



Coringa News



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Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday the match of the day is a Stroke round off the White tees.

It is also another round for the Shootout, and the 4th round of the Vets Cup - there is no need for players to record their scores separately for this as they can be obtained from Dot Golf.. Several players are nearing their ten rounds in the Shootout so will be able to drop off their lowest scores.

Last week's raffle winners:

Ian Butcher (45 & 46); Dean Morris (33 & 36); John McCabe (21).

The proposed programme until the end of May is:

	10	Sat	Stroke – White tees. Vets Cup 4th round Shootout.
	12	Mon	Ladies 0 Interclub Pegasus
	13	Tue	Ladies – Stableford NTP
	14	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	15	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men's Group –Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	CORINGA OPEN – 18 holes off Blue tees [Gross and Stableford.] Shootout
	19	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Templeton
	20	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / NTP
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	22	Thu	Ladies – Fun Game TBA Men's Group - Stableford – Yellow Tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees Vets Cup 5th and final round Shootout

	25	Sun	Anzac Day – Course Open
	27	Tue	Ladies – Stableford Foursomes (Rose Bowl)
	29	Thur	Ladies – Stableford Foursomes (Rose Bowl) Men's Group – Team Stableford - White tees
May	1	Sat	Stroke – Black / White tees Shootout
	3	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Semi-final TBA
	4	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	5	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees – 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	6	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men's Group – Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	8	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout
	10	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Final TBA
	11	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / LD
	12	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	13	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men's Group – Stableford – White tees
	15	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue / White tees. Shootout.
	18	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	20	Thu	Ladies – Visitors Day 9-Hole Men's Group – Par - Yellow tees
	22	Sat	Stoke – White tees; Qualifying Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) Shootout
	25	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	27	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees.
	29	Sat	American Stableford – White tees 1st round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following two new members this week:

Yvonne Kuen Tan Boon Pien

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.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Canterbury Eagles Golfing Society we would like to thank the Coringa Members for their generous support of our raffle recently. The funds raise will enable the Eagles to continue their coaching programmes and the NZ Under 17 Tournament. A Qualifying Tournament is held in each of the Provincial Eagles Golfing Society where the first two boys and one girl will qualify for an all-expenses paid trip to where ever the National Tournament is being held.

This year's Tournament is being at the Levels Golf Club in Timaru

Many Thanks from Max and Gavin

THE MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 10th of April is a Stroke round off the white tees, so hopefully, no grumbles this week guys!

The KORNZ Cup match has been postponed until later in the year.

Last Saturday, the 3rd of April, saw 52 individuals entering the stroke (Net Medal) match off the Blue tees. The field would have been larger, but I noted several members chose not to enter the match of the day and played off the White tees. Please note that the winter programme will include more white and yellow tee matches. I noticed that the scores of the higher handicap players often seem to be better than the lower handicapped players of the Blue tees, so the handicapping system does work! Also, remember that 80% of the match fee is paid back in prizes. The other 20 % of the match fee is used for the many other competitions we run throughout the year, including the club championships. The club makes no profit from your \$5 or \$7 match fees! No match fees – no prizes! The more people that pay to enter, then the more prizes can be paid within each division. As we only had 52 players on Saturday, we still had three divisions but only paid down fourth place. The outstanding scores came in Division Three and the handicap range 19.2 to 48, with John Maasch, Daniel Wilson, and Maurice Owen all scoring a Net 71. Division Two had Bobby Pratt first with 73 and in Division One David Henderson was first on 75 on count back. Well done guys.

The Jackpot and Birdie hole (#9) were not struck. The Net Eagle was on hole #17 and was won by Robin Wah, a nice figure of \$20.

The full results are on the website.

Saturday was obviously a challenging day for some, and I heard a number of people held up their clubs after recording a hundred. Yes, some really good golfers, (ie. they play a LOT of golf!), but this story of the day is about Swampy (Peter Marsh), Deano (Dean Morris) and The Professional Overstayer (Ian Bucher). Swampy played in a four where only one person failed to reach that magical figure. Anyhow after the match Swampy was upstairs for one drink, a bowl of chips the story does, and then home. Well apparently, everyone felt sorry for Swampy and can you believe it, people kept buying him one more beer! Swampy is one who never turns down such an offer! Sitting at the same table when I got in was Deano and The Professional Overstayer. These two must have been drinking coke at the same speed as Swampy, as they were on a sugar rush! Raffle time arrives and after the protest and the public holiday, I had to start pushing the sale of the last few numbers. Deano and The Overstayer somehow brought the remainder. Off the Overstayer goes as he wants to experience the power of spinning the Chocolate wheel. A lifetime goal of his! Well did he spin it and round and round it goes. Swampy had enough time for someone to buy him two more beers! Eventually we finished and you wouldn't believe it, but both Deano and The Overstayer had won two meat raffles! Murita decides to close early but we'll have one last beer but I think Swampy brought this one. Good old Harv suggests perhaps Deano and the Overstayer should drop Swampy and his car off home. Great idea everyone agrees, and off they go with their meat raffles. Unfortunately, I had forgotten about the sugar high the two were on. Deano and the Overstayer drop Swampy and the car safely off. Deano then decides to take a short cut back to Coringa. The sugar had fully taken over by now and they got lost. I heard an

admission the simple job took ages to complete. Fortunately, they had enough food with them in case they needed to do a wilderness cook up!

Course Etiquette and Honesty

One of the important underlying rules in golf is Honesty and Accuracy - ensuring correct scores per hole are recorded and submitted at the end of a round, ultimately indicating the true playing handicap of a player. What that requires on the part of each person within a four is to watch each other's shots, where the ball goes, to count the number of your partner's shots as well as your own, and to record the number scored correctly on the card, (both your own and your partners). Both cards should match at the end of a round. At the end of each hole, when you move off to the next tee block, if there is no delay players should hit off before marking the card. Accuracy counts, so check carefully with your partner! There will always be the odd occasions where someone has forgotten a shot in the heat of the game, but by discussing the score at the next tee the inaccuracy can be corrected. Accuracy and honesty affect all players within a competition. Please take some time and do not just accept without observing and counting!

Course Condition:

I just want to repeat that we have Autumn conditions, so the **Leaf Rule** now applies. That means if you hit your ball into an area of leaves and you cannot find your ball. Then you can declare the ball lost after three minutes and hit a replacement ball, without penalty where you believe your ball was lost. The word 'believe' is important as you must know or believe the ball is within a particular area of leaves and not just a general area.

I have received several complaints about the failure of some to repair pitch marks on the greens and failure to rake bunkers after playing from within. Particularly with the bunkers please have a look as you walk past and if you see old foot marks, give the bunker a rake. Please make an effort to maintain and improve the conditions for everyone.

Meat/ Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

There are a number of prizes which have not been picked up for a while, so please check the board. Wipe your name off and get the prize from the freezer.

Upcoming events:

Coringa Open Saturday 17 April Arrive at 10am for Shotgun start at 10.30.

Coringa Open

There is a draft start sheet completed for 37 groups of four individuals who have either registered or paid to enter the Open including the Alpha Group who have five groups. At the time of preparing this newsletter there are no positions left, so this means a total of 148 individuals are committed to enter and play off the blue tees. This is outstanding for those members who have committed to participate or have arranged friends / family to play our course, and this number is well in excess of the subcommittees hope of 100 to 120 participants.

I would like to acknowledge the seven people who indicated they wanted to have a white division, but unfortunately, with this number there can only be Men's Blue tee divisions.

The subcommittee has received sponsorship through many club members and businesses with principle sponsorship from our friends at the Lone Star and Joes Garage Group, New World Bishopdale, and Placemakers. As it stands there will be ten prizes to a Total of \$1000 worth of prizes in each of the three divisions, \$1000 available for a hole in one on a yet to be determined hole, a \$750 Scotty Cameron putter to be won within the clubrooms, and closest to the pins, sponsored by Placemakers.

Bishopdale New World will also be putting on a sausage sizzle!! There will be tent put up between the 9th green and 10th tee block for the sizzle. The tent is to be kindly supplied by Richard Kingsbury.

I am looking for a member or group of members who are not participating to manage the hole in one hole. Phil Olsen has kindly agreed to provide a tent for this hole. If anyone is interested could they contact me on my cell 021 1499070.

Lastly, we are still looking for members to assist with prizes or who know firms or a friend who may be interested in sponsoring a hole for the day with either product or services or vouchers, could you let me know?

Closest to the Pin:

Previous week (3 April)	Maurice Owen
This week (10 April)	John Maasch
Following Week (17 April)	Placemakers

We currently have sponsorship through to mid June 2021, but that time is rapidly approaching. We are always looking for more people of come forward.

If there is anyone who would like to sponsor the \$40 for the closest to the pin, could you approach and make payment to either JB, Puds or myself.

New Employee:

I would like to welcome Andrew Cunningham and his decision to become our new apprentice. Great decision Andrew as you will learn a lot from Rohan.

Membership Welfare:

Mike Smith

Mike has had a hip replacement and is recovering very well. He is getting a bit bored so if anyone has a bit of sometime could you call him on his cell 027 3594446 or drop in!

My last thought with a weekend of golf planned in front of the television (watching the Masters) and yes I will get it from Sharon, is that all you are doing this weekend!

We may not have the colourful flowers or manicured greens and fairways, course or clubrooms as at Augusta, but Coringa has real people with so many great characters and hardworking individuals who are making a difference to all member's lives. There are so many positive things happening both on and off the course. I think sometimes people get locked into only thinking about themselves or their own golfing ambitions and it becomes easy to criticise! I for one would never have thought I would see the painting of the clubrooms, and the weather proofing of the clubroom's roof being dealt with. We have a course where people often compliment to me on its condition, and I agree it is looking and is playing so good. We have greens continuing to speed up, fairways on the improve with the regular application of fertiliser, new sand in the bunkers, new equipment being purchased and plans for the development to increase the size of some of the white tee blocks. All of the issues raised within the survey. Some members need to sit back and smell the roses, instead of grumping all the time. The Board has only been able to achieve these improvements through hard work and a very motivated group of volunteers. A wise man, good old Jerry Kuipers' once told me "you are never going to have 100 percent of the members happy with your decisions Harv" but sometimes the niggling can get to you!

David Harvey
Men's Captain

THE LADIES REPORT

Easter Raffle.

Thank you to all who purchased tickets. First prize went to Bill West and second prize to Ellen Buttriss



Tournaments (9 hole)

Everglades 15th April
Tinwald 16th April
Rangiora 7th May.

Please contact Leigh McEwen ASAP if you are wanting to enter any of these.

leigh72mcewen@icloud.com or 0274340872

Saturday Golf-

Five people played this week. Anne Morgan won the monthly Saturday ladies' trophy with 20 Stablefords, Faye Beckingsale and Irene Ling were 2nd equal with 18 Stablefords. Closest to the pin on number 7 was Irene Ling

Next week (10th) tee times 9.12 and 9.18

Sunday Golf

On Sunday there were only two players who braved the howling Nor-wester. Ellen Buttriss was the winner with 19 Stablefords.

The Sunday golfers tee off 10.30 -1045.

Tuesday

Another lovely day for golf. No wind and some sunshine that was not too hot. Eight ladies played in the stableford game for the Val Sutherland Trophy. The winner was Cecilia Yon with 22 Stablefords, second was Janice McPhail on 21 Stablefords and third Janet Harland on 18 Stablefords

Thursday

Nine players enjoyed near perfect conditions for golf. First was Janice McPhail with 24 Stablefords, second was Anne Morgan with 21 Stablefords and third was Leigh McEwen with 20 Stablefords.

Janet Harland won the Heather Spoon for getting into a bunker then trying to dig her way to Africa as she tried to get out.

A small but dedicated group of 18-hole ladies play Tuesday and Thursday starting at 9am.

A BIG THANK YOU from the Ladies to the Men who are preparing the outside of the club house for painting.

Anna Morgan

INTERCLUB

Metro B:

The final round robin match resulted in a draw (4 – 4) v, Harewood at Waimairi Beach. This means the team finished in 2nd place (on a countback of games won), and they will play Bottle Lake in the semi-final on the 11th of April at Templeton, tee off time 8:56 am.

Good luck to Scott and the team – bring the trophy home!

Presidents:

Their pen-ultimate round robin match is v. Harewood at Harewood on the 18th on April. At present the team is third on 15 points from McLean's Island on 16 and Templeton, (who they play in the last round), on 20 points.

WEDNESDAY GOLF

Wednesday Watering Tournament:

On Wednesday, the 7th of April, we had 83 individuals in our \$15 Lone Star and Joe's Garage Tournament, with participants playing for ten voucher and meat prizes, in each division, from our friends at Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group and New World Bishopdale, plus four closest to the pins.

The significant club members results include:

Division One

2 nd	Richard Kingsbury	39
3 rd	Ian Butcher	37
5 th	David Stead	36 (C/B),
8 th	Paul Hansen	36 (C/B)
10 th	Lin Wang	36.

Division two

1 st	Peter Monopoli	42,
2 nd	Jimmy Anderson	38,
3 rd	David Bruce	36 (C/B),
5 th	Peter Bailey	36 (C/B)
6 th	Peter Marsh	36 (C/B),
7 th	Ethan Clark	36,
9 th	Greg Carr	35 (C/B)
10 th	John McCabe	35 (C/B)

A regular Watering Tournament participant, Wayne Te Mete, scored an eagle on number 2. Wayne described the second as around 140 metre from the pin and straight in. Well done Wayne and a highlight for anyone..

The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group have very generously decided to continue with their sponsorship and provided another six months' worth of vouchers.

The full results are posted on the Coringa website

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

A glorious morning and a field of 29 for a Stableford match off the white tees. I thought I had 30 but a gentleman (I use the word advisedly!!!) had put his partner's name down not realising it was already entered. A slightly chaotic start and the lesson is to avoid tall gentlemen from the south who answer to "Robbo". Obviously, the weather helped and the scoring was excellent.

Results as follows:

1 st	Spencer Wicks	42(Great stuff and 1 under for the round!)
2 nd	John McCabe	41
3 rd	Ian Butcher	40 (Miss you already!!)
4 th	Allan Harrison	39
5 th	Gordon Lee	39 (Welcome to the Thursday Group)
6 th	Ray Skinner	38
7 th	John Robinson	37

There was a 'two' for Hugh Little at 17 and our thanks go to Max Milesi and the Eagles for the donation of balls.

Looking forward to next week and a good field when we have a Par match off the Yellow tees..

Good golfing in the meantime.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

Geoff Bassett Cup

We are now past the minimum of ten games to look at meaningful progress results. The leader to date is Wing Gin who is the only golfer in the field to average over 36 stablefords. Clearly playing every day brings its rewards.

Wing is closely followed by last year's winner Alan Harrison.

Scoring this year despite the odd high score is well down on previous years with the average stableford score so far a little over 33.

A special mention to one of our older players Brian Payne who until John Brettell came home with 44 points had the honour of joint highest individual score of 42 points. Brian also has the lowest individual score this year somewhere in the teens. [Full results are attached.]

Keith Yardley

AND NOW

Senior Drivers

Sitting by the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, an OPP police officer see a car puttering along at 27 kmh.

Says he to himself: "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back...wide eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...Twenty-seven kilometres an hour!" ...the old woman says a bit proudly. The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that 27 is the highway number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grins and thanks the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask...Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken, and they haven't made a peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 169."

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

John Brettell