

# Orford Golf Club Newsletter



## June 2025

### President's message

Welcome to winter and the cool temperatures but it's great to get out on the course.

Louise and I are just back from Japan and the golf mad Japanese and the General Committee have done a great job running the club, so thank you.

You may have noticed some work being done on the course as:

- we begin to plan for the new irrigation system;
- then a renovation of our fairways ;
- also continuing to look to upgrade our tee system in August;
- and tree planting around the course and up on the 6th in the Spring.

With another State election, I have asked both the major parties to provide some more funding to the \$130,000 we received in 2024 for our projects listed below to complete:

- Golf course planning and design for next 5-10 years 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 Club via the Australian Sports Foundation;
- More sponsorship funding; and
- Applying for grants.

The overall benefit of this project is the golf course will be in better condition and is continuing to attract new members all year round and a new irrigation system in place for the next 30 years.

Also the changing demographics for the Orford/Triabunna/Buckland area shows more people are moving there and there is a greater need to provide a range of active sport, social and health options and golf is one of those as we have with bowls, tennis and fitness centre.

Also there is renewed interest from the Triabunna District School to use the golf course for sport and recreational courses,

Finally, as a summer seasonal tourist and holiday season town and area there is increased usage of the golf course from locals and visitors from across Tasmania and mainland Australia and this has continued to grow since Covid in 2021.

This is augmented by the increase in sports tourism in Tasmania in sports such as golf and mountain biking as people tour the State.

The key result is a better course for you, our members, in the coming years.

See you on the course.

Simon Boughey  
**President**

**Raine & Horne**

Sorell  
Tasman  
East Coast



## Mixed Foursomes Championships

Well done to the 2025 **Raine & Horne** Mixed Foursomes Club Sorell, Tasman & East Coast Champions - Mark Johnston and Maria Cooper and Nett winners Athol and Gail Tubb.

Congratulations also go to:

- Gross runners up and 18 hole gross winners- Fiona & John Smith
- Nett runners up and 18 hole nett winners - Carol Castle & Tim Caulfield
- 9 hole gross and nett winners - Simon Boughey and Helen Fox

This year we awarded a new Mixed Foursomes Champions Perpetual Trophy. Thank you, Chris, for presenting the Tommy Bishop Trophy to Mark & Maria, and to Mark for his beautiful and heartfelt words in accepting the trophy.



## Grants Update

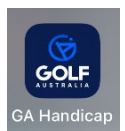
We have applied for some government grants recently – for some new hire golf clubs under the State Government Active Clubs program, and for a renewal of our website from the Commonwealth Government. Elections have delayed announcements regarding these, but we are hopeful of some success. Watch this space!

## New Members Handbook

We have recently released the new Members Online Handbook which has lots of information about the club, the course and golf rules and etiquette. While primarily aimed at new members, there is something in it for everyone. You can access it on the Orford Golf Club [website](#) and there will be a copy in the clubhouse.

## Golf Rules Resources

There are some great resources around to help players understand and interpret golf rules. Visit <https://www.randa.org/rog/players-edition> or download the R&A App, which provide the complete rules of golf along with some great videos and diagrams interpreting the rules, including a handy search feature. The App is great on the course if you get into a potential penalty situation and are not sure



what to do. The Golf Australia App (where you can login and check your handicap) also has a link to the R&A Rules.

## Ladies Charity Day

A fabulous day was had by all 62 participants at this year's charity event. Thank you to all who catered and donated prizes for the day as well as our club and course volunteers. The total amount raised was \$1500, going to Orford Primary School Association to help pay for a shade-cloth in the school playground.

Nett winners were Jane Burbury & Kate Newton, with Sally Miller & Nicola Chapman taking out the prize for best gross.

## Australian Sports Foundation

You can now make a **tax deductible** donation to the Club via the Australian Sports Foundation.



As Simon mentioned in his message to members, the Committee has been developing a program of course works and capital equipment replacements that need to occur over the next few years, and a fundraising strategy to help raise the required funds outside of our normal operating budget.

You can make a general donation or choose to contribute towards a campaign set up to raise money towards specific purchases or projects – course improvements (specifically tree planting), clubhouse improvements or equipment upgrades.

Go to <https://asf.org.au/campaigns/orford-golf-club-inc> to donate.

## Championships eligibility

For those wanting to play in our Club foursomes and singles championships, please note the Greens and Match Committee have decided that in order to be eligible, you must have played at least 6 x 18 hole round (or equivalent) that count towards your handicap (ie individual Stableford and stroke events) in the preceding 12 month period. The GMC will have some discretion to consider exceptions (eg due to illness/injury) and will deal with these on a case-by-case basis. You must, of course, also be a full member of the Club.

If you have any queries, please contact one of our Captains.



## SCGA 2025 Drummond Golf Country Championships

The Club had a lot of success at this year's SCGA Country Championships, held at Geeveston, Pittwater and Llanherne. Congratulations to the following:

- 3rd Nett in the mixed foursomes - Steve Skinner & Adele McCormack
- Gross foursomes winners - Mark Johnston & Warren Walker
- Nett foursomes winners - Rossco Nixon & Gil Bantoft
- Nett foursomes runners up - Roger Woolley & Geoff Daff
- Men's Seniors foursomes gross runners up - Roger Woolley & Geoff Daff
- Men's Seniors gross winner and gross Div 1 runner up - Mark Johnston
- Women's gross Div 2 winner - Jan Daff
- Women's nett Div 1 runner up - Adele McCormack.



## RSA training

Well done to the 16 who recently completed the RSA Course. It is great to see so many people willing to put their hand up to help. And if you don't have your RSA, there are still ways to help. Just talk to our bar manager, Steve Skinner.



## Event Sponsors

We are extremely grateful to our corporate and event sponsors who support the Club. Over the last 3 months, we have had various events sponsored by the following:



If you would like more information on event sponsorship, please contact Simon.

## East Coast Tradies Tournament

The Club is holding its inaugural East Coast Tradie Tournament on 1 August (see below for details).

If you are interested, please contact Mark Johnston on 0438 176 528 or Steve Skinner 0438 284 624. Entry forms are also available on our [website](#)

**EAST COAST TRADIE TOURNAMENT**

Entries and payment due COB Monday 28 July

★ **FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 2025** ★

ORFORD GOLF CLUB

3 person Ambrose  
10 am SGS

\$100 PER TEAM INCLUDES  
BBQ LUNCH

Prizes for best gross and nett,  
NTP, longest drive, best team  
name and best outfit

**For more information contact:**  
Mark Johnston 0438 176 528 Steve Skinner 0438 284 624  
Entry forms at [orfordgolfclub.com.au](http://orfordgolfclub.com.au) or email [admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au](mailto:admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au)

## John Brougham Trophy

Our annual John Brougham Trophy stroke competition was held on Easter Saturday, sponsored again by Murdoch Clarke. The Brougham family has strong connections to the Orford Golf Club, with the Brougham name appearing on the honour board many times. John himself was a member of the Club for 38 years.



It was great to have a number of members from John's family present, with son Royce presenting the award to winner Brian Walker.

## 10 years of Shane Paynter Social Golf

Our recent June social golf day marked 10 years since our first Sunday Social Golf Day named in memory of Shane Paynter. The format encourages everyone - those new to golf and those more experienced - to come along and have a fun round of golf and a meal in good company. We are very grateful to the many volunteers and sponsors over the years who have enabled this event to continue every month and be such a success. Thank you!

We had a great turnout, with approximately 60 people playing in the 3 Person Ambrose Competition and enjoying a hearty lunch. We had a good mix of seasoned golfers, newbies and some juniors – what the SPD is all about. Shane's wife Lindy has been a strong supporter of this event, and it was lovely to have her and some of her extended family along.



While this year's sponsor, Marshall Collins, was not able to make it, he provided some words explaining why he got behind the event. Here is an extract:

*"We are extremely grateful and proud to be a part of this inclusive and fun golf day. Being a part of something that can bring new golfers to the sport, but also hopefully new golf members to our club that will see it continue to survive for decades to come, for me, makes our sponsorship all worth it."*

*Golf for me personally is a mental break from whatever it is I have going on in work or life. And I believe this is the same for most that play it. Couple that with like-minded people, the social aspect can be as good as sport gets. In my opinion, I think this resonates with Shane and his idea of golf. I believe this is the enjoyment that he would also have been seeking with this event*

*Lindy, you and all of your tribe are friendly, kind, loyal, strong in everything that you have been through, and always smiling, laughing joking. Anyone that is surrounded by any and all of you can't help but to emulate that same energy.*

*Thank you to everyone that keeps this event rolling! Raylene, Elaine, Gil, Simon, Crozzie, to name just a few of the cogs in this machine that keep it all going, without them we aren't here, and we are not able to*

*have a club. So thank you all for all of your volunteered efforts."*

Thanks Marshall, and to Ross Williams from Zoteria Insurance Brokers and the team from Orford Riverside Cafe and Providore for donating prizes.



## FOBS

Halfway through the FOBS season and there is only 3 points between us and the top team, Swansea.

Progressive scores are:

	Round 1	Round 2	TOTAL
Swansea	180	176	356
Orford	170	183	353
Freycinet	138	144	282
Bicheno	128	138	266

The next round is at Freycinet on 20 September. Bring it on!

Pictured— our very own Orford cheer squad at Swansea in March.



## Social Events

We have had some great 9 & Dine events over the last few months – a wonderful fish feast cooked up by Matt and Co, and Raylene's warming pork roast. Our next event is a fabulous Christmas in July feast, served up by the Harwoods and Cracknell (see next page).

Our ongoing Friday night nibbles are continuing to be popular – and why wouldn't you come along and sit around a roaring fire with friends and a chance to win the Members' Jackpot draw (currently \$930) or a prize in the Spring Bay IGA spin.







## Call out for new course volunteers!

We are calling out for some new volunteers to help out on the course. Over coming months, some of our regular volunteers will be travelling to warmer climates, so we would value some new faces around the course.

In addition to day to day course maintenance, we are looking for volunteers to assist with special projects such as tree planting, tee bed improvements, fence fixing and removal of felled trees. Please talk to Matt Pedler on 0417 508 937 about how you can help out.

## Corporate Events

The annual Master Builders Ken Weeding Memorial Shield event was held earlier this month, sponsored by Walkers Coaches and Hobart Airport Undercover Parking. They had a good field who braved the cold weather, enjoying a great morning tea provided by our members, a barbecue lunch and a drink or two in the clubhouse at the end of the day.

We welcome course bookings for corporate and industry events such as this, so get in touch if you would like to talk about what we can do for you.

## Weekly 9 hole competition

We have introduced a trial week long 9 hole stableford competition over the winter period, to try and boost the numbers playing. The prize is now a \$20 IGA voucher. See this page for more details.

NOTE: A minimum of 4 make up a competition. Your card must be marked by someone with a GA handicap.

**ORFORD GOLF CLUB**  
**NEW!**  
**WEEKLY 9 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION**

Play anytime between  
2pm Saturday and 5pm Friday every week

COST (per entry): Members \$5  
Non-members \$25 (includes green fees)

Weekly prize \$20 IGA voucher  
COMMENCING 31 May

**WEEKLY 9 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION**  
**Conditions**

- Front 9 every week
- Can only enter once per week
- All players must have GA handicap
- GA Handicap on the final day of competition will be used for all rounds entered for that week
- Countback will be used in event of a tie

**Entry**

- Use manual card
- Place name and GolfLink number on card (and phone number, for visitors)
- Cards must be signed by player and marker
- Place card and entry fee in Weekly Competition box before 5 pm Friday

**Results**

- Weekly results will be posted at the Club and on Facebook

## Recycling

You can now recycle your containers and donate to the Club with funds going towards our course improvement program.

The easiest way is to download the Recycle Rewards app, create an account and choose the Orford Golf Club under charities as your donation partner. When you get to the Container Refund Point, just scan the barcode from your app and start inserting your containers. It's that easy. The 10 cents per container will be directed to the Club. You can change that at any time.

The app has a handy location map of all Refund Points and a function where you can scan the bar code on your container to see if it is eligible for recycling under the program.

If you don't want to download the app, then you can just scan the barcode below at the refund point.

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### Recycling helpers

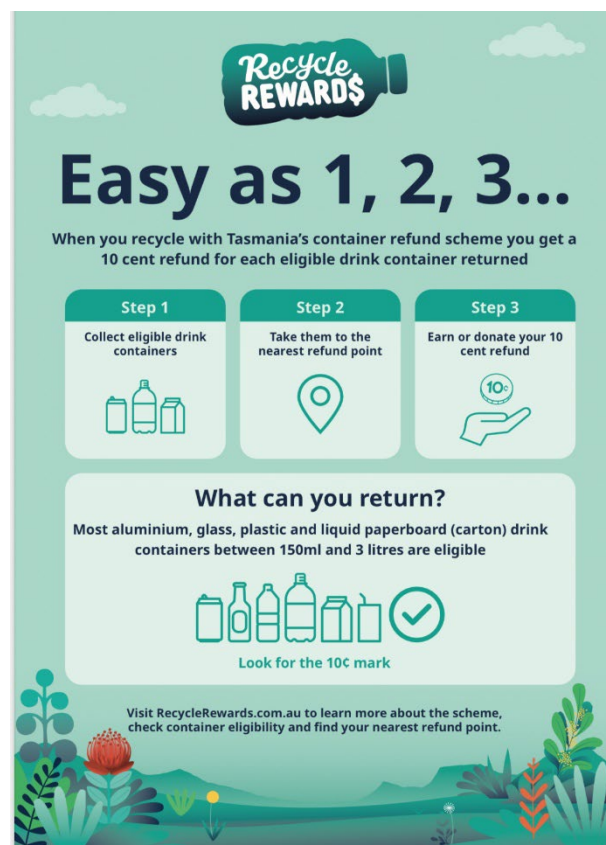
The Committee has also started recycling the Club's own containers, and is looking for volunteers to help. Andrew Lane will be coordinating this project.

We need helpers to collect containers from around the course and the bar, and then also transport to a recycle centre ((closest to Orford are currently at the Bush Mill at Swansea and the Sorell Shopping Plaza behind Coles, but hopefully we will have a local centre soon). We envisage that this will need to be done weekly over the quieter months, but might need to be more frequent over summer. So it would be great to have a few people to spread the load around.

If you would like to help, please talk to Andrew on 0438 253 670 or email [admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au](mailto:admin@orfordgolfclub.com.au).

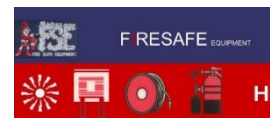
## Footy Tipping

Two thirds of the way through the home and away season and PennyAJ (101) has a 6 point lead from Tassiefox and Hangover Mondays, while there is only 4 points separating 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10<sup>th</sup>. With still 8 rounds to go, you can't afford to relax, Penny – the pack is coming for you!



## Pennant

The end of the Pennant seasons this year saw our Division 1 and 3 mens teams both finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the SCGA Pennant roster, while our ladies Division 2 team finished the year in xth spot. Congratulations to all those who played, and a big thankyou to our sponsors, Firesafe Equipment and Castle Construction.



Next year, we are looking at submitting an additional team in both competitions. Its great to have so many interested in playing Match Play and representing the Club.

## Tree Felling – course closure

Subject to favourable weather conditions, a contractor will be coming to remove a few trees near the new 2<sup>nd</sup> tee on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July. This has been funded by grant money received earlier this year as part of the election commitment grant obtained from the State Government.

This will require some closures around the course on that day, so watch out on Facebook and follow any signs or instructions on the day.

## Upcoming competitions and events

DATE	EVENT
28/6/2025	Stroke
29/6/2025	Shane Paynter Social Golf Day - 3 Person Ambrose Sponsored by Collins Building & Management
3/7/2025	Stroke – Ladies' Monthly Medal Sponsored by Wattlebanks
5/7/2025	Stroke – Men's Monthly Medal Sponsored by Blue Waters
10/7/2025	Stableford
12/7/2025	Double Canadian
17/7/2025	Stableford
19/7/2025	Stableford
24/7/2025	Stroke - Round 4 Silver Spoon
26/7/2025	Irish Stableford - 3 Person Event
27/7/2025	Shane Paynter Social Golf Day - 3 Person Ambrose Sponsored by Collins Building & Management
31/7/2025	Stableford - Round 3 ME Pedler Trophy
1/8/2025	Tradie East Coast Tournament
2/8/2025	Stableford
7/8/2025	Stroke – Ladies' Monthly Medal Sponsored by Wattlebanks
9/8/2025	Stroke – Men's Monthly Medal Sponsored by Blue Waters
14/8/2025	Stroke - Silver Spoon Playoff
16/8/2025	4BBB
21/8/2025	Foursomes - Qualifying Round Belmont Cup
23/8/2025	Stroke
24/8/2025	Shane Paynter Social Golf Day - 3 Person Ambrose Sponsored by Collins Building & Management
28/8/2025	Stableford
30/8/2025	2 Person Ambrose
1/9/2025	VETS @ Orford
4/9/2025	Stroke – Ladies' Monthly Medal Sponsored by Wattlebanks
6/9/2025	Stroke – Men's Monthly Medal Sponsored by Blue Waters
7/9/2025	Left Handed Golf Association
11/9/2025	Stableford - Qualifying Round Bronze Medallion
13/9/2025	Stroke - Sponsored by Reward Hospitality
18/9/2025	Stableford
19/9/2025	Chicken Run
20/9/2025	FOBS @ Freycinet - Stableford @ Orford
25/9/2025	Stroke - Round 3 Captains Trophy
27/9/2025	AFL Grand Final Day
28/9/2025	Shane Paynter Social Golf Day - 3 Person Ambrose Sponsored by Collins Building & Management

Note: Saturdays – Men's & Ladies' 18 hole competitions. Thursdays –Ladies 18 hole and 9 hole competitions and Men's 18 hole competitions available. (subject to numbers)



## Photo Gallery

### 2025 Charity Day



Gross winners



Gala Day winners



Brian Walker – winner of the John Brougham Trophy



Nett winners



Visitor Simon Direen – hole in one & 43 Stableford points (gross 64!)



A great turnout for Charity Day  
Tuesday boys go to Swansea



A chilly morning on the course

### Shane Paynter Social Golf Day

