



Coringa News



Kia Ora,

25th July 2024

Saturday's Match

- A 4BBB net competition off the White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
 - At the end of your round, keep your cards together with your partner's, Barry will staple these together,
 - if you are playing in a 3-some, the lowest handicapper partners the other two players, however if both partners are in the prizes, the low handicapper will only collect the largest of the two prizes. (not both prizes)
- Qualifying round for Urlwin Rosebowl
- Winter Ringers
- Shootout

Raffles

Ethan Clark 16, Rouan Buitendag 15, Lloyd Bell 42, Phil Olsen 36. David Harvey 1, Jon Kemp 5

The program until the end of September – 2024

July	27	Sat	4BBB nett – White tees Urlwin Rosebowl Qualifying (16 pairs to qualify). Shootout Winter Ringers
	30	Tue	Ladies: Nett. Uni Students Longest Day charity event
	31	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
August	1	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke – Jerry` Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	3	Sat	Par – Blue/ White tees Urlwin Rosebowl – 1st round Matchplay – on handicap (Silver

			tees – lowest handicapper goes back to zero and others adjusted accordingly). Winter Ringers
	4	Sun	COURSE CLOSED INTERCLUB BLANK CUP - 10 teams playing at Coringa. Coringa vs Russley Thompson MacDonald Cup – Away game vs Bottle Lake
	6	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy Men; Stableford – Silver Tees
	10	Sat	Stableford – Black / Silver tees, PETER TIMBS MEATS – \$100 VOUCHER - RANDOM DRAW Urlwin Rosebowl 2nd round Matchplay Shootout Winter Ringers
	11	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup at Avondale – Coringa vs Clearwater Thompson MacDonald – Home game vs Harewood
	13	Tue	Ladies; Stableford / N T P
	14	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	15	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy Men; Par – Yellow Tees
	17	Sat	American Stableford – Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl –Semi-finals (Silver tees) Shootout Winter Ringers
	18	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup at Russley – Coringa vs Hororata Thompson MacDonald – Home game vs Waimairi Beach
	20	Tue	Ladies; Net - Hidden Holes
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 10.30 am start; \$10 Members. \$15 Visitors
	22	Thu	Ladies; Match play Men; Stableford – Yellow Tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl Final Shootout Winter Ringers
	25	Sun	Interclub Presidents – venue TBC
	27	Tue	Ladies; Best Net Trophy
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies; Stableford NTP Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	31	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

			Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees, Shootout
September	1	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – Played at Templeton vs Bottle Lake Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Home game vs Greendale
	3	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men: Stableford - White tees.
	7	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White / Yellow tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	8	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – Played at Harewood vs Christchurch Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Home game vs Rawhiti Presidents – Venue TBC
	10	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies; Nett – Hidden Holes Men: Par - Yellow tees.
	14	Sat	Stroke – FIRST MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout [for non-championship players]
	15	Sun	Interclub Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Away game vs Russley
	17	Tue	Ladies; Girls Day Out – TBA
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; \$10 Members. \$15 Visitors
	19	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout (for non-championship players)
	22	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – 2 Rounds played at Christchurch Vs Templeton (am), Vs Avondale (pm) Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Away game vs Avondale Presidents – Venue TBC
	24	Tue	Ladies; Putting
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies; L G U Men: Irish Stableford - Yellow tees

	28	Sat	Stroke – FINALS DAY [36 / 18 holes for finalists – begin at 8:00am] Nonparticipants - Match of the day TBC Shootout
	29	Sun	COURSE CLOSED Interclub Over 50's & 60's - all teams at Coringa, Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Away game vs McLeans Island

Obituary – Graham Norquay

We are very saddened to hear the shock news that Graham passed away on Saturday morning. Graham was a long-time member and supporter of Coringa, with many years dedicating his life, time and resources to the club. He has also served on the Board over the years, putting a large amount of work and effort into helping Coringa stay afloat through the tougher times.

I have only known Graham in his later years, he was the most kind-hearted gentle soul, he had a wonderful sense of humor and a deep appreciation for a good bottle of wine, He often joked about his son David, he would show off about all his kids, telling us how successful they had become, except for David who was the “family disappointment”, David chose a path in the golf world, starting off as an assistant trainee at Coringa; going on to become the head Pro. And over the years developed as a global golfing instructor, becoming the Training Director of Leadbetter Golf Academy in China.

We knew Graham was only joking, re – “family disappointment” there was no hiding the pride he had for his family.

All our love and thoughts are with his wife Sandra, son David, and all Grahams family during this sad time.

David Bruce has been one of Grahams closest friends for many years, and he gave me a small snippet to share with the club.

Graham had a vision for junior golf. He changed Canterbury golf and introduced junior golf tournaments over school holidays. Even paying for prizes himself. He just loved that involvement. Both of us had great pleasure in the 90's taking Coringa's juniors away on tours to improve their golf. So many of them ended up playing for Canterbury. Graham was always so passionate about everyone's golf in his very quiet fashion.

DB

The Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday 30th July 10.00am
Lamb & Hayward Westpark Chapel. 467 Wairakei Rd, Burnside.

Editor – I just want to add something - below is an email I received from Graham just a couple of weeks ago – it sums up what a contribution he made to our club

“Great to hear and see from newsletters that the club is in great heart and progressing forward. When Sandra and I originally put the money into the club it was to just keep the organisation going, and we knew it was high risk at that point, but we have had a lot of benefits from the club since 1988, including doing most of the tasks around the club, from having the cleaning contract, the catering contract and operating the proshop with our son”

CLUB NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE – TEE BOOKING FOR NEXT SATURDAY

The booking sheet normally opens at 6.30am Friday, but as a special one-off, the booking sheet for next Saturday won't be open until Monday 29th July at 7am.

Why?

The Urlwin Rosebowl competition will be taking up the 8 tee times (32 spots) from 9.29am to 10.18am.

If we block this out, and people book in as usual on Friday, the field will be filled and there will be many people missing out on a spot. We know the anxiety and frustration this can cause.

The qualifying round is this Saturday, Vance will make up the draw on Sunday. We will book those that qualify in on Sunday and open the sheets up for the rest of us on Monday morning.

Unfortunately when we tried to set up the system to do this, one of us made a mistake (well, not 'one of us' – more me, Malcolm). So I'm really sorry for those of you who jumped the gun and booked today for next Saturday but tomorrow I will be cancelling your bookings and you will either need to qualify for the Rosebowl comp or book again on Monday morning.

I think this is the fairest way for everyone – we work out who qualifies for the Rosebowl, book them in, then **open the sheets up for the rest of the field Monday morning.**

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is holding at 10.6 feet. Coring of the fairways is going really well, we only have 2 to go (holes 8 and 9) and we plan to get them finish this week while we have nice dry conditions.

The bunkers at 8 are coming along nicely and are taking shape. We are working hard to get the sides turfed before the weekend as next week the weather does not look the best. We are also starting to take out the trees around that area (with great help from Glenn and some of our great volunteers who act as spotters to ensure everyone is safe on the course – thanks guys!!)

The fight against the green's disease, we did spray last Friday, and it has worked well. We are now on top of it but not out of danger by any means. We will be keeping an eye on it and if it needs to be sprayed again, we the product onsite to do so.

Rohan

STAFF NEWS

- Nic is taking a well deserved holiday, with her last day being Wednesday 24th July, returning August 20th. While she is away, Max, our part time green keeper, will be looking after Nic's days in the Pro Shop. Max works Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays to fit around his Uni studies.
Barry has kindly agreed to shuffle around his days and will work Tuesdays instead on Monday while Nic is away.
- We have found someone to take on the Café/Bar role on a permanent basis. Beverley Kendall starts with us on Saturday 27th June. Bev is excited about the new challenge and we are looking forward to having her join the team – we're sure she will be a great success (please make her feel welcome on Saturday).

PRO SHOP NEWS

Last week we told you about the latest batch of Club jersey's which we have now for sale (\$126.50 for a quality merino wool jersey, complete with club emblem)

This week we have the new club shirt available for sale. These shirts are very similar to the shirts worn by the Blank team last year (they really liked the shirts and were keen for the Club to pick them up as the new Club shirt going forward). The shirts are priced at cost \$60.00

The Board are really keen for all our interclub teams to wear the new shirts this year. We would ask that anyone playing for an interclub team buys the new club shirt and wears it proudly when they represent the Club. However we also realise we need to help members do this, so

- The ten members selected for the Blank and Thompson McDonald (Simon Cup equivalent) teams will get the full \$60 they paid for the shirt credited back onto their member account (which can be used for purchases in the Pro Shop or Café/Bar)
- Anyone who plays for Metro A, B or Presidents interclub teams will get a \$30 credit on their member account (assuming they have purchased a shirt). This same offer will be extended to any other interclub teams like the 9 hole ladies if they wish to change to the new shirt (which they are considering) or anyone asked to fill in for the Blank or Thompson McDonald teams.
- And we'll also offer anyone who has an old green Coringa shirt and wants to trade it in for a new Coringa shirt, a \$30 credit when they purchase the shirt and hand in the old one. We are keen to transition as many people as possible into the new shirts and realise some members might have only recently bought the 'old' green shirt

Just so we are clear - no double ups on the credits !! Each member gets only one \$30 credit (or \$60 if selected for Blank and Thompson McDonald teams).

We are very excited about the new uniform – the shirts look very smart and apparently feel great to wear. We hope by lowering the net cost of the shirts we can get lots of our members wearing them. All of this wouldn't be possible without the wonderful support from **Goodman Fielder** and **Jason McCauley** who has arranged the sponsorship. Thank you very much guys!!!

FRANK YOUNG

A big shout out to Frank Young for gifting his time and expertise in restoring the many seats that are placed around the course. Don't they look great.

On behalf of all the members, thanks very much Frank, you have made a great job of restoring these seats.



The Longest Day - UC Social Golf Society – Tuesday 30th July

Cancer impacts so many of us , with 74 New Zealanders diagnosed with cancer every day. Every donation we receive means the Cancer Society can continue to help by funding cancer research, prevention and support services for people with cancer and their whānau when they need it most.

On Tuesday 30th July, we intend to play golf from dawn till dusk attempting to play as many holes as possible in order to raise funds for the Cancer Society! We're extremely grateful to be in the position to host this event for such a worthy cause! As said above every donation matters!

Thank you for your support, it means a lot!

You can donate at <https://www.youcanforcancer.org.nz/ucsocialgolfsocietylongestdaychallenge>

Gus Borren

NEW MEMBERS

We have 11 new members joining us this week,
Welcome to Coringa to;

Bolitho, James

Martin, Tony

Unwin, Jacob

Hong, Sunny

McKenzie, Cameron

Unwin, Luke

Johnson, Tyler

Moon, Priscilla

Van Der Pol, Rupert

Lim, Kyung Seon

Pollisco-Lopez, Marco

WINTER RINGERS

After Round 8 we see that Andy Williamson (16.513) continues to lead the field, his overall net score increased by 0.017 as a result of a change in his average handicap index, to be on 52.488. Graeme Falloon (25.288) moves up 2 places into second spot with his net score of 52.713. Chris Choie (16.900) improves 2 places into third spot on 53.100, followed by Keith Yardley (24.517) who drops 2 places to be in fourth spot on 53.483. The most significant movers this week were Lloyd Bell (15.613) moving up 8 places to ninth spot on 54.388, Alan Wicks (18.450) up 17 places to lie in tenth on 54.550, Gordon McCoy (22.060) moving up another 9 places to be in twelfth on 54.940, Richard McCaskill (23.957) up 10 places to be in thirteenth on 55.043 and Greg Carr up 15 places to be in fourteenth on 55.075.

Here are some of the field statistics to date in the 2024 Winter Ringers Competition:

Number of Competitors	50 (2 late entries)
Range of Gross Scores	62 - 88
Range of Net Scores (Field)	52.488 - 68.700
Range of Net Scores (Top 20)	52.488 - 55.929

	<u># of Players</u>	<u>%</u>
Under Net Par	50	100.00
Eagles or Better	3	6.00
Birdies or Better	39	78.00
Players with Multiple Birdies or Better	31	62.00
Bogeys or Worse to Discard	36	80.00
Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard	5	10.00

There are no competitors who are currently over net par, with all players now under the net score of 66, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the range of net scores in the field compresses.

There were another 11 new birdies or better recorded last week, bringing the total to date of 143. Mal Ashton (7.925) continues to hold the lead in these statistics with a tally of 1 eagle and 9 birdies, followed by David Harvey (8.100) with 9 birdies then with Albert Yee (8.014) with 7 birdies, followed by Jesse Guise (13.433), Lex Halford (11.071), Isaac Preece (6.013) and Spencer Wicks (5.463) with 6 birdies each.

There are 14 players so far, to have to registered par or better on every hole. Those still to have a single bogey to discard on their scorecards are Andy Williamson (16.529) on Hole # 4, David Cross (15.525) on Hole # 13, Albert Yee (8.014) on Hole # 9, Mike Arlidge (11.175) on Hole # 17 and Kyle Charlwood (10.157) on Hole # 18.

The hardest ranked hole determined by the numbers of birdies or better carded, continues to be Hole # 15, the only hole yet to have a birdie registered on it. The next hardest are holes are Hole # 2, Hole # 5 and Hole # 9, each with 3 birdies recorded by the Ringers field. The easiest holes has been Holes # 1 & # 14 with 15 birdies by different players.

After the end of July, we'll see the participants divided into three groups, with the lowest handicappers in a smaller group. Please remember that the groups remain dynamic and is based on your average handicap index calculated on all qualifying rounds you've played to date.

Kevin King
Ringers Convenen

INTERCLUB

Canterbury Over 50's and 60's competition.

John Rademakers is to manage the over 50's competition team.

This side has been; very competitive over the last few seasons and won the competition last year.

David Harvey is to manage the over 60's competition team.

This is the first season we have entered a side.

If there are individuals who wish to play within the over 60's side, could they enter their details into the sheet within the Pro-Shop over the next couple of weeks.

Harv

Presidents

Presidents grade interclub is scheduled to get under way on 25th August 2024.

For anyone interested in playing, there is an entry sheet in the golf shop,

If you are new to interclub, this is a fantastic competition to participate in, it is a lot of fun, but also quite competitive as well.

Handicap must be 10.0 or higher.

A big thank you to David Cross for once again taking on the managers role.

Under David's leadership we have seen many first-time interclub players go on to become grizzly veterans, (after just one season – lol)

Blank Cup & Macdonald Thompson Trophy

After a grueling 6 weeks of trials, the teams have been selected.

Blank Cup Team

1st 6 players past the post (minimum of 5 rounds completed)

Jason McCauley

John Rademakers

SY Park

Mike Boshoff

Rohan Ware

Jacob Hodgson

2 Selectors choices

Peter Buckley

Jin Ho Kim

Reserves

Jamie Pow

Ian Donaldson

Spencer Wicks

Manager - David Bruce

Thompson MacDonald Team - 7-man squad named

Gordon Carlyle

Gus Borren

Nelson Gaw

Frank Young (Player - Manager)

Oliver Shea

John Hillary

Isaac Preece

Congratulations to all trialists, especially to those who made the team selections, and to those who missed out we have more interclub competitions coming up in the next couple of months, so there are many more opportunities to play interclub, in the Presidents, Metro and over 50's and 60's grades, there are no trials for these teams, just register your interest when the entries open.

Presidents and Over 60's are looking for players now. Enter your name on the sheets in the golf shop.

A huge thank you must go to John Rademakers for once again conducting the trials in an open, transparent and professional way that allows all members to try out for the teams and to be selected on merit.

Thank you also to the team managers for this year, Dave Bruce and Frank Young.

Best of luck for the season – starting next Sunday.

LADIES GOLF NEWS

Thursday:

(Mixed 9-Holers). Today we played LGU. 1st was Melissa with Nett 30. 2nd Myra with nett 35 and 3rd Janice McPhail with Nett 37

Next week we play for the Betty McBirdie Trophy. Duty person is Melissa Jones

Saturday: This week 3 players arrived on a dismal morning but rain stayed away. 1st was Myra on 16 stablefords then Sue 2nd on 14, wet ground. Next Saturday time 9.06am. If you are wanting to play on Saturdays with the 9-hole ladies please contact Myra myrastory46@gmail.com

Sunday: 1st with 19 Stablefords was Faye, and 2nd with 18 Stablefords was Ellen. next week slots have been booked starting at 10.11am

Tuesday. Today we played Stableford. 1st on count back was Janet with 20 Stablefords, 2nd also with 20 Stablefords was Myra and third also on countback was Janice McPhail with 18 Stablefords.

Next week we play Nett. Duty person is Leigh McEwen

18- Holers are now teeing off at 10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

General news:

Mid-winter Lunch. Unfortunately, we had to postpone the lunch as our good friend Gillian Bryant's funeral was on at the same time. We are now going to Bishop Brothers on the 30th July. If you were unable to come this week but could now come on the 30th or, you are now not able to come due to the date change, can you please let Myra Story know for numbers.

Café; It is great that Paul and Malcom have found someone to permanently run the Café. Please support the café so we do not lose it on a Thursday.

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 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 and I will send you all the details.

RAWHITI GOLF CLUB Ladies team Stableford Friday 23 August 2024 Entry Fee \$120.00 Per Team (\$30 per person) ID handicap 0-38.9

2024 KAIKOURA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th SEPTEMBER 18 Hole 4BBB Stableford. Entry Fee \$40 per person. Limited to first 66 pairs.

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

Urlwin Rosebowl – Pairs Matchplay off handicap

One of the most fun and competitive competitions at Coringa, grab yourself a partner and get involved,

Qualifying is this Saturday 27th July, where the top 16 qualifiers will go on to the match-play rounds in the following weeks,

Competition is open to both men and women, with Men playing off white or Silver tees, women to play off yellow tees.

there is no entry fee, you just sign up on qualifying day. For our new members this is a great way to meet other members, and a fantastic way to gain some match-play experience, previous experience is not required, only your participation.

Our carry over champs from 2023 are Hugh Little and Seamus O'Cromtha.

- Match-play on handicap,
 - The lowest handicapper in the group goes back to zero, and all other players adjust accordingly
 - Eg, John 11, Murray 32, Pete 4 and Burt 19, Pete is the low handicapper, he goes back to zero, all other players deduct Pete's handicap from their own, so new hcps are as follows,
 - Pete 0, Murray 28, Burt 15, John 7.
- All match-play competitors can still play in the match of the day, but you must putt out, (no gimmes)
- You must play in the match of the day if you want your ringers or shootout scores to count

We accidentally had our first women entry last year, and although it caused the match committee a little anxiety wondering how it would go, (we hadn't done it previously) it turned out to be ok. Even though they are playing off the yellow tees, the handicaps still work things out to be fair, and although hole 9 is a par 5 for the women, in match play it doesn't matter what par is, as you are playing the person, not the course.

Special thanks must go to Sue Brown, for being the pioneer in this regard, Sue had offered to play off the white tees to avoid any issues, but after looking closely at it, we found no reason to take that measure. And we hope this encourages more women to take part.

This Saturday 27th July

This Saturday's competition is a 4BBB competition off the White Tees,

- Urlwin Rosebowl Qualifying.
- Winter Ringers
- Shootout.

Last Saturday 20th July

Today was an Irish Stableford competition off the dual Blue / White tees,

Jason McCauley once again topped the table, with a fantastic gross score of 71, and top scored in Div one with 81pts. Great to see Jason stringing those good rounds together on a regular basis.

Congratulations to Doug Ames, he couldn't wait to tell me how well he played, scoring a nett 69. I was super happy for Doug, but not surprised, he's been in good form lately. 79pts earned Doug 2nd place. A great round by Bev Gordon, saw her take the top honors in division 2 by countback, also with 79pts. Well done Bev.

[Click here to view Saturday Results](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 3rd** **Urlwin Rosebowl – Match play - First Round**
- **August 4th** **Interclub Starts – Blank Cup and Macdonald Thompson Trophy**
COURSE CLOSED
- **August 10th** **PETER TIMBS MEATS – \$100 VOUCHER - RANDOM DRAW**
- **August 31st** **CLUB CHAMPS 2024**

WEDNESDAY GOLF

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament:

As there are five Wednesdays again this month I have decided that we will not travel to Ellesmere for another tournament but we will have our own **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Tournament**, on the **31st July**. Unfortunately the projected forecast is not looking good all week but we will see what happens. The cost will be **Members \$10 / Visitors \$15 Entry**.

A group of 20 travelled out to Ellesmere this week and played the ever changing course with improved greens and a huge number of the old pines trees being removed. The course played very challenging and long for many of us.

After the round I approached good old Ray Anderson the chief of the course committee to complain about many of the pin positions on the course. It didn't help I might add after I had a four putt after going for a birdie on number 14, a very short par three hole. Anyhow it's not always about me. I asked "Ray if there green keeper was having domestic problems at home and perhaps he need some love from the club, to get him into a more friendlier disposition!" Ray replied "well he's actually on leave! I've been selecting the hole positions!" If there is anyone out there who can help improve Ray's attitude, it would be greatly appreciated! Hahaha.

Coringa members within the divisions;

Division One;

1st Chris Chun 38

Division Two:

7th Richard McCaskill 33(C/B)

We will have our monthly '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' (\$20 Entry) tournament on Wednesday the **6th August** with participants playing for our 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 through '**Hancocks**'.

Remember this tournament starts at 10.30 am and only groups authorised by me can start before that time. I will be out early to help with the starting so please don't just turn up and put me under pressure to play early. The tournament times run from 10.30 through to 11.30 a.m. 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

Rare Golf Feat achieved at Coringa today

A rare golf feat was achieved today in the Thursday Mens' Tournament. After hitting an impressive 79 off the stick and scoring 38 stablefords Grant Thomas told his playing partners that it was his 79th birthday today. What an amazing feat to score your age on your birthday, well done Grant, we were so pleased to be there to celebrate this with you.



On a beautiful winters day, on a course in amazing condition we all enjoyed our Thursday golf. We had a good turnout today with 24 starters and we played a stableford round off the yellow tees.

Scoring was hot today and special mention goes to Dougie Ames. Doug who is 86 years old shot 98 off the stick and had a magic back nine of 47. We congratulate you Doug, you turn up every Thursday and support the Thursday golf. To be breaking 100 at your age is an amazing feat and we all applaud you.

In second place on countback was Brian Ashley who had 38 stablefords, in 3rd place was Grant Thomas also with 38 points on countback from Lloyd Bell also on 38 points. In 5th place was Michael Healey on 35 points on countback.

The Most Honest golfer award went to John Robinson who was making a comeback today after a few months off. John had a mixed game today but will quickly regain his old form.

Results

1	Doug Ames	40 points
2	Brian Ashley	38 points
3	Grant Thomas	38 points
4	Lloyd Bell	38 points
5	Micheal Healey	35 points

AND NOW....

I heard from some members that the video I attached last week didn't work, hopefully if you click on the link below you will see what you missed last week.

[Click here to veiw, - The Ballad of the Dunny Roll](#)

MEMBERS CORNER

FIRST TEE STARTER & COURSE MARSHALL

As you are aware, in recent weeks we have put some effort into looking closer at the issues of slow play on the course,

Through the process we were able to capture a good amount of data, we could identify who, when and where the problems were taking place, however, we also know that the root of the problem has more variables than simply pointing fingers at certain players. (I will cover some of this in future newsletters.)

I appreciate and have taken on board comments from members, who found having a course marshal a little intimidating and an unpleasant experience.

I agree, I don't want Coringa to become a course where we need to take such measures as standard practice,

I am very pleased to see a lot of members becoming more aware of their pace and trying their best to keep up. That is all we can ask.

We won't have a course marshal out again unless we see things deteriorating, but from time to time, I may jump in a golf cart and come for a wee ride out on the course,

I am non-threatening, so there is no need to get defensive or anxious, I'm there to help if you need it.

First tee starter

We will continue to run a starter for the first tee,

Although most of the field is ready to go on time, we do find the occasional person or group who have lost track of time while warming up on the range or locked in a conversation,

The tee starter is a voluntary role, which is currently being shared among the match committee, we would welcome any other volunteers who would like to assist giving up an hour on a Saturday morning before your tee time, it is super easy, and mostly involves holding onto a clipboard looking official!

Over the next few weeks I will re-run the ready golf messages that we ran last year. A refresher and an intro for our many new members.

FAREWELL DEAR FREIND

I am so thankful for all the memories I have shared with Graham,

We haven't seen him in a while, as he wasn't able to play golf anymore,

But earlier this year we had our club opening day, I get this phone call out of the blue, its Graham,

It was a very simple conversation, "Vance, what can I do to help?"

That was his nature, always willing to give.

We were so fortunate to have Graham come out, to be our course marshal for the day, and to take photos.

We will cherish all the memories Graham,



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