



Italian Golf Club Sydney January 2026 Newsletter

Message from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome to the January newsletter. We are off to a flying start. The first game at Oak Point was well supported. Thank you to the Members that have renewed for 2026. If you have not renewed your Membership, please visit www.italiangolfsydney.com.au

In the Captains report you will find details for the "Region of Origin Trophy" competition which we are introducing this year. I take this opportunity to thank Pepe Bonaccordo from Pepe's Duck for his generous contribution to support this event which will run for the duration of the year.

The IGC Calendar for 2026 has been attached to this email with a small change of date for the final game at Concord in December 2026.

The bookings for the next game at Bankstown on Tuesday 10th February are open. Please book online. We look forward to a year full of camaraderie, friendship, competition and fine golf.

I want to also advise that during 2025 we lost two fine, long-time members that will be greatly missed as they were the type of gentlemen that left us with many memories of good times at many games of golf over the years. Vale Ray Anderson and Gennaro Abignano.

Saluti,

Muzio Cantarella



Captain's Report

Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2026 Italian golfing year, another year playing some amazing courses as well some post-game functions where we can share what coulda/shoulda/woulda stories we all have after a game of golf! Our year kicked off as usual at the rebranded Oak Point Golf Club (formerly Liverpool Golf Club) with 46 starters following a nervous few days preceding the event with the course receiving more than 110mm of rain in the lead up.

15 minute of torrential rain as we headed to our holes didn't make for a good start however after that the skies cleared resulting in what could only be described as perfect golf weather. The course held up beautifully with no standing water or muddy areas with carts free to roam! At the conclusion our presentation included acknowledging our 2025 Club Champion Frank Settineri, with a bag of trophies as we enjoyed burgers and chips to close the day content and fed! Congratulations to the winners: -

A Grade:

Winner: Frank Settineri (8) 41 points.
Runner up: Laurie Natale (5) 36 points.

B Grade:

Winner: Corrado Lepre (13) 40 points.
Runner up: John Bernasconi (16) 38 c/b

C Grade:

Winner: Enzo Baldacci (28) 41 points
Runner up: Lou Panucci (23) 36 c/b

Happy snaps...



INTRODUCING... **THE IGC SYDNEY** **"REGION OF ORIGIN"** **TROPHY**



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What's it about?

A little something to spice up the regional rivalry the board has been contemplating for some time. THE Region of Origin" Trophy will run in conjunction with the monthly games to decide once and for all what region has the best golfers and bragging rights!

When will it happen?

The event will kick off at the IGC Oak Point game, January, and run until the November game at Terrey Hills (11 games) with the winners announced at our annual presentation night to be held at Concord GC Monday 7th December 2026.

How does it work?

From every game the **TOP 4** scores representing each team will go towards the overall team score. This will be an aggregate of the best 4 stableford scores and will happen at every game. In addition, the individual regional Champion will be selected based on his or her aggregate best 7 games through the course of the season. Obviously, you must be a financial member at from the time points your point count!

What are the regions?

We have identified 4 regions (teams) at this stage



Team Medusa



Team Sant'Andrea



Team Majorie



Team Managarie

What team am I in?

You have tentatively been assigned to the team based on the region your **father** was born.

How do we declare a winner?

At the conclusion of the year and once all the scores are in, we will announce a champion from each team.

- Sicilian Champion
- Calabrian Champion
- Italian Other Champion
- Non Italian Champion

In addition, the winning region will be announced and presented the inaugural ***"Region of Origin"*** Shield.

So, join in the banter and let the sledging begin 😊

Our next game is at Bankstown Golf Club on Tuesday 10th February 2026 with a shotgun tee time of 12,30pm followed by some yummy food supplied by Mario and his team there at The Italian Bistro.

BOOKINGS are now open: Golf + Cart + Dinner \$120 members, \$140 Visitors 52 spots available.

Golfing Etiquette

Please remember that as members of the IGC you are representing our Club and our Community when visiting our Host Golf Clubs. Our behaviour, dress, etiquette, language, and observance of all the rules of golf should always be in tune with our surroundings. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Speed of Play:

Speed of play is a major issue as well as being selfish and irritating to everyone. What should **YOU** do: -

- It is **YOUR** responsibility to **keep up with the group in front**, not in front of the group behind
- If you think it's a lost ball **hit a provisional immediately**
- The rules are you have **3 minutes to look for a ball**
- Don't wait to the others have hit to prepare for your shot! **Ready Golf – play if safe to do so**
- If you can score on the hole **pick up**
- Don't park buggies in front of greens blocking following groups
- Score at the next tee not on the green

Course Care:

Replace/repair divots, rake bunkers, fix pitch marks, watch your pace of play, keep up with the group in front – not ahead of the group behind.

Scorecards:

As a marker it is your responsibility to score the player whilst ensuring fair play and to protect the interests of every other player in the field. Scores on a hole should be agreed prior to hitting of on the next hole. Are to be agreed & signed on completion of the round NOT in the clubhouse. No adjustments will be made by committee members on MiScore App.

Attire:

Players to wear Club Shirts & Cap at all IGC Sydney Games, tailored pants/shorts with shirts tucked in plus the Club's dress codes, course etiquette and mobile phone policies of the day.

***** IGC RULE – “the 100 rule” *****

If your **AGE + your Handicap** is equal to/greater than 100 you are entitled to tee off from the forward most tees to overcome any significant water or hazard carry on designated holes.

Hole in One Competition



[MGI Zip Navigator Motorised All Terrain Golf Buggy - Black valued at over \\$2,400.](#)

Definition of a “Hole-in-One”.

“A hole-in-one occurs when a ball hit from a tee to start a hole, finishes in the nominated cup. A ball hit from a tee following a lost ball, out of bounds, or water hazard is not a hole in one”.

RULES

1. Player must be a current financial member of the Italian Golf Club Sydney Limited.
2. First attempt at the hole, by each individual player, is valid only.
3. Only on a Par 3 hole of a minimum 150 meters to be nominated by the committee prior to the start of the game.
4. Compulsory, “CALL UP” by previous group, on the nominated hole were possible.
5. An IGC member/Playing group must attest and witness the shot.
6. In the event of a dispute the final decision is at the absolute discretion of the IGC committee.
7. Any foul play will result in the instant termination of the member from the IGC Sydney Limited club.

2026 Booking Procedure

Game reminders will be sent by SMS 10 Days Prior to each Game.

Please Book & Pay online via Website www.italiangolfsydney.com.au or call Sam Panucci on 0411855045 if you are having difficulty logging on to the website.

Booking Window will close 2 Days prior to Games as per Golf Club's Request!!

All Visitors are welcomed subject to member player numbers and course availability.

Member Birthdays January and February



JANUARY

Fulvio Dolso 12th
Paul Dovico 7th
Fred La Cava 19th
Vince Nesci 12th
Anthony Pellegrino 4th
Guy Tomagra 2nd

FEBRUARY

Enzo Balducci 4th
Enzo Cesta 17th
Pauline Laurence 20th
Tony Pace 20th
Ron Ross 1st

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