



Coringa News



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Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday's golf includes:

- The match of the day which is a Stableford competition off the Blue or White / Silver tees for men and Yellow tees for ladies.
- The Shootout which is now underway with a few now nearing their qualifying 10 scores.
- The Coringa Open is only one week away!

Remember **Covid protocols** are still in place – while you no longer need to scan in, you still need face masks while inside both the Pro Shop and the Café.

Last weeks raffle winners:

Max Milesi (48); Paul Hansen (40); Geoff Miller (34) Alan McLelland (33); Walter Scott (46); Robbie Chisholm (13)

The programme until the end of May 2022 is:

April	2	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout
	5	Tue	Ladies
	6	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	7	Thu	Ladies Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	9	Sat	CORINGA OPEN – 18 holes off Blue tees for Men, Yellow tees for Women [Gross and Nett.] Shootout
	12	Tue	Ladies
	13	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	14	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford – White tees

	16	Sat	Stroke – White tees. (Kornz Trophy match play with Alpha Group after midday) Vets Cup 4 th round Shootout.
	19	Tue	Ladies
	20	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	21	Thu	Ladies Men: Par – Yellow Tees
	23	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Vets Cup 5 th and final round Shootout
	25	Mon	ANZAC DAY – Course Open
	26	Tue	Ladies
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thur	Ladies Men: Stableford – Yellow tees
	30	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Shootout
May	3	Tue	Ladies
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	5	Thu	Ladies Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	7	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees Shootout
	10	Tue	Ladies
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford – White tees
	14	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue tees Shootout.
	17	Tue	Ladies
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	19	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Stoke – Silver tees Qualifying Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) Shootout
	24	Tue	Ladies
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	28	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / Silver tees 1 st round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (Silver tees on handicap). Shootout
	31	Tue	Ladies

SHOOTOUT 2022

The Shootout is well underway with 34 participants so far. There is still time to put your name down on the list in the pro shop as the competition runs throughout the year. Results are on the website each week.

John Brettell

Shootout Convenor

CLUB NEWS

New Members

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

Tim Bain

Wayne Davies

Colin Harrison

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.

Course news

Quite a bit is going on at the moment, with lots of hard work prior to the Open next Saturday.

Rohan sprayed the fairways last week (hence the yellow look as the weeds die off), and Steve spread the fairways and tee blocks with fertiliser this week. The plan is to get a good cover of grass growth over the next month or two that will take us through winter.

Unfortunately, Andrew Cunningham (our apprentice greenskeeper) has decided to leave the club. We will start looking for another apprentice once we get through the Open.

We've also had some bad news re the wood chipper – he's had equipment issues and is getting his machine rebuilt, which means the wood piles won't be chipped now until the end of April.

On the positive front – the on-course toilets are now fully operational and the team are looking to get most of the work finished this week – I'm sure we all agree - great job guys!!

Staff and Volunteers

Firstly, just to let you know Murita has been in contact and while she's a bit tired, overall she isn't feeling too bad and hopefully we'll see her back at the Club next week.

In the meantime, thanks to Wing for manning the bar today and Paul Snape for looking after things on Saturday.

And....

We have lots of jobs to do before the Coringa Open. **We'll have a working bee on Tuesday (9am start)**, to finish off the paths around the toilets and other jobs around the course.

Rohan has a list of things he'd like done around the course but with Andrew gone, him and Steve will struggle to get to (jobs like weeding bunkers etc)

Anyone who wants to help – come along on next Tuesday and we'll find something useful for you to do – there's always plenty of work to do on a golf course!!!

INTERCLUB

Presidents

A good win from the guys this week, with a 5 - 3 win against Everglades.

Playing Everglades at their home track saw our team giving away 35 shots before we teed off, quite daunting at first but our team played really well,

Convincing wins to Grant Morris 7/6, Charlie Longley 6/5 and Gordon McCoy 6/5 (not a typo, yes Gordon won), plus a couple of narrow wins to Murray Angus and Malcolm Wratt (luckily no pictures on the scorecards)

The unlucky 3 who narrowly lost were David Cross, John Deacon and myself, I have already expressed to our captain that we three are more suited to the wide open spaces of a course like Clearwater with fewer trees,

I'm not sure he's buying that excuse so I might have to buy Paul a beer if I want to be selected for the last game of the season.

Our final game is this weekend, 3rd April, It will be played at Clearwater, where we will play against Templeton the leading team in the competition.

Vance Hetaraka - fill-in captain

MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 2nd of April, is a Stableford competition off the Blue or White tee blocks for men and women off the Yellows as we prepare ourselves for the challenge of the upcoming 'Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' and 'NZPost' Coringa Open. This is a slight change to the programme as we felt there were too many Stroke rounds this month!

Last Saturday, the 26th of March, was a Par competition off the Black or White tee blocks for men and the Yellow tee blocks for the women with 98 participants entering the competition -19 individuals challenging themselves off the black tees. That is such great numbers of people, keep it up!

The outstanding scores came again within the White tee Division Two group with Robbo (John Robinson) (Perhaps wearing that red shirt did him some favours?), Lindsay Thorn and Max Milesi all on plus 5. In the White tee Division One group Robert Chisholm and in the Black tee group Jason McCauley both scored plus 4. Outstanding results guys and particular good to see Max's name on the prize list. The small Birdie pool went to Mel Newburn and Rohan Ware on the 9th hole and the Nett Eagle pool hole number 3 went to Kyle Charlwood and Greg Carr.

The full results are available on the website.

Saturday Match Payments

Could I remind members that the Match Committee decided about 18 months ago that if a member wished to enter the match of the day you must first pay \$5 to enter the match. This payment covers any costs associated with Prizes for the day, Closest to the Pin, Twos jackpots, Nett Eagle, and most importantly should you get a Hole in One \$150 payment to cover your round of drinks in the bar afterwards. You can then decide if you wish to enter and pay an extra \$2 for the Birdie Hole competition and/or an extra \$1 for the Gross Competition. These are all your choice, but you must enter the match of the day (\$5) to do this. Please do not challenge Barry or Derek on this decision. Another Club Captain or Match Committee may well decide to change those decisions, but this is what they are now!

Member Handicaps

I will repeat that over the last few weeks the match committee and board have had some active discussions over the recently implemented WHS golf handicap system by NZGolf and how it reflects to a genuine handicap movement of a player over a 12 month or 365 day year period. I have always been aware that the maximum a handicap could move out over that period was 5 shots and therefore a member who was not playing well would be held at a lower handicap figure than their current playing abilities were at that time. I have since learnt that the WHS system identifies those players who are not playing well and if their handicap has moved out by 3 then that movement is identified and called the 'Soft Cap' and those who have moved out by 5 then this is called the 'Hard Cap'.

Coringa currently has 25 men members who have been identified as having the 'Soft Cap in Effect' and 6 men members who have the 'Hard Cap in Effect'.

NZ Golf have indicated that they found that for women and veteran males that are able to play regular golf, the hard cap activates quite quickly, especially in the spring after high winter scores. We have had almost six months of spring like conditions after the last period of weather and the long rough at Coringa I believe has a bearing on some of our members high handicap challenges.

The men's match committee has been approached for a handicap review by a member and after much discussion it has been decided that a handicap committee will be established including the Women's Club Captain, Men's Club Captain and a board representative John Matthews.

We meet on Thursday 31st of March and I will report on the outcome within next week's report.

The goal is to maintain an overview of WHS Handicap rules, establish protocols in conjunction with NZ Golf on how to deal with members who are affected by their handicaps being held within the 'Hard Cap,' maintain a three monthly audit on members identified within both the 'Soft' and 'Hard' list, maintain a consistency in dealing with affected members and then lastly making democratic decisions." No decisions can be made until we set these protocols!

Coringa Open

Entries for 'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'NZPost' tournament have closed at 128 and the draw is completed. There has been a change in the Government COVID mandates which now allows 200 people into an inside area at a time. The decision was made by the match subcommittee in conjunction with the board to increase the number of participants up from 100.

There will be the odd change to some groups but I have tried to put people who play with each other together and mixed groups of two together.

Could I ask those people who have not paid or previously been reserves who are now in the draw to make payment prior to the day so we don't have any issues!

For the tournament there will be three Gross prizes (best golf), and three divisions with ten Nett prizes each. Just a wee reminder – the Open is off the Blue tees for men and the Yellow tees for women and we all play in the same handicap divisions!

Thanks very much for the kind sponsorship and support the tournament have received from our many firms and club members, which has allowed us to have a very generous prize pool!

Derek / Barry will hopefully enter all the tee times into Dotgolf on Thursday and Friday! Thanks guys.

I have received confirmed sponsorship from 'New World Bishopdale' for prizes and Ash will do the BBQ! Thanks very much Simon and Ash.

I have received confirmed sponsorship from 'Trevor Lee'! Thanks very much Trevor.

I have received confirmed sponsorship from 'Richard Kingsbury'! Thanks very much Richard.

I have received sponsorship from 'Hancock's'! Thanks very much to Johnny McKay and Dennis Cochrane for organising.

Thanks very much to our confirmed sponsors!

There will be our normal 'New World Bishopdale' meat raffles and a hundred ticket \$10 raffle with at this stage 28 accumulated prizes in value between \$335 to \$50 including some great looking prizes! Thanks to the individuals who have made the donations.

Thanks very much to all the entries and we hope you have a great day. Please remember to comply with the COVID mandate requirements!

Twilight Season

The twilight season finished on Tuesday and on behalf of the match committee could I congratulate all the many helpers who have made the season so successful throughout the year. The successful operation by this group has attracted many members to the club and is one of the reasons the club membership numbers are on the continual increase. I'd just like to acknowledge Gordy McCoy, Russell McGregor, Paul Snape, Olly Snape, Phil Olsen, Alan Smith, Jon Kemp, Malcolm Wratt and Jamie Pow and probably many others who have help make burgers or run the bar. Thanks very much everyone!

Upcoming events

6 April	'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament (Stableford - \$15 entry).
9 April	Coringa Open
16 April	Kornz Cup

Closest to the Pin

Weekly	Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants
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Membership Welfare

Great to see both Jerry Kuipers and Peter Marsh out playing on Saturday.

Comment

I have been fortunate for a number of years to be part of a group who annually travel away under the leadership of Puds. This year we headed down to Dunedin to play some golf including our Sister golf clubs Tairei Lakes and Balmacewen. Both clubs were very welcoming and a pleasure to experience. (For those that don't know, at a Sister Club you don't have to pay any green fees to play, just book and present your Coringa membership card.) I would suggest all Coringa members should take the opportunity to play as you will enjoy the experience of the hill courses and the different environment. It was a bit drier down there and we got some roll out, but for some including myself it meant going further into trouble. Anyhow, I won't mentioned the golfing results other than to say the courses were the winner to most although Allan McLelland played more consistently than anyone else.

Now you all know I like to share learnings in life and last week involved many for me and others of the group.

- Day 1: Waimate. Great undulating course in fine weather. The signage apparently is a bit limited identifying the approaching tee blocks particularly between holes number 3 and 5! Anyhow according to an unidentified group there wasn't any signage and they got lost!
- Day 2: St Clair. Once again, a great undulating course and a fine day. The group had booked to play within St Clair's Otago Day Tournament field. If the professional suggests you should play in the tournament of the day, then you should. Al responded that he didn't want to but when the cost for the entry fee was \$25, not \$65 there was a change of mind obviously!
- Day 3: Chisholm Park. An interesting Links style of course but the day was heavily weather affected. When you turn up to a course having booked weeks earlier and been told you will play after the ladies' field, only to find no cars in the car park, then I would suggest you think about the weather forecasts accuracy! Puds commented to me as we were playing the last three holes very wet by this stage I might add, into the rain and wind back towards the clubrooms, "Now this is real

Otago weather!" Two of our travellers decided the best way to warm up was with a gin or two or more that night! One I think has memory issues of the evening.

• Day 4: Tairei Lakes. Nice course with a combination of flat and undulating fairways and target greens, on a fine day. Very welcoming club with Emerson's beer on tap at the outlandish cost of \$9 a pint. What a bargain so the travellers saw the opportunity to make the most and were almost the last group to leave the club rooms. Then one traveller decided the best approach was to continue with a bourbon or two and some of Terry's straight 'Canadian Club'.

• Day 5: BalMac. A team breakfast at one of Dunedin's 'in' restaurants No7 BalMac just down the road from the course. Great breakfast but one of the healthier individuals decided to have smoked salmon instead of the big breakfast. Anyhow, I found a fish bone in my fish. An hour later in a strong southerly I wished I'd swallowed the fish bone, as I would have had an excuse to finish the round early! As many of you will have experienced, I started that three putting sequence which went on and on and on. I didn't have any confidence at all and it must have looked to my playing partners like I wasn't trying, as they were all four feet short or long if not longer some times! I think I must have had something like 50 putts - it felt like that. I was starting to think I was the worst putter in the club. Fortunately, it was the last night away from home and an opportunity to drink all the left over beer, wine and spirits. Luckily, I wasn't drinking alone as one of our touring party had decided his levels of fitness are starting to wane and he decided to use a golf cart with Terry at BalMac. I'll only identify the passenger as driving a white BMW with all the comfort and race modes. He obviously thought it would be a relaxing day. No, he thought he was going to die as Terry took so many wrong angles and approaches to many of the hills! I witnessed them nearly rolling the poor machine. This person and myself decided to drink our way through the grief of golf and dangerous experiences of the day, which motivated some others to help through the left overs.

Anyhow I turn up at Coringa on Saturday with no putting confidence, in this state of depression at my golf, and an exploding handicap. I never missed a putt to shoot 77. I played on Wednesday and witnessed a well-known new member who works in the golfing industry having the same issues as me. What does that show you? We all try too hard!

Enjoy Saturday and lets hope the weather forecast is wrong for rain!

LADIES REPORT

Tournaments

Everglades Thursday 7th April

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

Coringa Open

Draw is on the website and on the notice board upstairs

Saturday

Great morning for golf and four ladies had a good round. Anne Keh got a lovely birdie on the Hole nine, and Ellen Buttriss came in first with 22 Stablefords points !!!!!, with Myra Story second with 18 Stablefords.

Slots have been booked for this coming Saturday at 9.06am. Please go online and add your name if you are wanting to play

18-hole ladies

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

Sunday

Results Just four people played on Sunday... Janet had a great game with 25 Stableford points!!!!!!Wow

Starting time for next Sunday is 10 am.

There must have been good vibes over the weekend with such fantastic scores

Tuesday

Eight ladies arrived on a lovely morning and played Stableford with hidden partners. Winners were Myra Story and Irene Ling with a total of 34 Stablefords.

Thursday

Eight ladies came to play Stableford and Putting. Good round of golf by all with Janice McPhail coming in with 14 putts and Elaine McGowan with 18. Stablefords points.

Interclub

Coringa played Rangiora #3 and won 68 - 59. Coringa are currently sitting second in Zone 1 with 9 points, 3 points behind Rangiora #1 and 2 points ahead of Russley #2 on 7 points. 2 games left to play before the semi-final games

General news

Don't the toilets on the course look flash now. The men have done a fantastic job. Thank you.

Don't forget to follow Coringa on Facebook

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

\$10 Wednesday Watering Tournament:

We had 19 people playing on Wednesday and once again I received some very complementary comment on the condition of the course and particularly the greens. Unfortunately, the grass continues to grow.

We played for seven prizes of meat provided by our friends at 'New World Bishopdale' and two 'Hancock's' closest to the pins. The successful members were: (Only One Division)

1 st	Nick Frampton	38
2 nd	John Matthews	37 (C/B)
3 rd	Walter Scott	37
4 th	Richard Kingsbury	34 (C/B)
5 th	David Harvey	34
6 th	Paul Snape	33
7 th	Grant Buchanan	32 (C/B)

We will have our 'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' \$15 Tournament on Wednesday 6th April. The tournament starts at 10.30 am and everyone must be on the course by 11.30. Just turn up and join group for a round!

David Harvey

THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF

After a dodgy start weatherwise, we finished up with a field of 22 for an Irish Stableford competition. Excellent fast greens obviously played a part with some good scores returned and I hear a rumour that they may be running at 10.5 to 11.00 for the next week or so. The winner today with an excellent score of 85 was Paul Gnad and full results are as follows:

1 st	Paul Gnad	85
2 nd	Spencer Wicks	77
3 rd	Michael Healy	74
4 th	Gus Eathorne	72
5 th	Seamus O'Cromtha	70
6 th	Allan Harrison	69

Thanks to Wing Gin for stepping in behind the bar and saving some from dehydration

Our thanks to Hancock's for nearest the pins at #7(Gus Eathorne) and #17(Peter Bailey), with 2's scored by Spencer Wicks, Seamus O'Cromtha, Robert Pryce and David Stead. Hopefully a better start weatherwise next week and until then good golfing.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

AND NOW

More Golf Truisms

- If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight.
- Golf appeals to the child in all of us. This is proven by our frequent inability to count past the number 5.
- It's easy to keep your ball in the fairway if you don't care which fairway.
- If profanity had any influence on the flight of a ball, almost everyone would play better.
- The greatest sound in golf is the, "Whoosh, Whoosh, Whoosh" of your opponent's club as he hurls it across the fairway.
- A recent survey shows that of all jobs, caddies live the longest. They get plenty of fresh air and exercise, and if there's ever a medical emergency, a doctor is always nearby.
- The best wood for lowering your score is a pencil.
- You may need lessons if you had to regrip your ball retriever.
- It's difficult to decide which is more stressful - hitting 3 off the tee or lining up your 4th putt.
- With practice and strength training you can easily get more distance off the shank.
- The only sure way to get a par is to leave a 4-foot birdie putt 2 inches from the hole.
- Nothing straightens out a nasty slice like a sharp dogleg to the right.
- Never wash your ball on the tee of a water hole.
- No matter how badly you are playing, it's always possible to get worse.

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

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