



# Coringa News



30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Kia Ora

## Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

- A stroke round off the Blue Tees for men, Yellow tees for women,
- **State of Origin – Highlanders vs Crusaders** (Match-play on handicap)
- **Summer Ringers, \$10 entry**

## Raffle Results

Multiple Raffles run for Hamper day,

All prizes collected on the day except for Carlyle Boyd who has a meat pack ready to pick up.

The program until the end of January – 2024

<b>December</b>	2	Sat	Stroke – Blue tees <b>State of Origin – Match play on handicap</b> Summer ringers – 1st round.
	3	Sun	Interclub Presidents – home game vs Harewood Metro A - home game vs Harewood
	5	Tue	Ladies Twilight - Final night for 2023
	6	Wed	Lone Star Group CHRISTMAS WATERING TOURNAMENT

			- Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee).
	7	Thu	Ladies Men: <b>Christmas Tournament</b> - Stableford – Yellow Tees
	9	Sat	Irish Stableford – Black / Silver tees Summer ringers
	10	Sun	Interclub Metro A – away game vs Christchurch Metro B – home game vs Harewood Presidents – home game vs Avondale ( <b>this game originally scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> brought forward by 1 week due to coring</b> )
	11	Mon	<b>Greens Coring – Course Closed this whole week</b>
	12	Tue	<b>Greens Coring – Course Closed this whole week</b>
	13	Wed	<b>Templeton Wednesday Tournament</b>
	14	Thu	<b>Greens Coring – Course Closed this whole week</b>
	15	Fri	<b>Greens Coring – Course Closed this whole week</b>
	16	Sat	4BBB nett – Silver tees Summer Ringers
	17	Sun	Interclub Metro A - away game vs Templeton
	23	Sat	Stableford – Silver Tees
	25	Mon	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY – No Competition – Pro Shop Closed</b>
	26	Tue	<b>BOXING DAY – Course Open</b>
	30	Sat	Stableford – Silver tees Summer Ringers
<b>January</b>	1	Mon	NEW YEARS DAY – course open
	6	Sat	Stableford match – Blue tees Summer ringers
	11	Thu	Ladies Men's – Opening day – Stableford – White tees
	13	Sat	Stroke – White tees – <b>Foley Cup Qualifying</b> (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1st Round Summer ringers
	16	Tue	Twilight – 1st round for 2024
	18	Thu	Ladies: Men: Par - Yellow tees
	20	Sat	Par – Black / White tees 1st round Foley Cup – White tees. (Competitors can go in match of the day.) Summer ringers.
	21	Sun	Interclub Presidents – away game vs McLeans Island
	23	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stableford - Yellow tees

	27	Sat	<b>OPENING DAY</b> – Teams Stableford Silver tees for men; Yellow Tees for women. \$10 entry; 10:00am multi-tee start (Drawn fours).
	30	Tue	Ladies: Twilight:

## COURSE NEWS

Green speed as of Wednesday morning is sitting at 9.9 feet. The staff was busy this week mowing a full wire to wire cut of the course. Tuesday night's winds didn't help the plans for the week as we had a bit of wind damage around the course.

Next week the two practice greens on the main practice area will be closed from Monday for coring, this will allow the team to give the coring gear a run and fix any little problems that may arise before coring week which set for the 11th of December. This will also show us what days we will need volunteers for coring week and that will be in the next newsletter.

As for work on the course we will still be keeping up with the mowing and the greens will be getting a boost of fertilizer.

Rohan

## TUESDAY CREW

The team were hard at again on Tuesday, spreading more of the slash from the pile on 16 through the gardens on the left hand side of the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway – looks great as we can see the photo below.



## **CORING**

Just another reminder – big coring coming up in two weeks time. Rohan and the team will start work on the Monday (11<sup>th</sup> December), and really looking for volunteer help (at this stage we think it's for the Wednesday and Thursday, starting at 11am to give the sand time to dry out, working through to 3.30pm, lunch provided by the Club, but will be finalized next week).

If you can help, that would be great!! I've asked Nic to start a list in the Pro Shop of people who will be able to help just so we have a better idea on numbers.

## **STUMPS**

Now the slash has all been chipped we need to deal with the stumps left behind. Rohan has identified 22 stumps which we need to get ground down. It's a pretty big job so we've decided to contract in our stump grinding guru, Edgar (who did the pine hedges last year), and he has been hard at work around the course already. Hopefully we will get these all sorted in next week or so.

## **CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOLF ASSOCIATION**

It's time for us to say farewell to our 58 Canterbury University Students, whose memberships end today. It's been great having you at our Club, we hope you enjoyed the course and that you have fond memories of it and the Club.

We've really enjoyed having you at the Club, you are always welcome to come back to play, and we hope the association with Canterbury University will continue and grow next year.

Until then, stay safe and enjoy the holidays!!

## **AGM**

The Clubs AGM was held last Saturday.

Nothing too controversial to report (which is the way with all good AGM's)

Main points from the meeting

- Club is in a good place. Membership is healthy, lots of positivity around the place and as a result, the financial performance is very good (in fact last year was probably the best financial result the Club has ever had)
- Vance Hataraka was appointed Men's Club Captain
- After 4 years on the Board, John Matthews announced it was time for him to step down (thanks for all the great work John!!).
- Brian Docherty and Dave Harvey join Richard Kingsbury, Malcolm Wratt and Paul Snape on the Board
- The volunteer recognition policy was approved, and Board's recommendation for volunteer recognition for 23/24 year also approved
- Life membership for Russell McGregor agreed (see message from Russell below)

All of this in just over 30 minutes!!

Thanks for all who attended.

## **SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE BOSS (AKA RUSSELL McGREGOR)**

Hola

Members, Coringa Golf Club

I have received a video (from Paul) of my “Life Membership” nomination at the annual meeting last Saturday.

Firstly, I would like to thank especially Paul Snape and the Coringa Board for putting this to the members and you supporting it unanimously, I am very humbled and extremely proud to now be “A Life Member” of the Coringa Golf Club.

I have been a member at Coringa since 2002 and have seen the club struggle through some pretty tough times. Since the formation of a Board to manage the club it has brought forward some excellent people—Richard Kingsbury, Malcolm Wratt and Paul Snape as well as others and they have turned the club around with their management skills.

All of the mentioned work that I have helped manage would not have been possible without Malcolm’s strong leadership around finances.

My involvement with the Tuesday group during the last few years has been a real pleasure, and to see things get done and improve the club facilities.

The club has benefited from some very generous people who have contributed with machinery, time and materials. Thanks Mike deWitt for supporting the club and the Tuesday Group.

A club is a club is a club and clubs need volunteers to keep moving forward and sometimes doing those jobs that no one sees.

I encourage all members who may have some time, just step up and join the Tuesday boys, someone will take you under their wing and show you great camaraderie and you will be able to see your efforts next time when playing.

Adious from Barcelona

Happy golfing

Russell



## SUMMER RINGERS

Here we go again! Get ready to start making some birdies!

A huge thank you to Kevin King for once again running the ringer's competition, This takes a lot of effort in the background, and the match committee are extremely thankful for Kevin giving up his time to run this competition.

For any new members who haven't played this before, give it a go, It's very easy.

### \*\*\*RINGERS COMPETITION\*\*\*

#### SUMMER EDITION

ENTRY FEE = \$10

#### “Take Part & Challenge Your Golfing Buddies”

It's that time of the year again, where we begin the Coringa's Ringers Competition with the Summer Edition to commence the two-part series to the “King of the Ringers” Trophy, ending with the “Winter Edition later in the season.

Each edition is a separate competition with prizes awarded after the 13 possible qualifying rounds have been played, for the best Gross Score and a number of Net Scores divided into even sized handicap groups where possible, based on your average adjusted handicap index after each round played.

The aim is to achieve the lowest possible gross score for each of the 18 holes in the 13 weeks to count. Each week you're out on the golf course challenging yourself to do better than your previous weeks. Even if you're not having a good round to start with, there's always something to play for as the upcoming holes could prove to be a counter in your Ringers score. During the rounds played, there will be holes that will test your mental fortitude and it will take all your determination to eliminate the “Nemesis” hole.

Whether you're an old or new member of the club, it's a fun competition to be a part of, enjoy the banter during the round and after with a few drinks in the clubhouse with your golfing buddies. Many stories have been told and laughs have been had.

All you are required to do is enter your name on the Ringers Entry Sheet in the Pro Shop and pay your entry fee of \$10 and then proceed to play your best round of golf. All your weekly qualifying round scores will be taken off the NZGolf website, so ensure to hand in your scorecards into the Pro Shop after the completion of your round.

The Winter Edition (Entry Fee \$10) to be held in June-August 2024, will conclude the second part of the “King of the Ringers” Trophy which combines the results of the two Ringers edition to establish an overall Champion.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SOME FUN !!!**

Kevin King  
Ringers Convenor.

## POLLOCK CUP FINAL

The Final was played last Sunday at Clearwater Golf Club, with reigning champions Christchurch, looking to make it 3 in a row, taking on season front runners Waimairi Beach.

Coringa members would have a keen interest in this match, as our very own, Melissa Newburn once again plays a pivotal role in the Christchurch team, Mel has gone through the regular season undefeated, with 4 wins and 1 half,

Unfortunately Mel was unable to keep the streak going into the finals, in a tight battle going all the way to the 18<sup>th</sup>, Mel finished 1 down, bad luck Mel, Coringa is still very proud of you.

Congratulations must go to Waimairi Beach, in claiming their first victory since 2011, Winning the final 5 -1

See the full story on the Canterbury golf website,  
[2023 Pollock Cup Final](#)

## **REPRESENTATIVE GOLF**

Congratulations to Mel Newburn, on being selected as part of the Canterbury Womens Representative Team, as they travel north to Wellington early next month, They will take on the very best golfers from around New Zealand,

Click on the links below, to see the full Canterbury squad, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> link includes the tournament draw,

[2023 Men's and Women's NZ Interprovincial Teams](#)  
[2023 Men's and Women's Interprovincials - NZ Golf](#)

## **INTERCLUB**

### **One-off request to play for the Coringa over 50's side**

Due to the unavailability of our traditional players - as a one-off request the Coringa over-50's side is looking for a 4th player to join John Rademakers, Lin Wang and Ian Donaldson.

The Over 50's Canterbury Interclub comp is made up of 20 plus teams from various Canterbury Golf Clubs - 4 players per team with the best 3 gross scores counting on the day.

The next event is scheduled for Sunday 10th December 2023 at Hanmer Springs at 1130am tee-off (multi-tee start).

If you are on a single figure handicap, over 50 years of age and able to assist please contact John Rademakers 027 2237705.

### **The Disgruntled Over 50's player**

Selector's note - Historically when results are known, the Manager has adopted the practice of listing the 3 counting scores only. However, one particular player was very disgruntled after he claimed he "played his a... off" and never received a mention (even though he was bottom of the pecking order). The selector was blatantly accused of favouring the 'show ponies'.

Frank was especially put out after he sacrificed the live broadcast of the World Cup Rugby Final, hoping he could avoid all announcements til he arrived home. Unfortunately, Frank's bubble burst as an Avondale muppet came outside broadcasting the score!!!

So to you, Frank Young, thank you for your valued contribution (**score of 77**) even though it never featured as a counter. 😊

I should add that in the past, other players who have failed to present a counter have been extremely thankful for not embarrassing them by listing their ballooning score in the newsletter 🧑🏻 🧑🏻. I know, tis impossible to keep EVERYONE happy! 🤔

Cheers

John Rademakers

## LADIES GOLF NEWS

### 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) ph0274340872.

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 number.

**Canterbury Golf Women's 18 Hole & Mixed 9 Hole Christmas Tournaments. Friday 1 December 2023 Harewood Golf Club.** 9am multi tee start For players with 18 hole & 9 Hole club membership Maximum handicap index 35.6 for 18 Hole / 54.4 for 9 Hole Gross, Net and Stableford Prizes Age Group Trophies for 18 Hole Advise age group when entering: Under 50, 50 - 59, 60 - 69, 70+ Enter as an individual or make up your own playing four Online Registrations only via Canterbury Golf Website [canterburygolf.co.nz](http://canterburygolf.co.nz) Entry fee - \$30 (18 Hole) / \$20 (9 Hole) - payment by online banking only to Canterbury Golf Acct. No. 010804 - 0180182 – 00 before 24 November closing date. The use of motorised carts, that a player rides on or in is not permitted unless by production of a medical certificate to the Canterbury Golf official on the day. Entries close Friday 24 November Draw published on [www.canterburygolf.co.nz](http://www.canterburygolf.co.nz) on 29 November

**Akaroa Women's Tournament. WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2024** Registration 9.00am //Tee off 9.30am \$40 ENTRY (includes Birdies and lunch) Stableford // Two Grades & Unearned ENTRIES: Name, Club ID and phone number to [akaroagolf@xtra.co.nz](mailto:akaroagolf@xtra.co.nz) PAYMENT: Akaroa Golf Club 02-0832-0011597-00 (Ref = Name; Women's NY) LIMITED CART HIRE: \$20 Draw posted at Clubhouse Akaroa Golf Club Inc Phone: 03 304 5704

**Hanmer Springs Golf Club**, this is a preliminary email to notify you that the dates and format for the 77<sup>th</sup> kjoie style Hanmer Ladies Tournament have been set. The dates are: 9-hole tournament – Wednesday 28/2 to Friday 1/3/24 , 18-hole tournament – Friday 1/3 to Sunday 3/3/24. Closer to the time I will put further details



## MENS REPORT

**This Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December** will be a Stroke round off the Blue tees,

This will also be the first round of the summer ringers, (See “Summer Ringers” section for more information)

Also, the main event of the day

**State of Origin – Highlanders vs Crusaders - Match-play on Handicap.**

This is a fantastic annual event, in which friends become mortal enemies for one day, and all the banter that goes with it,

Be sure to show your support by wearing your team colors,

The draw is out on Dot golf for the late morning players,

**The competition is also open to the early morning players,**

- **Organise your own opponent within your foursome,**
- **Play your match,**
- **Write down your score at the end of your match,**

Apparently, the Highlanders Flag has not been raised in the clubhouse for quite some time, so this could be the year???? **Come on Highlanders!**

**Last Saturday the 25th of November was the 'Powerade / Coke' Christmas Hamper Day**

The day started with teams of 3 being drawn, and then all teams having the opportunity to purchase a high value player as their 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Auction didn't quite go to plan and got a little confusing when we discovered some of the high value players were already assigned to groups, (oh dear my first day on the job and look what a mess I have.)

But like the true master he is, Harv was able to keep the auction chugging along, and Puds was able to cobble together some semblance of sanity from the situation eventually finding teams for all golfers, To cap off all the confusion we found 1 team had unknowingly purchased 2 high value imports.

A huge thank you to all of you, for your support of the day, whether purchasing or being sold, I hope you all enjoyed the day.

Auction details and money raised for the club. (notice we start with the best players first)

<b>High Value Player</b>	<b>Auction winner</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>
Alan Smith	David Harvey	\$50
Tracey Bruce	Brian Docherty	\$20
Kim Stevens	Kevin Walker	\$30
Frank Young	John Deacon	\$60
Murray Brown	John Maasch	\$50
Isaac Preece	Jimmy McOscar	\$65
Paul Hansen	Ross MacAskill	\$60
Drew Butcher	Grant Morris	\$70
Allan McLelland	Mike Smith	\$60
Richard Kingsbury	Mandy Walsh	\$50
Malcolm Wratt	Richard Kingsbury	\$70
Paul Snape	Paul	\$50
James Willetts	James	\$100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$735</b>

From all accounts it seems most people were very happy with their player purchase, except of course for Jimmy's team, it sounds like Isaac may have underperformed and the team felt like Isaac should be paying them, (all in very good humor of course)



### Ambrose Results

Here are the main results of the day with a very impressive score being posted by the winning group, Congratulations to all. - Full results are on the club website.

1. 3 ½ old farts	Kevin Walker, Kim Stevens, Jim Anderson, Doug Ames	43.83
2. Derilicts	Cottrell, Cochrane, Guise, Pryce	45.53
3. Birdies or Bust	Hetarakaka, Smith, McLelland, Puddy	45.80
4. Dangerous Dougie	Densem, Bailey, Calvert, McCaskill	46.43
5. The Jems	Diamond, Harland, Yon, Arlidge	47.15
6. Sultans of Swing		47.50

The winner of the **Raeward Fresh Hamper**, was Jon Kemp,

I did take a photo of Jon holding the Hamper, but the photo came out funny, and it looks like Jon is wearing a dress, holding a pretty basket with a pink ribbon, so I think he will be grateful that I don't publish it.

### Upcoming events

6th December - **Christmas 'Lone Star' and Joes Garage tournament from 10.30.**

11th December - **Course closed for Coring. Volunteers requested to help.**

### Christmas Holiday Period

Christmas is fast approaching, over the Xmas / New Year period we will continue to run a Saturday competition for those who are still in town,

However, it will be a slimmed-down version of our regular competitions, more info on this to come soon.

## **AGM,**

What a marvelous job done once again by our board.

The stability, professionalism and the progress made by our board over the past few years is nothing short of incredible considering where we were just a few short years ago,

A huge thank you to our Board Members.

## **John Matthews**

John has now stepped down from both the board and the match committee.

He has served the club for many years, and I am most thankful I have had the opportunity to work alongside him in recent years, his wisdom is invaluable, and we will miss him on the match committee, Thank You John.

Vance Hetaraka

## **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

Today's tournament was held at Ellesmere,  
There were no Coringa winners amongst the prizes,

This coming Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December will be our final tournament of the year,

## **Christmas 'Lone Star and Joes Garage' Watering Tournament**

Starting from 10.30am

Entry fee is \$20.

I have ordered \$1000 worth of prizes from our friends at New World, Bishopdale, including Hams, Rolls of Turkey, legs of Lamb and meat prizes.

Harv

## **THURSDAY GOLF**

A beautiful sunny morning greeted the 21 Thursday mens' golfers. Today's competition was a stroke round off the yellow tees. The course is in superb condition and the greens are so good it's a shame we have to core them.

Today's winner was Greg Carr who had a nett 65 and said his good round is due to all the practice he has been doing preparing himself for this weeks state of origin challenge, in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Lloyd Bell with nett 71 on countback from (Derrick) Haowen, who shot 70, from Doug Ames and Seamus O'Cromtha also on 71. Robert Pryce was 6<sup>th</sup> on 72, from John Matthews on 72, from John Maasch on 73 and Wing Gin on 75.

There were two 2's today, John Maasch on no 5 and Lloyd Bell on no 7.

A reminder to the Thursday golfers the Xmas tournament will be held next Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> December. A special Xmas tournament with a luncheon and bumper Xmas raffle is planned. Make sure to arrive early and bring your best game.

## Results

- 1 Greg Carr Nett 65
- 2 Lloyd Bell Nett 71
- 3 Derek Haowan Nett 71
- 4 Doug Ames Nett 71
- 5 Seamus O'Cromtha Nett 71

## TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight is held every Tuesday evening with a shotgun start at 5:30pm.  
Everyone is welcome!

Members \$5 and Guests \$10  
Good prizes, and  
a Burger meal to follow - \$15

## AND NOW....

### Attitude Adjustment

A little rabbit is happily running through the forest when he stumbles upon a giraffe rolling a joint. The rabbit says, "Giraffe my friend, why do you do this? Come with me running through the forest! You'll see, you'll feel so much better!" The giraffe looks at him, looks at the joint, tosses it and goes off running with the rabbit.

Then they come across an elephant snorting coke, so the rabbit again says, "Elephant my friend, why do you do this? Think about your health. Come running with us through the pretty forest! You'll see, you'll feel so good!" The elephant looks at them, looks at his razor, mirror and all, then tosses them and starts running with the rabbit and giraffe.

The three animals then come across a lion about to shoot up and the rabbit says, "Lion my friend, why do you do this? Think of what you are doing to your body! Come running with us through the sunny forest! You will feel so good!" The lion puts down his needle, picks up the rabbit and starts beating him.

As the giraffe and elephant watch in horror they say, "Lion, why did you do this? He was merely trying to help us all!"

The lion says, "He always makes me run around the forest for hours every time he's on ecstasy!"

## MEMBERS CORNER

What a lot of fun we had in last week's Ambrose tournament, It always starts off quite relaxed, with 4 players in your team it is a low-pressure environment, which also gives you a rare opportunity to play shots you would never try in normal match conditions,

On two occasions I hit my driver off the deck during the round, I can't even hit my driver off a tee, so what would possess me to try this shot, well, my partners had already played fantastic shots down the fairway so what's the point in hitting the same shot, I might as well try something different, of course, I looked like an idiot when it didn't work.

Late in the round is when the game really gets fun, you're running out of holes, and one of your players still needs to take a tee shot, you can end up in some awkward positions.

The group ahead of me ran into this problem,

As we were approaching the 15<sup>th</sup> green, the group ahead were playing their 2<sup>nd</sup> shots from 10 metres in front of the 16<sup>th</sup> tee block, we couldn't laugh because we were playing that hole next, and it was mandatory to take Pud's drive, we could be in the same position very soon!, thankfully Puds delivered the goods, knocking one down to a decent position.

Later in the clubhouse, as I was probing the group in front for more juicy information about hole 16, I was amazed to find out, they made par on the hole.

What a fantastic round played by the "3 ½ old farts team," shooting an amazing gross 75, nett 43. A couple of weeks ago, Doug Ames was showing me his new Stealth Driver, it looks like it's working great Doug! Well done team.



John Deacon (right) being presented with the **SHOOTOUT TROPHY**





Jon Kemp, winner of the Raeward Fresh Hamper

Sorry Jon, I had to do it.

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

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