



Coringa News



17th February 2022

Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Hopefully, the unseasonal February weather is behind us, and we can all enjoy the summer we have been missing!

This Saturday's match of the day is an Irish Stableford round off the Blue or White tees. The Foley Cup is at the semi-final stage, the Summer ringers has two rounds to go, and the Shootout for 2022 is now underway.

Remember **Covid protocols** (especially face masks – the new rules introduced last week mean **face masks should be worn at all times when inside unless you are eating and drinking**)

Last weeks raffle winners:

Mel Newburn (23 & 32); James Willetts (47 & 45); Mark Searle (17).

The programme until the end of March 2022 is:

February	19	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees Semi Final Foley Cup Summer Ringers Shootout. Match Committee meeting at 9:30am.
	22	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	23	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	24	Thu	Ladies Men: Dr Tommy Patton Memorial Trophy Day – Irish Stableford – Yellow tees
	26	Sat	Stroke – Black / Silver tees Final Foley Cup Vets Cup 3rd round Summer Ringers – Final day. Shootout

March	1	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	2	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	3	Thu	Ladies Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Cup – Yellow tees.
	5	Sat	American Stableford – Blue tees. Random Drawn fours after 10.30 am. Shootout Summer Ringers
	7	Mon	CANTERBURY VETS.COMPETITION – Stableford. Course closed until 2:00pm
	8	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	9	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	10	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford - White tees
	12	Sat	4BBB Nett – White Tees Shootout Winter Ringers – Final day
	15	Tue	Ladies Twilight Final Night
	16	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver tees -11:00am start - \$10 entry fee.
	17	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	19	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees Shootout
	22	Tue	Ladies
	23	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	24	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	26	Sat	Par – Black / Silver tees Shootout
	30	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White tees -11:00am start - \$10 entry fee.
	31	Thur	Ladies Men: Irish Stableford – Yellow tees

SHOOTOUT 2022

This year long competition has been rightly claimed as the BEST competition we run at Coringa. The competition has begun and runs for the duration of the year with the final scheduled for 19th of November. It is open to ALL members, men and women, who play in the Saturday match of the day. It is a Stableford competition (irrespective of the Saturday match) and throughout the year the 10 BEST stableford scores of each player are used to determine the top players to qualify for the final in November. The number of qualifiers will be determined by the number of entrants. Once you enter all you need to do is watch the weekly update on the Coringa website to follow your progress.

Entry fee for the competition is a one-off payment of \$20 and all entry fee money is allocated to the prize winners. You may enter at any time during the year, but obviously the sooner the better to give you the maximum number scores to contribute towards your personal average.

The Final: The players with the highest average for their ten best rounds compete in the final. The final is played over nine (or twelve) holes with the player with the lowest stableford score on the hole being

eliminated. If there is more than one player with equal lowest score on a hole there is a SHOOTOUT (usually a chip or a putt) to determine the eliminated player.

The more entries we have the better the competition (and the higher the prize money!), so please get involved and if there are questions about the competition, please feel free to ask me or anyone who has been involved in the competition in the past.

The present holder of the *FASTGLASS SHOOTOUT TROPHY* is Spencer Wicks.

John Brettell

Shootout Convenor

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following two new members who have joined since the last newsletter

Jason McCauley Andy Trounson

Do not hesitate to ask from the pro shop or any of the members how the club functions and the different competitions we run throughout the week. Most importantly do enjoy your time at Coringa.

Working Bee / Course toilets

The Boss is back and its all go with the toilet refurbishment.

The first coat of paint was applied on Tuesday to the toilet at hole no 12, and next week the team will start on the toilets themselves – removing, replacing, tiling, painting etc etc.

This means;

- a) we need some help – next Tuesday's working bee will focus on getting all the painting completed (9am start, all welcome)
- b) and the toilets will be out of action for a week or two depending on how things go. In the meantime we have some port-a-loos coming and these will be on site for as long as the toilets are out of commission

Thanks for your understanding while this work is underway – and a huge thanks from the Club to all of those involved in the project – I'm sure the finished toilets will be a real credit the Club.

Course

As you're probably all aware the recent rain has really set the grass off again – I don't think our course has ever been so green in February!!

Rohan and the team have been busy mowing and will have completed a wire-to-wire cut of the rough by Thursday. The good news is with all this grass growth some of the areas we have struggled with in the past (e.g. tee blocks) are actually looking in very good order.

Anyway – they guys have been very busy this week and should have the course in great condition for us this weekend – thanks!!

SUMMER RINGERS

Round 10 of the Summer Ringers Competition was again competed under mostly drizzly overhead conditions with intermittent periods of respite where the sun did try to break through behind the clouds. The weather this week did not deter as many from playing as it did last week. There were 22 Ringers participants who decided they needed to see if they could improve their hole scores with the number of remaining rounds diminishing. The greens again played immaculately with the putts rolling true and at good pace...it's also a godsend when the worms didn't make their sand/mud hills to slow up the pace of play.

There weren't any real highlights to report this week except that the leaders are finding it most difficult to improve on the necessary holes remaining...meaning there is a greater chance for those near them to make huge inroads in the two rounds remaining.

After Round 8 the field was divided into three divisions with Group A again being a smaller group of 11 to ensure that the handicap index range is competitive for those lower handicappers. The balance of players was divided into two equal Groups of 16.

In Group A, Brian Docherty did not play but maintains the lead with a net score of 53.87, with a slightly reduced margin of 1.23 over Spencer Wicks on 55.10, with Isaac Preece holding third spot on 55.24. The first 7 places is within 4.14.

In Group B, Alan Wicks made a slight improvement of 0.02 on 51.78 has maintained a very slender lead of 0.08 over Jonathan Kemp who moves up a spot on 51.84, with Andrew Wight dropping down a spot on 52.21 to hold third position, with Clinton Chase improves two spots into fourth place on 53.03. The top 8 places is within 5.09, with a number of players still having bogeys to eradicate.

In Group C, Chris Cottrell who did not play on 49.08 continues to hold a 1.13 lead over John Maasch on 50.21 who also did not play, with Oliver Snape moving up two spots in third position on 51.82. The first 8 places have now compacted, and the range is 5.95.

There were an additional 7 qualifying birdies recorded by the Ringers field this week, with Spencer Wicks heading these stats with 12 birdies...it will be interesting to see in the two remaining rounds whether he can attain the possibility of birdieing every hole, he missed out last week. Albert Yee continues to hold down the next spot with nine birdies and David Harvey and Brian Docherty with seven birdies. Next is Mal Ashton with an eagle and five birdies and Clinton Chase with six birdies, just edging ahead of Isaac Preece with an eagle and four birdies.

The weather outlook for this Saturday is again looking bleak with rain forecast but with a high of 25 with a southerly change. Hopefully the forecast will improve as we get closer to weekend.

For those down the leader board, it's time to make your moves with only two rounds to go. Maybe get to the course a half an hour before your tee time and hit a bucket of range balls to get into the swing and perfect your ball striking ahead of your round and leave yourself five minutes on the practice green to gauge the speed of the greens and your putting rhythm.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

Ringers Organiser

INTERCLUB

Over 50's

The Coringa Over 50's team sits in 2nd place (4 shots adrift) in the Canterbury Interclub Championships.

The strong Christchurch Team now leads the competition with only one round to play on Sunday 20 February (deferred from Sunday 13th)

Players are John Rademakers, Lin Wang, Paul Hansen, and Mike James. Fingers crossed.
John Rademakers – Player / Manager

Metro A

The post-Christmas games begin on the 13th of February and the Coringa team has a bye!

After that there are 4 further games to be played. Coringa is at present in 2nd place in a very tight competition.

James Willetts - Player / Manager

Presidents

The teams round eleven game is against Clearwater at Coringa this Sunday
The team at present lies in 3rd place with 13 points.

MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 19th of February, I have made a change to programme after yet another wet weekend forecast to an Irish Stableford competition off the Blue or White tee blocks for men and women off the Yellows. We also have the semi-finals for the Foley Cup. The Match Committee has its three-monthly meeting beginning at 9.30 with two tees booked at 11 afterwards for those that may wish to attend.

Last Saturday, the 12th of February was a Stroke round off the Blue or White tee blocks for men and the Yellow tee blocks for the women with 55 hardy souls entering the competition. In what I would describe a very wet conditions, six completed the Blue competition with the outstanding scores from Spencer Wicks with a 72, and with Clinton Chase winning Division One (White) on count back from Johnny McKay, and in Division Two (White) Robin Wah with the best score of the day a 70! Well done everyone!

It's unbelievable to have two weeks all but rained out and a third on the way. Lets hope we get our rounds completed before the afternoon rain arrives!

The full results are available on the website, but the summary is;

Blue Division

1 st	Spencer Wicks	72
2 nd	Jonathon Kemp	77

White - Division One

1 st	Clinton Chase	72
2 nd	Johny McKay	72
3 rd	Charlie Longley	73

White - Division Two

1 st	Robin Wah	70
2 nd	Wing Gin	74
3 rd	Phil Olsen	74

Foley Cup

Match play continues this weekend and with the *two semi-finals*.

Andrew Wight v Daviel Bushby

Clinton Chase v Albert Yee

Good luck and the Draw for the final will be entered by Barry again.

Meat/ Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

The raffles are back with tickets available from Murita in the café.

Could I ask raffle purchasers to check the board and if you have a prize, wipe your name off, then ask Murita for your prize, as we don't have a lot of area available within the freezer.

Coringa Open:

The sub-committee have secured substantial sponsorship for the "big day".

- **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** with \$1200 in vouchers, \$1000 worth of vouchers
- **'NZ Post'** (arranged by Clinton Chase) and
- \$500 from **'Coke'**.
- **Wing Gin**
- **Harry Harrison**

- Product sponsorship from '**Resene Paints NZ**' through '**MGK Painters**'. Thanks very much to Jerry Kuipers who arranged the sponsorship through his son's firm.
- '**Jeff Dermott Painters**' Thanks very much Sandy Dermott.
- We are still working through further sponsorship opportunities through '**Asahi**', '**New World Bishopdale**' and many other smaller firms!

Thanks very much to our confirmed sponsors!

If there are any members who are willing to assist with sponsoring by providing cash to purchase prizes, goods, services or vouchers, then please tell one the subcommittee members Jamie Howard, Vance Heteraka, James Willetts and myself or email me at David.harvey@xtra.co.nz !
Posters went up last weekend and a number of people have entered and paid for groups. Please get your group together and be part of guaranteed first hundred participants who pay or you may miss out!

Match Committee Meeting:

The match committee will meet on Saturday at 9.30 to discuss our upcoming programme and other matters. The meeting's agenda and previous minutes are available should any club member wish to attend. Just contact me!

Upcoming events:

19th February	Semi Finals of Foley Cup Matchplay
2 March	'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament (Stableford \$15 entry).
9 April	'Coringa Open'

Closest to the Pin:

Weekly	Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants
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Membership Welfare:

Peter Marsh:

I visited Swampy at Burwood Hospital through the week and he is on the mend although with paralysis to his left side, it will be some way to go before we see him out playing again. Pete was very positive and demonstrated his usual self-driven personality. Swampy has some limited speech but is writing and communicating through his cell phone. He is very tired and asked me to share with members a request to limit visits this week, but he hopes he will be feeling stronger next week to have visitors. I would suggest those wishing to visit to please limit your time to ten minutes!

Pete is reading every text message he receives and now responding, so keep sending those golfing stories to him to keep his spirits up! We all hope it goes well with his recovery!

Jess Heteraka:

Jess and Vance came out to the club last Saturday between the heavy rain to watch Clinton's quarter final match against Kyle. Jess was looking good, and it was great to see her smiling face at the club. We all hope there are no further issues!

Jerry Kuipers:

I dropped in to see Jerry the other day after we hadn't seen him for a few weeks. He is starting to feel better with a bit more energy and I'm sure he will be back out with us soon!

Comment:

Here we go with another forecasted wet weekend to play golf on our very long and challenging course. Rohan and the guys are working hard at keeping on top of the unseasonal grass growth. I can't remember a summer's golf like this!

I had the very rare opportunity to play in the morning group on Saturday. What an experience as the guys behind were all over the place hitting from one fairway to another! Golf is a sport of skill I know, and a good golfer knows the distance they can hit a ball even in different conditions. Anyhow, I learnt there was one golfer behind us who knew exactly the distance he could hit a certain club in the wet conditions, no matter if that distance puts him behind a tree. I won't name him, but here I am looking for my ball in the valley of sin on number 15 with my umbrella up as a consequence of the rain. I looked up and saw a couple of practice swings from this person in rough directly in front of me but playing the 14th! I thought he is going to hit in the direction of our four who were all now looking for my ball. Next, I saw the ball in the air coming directly at me. No call was forthcoming! Do you know what this person said? "I don't see what the issue, was it was always 10 metres over your head and indicating there was no need to call 'fore!'" I laughed to myself and another lesson in life. If I play again in the morning I must remember to have a second or third coffee after I've playing 9 to keep myself 'amped' as you just never know where the next shot is going to come from!

This ongoing challenge of COVID and currently the Government Omicron mandates are an issue for us all. We are all aware and somewhat fearful of the health issues associated. The government has mandated protocols which allow businesses to operate, and the board and our staff must operate within those including the wearing of masks. I know we all do not enjoy wearing them. The reality is they must be worn in the bar when we are purchasing food or alcohol. I was told that the Richmond Working Men's Club had an issue as they were serving people who were not wearing masks and the Police closed them down for a period. As a club we don't want to lose our clubrooms and our community feel! Could I please ask people to wear a mask into the Pro-Shop and clubrooms and when you arrive or are purchasing! It's simple!

David Harvey
Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Tournaments

Ashburton	Thurs 24 th Feb. entries close on the 21 st .
Avondale	Sunday 27 th Feb. entries close on 23 rd Feb.
Russley	Monday 14 th March.
Ellsmere	Friday 25 th March
Waimari	Monday 28 th March

For all above tournaments please contact Leigh on 0274340872 if you want to play in any of them.

Coringa Open.

You will have will have seen the email from Sandy re the Coringa open to be played on the 9th April. \$30 entry fee. Dave Harvey would like to see as many of us as we can muster come and play the 18 holes. Entries close on the 6th of April. For other information see posters around the club or in this newsletter

Saturday

The weather put most people off. However, two went out and for most of the game were pleased they had, as the conditions were great, until the 9th hole and down came the rain. Next Saturday tee off time is 9.10. If you want to play, please go online and book.

18-hole ladies- Dave Harvey is happy to accommodate you within the men's game on a Saturday

Sunday results

Rained off

Tuesday:

Nice to have a dry morning to play our Stapleford game. We also included nearest the pin on hole 5, which Janice McPhail won.

Stapleford - 1st Myra Story with 19, Janice Healey 2nd with 17 and on a countback with 15 Janet Harland 3rd.

However, the day was not without its drama. The rough was very thick, thanks to all the rain, and difficult to get out of which made it challenging for some. In addition, the mower man ran over Myra's ball and cut it in half! He had been keeping well clear of the group Myra was with, but he didn't realise that her ball was much further ahead than the others!

Thursday

Eleven played today LGU (NETT). 1st Judith nett 32, 2nd Myra nett 37 and 3rd Ellen nett 39.

Janet made a meal out of one of the par 3's scoring an 8 on it

Twilight

Overall another good turnout of 50 people. There were only 6 ladies, 4 from Coringa and 2 from other clubs. Bev from another club was the top lady with 20 Stablefords followed by Courtney with 17.

General news

If you are doing some baking and have some to spare, give a thought to the men working on the course on a Tuesday. One of the ladies brought some tasty treats last Tuesday and it was greatly appreciated.

Thank-you Joan for the lovely fresh flowers in the lady changing room toilets

Lost- has anyone seen the large moth in a frame that Janet framed after Jay found the moth on the 2nd fairway. Please touch base with Janet if you know it's whereabouts.

Don't forget to follow Coringa on Facebook

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

Wednesday \$10 Watering Tournament:

We had our \$10 tournament on Wednesday and played for ten prizes of meat provided by our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and two '**Hancock's** closest to the pins. Paul Snape was back and obviously itching to get rid of his sea legs after his holiday in the Marlborough Sounds and he played outstandingly well to score 39 stablefords in fine dry conditions although a course with lots and lots of deep rough!

Results in the one division included:

1 st	Paul Snape	39
2 nd	Jiyeon Park	36
3 rd	Lex Halford	36
4 th	David Harvey	35
5 th	Terry Hampton	35
7 th	David Stead	34
9 th	Wing Gin	34
10 th	Bill Hallett	33

Yes, ten prizes and paid down to 33 stablefords. Get out there and make some time for a round of golf with nice company!

We will have our **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' \$15 Tournament** on Wednesday 2nd of March. Please remember that we trialled booking tee times and as the general feedback from participants was that set times weren't really necessary.

The tournament starts at 10.30 am and everyone must be on the course by 11.30. Just turn up!
David Harvey

THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF

A forecast for a cloudy morning and they got that right as it came out to a lovely sunny day. We had a Par match off Yellow tees and despite excellent greens the scoring was pretty average.

The full results were as follows:

1 st	Jimmy Anderson (Again!!!)	All square
2 nd	Paul Gnad	-1
3 rd	Wing Gin	-1
4 th	Vance Hetaraka	-2
5 th	Derrick Xu	-2
6 th	Phil Olsen	-2

We had 2's for Chris Cottrell (#7) and Derrick Xu (#117) with the nearest the pins also going to these players.

We are looking forward to the Dr Tommy Patton Memorial Tournament next week and hopefully the weather will be kind to us. Until then good golfing.

For Thursday Men

Chris Cottrell

TWILIGHT 2021-2022

Twilights are well under way for the balance of the 2021 / 2022 season and will continue until the scheduled final night on the 15th of March. They begin every Tuesday evening with a shotgun start shortly after 5:30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Members \$5 and Guests \$10

Good prizes and a Burger meal to follow - \$10

There was a field of 50 golfers who enjoyed twilight last Tuesday with the rough high in places due to the recent rain.

This did not stop some excellent Scoring yet again.

The moral of the night was Malcolm Wratt you need to put your card in to get a prize!!!!

Top Ten Winners

1 st	Paul Snape	23
2 nd	Bev Gordon	20
3 rd	Daniel Wilson	20
4 th	Oliver Snape	20
5 th	John H Wilson	20
6 th	Mat Chavez	20
7 th	Regan Bentley	19
8 th	Hugo Pow	18
9 th	Mark Searle	18
10 th	Malcolm Wratt	17 – No prize
11 th	Steve Broadbent	17

Prizes went down to 22 players

Champion of Champion continues to get tight as more players reach 10 games.

As we get more into summer fours will start going when ready if you turn up late cards will be at the front door of the pro shop and we will sort after the game in the clubhouse.



Player	10 game ave
Courtney Wilson	19.5
Hugo Pow	19.1
Bev Gordon	18.8
Olly Snape	18.8
Lindsay smith	18.6
Robert Chisholm	18.6
Andrei Cotiga	18.5
Paul Snape	17.8
Mark Searle	17.6
Russell McGregor	17.3
John H Wilson	17.2
Anne Morgan	17.1
Daniel Wilson	16.9
Tracey Bruce	16.9
Robert Faalilio	16.6
Gordon McCoy	16.3
Oliver Shea	16.2
Greg Newell	16
Jonathan Kemp	15.5
Neal Shaw	15.4
David Cookson	15.3
Philip Olsen	15.3
John Maasch	14.8
Carly Shaw	14.5
Michael Harris	13.8

Gordon McCoy
Twilight Convenor

AND NOW

Marriage Problems

"I think our marriage is in trouble! My wife spends all her weekend evenings going round the pubs and bars and doesn't get home till the early hours of the morning."

"Is she and alcoholic, or having an affair?"

Oh neither. She's looking for me!"

Speeding Ticket

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her driver's license.

She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together!

Just yesterday they took my license away and now today you expect me to show it to you?"

And Golf! (#1)

A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular; your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course.

What's your secret?"

Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered."

Golf (#2)

A young man and a priest were playing together. At a short par-3, the priest asked, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?"

The young man said, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?"

The priest said, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray."

The young man hit his 8-iron and put the ball on the green.

The priest topped his 7-iron and dribbled the ball out only a few yards.

The young man said, "I don't know about you, father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down."

If any of you have news that would be appropriate for this newsletter, please email it me at:

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John Brettell