



## Orford Golf Club Inc.

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Dear Member

I hope you are well during these uncertain times. Hopefully, we will be back to some sort of normality soon.

The Course continues to be open for social golf with players following the strict guidelines which have been set by Government and Golf Australia. It is stressed that all members follow these guidelines so that the course can remain open and continue to be enjoyed by those that are still able to play.

While many of us are having an enforced break from golf during at the current time, there has been much happening at the Club.

Significant damage was caused by the heavy rains of early April, but due to the diligence and hard work of the Greens Committee and many volunteers the major clean-up work has been completed. Unfortunately, some damage was done to the top dam which needed to be rectified and the timing of the rain was not good for the newly laid 2<sup>nd</sup> green, with potential costs to the Club of nearly \$10,000.

The construction of the new 2<sup>nd</sup> green and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> tees are well underway and should be ready for play by spring. At this stage, there is no news as to when the new bridge works over Shea's Creek will be commencing, but the course will be well and truly ready for play.

The Greens Committee is experimenting with some new tee placements for the men and will be looking for feedback from members. The 4<sup>th</sup> tee has been moved to the Ladies tee and the 17<sup>th</sup> tee has similarly been moved to the Ladies tee. Comment to date for members has been favourable, but input from all members will be sought prior to any permanent arrangements being considered. If you have any comments, please speak to Club Captain, Roger Barnes.

The Club is currently implementing a new Golf Management system to replace the current slice system.

Members will notice very little change when entering and playing competitions. If they choose, members will be able to book games online and see their result history. The Club website will link through to the member login portal.

MiClub will provide many opportunities and advantages for managing competitions and will provide significant cost savings to the Club. Ross Nixon has been overseeing the implementation which will be ready for use when the Club resumes normal operations. Enclosed is a flyer about the MiClub system.

I know some members are concerned at the financial impact to the Club of the current shutdown. While the shutdown has resulted in major reductions in revenue, in particular from the closure of the Clubrooms, we have been able to access various opportunities under the State and Commonwealth Government stimulus packages, which, to date have largely offset our losses. It is difficult to assess what the overall impact of the closures will be, but the Club is well placed to cope with the cashflow shortage and is looking at all options to try and address the shortfalls.

If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or John Rainbird on 0414 722 817.

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