

# Orford Golf Club Newsletter

November 2023



## Championships

It has been a busy few months on the course with the holding of our *Raine & Horne Sorell, Tasman, East Coast Championships*. This year, the weather did not trouble us too much, thank goodness. The course was in immaculate condition, thanks to Crossie and our great team of volunteers, led by Gil. It all came down to the wire in the men's championships, with Kyle Chapman showing poise beyond his years to just edge out last year's winner, Mark Johnston. Congratulations also to Rossco Nixon (B Grade), Vincent Henderson (C Grade) and Athol Tubb (Veterans).

In the women's event, Wendy Cunningham had 4 consistent and solid rounds to end up winning comfortably from Fiona Smith and Pen Evetts. Pen left her best round until the last day, which was enough to again win her the Veterans event. Playing in her first championship (and showing commitment by taking annual leave to do so), Adele McCormack strung 4 good rounds together to take out the B Grade event.

Well done also to our Foursomes Champions: Mark Johnston & Anthony Jones; Wendy Cunningham & Ros Weeding; and Fiona & John Smith.

You can find more results and photos later in this newsletter.

## Good luck Jordy

Congratulations to Jordan who has recently taken on a role in the mining industry in North Queensland. We wish him, Jackie, and family all the best and thank him for his efforts over the last few years as Captain – we will miss his smiling face – but maybe not that Brisbane Lions shirt!



## New Club Captain

The Committee recently called for expressions of interest from members to take on the role of Captain until the AGM at the end of February, following Jordy taking on a new job in the mines. We thank Roger Barnes for putting up his hand, and he was appointed by the Committee at its recent meeting. A big thank you to Gil (ably assisted by Rossco and Roger) who stepped into fill the void while we found a replacement.

## 2024 Committee vacancies

Our AGM is a couple of months away, but we already know we will have a few key vacancies to fill. John and Beth have already indicated they will not be seeking reappointment to their roles as President and Vice-President, and Roger is planning a move to Queensland early next year, so we will also be needing a long term solution to our Captain vacancy. PLEASE have a think about joining the Committee – without it, the Club cannot operate. Talk to John or other Committee members about the skills you could bring to the table and what is involved.

**3 PERSON AMBROSIE**  
sponsored by our Diamond Sponsor, Spring Bay IGA  
\$50 Spring Bay IGA Voucher for NTP on 7/16 for men & ladies  
Saturday 18 November 9:30 for 10 am \$65  
ORFORD Golf Club





## Upcoming social events

### FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS ARE BACK!

Friday 24 November  
6:00 for 6:30

***Slow-cooked beef brisket in a roll,  
with coleslaw & wedges\*..... \$20***

\* Gluten free options available on request when booking

**Bookings essential - 30 person maximum. Add your  
name to the list in the Clubhouse,  
or call Lou on 0437 167 826**

### Shane Paynter Social Golf Day

- 9 hole 3 person Ambrose event
- No handicap necessary
- Open to non-members
- \$20 meal & game (\$10 meal only)

Thanks to Mal, Taz & Danny for  
sponsoring this month's event

Sunday 26 November 9:30 for a 10:00 SGS

Register by Friday 24 November at the club  
or email [admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au](mailto:admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au)

### ORFORD GOLF CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

6 for 6:30, Saturday 9th  
December

**\$25 per person (2 courses)**

Bookings and prepayment essential -  
add your name to the list on the  
noticeboard and pay at the bar

Get in fast - limited to  
60 people!

Invitation to all playing and social lady members

### Ladies' Christmas Party & presentations

9 hole 2 person ambrose followed by lunch

**Thursday 14 December**

10 am SGS

**\$15**

Lunch 12:30 for 1 pm

**Wear your best festive  
millinery creation to have a  
chance to win a prize!**

**Lucky door  
prize**

Ladies just attending lunch please let Jackie (0437 000 908)  
or Helen (0417 343 344) know

## Friday night drinks

These continue to be well  
attended by members.

Congratulations to Chris  
Bishop who won the  
Members' Jackpot of

\$1450. Make sure you keep coming along Friday  
nights at the Club to be in the draw. It has now back  
to over \$570.



## Around the course

Our grounds team have again been doing a great job  
around the course, which was in fantastic condition  
for our recent club championships. You will have  
noticed a few less trees on the course and we have  
had an arborist report to identify any more that  
need to be felled/trimmed – thankfully there is not  
much that needs to be done.

## Vale Peter Mitchelmore

We extend our condolences to  
Jacqui, Bill and Beth on the  
passing of Peter, a former  
President and long serving  
Patron. Peter was much  
respected by all Members and  
will be sadly missed.



## In Brief

**New Licensee** - The Club's liquor license has  
recently transferred from Ross Nixon to Matt  
Pedler. Thanks Matt for being willing to take on this  
responsibility, and to Rossco for the past few years  
in the role.

**Hole in One** – congratulations to Ros Weeding for  
getting a hole-in-one on Day 1 of the Ladies  
Championships – her first in 41 years of playing.

**Congratulations** to one of our sponsors, Castle  
Construction for winning an award for Best Custom  
Built Home \$500 000 - \$750 000 at the recent HIA  
awards for The River House at Orford.

## FOBS

The last round of FOBS is at home on Saturday 25  
November – we are in a strong position already, but  
hopefully the home course advantage will provide  
us with a convincing win.

## Results

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### *Raine & Horne Sorell, Tasman, East Coast Championships*

#### **Men's Singles**

Club Champion: Kyle Chapman  
B Grade Champion: Rossco Nixon  
C Grade Champion: Vincent Henderson  
Veterans Champion: Athol Tubb  
A Grade Nett Winner: Kyle Chapman  
B Grade Nett Winner: Rossco Nixon  
C Grade Nett Winner: Corey Mills  
Vets Nett Winner: Tommy Bishop

#### **Ladies' Singles**

Club Champion: Wendy Cunningham  
B Grade Champion: Adele McCormack  
Veterans Champion: Pen Evetts  
A Grade Nett Winner: Helen Fox  
B Grade Nett Winner: Kim Hudson  
Veterans Nett Winner: Helen Fox  
M E Brown Masters: Pan Salmon

#### **Ladies Foursomes**

Champions: Ros Weeding & Wendy Cunningham  
Nett Winners: Carol Castle & Maria Cooper

#### **Men's Foursomes**

Champions: Anthony Jones & Mark Johnston  
Nett Winners: Tom Bishop & David Walker

#### **Mixed Foursomes**

Champions: Fiona & John Smith  
Nett Winners: Anne Mason & Steve Crosswell

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#### **Blue Waters Monthly Medals**

- ★ **September** : Steve Crosswell
- ★ **October**: Steve Skinner
- ★ **November**: Derek Patmore



#### **Wattlebanks Monthly Medals**

- ★ **September** : Carol Castle
- ★ **October**: Ina Thorpe
- ★ **November**: Fiona Smith



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**Belmont Cup Final** --Deb Baker & Kim Hudson defeated Chris Bishop & Pauline Nichols.

**Silver Spoon qualifier**: Deb Baker

**Bronze Stableford qualifiers**: Carol Castle & Anne Mason

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#### **Interclub competitions**

*South Eastern Classic at Pittwater:*

Div 3: nett and gross winner - Libby Brown  
Div 2: nett runner up & best gross - Helen Fox  
Div 1: nett runner up - Fiona Smith

VETS: Nett runner up – Libby Brown; Gross runner up Fiona Smith

Teams event: 1st: Helen, Libby & Chris; 2nd: Fiona, Penny & Adele

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#### *SCGA Women's Championship*

Division 1: Nett Winner - Deb Baker

Division 2: Nett Runner Up - Chris Bishop

Division 3: Gross Winner - Anne Mason

Nett Runner Up - Carol Castle

Veterans: Nett Runner Up: Anne Mason

Teams Event: 2nd - Carol Castle, Chris Bishop & Deb Baker.

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#### *Golf Tasmania events:*

Silver Spoon: STCG runner up - Deb Baker

Barclay Shield: 6th overall - Beth Batchelor, Kim Hudson, Libby Brown & Helen Fox

Bronze Stableford: 4<sup>th</sup> overall – Carol Castle & Anne Mason

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## New members

Welcome to new members Elaine Read (welcome back!), Brendan Midson, Andrea Heerey and Roland Lockwood (full members); secondary members Viv and Gavin Burgess and our newest junior member Riley Overeem.

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## Other volunteering opportunities

We have said it before, but we will keep on saying it! Our Club would not survive if it were not for our volunteers – around the course, in the clubhouse and behind the scenes. They do an incredible job to provide a great all round golfing experience on and off the course. The more volunteers we have, the less time individuals need to commit. A little of your time can help spread the load and reduce the burden on others. If it was not for volunteers, we would have no bar, no events, no competitions, and a pretty ordinary course. Either that, or our subs, comp fees and bar prices would need to increase significantly. Talk to one of our committee members to see how you can help out.

**Keeper of the Carts** - We are looking for someone (or a couple of people) who can give the Club an hour or so of their time every few weeks. We are after a "Keeper of the Carts" who will be responsible for keeping them clean and tidy and re-fuelling the older carts. If you are interested, please talk to Gi or Athol to find out more about what is involved.

## From the Committee

**2024 fixtures** - the fixtures for next year are currently being finalised. We have put a poll up on Facebook asking members if they are happy with current mix of stableford/stroke and team events on a Saturday. If you don't have a FB account, let Roger know your preferences.

**Corporate Sponsorships** - Given the success of our inaugural Corporate Sponsorship program this year, we will again be offering these opportunities to members and businesses. Those with packages this year will be approached directly about renewal, but if you didn't have one this year and are interested in taking one up, talk to either Steve Skinner, Kim Hudson or John Smith. Packages can include memberships, signage, social media coverage and sponsorship of an event.

**2024 Subscriptions** - The Committee has agreed that subs for next year will stay at 2023 levels. The only exception is for those who choose to charge their push buggy batteries in the buggy shed. Their buggy shed fee will increase to \$100 (which apparently was the case a few years back).

**Cart Use Terms and Conditions:** - to help protect the Club from potential liability and to encourage proper use of our golf carts, we will be introducing a Golf Cart Use Terms and Conditions form for those using carts. Members who hire carts will be asked to complete one at the beginning of each year, with visitors needing to complete them every time they come to the course and hire a cart.

## Footy Tipping

Congratulations to Steve Johnson as the winner of our first Club Footy Tipping Competition. Commiserations to Chris Bishop who, after leading for most of the season, was pipped at the post! Thanks Steve Skinner for organising the event, and to Gaff for crafting the trophy.



## Triabunna District School Visit

In September, we welcomed students from the Personal Health and Wellbeing class from the Triabunna District School to play a round of golf. Thanks to Simon Boughey for arranging.

## Upcoming Competitions

### November

|              |   |
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| 18th (Sat)   | Three Person Ambrose – sponsored by Spring Bay IGA  |
| 19th (Sun)   | Shane Paynter Sunday Social Day   |
| 23rd (Thurs) | Ladies Stroke – Final Playoff for Monthly Medal, Consistency, Birdie, Eclectic & chip in competitions |
| 25th (Sat)   | FOBS Orford - Stableford  |
| 26th (Sun)   | Shane Paynter Sunday Social Day   |
| 30th (Thurs) | Ladies Irish Stableford   |

### December

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| 2nd (Sat)    | Monthly Medal sponsored by Blue Waters   |
| 7th (Thurs)  | Ladies Stableford  |
| 9th (Sat)    | Pinehurst – sponsored by Reward Hospitality<br><b>Christmas Dinner</b>                     |
| 14th (Thurs) | <b>Ladies Christmas Party &amp; Presentations</b><br>– 9 Hole, 2 Person Ambrose, 10:00 SGS |
| 16th (Sat)   | Michael Kent Memorial Day - 4BBB Stableford  |
| 23rd (Sat)   | Captain's V President's Team<br>2 Person Ambrose   |
| 30th (Sat)   | Stableford   |

### Bar opening hours:

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| Mondays    | Closed                                     |
| Tuesdays   | 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm                          |
| Wednesdays | Closed                                     |
| Thursdays  | 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm                         |
| Fridays*   | 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm                          |
| Saturdays  | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm                          |
| Sundays    | Closed (except of Shane Paynter Golf Days) |

*\* Extended hours over peak periods*



## Photos from the Championships

