



## Italian Golf Club Sydney February 2025 Newsletter

### Message from the President

Dear Members,

2025 is off to a flying start, our first game at Oak Point was a great success and well supported by more than 50 players. Thank you to all those that promptly renewed their memberships and welcome the new members participating for the first time.

The Captain has now completed our Golfing Calendar and can be seen below and on the IGC website at [www.italiangolfsydney.com.au](http://www.italiangolfsydney.com.au)

Our next game will be held at Bankstown Golf Club on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Cost will be \$115 for Members and \$130 for Guests. Cost includes golf, carts and a Pizza after the game. Bookings are now open on our website.

I have decided to publish a letter (below) in response to a question from a member regarding the cost of this year's renewal. I believe that as a Club, we need to be open and transparent in all matters regarding our financial workings. Many of you may have similar questions and hope that this explanation helps you understand that the Board does its very best to offer Members good value as well as provide great golfing and socialising opportunities.

Saluti

Muzio Cantarella

*"Dear Muzio,*

*I am writing to express my thoughts about the recent announcement of a 39% increase in membership fees (2024: \$180.00 2025: \$250.00). While I understand that rising operational costs may lead to an adjustment in fees, such a significant increase is understandably concerning for many members, including myself. It would be helpful to gain more insight into the specific factors driving this increase. Transparency around how the added funds will be used to improve the club's offerings would help members better appreciate the rationale behind the decision. Thank you for your efforts in keeping the quality of our club, and I appreciate the opportunity to share feedback.*

*Regards*

*Dear Member,*

*Thanks for your email. I do appreciate any feedback from Members. The IGC board is cognisant of the increase in cost which may seem on the surface high however to provide some substantiation of the cost I can say the following, firstly the club provides each member a premium club shirt as part of their membership and will this year providing a club vest as well as we approach the cooler months. (in essence this accounts for approximately \$200 of your membership renewal). During the 2024 Membership year there was no Club shirt supplied to Members to reduce the cost.*

*In addition to the above the following are some of the direct costs we incur which may or may not be immediately visible to the wider membership.*

- IGC website – this attracts a hosting fee as well as a monthly maintenance fee

- Golf Australia Affiliation fees payable per Member/player
- Preparation of annual yearly audited accounts which are supplied to all Financial Members showing all income and expenditure in detail.
- Public Liability & Director Indemnity insurances (all of which have attracted significant premium increase in 2025)
- Annual presentation night trophies
- Subsidising player green fees, meals, carts, prizes when required
- Not forgetting the real value of IGC Membership which we value highly, even if impossible to put a monetary value, being the opportunity to socialise, mix and participate with like-minded individuals in a friendly and inclusive activity though out the year, accessing some premium Golf Courses that would normally not be available to golfers.

The absence of game day sponsors also means game day prizes come from our reserves as the game fees cover the direct cost charged at each of the venues. We attempt to charge the same amount to our members as the Golf Clubs charge the IGC.

The Board is committed to providing the opportunity for its members to gain access, via its network, to the better and in some cases extremely private clubs in Sydney which unfortunately is becoming increasingly difficult and cost prohibitive.

Over the last few years our big-name sponsors have retreated due to the "economic climate". (Nick Scali, Commonwealth Bank, Tile Factory Outlet and others). We are fortunate that Pepe`s Ducks has contributed to the Club for 2024 and 2025, but much of that was used to assist with the running of the 2024 Challenge Cup.

I know that you are not the only Member that raised the issue of Membership fees, and I will consider circulating your question and our response to all the financial Members in an upcoming Newsletter. I too, believe that transparency is paramount and go to great lengths to make our efforts on behalf of the club, in all areas, open and frank.

I trust this goes some way in allaying any concerns you have.

Best regards and thank you,

Muzio, on behalf of the IGC Board of Directors.”

## Captain's Report

Welcome to 2025, hopefully a year of uninterrupted golf!

I will start by sharing the 2025 IGC Golfing Calendar. This Calendar is now 99% locked in and you will notice new courses as well as some premium favourites returning.

Its worth noting courses do drop out if other events take precedence and, in some instance, we elect to skip them in the event significant course renovations are taking place.

Throughout the year I will try and mix up the games with some 2 Ball events and will also have 2 or 3 random draw events to facilitate everyone getting to know everyone.

I urge members to mark their calendars with both the golf events and the social event which are always good fun.

The results from our first game of the season at Oak Point are below, congratulations to the winners, remember to book in for Bankstown and I look forward to seeing you then.

Sam Q.

### 2025 Club Calendar

GAME DATE & TIME	COURSE
Tuesday Jan 21 <sup>st</sup> (11am SG)	Oak Point Golf Club
Tuesday Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> (12pm SG)	Bankstown Golf Club
Monday Mar 10 <sup>th</sup> (11am SG)	Concord Golf Club
Tuesday Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> (11am SG)	Castle Hill Golf & Country Club
Tuesday May 13 <sup>th</sup> (11am SG)	Oatlands Golf Club + Dinner & AGM
Thursday Jun 19 <sup>th</sup> (11am SG)	Campbelltown Golf Club
Tuesday Jul 15 <sup>th</sup> (11am SG)	Cabramatta Golf Club
<b>CHRISTMAS IN JULY - Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
Thursday Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> (11am SG)	St Michaels Golf Club
Friday Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> (11am SG)	Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club
 Sunday Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nudgee
 Monday Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Queensland
Thursday Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> (11am SG)	Monash Country Club
Tuesday Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> (11am SG)	Terrey Hills Golf & Country Club
Monday Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> (12pm SG)	Elanora Golf + Presentation Dinner

## GAME 1 – OAK POINT



### A – Grade

1<sup>st</sup>: Frank Settineri 42  
2<sup>nd</sup>: John Lo Surdo 35

### B – Grade

1<sup>st</sup>: Sam Panucci 33  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ron Ross 32

### C – Grade

1<sup>st</sup>: Muzio Cantarella 38  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Tony Pace 38 c/b

2BBB Winners – Jim Mascitelli & Kenneth Kearns 43 points



Our next game is at Bankstown Golf Club on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon shotgun followed by Pizza. Bookings are now open on the website [www.italiangolfsydney.com.au](http://www.italiangolfsydney.com.au). Bankstown is a new club in our rotation a challenging and picturesque course – and very nice pizza more importantly!

Good Health and good golfing to all,

## 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: -

- 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:

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.

## 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.
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## 2025 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](http://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 this month



**Ron Ross 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**  
**Pixie Sasse 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Tony Pace 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Shane Lawrence 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Vince Petito 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Enzo Cesta 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pauline Lawrence 20<sup>th</sup>**

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