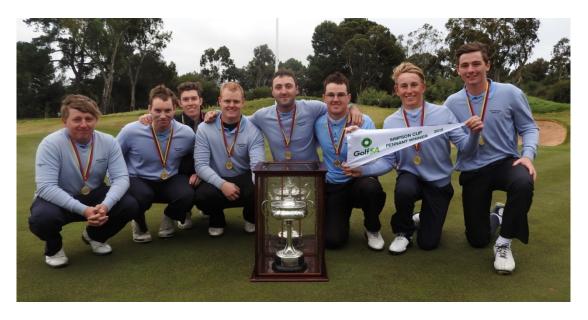
"The Kooyonga Simpson Cup team is well prepared and excited about the 2018 pennant golf. The squad has been practicing since early January and have put in a lot of hard work in the lead up to Round 1.

"Heath Riches will again Captain the side and is re-joined by Joe Hodgson who is flying in from the US college system and Kyle Hayter who has been in good form. The team has been strengthened by the return of former Simpson Cup players in Nick Deutrom who spent a number of years in Sydney and Jordan Bishop who is now living back in Adelaide after a couple of years in the US College system."

"The side has lost some experienced players in the off-season with Somerfield and Cocks turning Professional, Durnford and Baker carrying injuries, while Spiers and Inglis are both unavailable. The loss of these experienced players has paved the way for Darcy Salamon and Geordie Golding to make their debut in round 1. We also have a squad of accomplished players that will push for selection during the season including Hayden Massey, Jake Eadie, James Percey and Jordan Percey. Notwithstanding the player movements, we are looking forward to a successful season."

Golf SA Summary

Kooyonga will field a new look team in 2018, however they still have a core group of accomplished players and a top five or six to rival any team in the competition. If a few of the new comers can produce then a finals berth, once again, won't be out of reach.





Manager: John Windsor Captain: Brad Stenner

Squad: Chris Brown, Colin Coleman, Mark Demasi, Liam Georgiadis, Alex Hendrick,

Riley Marshall, Andrew Nakone jnr, Brad Stenner, Jamie Smith, Jack Thompson,

Nick Thompson.

IN: Chris Brown, Riley Marshall, Brad Stenner, Nick Thompson

OUT: Matthew Lisk, Scott Webb

LAST YEAR 3rd TITLES 22

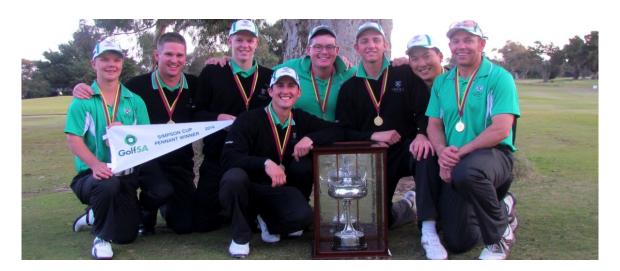
Managers Comments

"The Grange Simpson Cup squad is looking forward to the 2018 season. All squad members have been practicing hard and are in good form.

"Jack Thompson, Liam Georgiadis and Colin Coleman played well in the recent Men's Interstate matches and Nick Thompson performed well in the Junior Interstate series in Perth. With Riley Marshall joining us from Blackwood, Chris Brown returning from the pro ranks and Brad Stenner moving up from our Bonnar team, The Grange is confident of a strong performance this year."

Golf SA Summary

The Grange lose 2017 State Captain Matt Lisk to the pro ranks, but welcome back Chris 'Boss' Brown who has regained his amateur status. With Jack Thompson the current best performed player in the state and Liam Georgiadis undefeated in the Interstate Series, The Grange has the class to go all the way in 2018. Add in Coleman, Nakone Jnr and Hendrick and the cup might be headed down White Sands Drive.



2014 Winning Simpson Cup Team



Manager: Nigel Coles Captain: Tony Nobbs

Squad: Corey Apthorpe, Matthew Bell, Michael Bruggeman, Clayton Byrne, Alex Curtin,

Brendan Fisher, Marc Fulton, Tony Nobbs, Luke Noble and Craig Rivett

IN: Marc Fulton and Luke Noble

OUT: -

LAST YEAR 4th TITLES 0

Managers Comments

"The squad has been strengthened this year with the addition of Marc Fulton and Luke Noble. Both have returned to playing regular golf this year after absences due to travel and work commitments. Their youth and enthusiasm are worthwhile additions to our playing options during the season. As always we look forward to another successful year in 2018."

Golf SA Summary

Backing up a solid 2016, The Vines were impressive again last season winning four matches and a halve, finishing fourth. Michael Bruggeman was the star of the team, winning six matches and making the team of the year. With some added strength in 2018, The Vines look dangerous and could get that all-important fifth win.



A2 Premiers in 2014



Manager: Barry Green Captain: Chris Burns

Squad: Brad Altman, Chris Burns, Jak Carter, Simon Connelly, Andy Fiebig,

David Pateyjohns, Dylan Roser, Andrew Stoodley, Jared Thoman, Nigel Turner,

Brodie Whitbread, Steve Williams.

IN: Andy Fiebig, Brodie Whitbread,

OUT: Adam Alldritt (retired)

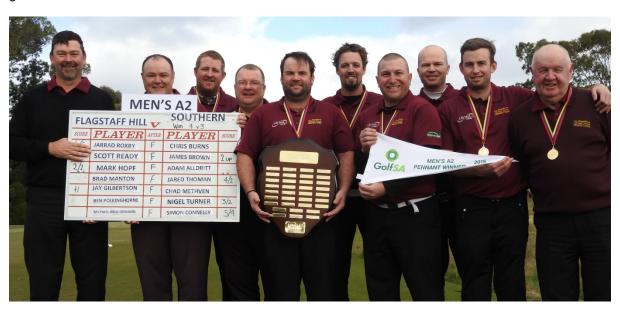
LAST YEAR 5th TITLES 0

Managers Comments

"2017 season was pleasing to the point that we held our ground by finishing fifth on the ladder again. Naturally, in 2018 we are looking to improve our position and gain ground on those clubs above us. With Adam's retirement after eight years great service, it creates an opportunity for others to fill. We have recruited two juniors, being Andy Fiebig and Brodie Whitbread to join our younger brigade of Dylan Roser and Steve Williams, along with our established players. It gives us that good balance of experience and youth that all teams search for."

Golf SA Summary

Southern showed last season that they are a strong competitor winning against Thaxted Park and Tea Tree Gully and halving with The Grange. 2017 Junior State player Andy Fiebig and Brodie Whitbread are nice inclusions and with Barry Green motivating the group once again, Southern will give it their best shot.



A2 Premiers in 2015



Manager: Cody Sherratt
Captain: Matt Rolton

Squad: Matt Rolton, Jarrad Roxby, Matt Hey, Kieren Barratt, James Coulson, Jamie Trezise,

Robert Liddell, Jake Munn, Shaun Tate, Casey Thomas, Ben Pearce

IN Jarrad Roxby, Ben PearceOUT Ben Ash, Tom Haxby

LAST YEAR 6th TITLES 4

Managers Comments

"Thaxted Park are looking forward to improving on last season's Simpson Cup consolidation. With last season experience under our belts we hope for a top four finish this year."

Golf SA Summary

Thaxted Park has had a big year and there is a buzz down in Woodcroft. After extensive course and club renovations, the facility is going strong. Former professional Jarrad Roxby who also represented SA as an amateur in 2011 is a big inclusion and might just be the added touch needed to push Thacky up the ladder. Another strong year by Matt Rolton (res. team of the year) would be nice.



A2 Premiers in 2016



Manager: Shane Baxter

Captain: -

Squad: Sudeera Botejue, Matthew Mcmahon, Zak Amundson, Jarrod Rowe, Jimmy Luo,

James Dundon, Nathan Mcguinness, Kirk Burfoot, Dale Smith, Jacin Cook, Jake

Calvert, Liam Davies, Paul Dollman

IN: Jimmy Luo, Jarrod Rowe, James Dundon, Nathan Mcguiness, Kirk Burfoot,

Dale Smith, Paul Dollman, Liam Davies

OUT: Nick May, Jake Hurst, Scott Johnstone, Hayden Cook, Zane Thomson

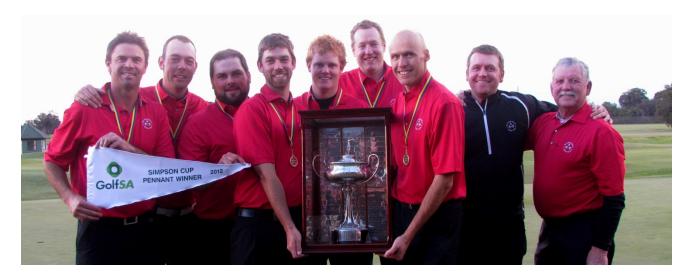
LAST YEAR 7th TITLES 4

Managers Comments

"We have a slightly inexperienced squad this year, but a great bunch of young guys who are keen to learn and represent the club. We are looking forward to the challenge!"

Golf SA Summary

There are a number of changes at Tea Tree Gully but blooding a few rookies might be the right way to go. Sudeera Botejue will give anyone a run for their money, as will Calvert and Cook. The Gullies have a tough early draw and if they can win one or two from their first four they will probably take it.



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



Manager: Rod Phillips

Captain: tba

Squad: William Arnold, Billy Cawthorne, Guy Dawson, Matt Earl, Reid Jones,

Patric Kroschel, Matt Lawson, Sam McLean, Alex Pacifico

IN: Matt Earl, Reid Jones, Sam McLean

OUT: Riley Semovic, Josh Groom

LAST YEAR Winner A2

TITLES 10

Managers Comments

"Following our strong performance and ultimate win in A2 last season the RAGC boys are looking forward to returning to Simpson Cup competition this year. We have retained six of our flag winning 2017 team and recruited a few new players into our group. We have a quality group of players and expect to be very competitive in this season's matches."

Golf SA Summary

After being relegated in 2016 after one win and two halves, RAGC dropped to A2 and dominated. Winning six and halving the other in the minor round and then defeating Flagstaff Hill 5-2 in the final, Royal Adelaide led by number one Billy Cawthorne, should return strong in 2018.

