Orford Golf Club Newsletter

December 2022



2022 Women's Championships

After two postponements, the Women's 2022 Club Championships were finally held over two weeks starting on 7 December. The weather was mixed - at various times sunny, windy and rainy. The course had been underwater only 2 weeks earlier, and it was only due to the efforts of Crossie and a group of volunteers that it was playable. Thanks also to the ball spotter, who was posted on a number of fairways to watch where balls entered the puddles so that they could be located and dropped in the right spots.

Fiona Smith took out Club Champion in a come from behind effort, by 2 shots from Deb Baker. Deb was the Division 1 nett winner. Ros Weeding finished up a stellar year by



winning the 2nd Division gross and nett prizes.

In the Veterans' Championship, Pen Evetts was Gross



took out the Nett prize. Well done everyone, and thanks for your understanding and flexibility in the rescheduling of the event and the one-off change in format of our Christmas party.



Other Results

Monthly Medals

- October Colin McCulloch & Chris Bishop
- November Deb Baker
- Monthly Medal Play Offs: Ros Weeding & TBA

Michael Kent Memorial Day -

Stephen Johnson & Pete Berry

Inter-Club Events

2022 GST Champion of **Champions:**



- Patrick Walker C Grade gross winner
- Brian Walker B Grade nett event runner up



Summer Bar opening hours (until further notice):

Tuesdays	10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Fridays	10:00 am – 6:30 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sundays	10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Upcoming events

Friday nights – weekly drinks, nibbles and jackpot @ the Clubhouse continue uninterrupted throughout Christmas and the New Year period.

- > 7 January Spring Bay Rotary Golf Day
- > 14 January Men's January Monthly Medal
- > 19 January Ladies' Competitions commence
- > 28 January Men's Pennant commences
- 11, 12, 18 & 19 February Raine & Horne Men's Championship

The year's fixtures are now available on the Orford Golf Club Website.

Membership subscriptions for 2023

Over recent years, the Committee has taken a number of measures to increase revenue without impacting on members – including increasing our sponsorships and increasing green fees by 25%. But costs continue to escalate and we have had to make the hard decision to make a small increase to membership subscriptions for 2023. At its recent meeting, the Committee agreed to the following subscriptions for 2023:

- Full membership \$495
- Junior membership \$60
- Social membership \$25
- Secondary membership (75% of full membership) \$370

The increase to the full membership represents a 3% increase, which is well below the increase in our operating costs since the last time it was reviewed in 2019.

Thursday 9 hole social golf

On the Thursdays before the Ladies' season kicks off on 19 January, we play a friendly social 9 holes (\$2 entry, winner takes all). If you are new to golf or lack confidence, this is a great way to get an idea what it is like to participate in our regular competitions, but in a fun and shortened version. If you don't have a handicap, you could also come along and get your card marked to work towards a handicap. No need to book, just turn up and play.

Annual General Meeting

The next AGM of the Orford Golf Club Inc will be held on Saturday 25 February 2023. More information will be circulated shortly, but in the meantime, have a think about standing for the Committee and talk to one of our current Committee members about what it entails.

Sponsorship opportunities

The Club is introducing three levels of Corporate Sponsorship for 2023. Make your love of golf an opportunity to promote your business and get a tax deduction! We are offering diamond, gold and silver packages which include full and social memberships, advertising, competition fees and more! Package details are at the end of this newsletter.

If these are not for you, what about sponsoring a hole, strategically placed signage, or naming rights for our pennant teams? Talk to Steve Skinner or email us at admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au to discuss opportunities.

Spring Bay Rotary Club Golf Day

The annual Paul Weeding Memorial Golf Day at Orford Golf Club is less than two weeks away!

When: Saturday, 7 January

2023

Time: 9am for 9.30am Shot Gun Start **Who**: 2 Person Ambrose, all welcome

Cost: \$25 per player / \$20 for Orford Golf Club

Members

Refreshments and food available on the course with Fish and Chips provided for Lunch! Great prizes on offer.

Entry Forms can be found at the Golf Club or call Cliff Southorn on 417 372 718 or Chris Chapman on 0428 133 153

2023 Pennant

The Men's GST Sunday Pennant competition starts on 28 January and runs through to 2 April. If you are interested (as either a regular or a fill in), please put your name on the noticeboard or let Jordan or Gil know. Women's Pennant starts in March – more information to follow in the new year.

Changing of the guard

A big thank you to Libby Brown, for her many years of service to the Club as Ladies Captain. And a big congratulations to Chris Bishop and Deb Baker who have taken on the job as Co-Captains for 2023.



Ladies Presentation Day

The following trophies were awarded at the Ladies' Presentation Day on 7 December. Due to course closures and the impacts of COVID the Presentations were held prior to the completion of the Club Championships.

Foursomes Champions: Wendy Cunningham and

Ros Weeding

Captain's Award: Anne Mason
Summer Cup: Libby Brown
ME Pedler Memorial: Deb Baker
Rita Cumming Trophy: Helen Fox

Belmont Cup: Helen Fox & Chris Bishop

Maisie Glen Consistency:Ros WeedingMonthly Medal:Ros WeedingEclectic:Fiona Smith (Div 1)

Anne Mason (Div 2)

Birdie Board: Fiona Smith
Chip Ins: Deb Baker
Silver Spoon: Deb Baker

International Bowl:

Silver: Wendy Cunningham

Bronze 1: Helen Fox Bronze 2: Ros Weeding

The following events were decided after the presentations:

Club Champion: Fiona Smith

Div 2 Champion: Ros Weeding

Veterans Champion: Pen Evetts

Changes to the Rules of Golf for 2023

Golf Australia has advised that a number of changes to the Rules of Golf will come into effect worldwide on 1 January 2023. For details of the changes and videos to clarify what the new rules mean in practice, go to www.golf.org.au/2023-changes-to-the-rules-of-golf.

The changes include some new rules that apply to players with a disability (at the elite level), and a simplified Back-on-the-line relief rule (a ball dropped on the line may roll up to one club-length in any direction without a re-drop being required).

In addition, Golf Australia will no longer hand out hard copies of the Rules of Golf. These will be incorporated in the GA Handicap App shortly. In the meantime, you can download the R&A Rules of Golf 2023 Apps from either the App Store or Google Play. If you still prefer a hard copy, the 2023 rules are available online for purchase.

Around the course

We said in the last newsletter that we hoped the weather gods would be kind and allow us to get our Championships done without further disruption. It wasn't to be, and here are some incredible photos taken by some of our members in recent months.

Hard to believe that less than 2 weeks after these photos were taken, we hosted FOBS. We have said it already many (too many!) times this year, but a big shout out to all those who made this possible.











Thank you to our sponsors

Thanks to the following for their ongoing support:

- Major Sponsor Raine & Horne Sorell, Tasman East Cost
- Men's Monthly Medal Blue Waters
- Women's Monthly Medal Wattlebanks

New Members

We welcome new members Marshall Collins, Trent Wiggins, Peter Mazey and Connor Wiggins (junior member).



Reminder – sell or rent through Raine & Horne and you can help the club

Raine & Horne will donate \$500 to the Club for each sale and \$100 for each rental referred by a club member, so make sure you mention the Orford Golf Club when you list your property with them.



Corporate Sponsor Packages

For more information, talk to Steve Skinner or email admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au

Diamond Membership - \$2,500

2 Full Memberships

- Sponsored Golf Day Green Fees & Lunch For 4, \$200 Bar Tab, Club Room Presentation & Acknowledgement
- 2 Social Memberships
- Company Signage (1200 x 900) on Highway Side of Club Rooms**
- Annual OGC Saturday
 Competition Fees Covered*
- Acknowledgement on Club FB, Newsletter and Club Rooms

Gold Membership - \$1,500

1 Full Membership

Sponsored Golf Day - Green Fees & Lunch For 2, \$200 Bar Tab, Club Room Presentation & Acknowledgement

- 1 Social Membership
- Company Signage (900 x 600) in BBQ Shed**
- Annual OGC Saturday
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Silver Membership - \$1,000

1 Full Membership

- Company Signage (900 x 600) in BBQ Shed**
- 1 Social Membership
- Acknowledgement on Club FB, Newsletter and Club Rooms
- Annual OGC Saturday
 Competition Fees Covered*

*Excluding Honour Board Events
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Upcoming events and competitions

December	
29 Dec (Thu)	Ladies' 9 hole Stableford
31 Dec (Sat)	Stableford
January	
5 Jan (Thu)	Ladies' 9 hole Stableford
7 Jan (Sat)	Rotary Golf Day – 2 person Ambrose (9:30 SGS)
12 Jan (Thu)	Ladies' 9 hole Stableford
14 Jan (Sat)	Monthly Medal sponsored by Blue Waters, Ladies' Stableford
19 Jan (Thu)	Ladies' 9 and 18 hole Stableford (Commencement of Consistency, Birdie, Eclectic, Chip-in) & Men's Stableford
21 Jan (Sat)	3 Person Ambrose sponsored by J Boags & Son Brewing (10:30 SGS)
26 Jan (Thu)	Ladies' 9 and 18 hole Stableford, Men's Stableford
28 Jan (Sat)	Stroke – Summer Cup
February	
2 Feb (Thurs)	Monthly Medal sponsored by Wattlebanks, Ladies' 9 hole Stableford, Men's Stableford
4 Feb (Sat)	East Coast Open
9 Feb (Thurs)	Ladies' 9 & 18 hole Stableford (1st round ME Pedler Trophy), Men's Stableford
11 Feb (Sat)	1st Round Raine & Horne Men's 2022 Championships & Monthly Medal sponsored by Blue Waters
12 Feb (Sun)	2 nd Round Raine & Horne Men's 2022 Championships
16 Feb (Thu)	Ladies' Foursomes, Ladies' 9 hole Stableford, Men's Stableford
18 Feb (Sat)	3 rd Round Raine & Horne Men's 2022 Championships
19 Feb (Sun)	Final Round Raine & Horne Men's 2022 Championships
23 Feb (Thu)	Ladies' Open Summer Cup – Stroke (9:30 SGS)
25 Feb (Sat)	Orford Golf Club AGM
	Clan Day – 3 person Ambrose (10:30 SGS)
26 Feb (Sun)	Shane Paynter Sunday Social Day
	A full fixtures list is on the Orford Golf Club website