



# 2025 AUSTRALIAN HICKORY SHAFT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 12 October 2025

**NORTH ADELAIDE GOLF COURSE (NORTH COURSE)**  
Foursomes Championship – 18 holes

Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 October 2025

**THE ROYAL ADELAIDE GOLF CLUB**  
Men's and Women's Championships – 36 holes

**ENTRY FEE: \$395** – includes dinner on Tuesday 14 October  
(\$155 for RAGC members and reciprocals)

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**Sunday 12 October 2025 – 12:00 pm for 12:30 pm tee-off**

## **Australian Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship**

An 18-hole Canadian foursomes stroke-play event – the team with the lowest gross score will be declared Champions.

## **Handicap Event**

An 18-hole handicap Canadian foursomes stroke-play event held in conjunction with the Foursomes Championship – the team with the lowest net score will be declared Winners.

## **Post-round**

After-round refreshments and presentations in the clubhouse

## **North Adelaide Golf Course (North Course)**

**NORTH  
ADELAIDE  
GOLF  
COURSE**

In September 1895, golf was first played in Adelaide's northwest parkland opposite 'Montefiore', the home of prominent Adelaide solicitor William Pope. The rough-and-ready 9-hole course was colloquially known as 'Willy Pope's Links'. Prompted by increased council regulation of parkland usage, the North Adelaide Golf Club was officially formed a decade later, in 1905. Unsurprisingly, William Pope was the club's inaugural president. Scottish-Australian professional Edgar C. Martin was commissioned to design the initial 18-hole course, then known as 'Montefiore Links'. In 1922, the Adelaide City Council took over and ran the links as a public facility, to which the North Adelaide Golf Club received priority. Part of the deal was for the council to develop a second 18-hole course. Designed by local golfing prodigy Rufus Stewart, the No. 2 course is now known as the North Course.

North Adelaide Golf Course  
Strangways Terrace  
North Adelaide SA 5006  
08 8203 7888  
[northadelaidegolf.com.au](http://northadelaidegolf.com.au)



**Monday 13 October 2025 – 10:30 am for 11:00 am tee-off**

**Tuesday 14 October 2025 – 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm tee-off**

## **Australian Hickory Shaft Open Championships**

A 36-hole individual stroke-play event played over two days – the player with the lowest gross score will be declared Champion.

## **Handicap Event**

A 36-hole individual stroke-play handicap event held in conjunction with the Championship – the player with the lowest net score will be declared Winner.

## **Post-round**

Day one: After-round refreshments in the clubhouse

Day two: Presentations in the clubhouse – followed by dinner at 7:30 pm:

Estia

255 Seaview Road

Henley Beach SA 5022

[estia.com.au](http://estia.com.au)

## **The Royal Adelaide Golf Club**



Established in 1892 and ranked among the top ten courses in Australia, The Royal Adelaide Golf Club is South Australia's premier golf club. Designed in 1926 by legendary British golf course architect Dr Alister MacKenzie, the club's Seaton links are regarded as the state's finest championship layout. RAGC has hosted nine Australian Open Championships, sixteen Australian Amateur Championships and two South Australian Hickory Championships.

The Royal Adelaide Golf Club

328 Tapleys Hill Road

Seaton SA 5023

08 8356 5511

[royaladelaidegolf.com.au](http://royaladelaidegolf.com.au)

[RAGC dress code and portable electronic devices policy](#)



# Australian Hickory Shaft Championships – Event Conditions

## Australian Hickory Shaft Open Championships (Men's and Women's)

A 36-hole individual stroke-play event played over two days at The Royal Adelaide Golf Club – Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 October 2025.

## Australian Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship (Unisex)

An 18-hole Canadian foursomes stroke-play event played at North Adelaide Golf Course (North Course) – Sunday 12 October 2025.

### Eligibility

The events are open to amateurs and PGA members (or international equivalent).

### Rules

- Current R&A rules of golf
- Local rules of the host club
- Mercy rule – maximum of ten strokes on any hole

### Registration

- Competitors must register 30 minutes prior to their allotted tee time

### Clubs, balls, etc.

- See: [AGHS Hickory Event Conditions of Play](#)

### Distance Measuring Devices

- Not permitted

### Motorised Carts

- Permitted – player to arrange through Pro Shop

### Match Committee

- Les Browne, Andrew Baker, Kim Hastie and Phil Baird

### Rulings

- Decisions of the match committee shall be final

### Handicaps

Golf Australia handicap (or international equivalent) with the following adjustments:

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| • professional or plus handicap: | Play off scratch   |   |   |   |
| • 0–3 handicap                   | Add three strokes to GA handicap (or international equivalent) |   |   |   |
| • 4–8 handicap                   | Add four strokes   | " | " | " |
| • 9–14 handicap                  | Add five strokes   | " | " | " |
| • 15–20 handicap                 | Add six strokes  | " | " | " |
| • 21+ handicap                   | Add seven strokes  | " | " | " |

Players whose Golf Australia handicap (or international equivalent) has been achieved primarily with hickory clubs – to use their Golf Australia handicap (or international equivalent)

Players with a valid hickory handicap (DotGolf, HGQ or SoHG – with a minimum of ten submitted cards) – to use that handicap

Players without a Golf Australia handicap (or international equivalent) or a valid hickory handicap – to play off scratch

### Ties

- *For the individual championships (only)* – ties for first place will be decided by sudden death playoff
- *For all other events* – ties will be decided by countback using the Golf Australia Australian Countback Method

### For all events

- Period golfing attire is encouraged
- Basic hickory sets are available for free loan
- After-round refreshments are at own expense
- Entries close Friday 19 September 2025

### Reciprocal agreements

Competitors whose home clubs have reciprocal agreements with RAGC are responsible for making the appropriate arrangements.





The Royal Adelaide Golf Club



North Adelaide Golf Club (North Course)



# Associated Event – South Australian Hickory Championship

Wednesday 15 October 2025

Venue: Ashbourne Private Links  
Signal Flat Road  
Ashbourne SA 5157  
[ashbourneprivategolfcourse.com](http://ashbourneprivategolfcourse.com)

Format: 18 holes individual stroke

Time: 9:00 am for 9:30 am tee-off

Cost: \$30 pp

Post-match: After-round refreshments and presentations at the nearby Greenman Inn

Contact: Andrew Baker  
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The Course: Located about an hour south of Adelaide, Ashbourne Private Links is situated on a farm owned by the Johnston family. Designed by Harry Meyer, the grandfather and great-grandfather of the property's current custodians, the quirky nine-hole layout has been played continuously in its original form since 1928.



Ashbourne Private Links



# Associated Event – Port Fairy Hickory and Retro Classic

Friday 17 October 2025

Venue: Port Fairy Golf Links  
101 Skenes Road  
Port Fairy Vic 3284  
[portfairygolf.com.au](http://portfairygolf.com.au)

Format: 18 holes individual stableford

Time: 11:00 am for 11:30 am tee-off

Cost: \$59.00 pp (green fee)  
Free for members and reciprocals of Port Fairy Golf Links

Contact: Justin Ryan  
0498 484 866  
[justinryan747@gmail.com](mailto:justinryan747@gmail.com)

The Course: Rated among the top 50 courses nationwide, Port Fairy Golf Links winds its way over an imposing natural dune system adjacent to Port Fairy Bay. While appearing to be age-old, the links opened in 1963 as a member-designed, nine-hole layout. In 1985, the course was extended to eighteen holes to a design by 1958 Australian Amateur Champion Kevin Hartley. Since 2000, a later winner of the Australian Amateur Championship, Mike Clayton (1978), has been advising the club on course design and conditioning.



Port Fairy Golf Links