



# Coringa News



30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Kia Ora,

### Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

- A Stableford Competition off the dual Black / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- Winter Ringers begins
- Shootout continues

### Raffles

David Potter 32, Meatpack McKay 60, Brian Docherty 54, Paul Snape 17, Rouan Buitendag 23, David Harvey 38

The program until the end of July – 2024

June	1	Sat	<b>Kings Birthday Weekend</b> Stableford – Black / White tees <b>Winter Ringers – \$10 entry</b> Shootout
	3	Mon	<b>Kings Birthday Holiday – Course open</b>
	4	Tue	Ladies: Val Sutherland
	5	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.).
	6	Thu	Ladies: Betty Mcbirdie Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.

	8	Sat	4BBB Stableford – Silver tees Howarth Salvors – Semi-Finals (Silver tees on handicap). Shootout Winter ringers.
	11	Tues	Ladies: 4 Clubs and Putter
	12	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	13	Thu	Ladies: LGU Men: Par - Yellow tees
	15	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees <b>Interclub – Blank / Simon Cup Trials begins (Blue tees.)</b> Shootout Howarth Salvors – Finals (Silver tees on handicap). Winter ringers.
	16	Sun	<b>CANTERBURY 4BBB CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>COURSE CLOSED</b>
	18	Tue	Ladies: Best nett Trophy
	19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	20	Thu	Ladies: Fun Game – TBC Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	22	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. <b>(2<sup>nd</sup> Interclub Trial)</b> Shootout Winter ringers.
	25	Tue	Ladies: Stableford Trophy – LD
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	27	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy – LD Men: American Stableford – Yellow tees
	29	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees <b>(3<sup>rd</sup> Interclub Trial)</b> Shootout Winter Ringers
<b>July</b>	2	Tue	Ladies: Val Sutherland
	3	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	4	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men
	6	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White Tees <b>(4<sup>th</sup> Interclub Trial)</b> Shootout Winter Ringers
	9	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men
	13	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees <b>(5<sup>th</sup> Interclub Trial)</b> Shootout Winter Ringers
	16	Tue	Ladies: Mid-Winter Lunch
	17	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees

			10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	18	Thu	Ladies: Stableford – Hidden Partners Men
	20	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees <b>(Final Interclub Trial)</b>
	23	Tue	Ladies: Stableford
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies: L. G. U. Men
	27	Sat	4BBB nett – White tees
	30	Tue	Ladies: Nett
	31	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **COURSE NEWS**

Green speed is holding up well and was 10.6 feet when measured this week.

On the course, we had an unexpected irrigation leak on the 4th ladies' tee, which is now fixed and finished, we also tidy up the leak behind the 10th tee. The greens and tees had their normal maintenance with the fairways getting a trim/tidy up.

The main jobs this week was the coring of tees which is now finished. We also worked on replacing the turf behind the 17<sup>th</sup> green. We also repaired the side of the bunker at the 7<sup>th</sup> green and repaired the front of the 4<sup>th</sup> green on left hand side.

Next week we were planning on fixing some more irrigation problems but with being a short week we might put that off till the following week and keep doing some more turfing around the place.

### **TUESDAY CREW**

Most of the focus this week went into the gardens between the cart shed and the car park. With Phil Olsen in charge, the team cleared the area, tidied up the railway sleepers being used as a border around the car park and started planting specialty grasses sourced for the Club by Nic Preece (thanks Nic!!).

While this was going on a few of the team patched up the pot holes that had started to take over the car park entrance (unfortunately probably an ongoing task for the next couple of months).

And finally we've put together another 15 or so bunker rakes which have been spread around the course (no excuse now not to rake those bunkers !!)

## LOCAL RULE - LEAF RULE

There are still a few leaves around, but the bulk of the autumn fall has now passed, The leaf rule will remain in place for one more week, ending next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## WINTER RINGERS – starts this Saturday

This competition runs through winter, there is a one-off entry fee of \$10, with all entry money being paid out to the winners,

Once again, this is a fun competition for new members to participate in, it is very easy to enter, and after that you just play good golf each week and watch your scores accumulate

Progress updates are posted on the club's website every week.

## MONTHLY TITLEIST GOLF BALL RAFFLE

Congratulations to Jay Pollock winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the May Monthly Golf Ball raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Jay Pollock – One Dozen Titleist Pro V Golf balls.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize -Brian Docherty – One 3 ball sleeve of Pro V Golf balls

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize -Andrew Wight – One 3 ball sleeve of Pro V Golf balls

4<sup>th</sup> Prize -Chris Cottrell - One 3 ball sleeve of Pro V Golf balls

Please pick up your prize from the Pro Shop.

Thank you to all those that purchased tickets and the proceeds are going to help fund the purchase of more native plants and trees.

The planting of more native plants and trees around our course will mainly be in areas where trees have been removed but also in other areas to enhance the visual appearance of some areas around the course.

There will be a sheet in the Pro Shop for the June raffle on Saturday June the 1st.

We will continue to run this raffle on a monthly basis if the support continues.

Thank you.

Brian Docherty

## HOWARTH SALVERS

There were some very competitive matches out there on Saturday, with most games going the full distance, and just one match going an extra hole.

It is always unfortunate, where there is a winner, there must be a loser, commiserations to those who exit this year's contest, and all the best to those who are going on to the semi-finals, on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## Results of the first round – winners highlighted

### Division three

Barry Stringer	v	Peter Cottrell	Peter Bailey	v	Keith Yardley
Alan Wicks	v	Trevor Lee	Kevin King	v	Peter Marsh

### Division two

Wing Gin	v	Seamus O'Cromtha	Murray Angus	v	Brian McOscar
Dale Ware	v	Lloyd Bell	Scott Calvert	v	Jesse Guise

### Division one

Mal Ashton	v	Kyle Charlwood	Paul Snape	v	Roy Wang
Spencer Wicks	v	Paul Monson	Albert Yee	v	Ram Thapa

The following semi-final matches have been booked in for the 8<sup>th</sup> June,

**Div 3**

9.29am Barry Stringer v Keith Yardley Trevor Lee v Peter Marsh

**Div 2**

9.36am Wing Gin v Murray Angus Lloyd Bell v Jesse Guise

**Div 1**

9.43am Mal Ashton v Paul Snape Spencer Wicks v Ram Thapa

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Blank Cup and Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Interclub Trials**

The Interclub trials will start on 15th June 2024 (aligned with the Saturday morning competition).

See program above for all trial dates. - all trials are played off the Blue tees.

Sat 27th July or mutually agreed Sunday (June /July) - Reserve Day

1st Interclub matches are scheduled for Sunday 4th August 2024

Blank Cup at Coringa – 9.30am start

Thompson MacDonald Trophy – venue to be confirmed. 9.30am start

### **Trial Rules -**

1. Gross score less ESC's (adjusted scores) tracked. The ultimate average score determines the final ranking.
2. **Trialists are required to complete a minimum of 5 rounds. Those who complete 6 rounds will be averaged over 6 rounds.**
3. Automatic selection is awarded to the first 6 past the post.
4. Selectors reserve the right to exercise 'Selector's choice' for the remaining 2 spots.
5. 3 Reserves will be announced too - **Reserves are free to be released to play other events, but Blank Cup obligations remain their priority even if it is a last-minute call-up.**
6. Anyone who withdraws before completing a full trial round due to poor play will receive a score of 99!
7. Trialists are expected to team up so they may score each other's cards—otherwise, the election of a non-trialist scorer is subject to the selector's prior approval.
8. No gimme putts, as the Trial forms part of the Saturday competition. 2 stroke penalty for those in breach.

**Players wishing to participate must notify Pro Shop or John Rademakers at [john.rademakers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:john.rademakers@xtra.co.nz) or Ph 027 2237705 by 10th June 2024**

**When registering please provide your email address and phone number.**

There are already 20 entries signed up for this year's trial, don't leave it too late, be sure to register your name if you are interested in trialing,

Thanks

John Rademakers/ Murray Brown / Frank Young

## LADIES GOLF NEWS

### **Thursday**

(Mixed 9-Holers) today we played Stableford. 1<sup>st</sup> was Janice McPhail with 20 Stablefords, 2<sup>nd</sup> on, count back, was Melissa with 18 Stablefords and 3<sup>rd</sup> also with 18 Stablefords was Nicky. It was a bit of a chilly start but soon warmed up.

Next week we play for the Betty McBirdie Trophy. Duty person is Janet Harland

### **Saturday:**

Today the ladies played Stableford and the winner was Myra with 20 Stablefords. Next week the game is Stablefords with points going towards the Saturday Trophy. If you are wanting to play, please contact Myra. [myrastory46@gmail.com](mailto:myrastory46@gmail.com)

**Sunday.** A lovely Autumn day on the course. 1<sup>st</sup> on countback was Jay with 20 Stablefords and 2<sup>nd</sup> was Janet also with 20 Stablefords. A spot has been booked for 10.04 this coming Sunday

### **Tuesday.**

(Mixed 9-Holers): Today we played Stableford and NTP. 1<sup>st</sup> was Judith Bennetts with 22 Stablefords, 2<sup>nd</sup> Myra with 21 Stablefords and NTP Janice McPhail.

Next week we play for the Val Sutherland Trophy. Duty person is Anne Morgan

**News from the 18 holers.** A Coringa Team of Jane Gin, Sophia Huang Chih Yun and Nancy Yeo along with Fiona Kim from Shirley won the teams stableford at Kaiapoi last Friday 24th, out of 24 other teams

Nancy also got the top stableford prize of 38pts. Well done Ladies!!!

### **General news:**

Mid-winter Lunch. This year we are going to Bishop Brothers in Bishopdale on the 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. We will put up a list, in the lady's locker room, for people to put their names down so that we have an idea of numbers. We will also put up a menu. Everyone welcome.

**Tournaments:** For 9-hole ladies, can you please let Leigh know when you are wanting to enter tournaments and she will send your entry in. [leigh72mcewen@icloud.com](mailto:leigh72mcewen@icloud.com) ph. 0274340872.

18-hole ladies. If you are wanting to enter any tournaments, please do this yourself. Do not forget to send in your Handicap, ID and Index.

If you want any more information, 18-holers please email me at [jimmykatie57@gmail.com](mailto:jimmykatie57@gmail.com) and I will send you all the details.

**Hawarden Golf Club Women's Open Tournament.** June 12th. Entry fee \$35 per person.

**Greendale Golf Club Women's Teams Stableford Tournament.** June 14th. Entry fee \$30 per person.

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

## MENS REPORT

### **This Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Will be a Stableford round off the dual Black / White tees,  
Winter Ringers – Begins, Shootout continues.

**FULL FIELD** – This Saturday is looking very busy, as of this afternoon, there are just 5 vacant spots scattered throughout the morning.

This will mean it is super important that you are at the course on time – 30mins before your tee time. And your group must keep pace with the field.

With a full field, it only takes one slow individual or group, to ruin the day for a lot of people.

Equally as important, with such a packed field, if you expect to race around under 4hrs you are setting yourself up for disappointment, (think of rush hour traffic, and adjust your expectations accordingly) Keep each other accountable for keeping pace of play and do your bit by playing ready golf.

### **Last Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Was an American Stableford off the dual Blue / White tees,

Surprisingly given the cooler conditions, there was an even split off the Blue and White tees.

This ultimately caused some confusion during the prize-giving ceremony, when Michael Smith and David Harvey both won their divisions off the Blue tees, obviously a mistake as neither of these men would choose to play the Blues would they? Were they bullied into it? Lol - Well played gents.

Congratulations to Rob Gillespie winning the gross prize with a 77 in very cool early morning conditions, not a bad effort for the 12<sup>th</sup> best lefty in the club, playing on a right-handed course, lol. Mal Ashton once again featured among the prize winners – he's in great form.

But the round of the day, much to Kevin King's dismay, goes to Peter Marsh with a score of 61.

Pete played Kevin in the Howarth Salvagers, and poor Kevin had to endure watching Pete play his best round of golf in a very long time, "he was holing putts from everywhere" according to Kevin.

Bad luck Kev, Pete's usually a crap putter, he's even worse when he is my partner in the haggle.

WELL DONE PETE!!

Here are the main results of the day – American Stableford.

#### **White Div 1**

Mal Ashton	55
Ram Thapa	54
Sue Brown	53
Richard Maguire	53
Spencer Wicks	52
Kerion Murtha	51

#### **White Div 2**

Peter Marsh	61
Eddie Kotze	55
Keith Yardley	55
Peter Bailey	53
Kevin King	52
Harry Lim	52

#### **Blue Div 1**

David Harvey	55
Rob Gillespie	55
Richard Kingsbury	55
Rouan Buitendag	54
Oliver Shea	54
David Potter	53

#### **Blue Div 2**

Michael J Smith	53
David Cross	52
Robert Pryce	52
Jonathan Kemp	52
Geoff Miller	51
Chris Choie	51

<b>Best Gross</b>	Rob Gillespie (77)
<b>Nett Eagle Hole (6)</b>	Mal Ashton, Issac Preece
<b>Birdie Hole (6)</b>	Mal Ashton, Issac Preece
<b>Nearest to pins</b>	Rob Gillespie (5), Mel Newburn (7), Isaac Preece (13), Jesse Guise (17),
<b>2's Jackpot</b>	Not Struck
<b>2's</b>	Chris Choie 7, Mike Arlidge 5, Sam Strachan 7, Rob Gillespie 7, Oliver Shea 17, Malcolm Wratt 7, Dale Ware 7, Spencer Wicks 7, Richard Maguire 7, Barry Stringer 5

What a terrible coincidence that hole 6 was drawn for both the nett eagles and birdies. Very lucky though for Isaac and Mal, who picked up a good chunk of \$\$\$, Mel Newburn is loving hole 7, picking up nearest to pin on 7 two weeks in a row. It was noted however, Mel's name was not among the twos, surely a clerical error?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **9<sup>th</sup> June – Canterbury Champion of Champions - @ Rangiora Golf Club**
- **15<sup>th</sup> June - Interclub Trials – Blank and Simon Cup**
- **16<sup>th</sup> June - Canterbury 4BBB Championship**

## WEDNESDAY GOLF

**'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (Members \$10 / Visitors \$15 Entry) Tournament:**

We had our fifth week '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' tournament on Wednesday the **29th May** with unfortunately once again cold weather which reduced numbers down 20 participants playing for our usual meat prizes from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

The course was looking fabulous with the greens continuing to roll well, although the wind and cold but dry weather made conditions a bit challenging for some of us! My issue was the tree in the front of my ball all day.

Anyhow the results is not all about me. I was playing with the editor of the newsletter (whom I've been barred from naming) and you wouldn't believe the abuse he gave poor old M J Smith for not marking is ball. I might add that Mike was not his partner in the hagggle. Mike had left his ball two metres short of the ninth green and in the centre of the fairway. The editor was perhaps ten to twelve metres behind Mike's ball also on the fairway. The editor hits his ball and it bounces directly on top of Mike's ball and goes sideways. Now the gentleman in Mike says "I bet you couldn't do that again, if you we



trying?" Well it started there and the abuse finished in the clubrooms with Mike being called "Lasy Joe" or something similar! Hahaha.

Coringa Members within the one division;

Division:

1st	Mike Smith	39
2rd	Lloyd Bell	37
3rd	Andy Ashby	35(C/B)
4th	Geoff Miller	35(C/B)
5th	Augustine (Gus) Eathorne	35
6th	Dave Stead	34(C/B)

The full results are on the club website.

We have our June Monthly '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' (\$20 Entry) Watering Tournament on Wednesday **5th June** playing for our usual usual **\$50 'Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage Group'** vouchers and meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

Remember this tournament starts at 10.30 am and only groups authorised by me can start before that time. Please don't just turn up and put Nic under pressure to play early. The tournament times run from 10.30 through to 11.30 am and remember some participants may want to start after 11 as a group from Rakaia did the previous month. Those playing early must wait until all the field is in for the prize giving.

Come out and have a game. We'll organise you into a four.

Harv

### **THURSDAY GOLF**

We had a field of 14 turn up for golf today on a glorious sunny autumn morning.

Today's game was a stableford round off the white tees. Scoring was tough today with only 1 player playing under their handicap. In first place was Swampy (Peter Marsh) with 38 points. Peter followed up after Saturdays great round, and we are so pleased to see his goal to reduce his handicap is on track.

In second place was Peter Bailey on 35 points, in third place was Lex Halford with 34 points and this was on countback from Lloyd Bell also on 34 points. Both players having a great back nine.

There was 1 two today scored by Seamus O'Cromtha on hole 13.

The hard luck story today was Duncan Shaw-Brown. Duncan was helping his partner look for his ball on hole 13 and to his delight found 2 almost new balls. Duncan thought he would try one of the new balls on hole 14 however he put it out of bounds and lost it. He then reloaded and would you believe it the second ball followed the 1<sup>st</sup> one, out of bounds and lost. There was some good news for Duncan as he won the most honest golfer prize of a new ball. Golf is a great game and we love hearing these stories of how it puts us to the test.

**Winter tee off time now 10.00am.**

## Results

1	Peter Marsh	38 points
2	Peter Bailey	35 points
3	Lex Halford	34 points
4	Lloyd Bell	34 points

Phil Olsen

## **AND NOW....**

- **So the Pope is SUPER early for his flight.**

He asks his driver on his way to the airport if he could drive around for a while because they have time to kill, and he hasn't driven a car since becoming the pope.

Naturally, he's a bit rusty, so he's driving poorly, when suddenly he sees police lights behind him. He pulls over and when the officer comes up to the window his eyes go wide. He says to the pope "Hold on for a minute," and goes back to his car to radio the chief.

Cop: "Chief we have a situation. I've pulled over an important figure."

Chief: "How important? A governor or something?"

Cop: "No sir. He's bigger."

Chief: "So, what? a celebrity or something?"

Cop: "More important, sir."

Chief: "A major politician?"

Cop: "No sir, he's much more important."

Chief: "WELL WHO IS IT!?"

Cop: "Well actually I'm not sure. But the pope's his driver!!"

## MEMBERS CORNER

### **CORINGA GOLF'S RADIO DEBUT**

Last Saturday, Coringa featured on Newstalk ZB's, "All Sport Breakfast Canterbury" radio show with Lesley Murdock interviewing our very own Malcolm Wratt.

I was already on the course when the interview went to air, 8.30am, and when I tried to tune-in online via my phone app, I was getting the Auckland station, I was super disappointed I missed it.

I caught up with Malcolm in the clubhouse and asked him all about it,

It sounds like there was a little back and forth between he and Richard Kingsbury, on who would do the interview, Richard obviously pulled rank and Malcolm drew the short straw.

In the lead-up to the interview being recorded, Malcolm was sent the list of questions that would be asked, and he was given an hour to prepare but.... two minutes after receiving the list, the phone rang, and he was live on air,

I eventually got to hear the interview later that night, and what a fantastic job Malcolm did in representing Coringa.

It was quite a fast-paced interview, with a lot of very specific questions, so there wasn't a lot of wiggle room to deviate, this meant Malcolm was a little disappointed that he wasn't able to get across all the

points he wanted to, particularly about how much effort it's taken from a whole lot of people to get the Club to where it is today, but I think, he did that just fine, Great job Malcolm!

Congratulations Coringa – keep up the good work.

[Click here to listen to the radio interview](#)

### **Coringa Stars.**

Someone made fun of me last week when I published a photo of Jamie winning the Waimak open, and in the photo I pointed out which one he was, (ie – on the left)

I had to laugh, yes Jamie is well known in the club, but we have almost 600 members now, I'm sure there are a lot of members we don't know, and who don't know us.

So, Thanks to Isaac Preece making fun of me, he's given me an idea.

each month, I am going to try (if people let me) and introduce some of the people who work behind the scenes of the club. Starting with our amazing Board Members.

What better person to start with, but the man himself, Radio Superstar - Malcolm Wratt.



Malcolm Wratt

- Board Member – Treasurer
  - Globetrotting World Traveller.
  - Sometimes seen helping with the Tuesday volunteers, (leaning on a rake)
  - but most importantly, Newsletter Editor,
- (I'd be very surprised if any of this makes it to print tonight. Lol)

Most often can be seen hacking his golf ball out of trees and long rough -

although any time I make fun of his terrible golf, he is always very quick to remind me of the time he kicked my butt in the club champs – a real low point in my golfing life!!!!

If anyone has any news, jokes or stories to share with the club please contact me

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