



Coringa News



21st December 2023

Kia Ora

Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

- A Stableford round off the Silver tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- **Summer Ringers,**

Raffle

After publishing in last week's newsletter there would be no more raffles this year, I was very surprised to enter the clubhouse and learn I owe \$4 for the raffle, wait what? What raffle?

And why do I owe \$4?

It appears our barman for the day, Paul Snape, saw too many people with loose change burning a hole in their pockets, and he had some spare prizes left over, so decided to run an impromptu raffle. Some sneaky person put my name down for 2 tickets, thanks Clinton, I wish you had picked winning numbers.

Great thinking Paul!

So, this may or may not be the final raffle for the year? Who knows?

Raffle Results

Ross MacAskill 57, Keiron Murtha 37, Dave Harvey 23, Robbie Chisholm 13, Steve Satherley 24, Ross MacAskill 54

The program until the end of February – 2024

December	23	Sat	Stableford – Silver Tees
	25	Mon	CHRISTMAS DAY — Pro Shop Closed
	26	Tue	BOXING DAY – Course Open
	30	Sat	Holiday competition \$5 entry - Stableford – Silver tees Summer Ringers
January 2024	1	Mon	NEW YEARS DAY – course open
	6	Sat	Holiday Competition \$5 entry - Stableford – Blue tees Summer ringers
	11	Thu	Ladies Men's – Opening day – Stableford – White tees
	13	Sat	Normal Saturday Competitions resume Stroke – White tees Foley Cup Qualifying (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1st Round (Men over 55yrs) 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
	22	Mon	INTERCLUB – Ladies 9-hole, @Coringa 16 teams playing at Coringa starting at 10am
	23	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	27	Sat	OPENING DAY – Teams Stableford Silver tees for men; Yellow Tees for women. \$10 entry; 10:00am multi-tee Start, Summer Ringers
	28	Sun	INTERCLUB Over 50's - @Pegasus Golf Club
	30	Tue	Ladies: Twilight:
February	1	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy - Yellow tees.
	3	Sat	Stroke – White tees. 2nd round Foley Cup – Stroke - White tees Vets Cup 2nd round SHOOTOUT BEGINS – (\$20 entry fee)
	6	Tue	WAITANGI DAY – Course Open
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees

			10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford – Yellow tees
	10	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. Semi Final Foley Cup. Shootout Summer ringers
	11	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents - Away game vs Waimairi Beach Metro A - Away game vs Avondale Metro B - Away game vs Templeton Over 50's - @Bottle Lake
	12	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - @Russley
	13	Tue	Ladies: Stableford / NTP Twilight
	14	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	15	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue tees Final Foley Cup Summer Ringers Shootout.
	19	Mon	Ladies: Interclub - @Avondale
	20	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy Twilight
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10,30 am start; entry fee \$10 members \$15 visitors.
	22	Thu	Ladies: Stableford / Putting Men: Stableford - Silver tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – Black / Silver tees Vets Cup 3rd round Summer Ringers – Final day. Shootout
	25	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents - home game vs Clearwater Metro A - home game vs Clearwater Metro B - away game vs Bottle Lake
	26	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - @Ellesmere Golf Club
	27	Tue	Ladies: 4 clubs + putter Twilight
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men: Stableford – Yellow tees.

Course news

The team completed a wire-to-wire cut of the rough this week – trying to get everything in shape before the short weeks over Xmas / New Year.

Rohan will be giving the greens another light sanding (was scheduled to happen today). This together with the warm weather and plenty of water should get the grass growing and its then just a matter of waiting till we get them back to their proper standards. Will take maybe 4-6 weeks before they are fully recovered and then it might be another month or so to get some speed back into them.

It's the old "short-term pain, long term gain" – stay patient and remember to hit those putts a little harder than you did a month ago.....

Bar/Cafe

A big thank you to all members patronising the Cafe/Bar this year. It has been a challenging year one way and another but we have got through it reasonably well.

Thank you also for your patience as we headed towards the Xmas break and the limited choice of tap beer available. Part kegs do not survive the holiday shut down well and this is why we stopped putting replacements on.

We are now down to just half a keg of Thomas Edison Light Ale. This Saturday we will be selling this at a special price, 600ml glass at 500ml price.

The Clubhouse Cafe/Bar will open again on Saturday 13 January with new kegs ready to quench your thirst on the long hot days of summer.

Paul Snape

Pro-shop refreshments over holiday period

During the 2 weeks while the bar / café will be closed, your after-match refreshments can still be purchased through the pro-shop, and if the weather is good the outdoor tables make an excellent place to relax, unwind and re-live the horrors of your round.

This can place extra load on our pro-shop staff, so I would ask that members lead the way, in exercising patience when the staff are busy, and to assist with keeping the area clean and tidy, clearing empty bottles etc,

During the Saturday competitions, we will have someone from the match-committee on hand to assist where needed.

Vance Hetaraka

FOLEY CUP

This is the first competition of the year,

One qualifying round on the 13th January to find the top 16 qualifiers who then go on to a match-play on handicap competition over the coming weeks.

This is a great competition to start the year, where players of all abilities can compete.

VETS CUP

This competition is open to Men over 55yrs,

This is played over 5 Stroke rounds, the aggregate score from the best 3 rounds determines the winner,

The first round is on the 13th January,

SUMMER RINGERS

The Ringers competition finished its third round last Saturday, with the Summer edition attracting no new registered competitors to the tally of 50, with handicap indexes between +0.4 to 32.7. If you decide to enter in the next few weeks, then any previous qualifying rounds played and recorded on the dotgolf website will be included in the composition of your Ringers score.

This is a competition that everyone can compete in and have a fair chance of winning and it does not favour the high handicappers.

The entry fee is **\$10** and field is divided into three equal groups that are dynamic, that is the composition of each group is only finalised after completion of the last round and those with handicap indexes that border the ranges may swap between groups depending on their weekly changes in their handicap index.

Your weekly round scores will be picked up from Dotgolf website and a weekly Ringers leaderboard will be published on Facebook, the Coringa website and on the notice board in the Pro Shop.

Test your golfing prowess and beat the course hole by hole over a thirteen-week period, have some laughs and earn some bragging rights over your fellow competitors. If you're having a bad round to start with, there's always something to play for as you begin to target the remaining holes left on your scorecard to improve on your Ringers score.

Get involved, don't be the one that's missing out on all the FUN...challenge yourself and see what your lowest gross/net score could be if you had the perfect composite round. Get rewarded for your efforts.

There'll be an entry sheet on the Pro Shop counter, next to the cash register, register your name on the sheet and pay your entry fee to Barry.

After Round 3 off the Silver tees for the men and Yellow tees for the women, saw Jesse Guise (19.2) overtake the lead the field with a net score of 54.80, ahead of Greg Carr (31.9) who improved 6 places with a net score of 56.133, followed by Peter Marsh (32.7) who improved 3 places on 58.30. The other big improvers in the field this week were Robin Wah (21.0) up 11 places to be lying in fourth, with Duncan Shaw-Brown (18.4) improving 15 places to lie in fifth, then Mal Ashton (8.3) improving 21 places to seventh, Alan Wicks (20.0) moving up 14 places to eighth, Alan Smith (31.9) who jumps up an impressive 34 places into ninth, Gordon McCoy (23.1) improved 26 places to lie in thirteenth, Mandy Walsh (27.1) moving up 13 places to fourteenth, Walter Scott improves 13 places to sixteenth, Graeme Falloon (25.5) up 18 places to twenty-eighth and Brian Docherty up 13 places to twenty-ninth.

So at this early stage, there are now 46 competitors who are currently under net par but with another 10 rounds to play, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the range of net scores in the field compresses.

There were an additional 20 birdies or better recorded in this week's round, with Isaac Preece (5.9) scoring an eagle on the third hole, making it the third one in the field to date, a record number in the field for a season competition. Mal Ashton (8.3) has now leapfrogged a few and heads these statistics with 6 birdies with Isaac Preece (5.9) with an eagle and four birdies, followed by Spencer Wicks (6.4) with five birdies, and Drew Butcher (0.5) with an eagle and three birdies.

[Click here to view the leaderboard](#) Kevin King - Ringers Convener

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 23rd December will be a Stableford round off the Silver tees for men, Yellow tees for women,

This will be the final day for the regular Saturday Competitions for 2023,

The two's jackpot hasn't been struck for a while, so this is a good chance to win an Xmas Bonus,

Don't forget, The greens are just 2 weeks fresh from a heavy coring, and historically this 2nd week is when the greens play at their toughest, but once again enjoy your round in the knowledge they will only get better from here, and from the growth we are seeing they will be back in amazing shape in no time.

Last Saturday 16th December

This was a 4BBB pairs competition, which was unfortunate for some, as there were some fantastic individual scores recorded today.

Congratulations to Mal Ashton, for winning the Best Gross prize, I'm guessing you found something with the putter, perhaps these cored greens are the secret, maybe you could slip Rohan some cash to dig them up every couple of weeks for you, lol. Congrats again.

Mal won on countback from Scott Ritchie, who also shot 76,

Outstanding individual round came from Bill Hallett. (yes, I'm shocked also)

Bill, playing off a 22, shot his best round in a very long time, coming in with just 87 strokes, which included a 2 on hole 5, wow!

Awesome round Bill, if only you had a decent partner you might have come first.

Congratulations also to Jesse Guise, for collecting the Birdie and the nett eagle prizes,

It is a fantastic feat just to make 2 birdies in your round, but then to have those two holes randomly picked out of the lottery, what a stroke of luck for you, well done!

I think someone's playing a practical joke, writing Alan Smith's name on the nearest to pin marker on hole 17, who did it?

I'm kidding of course, Well Done Smithy, 🙌 It was a great shot from those back tees.

There were some surprises among the twos as well,

Alan Smith – your name is missing from this list? It must be a clerical error!

Hole 5 - Billy Nehoff-Bates and Bill Hallett

Hole 7 - Greg Carr? I can't believe it, did you hole out your approach shot? Lol. Well done Greg!!

Hole 13 – Charlie Longley

Hole 17 - Garry Puddy

Hole 3 - Isaac Preece, - Eagle 2 on par 4 - I am not sure what happened here, I played late so didn't get to hear the story, so I'll just have to make one up.

"Isaac pumps his drive 180 meters down the fairway, he then shanks his 2nd shot, it goes into the trees and ricochets onto the green, bounces off a duck, hits the flag and drops in" nice one Isaac,

(I'm sure it was much more boring than that, he likely drove onto the green with a hybrid, and holed a 2-foot putt)

Here are the top results of the day, see the full results on the club website by clicking on the link below

Results - 16th December

1st	Ross MacAskill / Garry Puddy	62 c/b	\$25 each
2nd	Bill Hallet / Chris Cottrell	62	\$20
3rd	Duncan Shaw Brown/Seamus O'Cromtha	63	\$15
4th	Jesse Guise/Eddie Kotze	63	\$15

Nearest to pins,	Spencer Wicks (5) Kevin Walker (7) Charlie Longley (13) Alan Smith (17)
Best Gross	Mal Ashton – 76 - \$15
Twos Jackpot	Not Struck - \$291
Net Eagle No 9	Jesse Guise - \$67
Birdie Hole No 4	Sam Turner, Jesse Guise - \$70 each

XMAS holiday Saturday competition

This Saturday 23rd December will be the last day for regular match of the day competitions. Over the next 2 Saturdays while we are all relaxing in holiday mode, we will continue to run a \$5 Stableford competition for those who are holidaying at home.

Summer Ringers will continue, and any hole-in-one recorded in the match of the day will be honored by the club as usual.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 13th January	Café / Bar Re-opens. Normal Saturday competitions resume.
Foley Cup Qualifying round Vets Cup 1 st Round	
Monday 22nd January	Coringa is hosting 16 Interclub teams, 9-hole ladies' competition.
Saturday 27th January	Opening day - \$10 entry, Teams Stableford Competition.
Wednesday 7th February	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT

Comment

I have to say, I was hugely impressed with the work carried out by our greens staff and the volunteers last week,

I was expecting to find the greens in rough shape, but instead found they were fantastic, apart from the fact you had to hit your putts harder, they rolled just fine, in 18 holes of golf I only saw one putt that noticeably deviated from its line.

I was fortunate to play with a couple of the volunteers, Kevin Walker started the day on hole 1 shamelessly laying down his excuses for bad golf, saying how tired and sore he was, he then goes on to play one of the best games I've seen him play, Stripping the ball with every club in the bag.

On a couple of greens, the work wasn't quite as pristine as on others, I remarked, what happened here boys, did you get a bit tired on this one, Walter Scott replied, "I was in a hurry to get to the pub!"

I later overheard another volunteer apologizing for being able to help for **only** a couple of days, I am so thankful for everyone who was able to give up some time, no matter how long or short.

There are many of us who would love to be here, but in our day-to-day lives it is not possible.

So once again, to Rohan, Steve and Doug, and to all the volunteers, Thank you!

Vance Hetaraka

AND NOW....

Rusty old Fire Truck

Picture it: Dublin, a dark and stormy night.

Suddenly, a chemical plant erupted in flames!

The fire alarm echoed through the streets, and the local fire department raced to the scene.

But, the plant's president had a special request: the secret formula locked away in the vault must be saved at all costs.

He offered 50k euro to any fire department that could get them out safely.

As the fire grew, more firefighters were called in, and the offer was upped to 100k euro.

But, the flames were too fierce.

Suddenly, a rusty old fire engine from the rural township volunteer brigade appeared, driven by a group of old-timer firefighters over 65.

They zoomed past the sleek, newer engines and charged straight into the fire.

These old-timers were fearless, and their bravery paid off.

They saved the secret formulas and extinguished the inferno, leaving the other firefighters in awe.

The chemical company president was so grateful that he upped the reward to a whopping 200k euro and personally thanked each firefighter.

A reporter asked the 70-year-old fire chief, Paddy, what they planned to do with all that money.

Paddy replied dryly, "Well, the first thing we're gonna do is fix the brakes on that bloody fire truck!"

MEMBERS CORNER

Well, with the freshly cored greens I expected to hear lots of stories of chaos and mayhem on the course, but there was very little, clearly the greens were rolling fine,

I heard a few people had trouble getting past the poplars on hole 17, but other than that it was a largely uneventful day,

Pace of play is always a hot topic, but the field seems to be a lot more aware of keeping pace now, so we haven't had problems for a little while,

We won't get complacent though, into the start of the new year we will continue to keep this as a top priority,

Someone in my group (Clinton) noticed and remarked "there are a lot of damaged tee markers out on the course"

Yes, I can't remember another year in my time at Coringa where the tee markers took such a beating, But I was quick to remind Clinton, This all started with you.

Remember this? (May 2023)



Thank You once again to all contributors of the newsletter throughout the year,

And to all members, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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