



Orford Golf Club Newsletter

September 2025

President's message

Welcome to spring and the growing season for the course and it's great to get out on the course with the warmer weather.

You may have noticed work being done on the course including planting of 120 new trees; renovation of our fairways; and ongoing upgrading of our tee system, with the greens to be cored on 23rd of September.

We continue to seek more funding to add to the \$130,000 we received in 2024 to complete our key projects including:

- golf course planning and design with water management, irrigation and course strategic planning.
- new equipment for irrigation and watering including new pipes, new sprinklers, new pumps and automated management of the system; and
- restoration of our fairways through de-thatching, scarifying and reseeding.

The General Committee is always looking to raise funds for these projects and a range of other smaller projects for the course between 2025 to 2027 as a lead up to our 70th anniversary of the Orford Golf Club being formed in November 2027 through:

- Tax deductible contributions made to the Australian Sports Foundation. This has raised over \$1100 so far;
- We re-signed Raine & Horne Real Sorell, Tasman, East Coast for another 3 years as our major sponsor and continue to seek new sponsors as we move towards 2026.

We have had some great events at the club over the last couple of months with Tradies' Day, Left Hand Golfers Day, Southern Country Golf Association Women's Stroke Event and the popular Shane Paynter Days which all see up to 50-60 on the course.

We are always complimented on what a great job the Orford Golf Club does for these events, be it on course or with catering. So, thank you to all the staff and volunteers involved in these and other events.

We begin to move into the busy period for the club with the Foursomes Championships, Individual Championships and Veterans Championships, so good luck to all those who take part. See you on the course.

Simon Boughey
President

Golf Tasmania competitions

Congratulations to our team of Pauline Nichols, Jenny Walker, Fiona Smith and Penny Jackson who won the Barclay Shield at the Mowbray Golf Club! Fantastic effort.



And that's not all. The results of the International Bowl competition were announced on the day, with Fiona Smith winning the Silver Division and Ros Weeding (again) winning Bronze Division 2.

See page 6 for more results from other events.

Raine & Horne

Sorell
Tasman
East Coast



Golf Australia CONNECT

Changes are coming to the Golf Australia Handicap system, with Golf Australia CONNECT to replace GolfLink. For golfers, there will be a number of changes, but importantly, **the way you manage your membership details, book in to competitions and check on results will not change.** You will continue to use OneGolf. If you currently use the MiScore App for online scoring, that won't change either.



What will change is that:

- There will be a new Golf Australia Official App from 2 October. If you use the existing GA App to check your handicap history, you will need to download the new App via the Apple or Google stores. We will let you know when it is available.
- There will be a new web portal to access your GA Handicap, via the Golf Australia and PGA new website, www.GOLF.com.au. Here you will be able to track your handicap and access your stats via a new dashboard. From October 2, golf.org.au will automatically direct to the new website.
- GolfLink numbers will now be called GOLF ID Numbers, and the GA number you have now will become your permanent/Lifetime Golf ID number, which will not change if you move clubs.
- Your existing Membership Card will be replaced with a digital membership number (your Golf ID).

GolfLink will go offline on 28 September and Golf Australia CONNECT will not go live until 10 October. During the transition period, no competitions can be processed by Golf Australia, so we will not be uploading any scores.

To make sure you can access your handicap details in GA CONNECT, Golf Australia recommends you do the following before 28 September:

- Check that the email address linked to your GOLF Link account is current. This will be your Golf ID login.
- Verify your Golf ID by logging into your account at golf.org.au.

- If you don't already have an account, create one at golf.org.au/registration.

If you need to update your email address, please register a new account at golf.org.au/registration. If you need any help, please see Deb, Rossco, Simon or Kim who are CONNECT transition champions.

Changes to Rules of Handicapping

From 2 October 2025, when Golf Australia's new digital platform goes live, your GA Handicap will be calculated using updated Australian Rules of Handicapping in line with the World Handicap System. These updates will make handicaps fairer, more consistent, and more reflective of actual playing conditions.

The four key changes are:

1. A new "Consistency Factor" for Daily Handicap calculations, supporting fairer competition and equity for female players.
2. A revised formula for 9-hole rounds, making shorter formats more accurate.
3. Adjusted expected scores for holes not played, using statistical modelling.
4. A refined 'Daily Difficulty' calculation (PCC), back-calculated to 1 January 2023.

Most golfers will see a small change to their GA Handicap on 2 October, projected to be less than 0.5 strokes on average, although some players may see a bigger adjustment based on their unique scoring history. The system applies the changes automatically, so golfers don't need to do anything.

Privacy Policy

As part of the transition to Golf Australia CONNECT from 2 October, and to ensure we meet our legal obligations, the Club has developed a privacy policy.

Golfer information has been provided to GolfLink in the past as part of the registration of your membership. Under the new platform, golfer information will be disclosed to DotGolf NZ LP (New Zealand), Golf Australia's platform provider for the GA CONNECT system and database, to manage, administer and calculate the golfer's GA Official Handicap. Importantly, secure storage of golfer data will remain in Australia.

Our privacy policy can be found on the club's website at: <https://www.orfordgolfclub.com.au/76/privacy-policy>. If you have any questions, please contact us at admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au or contact Kim Hudson on 0419 521 827.

FOBS

It was a windy one at Freycinet which was reflected in some of the scores, but we managed to edge in front of Swansea with one round to go. There are still only 6 points in it.

Progressive scores are:

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	TOTAL
Orford	170	183	162	515
Swansea	180	176	153	509
Freycinet	138	144	157	439
Bicheno	128	138	125	391

The final round is at Bicheno on 22 November.

Upcoming Club Championships

Our Club Championships are just around the corner. Keep an eye out on Facebook and in the Clubhouse for Conditions of Competition and entry.

Note that the Veterans' Championships will be over 2 days only (Thursdays for Women's and Saturdays for Men's).

We will again combine the final rounds of the Men's and Women's Championships on the final Sunday (9 November) but will be changing the order of play this year to Women's B Grade, Women's A Grade, then Men's C Grade, Men's B Grade and finishing with Men's A Grade.



Raine & Horne

ORFORD GOLF CLUB

2025 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Foursomes:
15 & 16 October

Men's Foursomes:
18 & 19 October

Women's Championships:
30 October, 3, 6 & 9 November

Men's Championships:
1, 2, 8 & 9 November

Registration sheet and competition conditions will be on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse closer to the events

Extension of sponsorship

We are excited to announce that Raine & Horne Sorell, Tasman & East Coast will be continuing their sponsorship of the Orford Golf Club for the next 3 years, taking up the option to extend their original 3 year contract. We very much value this partnership with Warren and his team, and encourage you to consider them if you are thinking of selling or renting your property. We look forward to welcoming them to our presentations for the 2025 Raine & Horne Club Championships in October and November.

Raine & Horne

Sorell, Tasman & East Coast

Proudly Sponsoring Orford Golf Club

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Sell or Rent your property with Raine & Horne
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10 Gordon Street, Sorell | 168 Arthur Highway, Dunaway | 13 Charles Street, Orford

Around the course

Spring is a busy time of year on a golf course and Orford is no different. Not only does the grass grow a lot but it is time for fertilizing, coring, scarifying and doing tee renovations. Thank you to Crossy and our hard-working volunteers for their work during this period. The course should be in great condition leading up to the Championships commencing in mid-October.

The rested new 2nd tee and the 2nd/11th green have come along nicely and should be back in play in early October – keep an eye out for updates.

Irrigation Update

Work has been happening behind the scenes on our planned irrigation upgrade. The existing system has been mapped and we are currently awaiting a staged plan for the new system and quotations for parts and labour. Under our grant Agreement with the State Government, the first stage is due to be completed by June 2026.

Tree management

The first stage of our tree management plan has been completed, with Horizon Tree Service doing a great job in felling the big trees overhanging the new 2nd tee.

A big thank you to Crossy, Matt, Mark, Tim and the team of volunteers for cleaning up and carting away the wood and branches and undertaking the groundwork and reseedling.

We have now received our most recent Tree Risk Assessment Report which has identified a number of other trees around the course that will need attention. These will be dealt with over the next few months. We are grateful to the State Government for the grant we have received that allows us to focus on this important risk management issue.



Boundary risk management

What comes down must go up?

As recommended by our boundary risk assessment undertaken earlier in the year, we have now completed a major planting exercise to add protection along the 1st and 6th fairways. This was made possible by the generous donations we received under the Australian Sports Foundation (see below) and the efforts of the team of volunteers at our tree planting working bee.

The men's tee on the 6th/15th was moved last year and will come into play when needed, and work is scheduled to narrow the 1st/10th tee encouraging players to tee off closer to the road and (hopefully) aim to the left of the fairway.



Golf Clinics

PGA professional coach Adam Holden will be running some clinics at the Club on Friday 10 October. The junior **Come and Try** clinic will be between 10 and 11am. It only costs \$10 and is aimed at kids from 6-14. Clubs are provided. An adult group clinic is being offered at 12 noon, as well as individual lessons. Just in time for the Club Championships!

LEARN TO DRIVE AGE 5. THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF CLINIC
Orford Golf Club

Hosted by PGA Professional Adam Holden

Friday 10th October
10am - 11am

MyGOLF

Find your nearest MyGOLF powered by Ripper GC program at golf.org.au/mygolf

Friday, 10 October

ORFORD Golf Club

GOLF LESSONS

Come along to the Orford Golf Club for a group or individual lesson with PGA professional coach, Adam Holden, on Friday 10 October. Contact Adam to book your spot.

2 hour group clinic from 12 noon - \$55
Private lesson - \$60/\$110 for 30/60 minutes

adamholden@pgamember.org.au
0491 118 460

dr IT sponsorship

We are pleased to have recently entered into an in-kind sponsorship agreement with Marvin from dr IT Solutions to provide IT support to the Club. Marvin will be sponsoring a tee in return for giving us some hours of advice and support in dealing with some IT issues.

We encourage you to support Marvin and all of our sponsors. Go to his website at www.drit.solutions or give him a call on 0432 077 076.



Social events

Our Friday night drinks and nibbles continue to be well attended. Recently, we have another members' jackpot winner, with Simon walking away with the \$990 prize.



We continue to have regular 9 and Dine events. Our Christmas in July and Mixed Curry nights were very popular and we had great feedback. Thanks to the Harwoods, Cracknells, Jo Pedler and the House Committee for your efforts – our volunteers are what make these nights such a success both socially and financially.



Recycling

Andrew Lane and Jo Pedler have enthusiastically taken on our recycling at the Club and so far we have raised about \$300 from their efforts. Please help when you are out and about on the course by placing your recyclable drink containers in the bins provided. At this stage, wine bottles (big and small) are NOT part of the refund scheme.



Shane Paynter Social Golf Days

There will be no social golf day in October. The final two social Sundays in 2025 will be on 30 November and 21 December.

Farewell Fran!

In July, past and present members and friends of the Club came together to farewell long time member, Fran Riseley, who is moving to Queensland. There were many stories and laughs shared over a great afternoon tea spread. We wish you all the best Fran - thank you for everything you have done for the club over the years. We will miss you!



Australian Sports Foundation

We were very excited to receive a donation of \$1000 from the Australian Philanthropic Services Foundation recently. We are extremely grateful for their generosity. Donating is easy – just go to <https://asf.org.au/campaigns/orford-golf-club-inc>.



**AUSTRALIAN
SPORTS FOUNDATION**

Matt's Dry July Fundraiser

The Tuesday boys (and girls) played 9 holes of cross-country golf in support of Matt Pedler going Dry in July, raising \$510 on the day. Matt would like to thank all the golfers who participated, as well as the individual donors.

**GRAND FINAL DAY**
Saturday 27 September

7:30 - 9:00 - Pre game egg & bacon rolls and barrista coffee

9 for 9:30 SGS - 3 Person Ambrose

2:30 - First Bounce

Footy food provided by our Patron

Entry sheet on the Club noticeboard



New members

We have had a number of new members join the club recently. Welcome to David Goodfellow, Paul Cousins and Susan Barnes (full members), Stuart Hammond (secondary), Simon Bantoft (introductory), Alfred and Julian Cousins (junior) and Rod and Catherine Jones (social).

Inter Club competitions

We continue our great showing in SCGA and other club competitions, with some fantastic results.

South Eastern Classic at Pittwater

- Veterans - nett runner-up and veterans Gross winner - Penny Jackson
- Div 1 Gross and Nett winner - Penny Jackson
- Team event runners up - Carol Castle, Jenny Walker and Penny Jackson



SCGA Women's Foursomes Championship

- B Grade nett winners - Penny Jackson & Ros Weeding
- A grade nett runners-up - Jenny Walker & Deb Baker

SCGA Senior/veteran's Golf Championships

- Runner-up gross (55 -64 Division) - Deb Baker
- Nett winner (55 -64 Division) - Carol Castle
- Runner-up nett (55 -64 Division) - Jenny Walker



SCGT Ladies Singles Championships

The SCGT Championships were played at Orford on 15 September, and our ladies did an amazing job on their home course.

- Div 1: Runner-up gross - Deb Baker
Runner-up nett - Fiona Smith
- Div 2 -Gross winner - Helen Fox
Nett winner - Ros Weeding
- Div 3 - Runner-up gross – Elaine Read
- Veterans - Nett winner - Ros Weeding
3rd nett - Helen Fox
- Overall Nett winner – Ros Weeding



Grants Success

Thanks to a grant from the State Government under its Active Clubs Grants Program, we can now offer brand new clubs for hire for just \$10. Perfect for those new to golf or visitors who have left their clubs behind. We are very grateful to the Government for its support.



In addition, we have been successful in our application for a grant from the Commonwealth Government under its Stronger Communities Programme to revamp our website and social media presence. The new website will be much more modern, easier to navigate and manage, and will better promote our Club, course, community, region and sponsors

Vale Ian Hosking

The Orford Golf Club flag was at half-mast again in July in memory of past member and President Ian Hosking, who passed away yesterday. Ian and Ann volunteered at the club over many years, with Ann now a social member, who we hope to continue to see dropping in to the Club when she is in Orford.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & COURSE CLOSURES



OCTOBER

Monday 13th - VETS at Orford
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th - Raine & Horne Women's Foursomes Championships
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th - Raine & Horne Men's Foursomes Championships
Thursday 23rd - Show Day Mixed event
Friday 24th - MSFS Corporate Day
Sunday 26th - SCGA Country Shield
Thursday 30th - Raine & Horne Women's Championships R1

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd - Raine & Horne Men's Championships R1 & R2
Monday 3rd & Thursday 6th - Raine & Horne Women's Championships R2 & R3
Saturday 8th - Raine & Horne Men's Championships R3
Sunday 9th - Raine & Horne Men's and Women's Championships R4
Monday 17th - VETS @ Orford
Saturday 22nd - FOBS @ Bicheno
Sunday 30th - Shane Paynter Social Golf Day

East Coast Tradies' Tournament

Our inaugural Tradies' Tournament was a great success for the Club, the sponsors and all participants. We had a full field of 22 teams in the 3 person Ambrose, with every player winning a prize and lots of great handouts. The weather was perfect and the hill was pumping! Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors, all the funds raised went back to the Club for course and clubhouse improvements.



Thank you to Mark, Steve and Maria for your efforts in organising the event and to those who helped out on the day. We will be back next year!



Footy Tipping

Congratulations to Penny Jackson for winning this year's Club footy tipping competition and the perpetual Grant Gaffney crafted trophy. Penny finished on 158 points, a big 6 points clear of Jordie Woods and Andrew Davison in 2nd. In fact, she was only 7 points behind the winner of the overall AFL Tipping Competition. Turns out she can tip and play golf!



Upcoming competitions and events

DATE	EVENT
October	
Thursday 2 nd	Stableford (potentially needs to change to a non-handicap event due to GA CONNECT transition)
Saturday 4 th	Stableford (potentially needs to change to a non-handicap event due to GA CONNECT transition)
Thursday 9 th	Stroke - Ladies Monthly Medal (may need to move to a later date due to GA CONNECT transition)
Saturday 11 th	Stroke – Men’s Monthly Medal sponsored by Blue Waters
Monday 13 th	VETS @ Orford
Wednesday 15 th	Raine & Horne Ladies Club Foursomes Championships R1
Thursday 16 th	Raine & Horne Ladies Club Foursomes Championships Final Day
Saturday 18 th	Raine & Horne Men’s Club Foursomes Championships R1
Sunday 19 th	Raine & Horne Men’s Club Foursomes Championships Final Day
Thursday 23 rd	Show Day - Mixed Fun Day
Friday 24 th	Main Street Financial Solutions Corporate Day
Saturday 25 th	Stroke
Sunday 26 th	SCGA Country Shield @ Orford
Thursday 30 th	Raine & Horne Ladies Club Championships, Veterans Championships & HE Brown Trophy R1
November	
Sunday 1 st	Raine & Horne Men’s Club Championships and Men’s Veterans Championships R1
Sunday 2 nd	Raine & Horne Men’s Club Championships R2
Monday 3 rd	Raine & Horne Ladies Club Championships R2
Thursday 6 th	Raine & Horne Ladies Club Championships R3, Final Round Ladies’ Veterans Championships & HE Brown Trophy, Monthly Medal sponsored by Orford Riverside Café and Providore
Saturday 8 th	Raine & Horne Men’s Championships R3, Final Round Men’s Veterans Championships and Monthly Medal Sponsored by Blue Waters
Sunday 9 th	Raine & Horne Men’s and Women’s Club Championships Final Day
Thursday 13 th	Stableford
Saturday 15 th	3 Person Ambrose sponsored by Spring Bay IGA
Monday 17 th	VETS @ Orford
Thursday 20 th	Irish Stableford - 3 Person Event
Saturday 22 nd	FOBS @ Bicheno - Stableford @ Orford
Thursday 27 th	Stableford
Saturday 29 th	4BBB Sponsored by Orford Hub
Sunday 30 th	Shane Paynter Social Golf Day - 3 Person Ambrose Sponsored by Collins Building & Management
December	
Thursday 4 th	Stroke - Ladies Monthly Medal sponsored by Orford Riverside Café and Providore
Saturday 6 th	Stroke – Men’s Monthly Medal sponsored by Blue Waters
Monday 8 th	VETS @ Orford
Thursday 11 th	9 Hole 2 Person Ambrose and Ladies Christmas Party
Saturday 13 th	2 Person Ambrose - Captains & Presidents Day
Thursday 18 th	Social 9 Holes
Saturday 20 th	Double Canadian - Gallagher Day
Sunday 21 st	Shane Paynter Social Golf Day - 3 Person Ambrose Sponsored by Collins Building & Management
Saturday 27 th	Stableford