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Do top flight cricketers make good golfers?

In order to answer this question, The Bunker Newsletter turned to our club member, Roger Woolley, pictured right. Roger represented Australia as a Test cricketer and One Day International cricketer. He also captained the Tasmanian cricket side and became wicket keeper for many years.

In order to get to the heart of the question, we asked Roger some questions and the resulting interview follows.

Bunker – When did you first play cricket?

Roger – When I was very young, my Dad would take me to cricket. Dad played in the Church Cricket Association. He was a great cricketer. I would always go to the cricket game, wearing my shorts and white top. If I was lucky and the team was one short, I would get the chance to field. The Church Cricket Association played at suburban grounds in and around Hobart. These are my early memories of getting involved with cricket and I fell in love with the game.

Bunker - What was your cricket journey from those early days as a young lad?



Roger says
"anyone for cricket or golf?"

Roger – I became involved with my high school cricket team. I was fortunate enough to captain our side. This was the beginning of my serious commitment to play cricket. I went on to play grade cricket, working my way up to A grade. I then made the Tasmanian under 19 Colts team and this led me to play Sheffield Shield for Tasmania.

Bunker – Did you play other sports in your early years?

Roger – I really like playing Aussie Rules Football.

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However, it is difficult to play a number of sports if you want to really succeed at cricket. Tasmania was coming into the Sheffield Shield competition and I really wanted to make a solid commitment to helping the side. I was dedicated to cricket and it was the game that I concentrated on.

Bunker – When did you first catch the golf bug?

Roger – I played the occasional game of golf when we had a day off from playing cricket. This was when I became serious about cricket. Unlike today's cricketers, back then we trained two or three times a week, then away at weekends playing cricket. When we came back from weekend cricket we had a job and had to work. This did not leave a lot of time for doing other things, including golf.

Bunker – Do many international cricketers play golf?

Roger – These days international cricketers are completely involved with the game and it is a full time profession. They train five to six days a week, especially during winter. They do not train all day, so, a lot of the guys play golf for relaxation.

Bunker – What is your favourite golf course?

Roger – Recently, I was fortunate enough to play golf at the Cape Whickham course on King Island. It is a spectacular course, rated as the number two course in Australia. When I was there it blew a gale, which made for difficult playing conditions. However, it is truly a magnificent golf course and I would definitely play there again.

Bunker – Why do you think so many international cricketers play golf?

Roger – It is all about eye co-ordination and timing. Good cricketers have this and whilst they play golf for relaxation on their days off, they use their cricket attributes and many are excellent golfers. Take Ricky Ponting for example. He hits the ball a mile and is very controlled around the golf course. He is so good that he plays off a golf handicap of plus two. Greg Blewett is another prime example of a top flight golfer. His golf game is magnificent. Dean Jones, God bless him, was an excellent golfer. He even played in the golf senior tour. David Boon is a very good player as is Dan Marsh, the ex Tasmanian cricket captain. Dan plays off plus three at Royal Hobart golf club.

Bunker – Many retiring cricketers tend to take up golf, what is the transition like?

Roger – Once you retire from cricket you are not training hard. It is very easy to put on a couple of kilos and not look after your body. So, I think part of it is fitness and missing belonging to a team environment. A golf club, like Orford Golf Club, provides us with the opportunity of meeting good people, becoming friends, a lot of laughs and a sense of being involved with a sport that continues the aspects of a team environment.

Bunker – Do you have any memorable golf games that you played with other international cricketers?

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Roger – I did not play a lot of golf whilst we were on tour, due to time constraints. I played in and against Sri Lanka for a test match. My team mate, Rodney Hogg (who was a bit of a larrikin as well as a very good fast bowler) and I had the chance to play at a course in the foothills of Kandy, one of the highest golf courses in the world. The air was so thin that I hit the ball a long way. Rodney and I had caddies and Rodney's caddy spend most of the time fishing golf balls out of the water. Rodney's golf ball seemed drawn to water on many holes. Not so funny for the caddy, but very funny for me to watch at the time.

Bunker – What is your favourite hole at the Orford Golf Club?

Roger – I like the third hole. It is a challenging dog leg and the new tee position has made it a lot harder. It has an interesting green and I am sure that Crossy puts the pin placements in difficult spots from time to time. The green is not always that easy to hit and it is often difficult to work out your putting line. The secret to the hole is to keep away from the trees on the left.

Bunker – If you had any advice to give a retiring cricketer that wants to take up golf, what would you say to them?

Roger – The beer is cold, your team mates are fantastic, you will get a bit of fitness and you will thoroughly enjoy it.

So, I think Roger has helped us answer the question. Yes, cricketers do make good golfers. Roger Woolley, you are a prime example. The Bunker thanks you for your input, and more importantly, your support and continuing effort and commitment to the Orford Golf Club. Thank you.

The Bunker Newsletter needs your help.

Do you have a news item that could be included in the newsletter? If so, we would like to hear from you.

It can be anything that you deem suitable, that is related to golf. You can submit an article via the club email address or write out something on paper, put it in an envelope, mark it attention Bunker Newsletter and hand it to a club committee member.

Without your input, the newsletter may struggle to survive. We value your input and encourage you to submit an article.

It may be a funny story from around the course or clubhouse. Hi-res photos are always welcome. You may even have an idea for our quick golf tip section.

If you have a suggestion, please let us know. The newsletter is for you and visitors to the club. We would welcome your help.

The Bunker Newsletter is published quarterly. This issue is for March to May 2021. With your help and support, the Bunker may be produced bi-monthly.

So, put your thinking cap on and help make the Bunker Newsletter one of the best golf newsletters in the state.

We will survive with your input long may it continue.



Orford Golf Club's famous kitchen Ninja

Friday Night Meal

The club offers all members and visitors a great night out, every Friday night. You will be able to enjoy a main course and/or dessert. Main meals are just \$17 for a large serve or \$12 for a medium serve and \$5 for dessert. The club house has a notice board that shows what will be served each coming Friday Night.

Our cooks are always coming up with great serving suggestions and this includes roasts, curries, fish, cheese cake, pavlova, ice cream Sundays, just to mention a few. The kitchen is ably run by Raylene and Cheryl, plus a band of dedicated volunteers. We thank you for your service.

Dinner is served at 6.30pm. Bookings are advised and the club entrance foyer has a booking sheet that you can put down your name and the number of people that will accompany you. Kids are very welcome.

Come early, 6.00pm, and have some fun by entering our meat tray lucky wheel spins. There are only 25 tickets in each spin and only cost \$2 each.

There is a ticket board at the end of the bar, just write down your name next to your selected number(s) and place a \$2 coin in the slot next to your chosen number. The ticket board fills fast and there are 3 to 4 spins for a large meat tray. If the meat trays run out, don't worry. Extra wheel spins will be dinner for 2, any Friday night.

Friday Night also means the Orford Golf Club members jackpot draw. Entry is open to all full and social members. You just need to put your name in the member's draw book (usually situated on the left hand side of the bar). During dinner, a number is drawn and the lucky member drawn has the chance to pick a card from the member jackpot joker board.

If you pick the joker you win the current jackpot which has in the past been many hundreds of dollars. If you pick a picture card (king, queen or jack) you win \$20. A second number is also drawn and this wins a bottle of wine.

Let your friends know about our Friday night meals and invite them to join you for good food, a well stocked bar and fun on the lucky wheel.

It is highly recommended that you make a booking.

Remember, visitors are most welcome; you do not need to be a club member to enjoy the Orford Golf Clubhouse.

Old ball or new ball

I was recently playing a round of golf with a nice young fellow. Now we all know that the first tee at Orford Golf course has the main highway on the right and anything that goes over the fence line and onto the road is out of bounds.

The young man took out a brand new sleeve of balls, teed one up and immediately hit it to the right and onto the road.

Undaunted, he pulled another ball from the sleeve and hit that one onto the road. Then he took the last ball from the sleeve and hit it, too, onto the road and it bounced all the way to the beach.

Still unconcerned, he then reached into his bag and pulled out another sleeve of brand new golf balls.

As he was teeing up his next golf ball, I thought I should give him a tip.

"Why don't you hit an old ball?" I asked. He responded, "I've never had an old ball."

Sunday Family Golf Day

Once a month (normally the last Sunday of each month) the golf club has developed a great day out for members and visitors. It is a round of 9 holes and at the end of the round you will enjoy a hearty lunch. All for just \$15 per person. Yes, this includes 9 holes of golf, lunch and some great prizes.

The golf game format is an ambrose with three people per team. An ambrose game is fun to play. All three team members hit off from the tee. Then, the team selects the best positioned ball and the other two team members pick up their ball and play it from the position of the other team member's ball position.

The game is designed for a fun round of golf, well suited for beginners. You do not need to be a club member to play. Visitors are very welcome. If you do not have any golf clubs and want to give it a go, golf clubs will be provided free of charge.

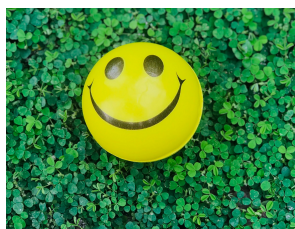
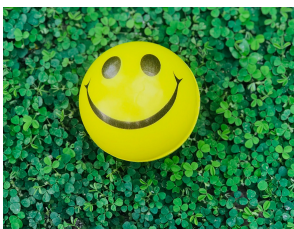
The game start time is 9.30am for 10.00am shotgun start. Teams make their way to the tee of a designated hole, wait for the sound of the hooter and let the fun begin. A shotgun start allows all teams to finish at about the same time. We then gather in the clubhouse for lunch. The clubhouse bar is available for a hard earned thirst.

The clubhouse notice board has a time sheet for entries. If you have friends that would like to come along just for lunch, the cost is just \$10 per person.

Our family fun day is ideal for people that have always wanted to give golf a try and have never been sure about the game. Many people are hesitant playing as a beginner among seasoned golfers.

The day is all about beginners and you will play with people that just enjoy a fun day out.

So, come and have a hit. You will be glad you did.



How to feed a magpie



Lost and Found

Have you lost a golf club? The club house has a number of clubs that have been found on the course. Also, there are a few head covers that have parted way with their owners.

If you are missing a club that may have been lost on the course, contact the club and providing you are able to identify what you have lost, chances are you will get back your missing club.

Member Interview

How do we get to know about our members and their association with the Orford Golf Club? We simply ask them. With that in mind, the Bunker Newsletter had a chat to Lady Life Member, Beth Batchelor. We asked Beth to recall and share some of her golf stories. Here is what Beth had to say –

Bunker - How long have you been a member of the Orford Golf Club and what are some of your earliest memories?

Beth – I have been a member at Orford for over 30 years. I first started playing golf in 1983. The dress code was very strict. Back then, ladies wore slacks and you were not allowed to tuck your trousers inside of your socks. You were required to have a pleat in the front of your trousers. When we played in wet or damp conditions, we used a safety pin to attach the pleat to our trousers.

Bunker – You have been a committee member at the club. Could you let us know a little about your involvement?

Beth – I have been on various committees over the last 25 years. I was Captain in 1999 and 2000, then Captain again in 2013 and 2014. I was fortunate to be elected President in 1990 and 1991, then again in 2019 and 2020. I have also served as lady Secretary and was the first lady to serve on the main committee as Vice President. This was when Shane Paynter was President. During this time I did fill in as President when Shane became ill.

Bunker – Over the years, have you seen any major changes or developments at the Orford Golf course?

Beth – In the years that I have been at the club, only the first and ninth fairways have not changed. All the other holes, second through to eight, have undergone some major changes. Many holes have been extended in length with new teeing areas and new greens. Some holes now have two teeing areas. I am sure some members will remember the seventh fairway, when it



Beth and her trusty 7 iron

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had a creek running across it. The course has truly developed into a magnificent golf course.

Bunker – What is the toughest hole on the course?

Beth – I think most of the holes are tough. For me, I think the fifth hole is the hardest. Getting it across the creek is a challenge. In the past, the fifth was harder as the creek was lined with tea trees. So, there were two challenges, get over the trees and get over the creek. Add in the dog leg and the extended green, completed a few years ago, and makes the hole, for me, one of the most difficult.

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Bunker – Do you have a favourite club in your bag?

Beth – Yes, my seven iron. I use it to get out of trouble. It is a good go to club.

Bunker – How would you rate the Orford Golf course among other Tasmanian courses?

Beth – I have played on many courses around Tasmania and most of the courses in the Southern part of the state. For me, Orford is the best nine hole golf club in the state. Over the years the course has been very well maintained and developed. We have had good greenkeepers and along with club volunteers the course is always in top condition.

Bunker – If you could improve one part of your game, what would it be?

Beth – Pitching. It is a difficult part of the game. Depending on how the ball lays and the distance from the green, I use a nine iron or pitching wedge. If I could improve my pitching it would lower my scores.

Bunker – Do you see any worthwhile future changes at the club?

Beth – I would like to see an amalgamation of both committees. It is the future of club structuring and I am sure it will be for the betterment of the club. For me personally, my aim before retiring is to have a hole in one as I have never achieved this in my game.

Bunker – What is your best achievement at the club?

Beth – During my time as Vice President, when Shayne Paynter was President, we organised the first Sunday golf fun day. It was Shane's idea and I committed to implementing the idea and make it happen. We did not have any competitions on a Sunday and since its inception, the Sunday fun day has grown into the magnificent game that it is today. It is a day that the club can be truly proud of, as it provides the opportunity for families, friends and people that have not experienced golf to come together and share a great day out.

Thank you Beth. The Bunker Newsletter appreciates your willingness to share your golf story. We are sure that the Orford Golf Club has developed into the superb club it has become, assisted by your commitment and hard work over the years. Your Life Membership is a reflection on how the Orford Golf Club's members hold you in high esteem.

Footnote –

Did you know that Beth holds a black belt in the martial art of Taekwondo?

Is there such a thing as a black belt in golf? Maybe we could ask a golf member that plays off scratch, if we can find one!!

Recent happenings

The East Coast Open was held during February and was well supported by members and visitors. The winner of this prestigious event was Jordan Woods. Well done Jordan and we look forward to seeing your name etched on the trophy. The ladies net division was won by Jenny Woods. Yes, mother and son succeed again.

Saturday 27 February saw the annual Clan Day. The winners of the Clan Sheild were Deb Baker, Warren Walker and Brian Walker. It seems they had a great day out and we congratulate them on a fine win.

Thursday Ladies competition is now open for men to join in the fun. Whilst some major events will remain ladies only, most Thursdays will see a separate prize division for men, providing at least three men enter.

Around the club

The new 2nd hole green is taking shape. There are some surface depression areas that require top dressing and time for the grass to grow. This will take place over the next few weeks. The club will revert to the old 2nd green during this time and we will play of the old 2nd tee. This also means that the new 2nd tee will be given more time to develop.

Work is underway to install a practice net. The scaffolding and netting has been ordered. The location of the net will be behind the 7th green, between the 8th tee and fence line. We are all looking forward to the net becoming a reality. Many members are pleased that we will have this facility to warm up our golf swing before a round of golf.

Tuesday boys

A recent three team 9 hole stableford competition was played off the red tees. The team that won the day did so by a mile. One member had 28 stableford points. We are not sure of his name. However, after game drinks suggested he is non other than Ned Kelly. Further investigation revealed that his Great Great Uncle was a known associate of the Ned Kelly gang. When Ned Kelly's mother was arrested, under dubious circumstances, the Great Great Uncle offered to pay the bail fee for Mrs. Kelly (true story). Even after all these years, the bushranger tradition continues.

Give Tuesday boys a go. If you want to have some fun and good company, come along at 12.30pm for 1.00pm tee off on any Tuesday.

Future happenings

The Spring Bay Maritime Museum Day (The Autum Classic) will be held on Friday 26 March, 2021. The event is a Canadian Foursome set at 10.00am for a 10.30am shot gun start. Full details may be obtained from the clubhouse notice board regarding bookings.

Easter Tournament

Saturday April 3, 2021 will see the running of the Easter Tournament for the John Brougham Memorial Trophy. It is a stroke event and the time sheet will be available soon on the Orford Golf Club section of the booking app.

FOBS

The 2020 FOBS Trophy now lives at the Orford Golf Club. Can we repeat our success in 2021?



The first FOBS for 2021 will be held at Swansea on Saturday 20 March.

The second FOBS will be hosted by the Orford Golf Club on Saturday 17 April.

Tournament start time is usually 9.30am for a 10.00am shot gun start.

We encourage all members to enter. The booking sheet will be on the Club House notice board.

The FOBS Trophy taking in the sun on the ninth green

Our Lady Captain, Libby Brown reminds us of some up coming Ladies Events -

Thursday 11 March, 2021 is the first qualifying round of the Rita Cumming Trophy. A stroke event.

Thursday 18 March, 2021 is a foursomes event and a qualifying round of the Barclay Shield.

Thursday 25 March, 2021 is the first qualifying round of the WGT Silver Spoon. This is a stroke event and encompasses the Monthly Medal.

Friday 26 March, 2021 sees the running of the Highland Lassies Day at Bothwell.



Drummond Golf Cambridge is the sponsor of the first hole at Orford Golf Club. We encourage all members to check out the great golf gear they have on sale. Call into their Cambridge store at The Cambridge Centre, 19/66 Kennedy Drive, Cambridge, Tas 7170, or call them on 62484800.

We thank Michael Jordan and his staff at Drummond Golf Cambridge for their continued support of The Orford Golf Club.

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Annual General Meeting - Orford Golf Club

The Orford Golf Club AGM was held on Saturday 27 February 2021. The elected office bearers for 2021 are -

Patron - David Walker President - John Rainbird Vice President - Ross Nixon

Captain - Roger Barnes Secretary - John Smith Treasurer - Fiona Smith

Committee - Peter Berry, Matt Peddler, Jordan Woods and Roger Woolley.

We congratulate the elected office bearers and committee members and wish them continued success during 2021.

After 28 years as Patron, Peter Mitchelmore has retired from the position. Everyone offers Peter their sincere gratitude for his long service and support of the Orford Golf Club. A true stalwart.

Visitor Info

Regular competitions are held on Saturday, Ladies day Thursday and a 9 hole chicken on Friday. Green fees are \$20 per day.

The course may be closed to social play during regular competitions. The course may be open, after regular competitions, for social play at about 2 - 3pm. Check the course notice board outside the clubhouse for exact times.

Visitors that are members of a club and hold a current handicap are able to play in the Saturday and Thursday competitions for just \$15.

Golf cart hire (up to 2 people per cart) \$20 per round. A full set of hire clubs are available for just \$10

Orford Golf Club is a member of Mylink and visitors are able to book a tee off time via the App.

If you are visiting Orford for the first time and need some help arranging a game of golf, just give the Club House a call on (03) 6257 1249.

A Quick Golf Tip

How many putts do you have during a round? 33, 35, 40 or more?

If you improve your putting, it will help you reduce your score. Besides, it is an easy part of the game that you can work on at the practice green.

Knowing your dominant hand, during the putting stroke, will improve your putting. Here are a few tips on how to find which hand is dominant in your putting stroke.

Just like eye dominance, hand dominance in putting varies from player to player, the important thing is to find out which one it is.

Take the putter in one hand (right or left) and make a few strokes. Notice the feeling of each stroke. At first it might feel jerky and unnatural, but you'll quickly get the hang of it and the strokes will become smoother.

Allow a little wrist break. There needs to be some flow to it to develop feel and soft touch. A tension free stroke will produce the best results.

Putt 6 balls with your left hand from 3 metres.

Putt 6 balls with your right hand from 3 metres.

Rate your performance with each hand for this range (one will have a better feel).

Repeat the drill above with putts from 2 metres and then 1 metre (one will be better at keeping the ball on line).

From these putts, you'll start to get a clear idea of which hand is the better putting hand.

Once you've determined this you're a massive step closer to better putting. During your practice sessions (not on the course), you can start making your stroke about that hand and using the other hand to simply guide the stroke. Repeat the drill to make sure you are confident which hand is the most dominant. Remember to let your dominant hand make the putting stroke and let the other hand guide the stroke.

Golf gear for sale or wanted

Do you have any golf related equipment for sale? Do you want to buy some golf gear?

As a member of the Orford Golf Club, the Bunker Newsletter offers you free advertising for golf gear. Put together your advertisement in text format. Try and limit the number of words to 60. Your description should include make, model, size, condition and any detail that will fully describe what you have for sale or what you want to buy.

Include your name and contact telephone number in your advertisement text. You can email your advertisement to orfordgolf@keypoint.com.au and include in the reference "Bunker Newsletter advertisement". If you do not have access to email, just supply a written advertisement to a club committee member and they will forward it to the Bunker Newsletter.

Your advertisement can be for a single golf ball to a motorised cart. The main thing to remember is that your advertisement must be golf related.

Do you have a battery operated hand trolley? We have a member that may buy it.

Wombat species sighted

Giant Wombats, once believed to be extinct, have surfaced on the East Coast of Tasmania. Unlike the small Hairy Nosed Wombat, their cousins (known as *Gigantus Toros Stercor*) are known to grow to the size of a very large dog.

A spokesperson for Animal Protection Environment Society (APES) is advising golfers to take extra precautions and be on the alert for Giant Wombats while playing on golf courses located on the East Coast.

They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their clothing to alert, but not to startle the Wombats unexpectedly. The Wombat mating season commences after the end of March. This is the time to be most careful. They also advise golfers to carry pepper spray in the case of an encounter with a Giant Wombat.

They say that it's also a good idea to watch for signs of Wombat activity on golf courses as they prefer the manicured grasses on offer. They recommended that golfers be educated so that they can recognize the difference between Hairy Nosed Wombats and Giant Wombats droppings.

Hairy Nosed Wombat droppings are small and contain the remains of gum nuts, grasses and leaf stalks.

Giant Wombat droppings are large in size and have small bells, golf-gloves, sunglasses and other similar golf items in them and they usually smell like pepper spray.



Who Knew

Actor, Samuel L Jackson is one of the highest earners in the movie

world. He is an avid golfer. His handicap hovers around 6. When negotiating acting roles, Jackson always insists that his acting contract includes at least 2 days off to play golf.

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