



Coringa News



31st August 2023

Kia ora

Saturday's Match

This Saturday's golf includes;

- Stroke round – Black / Blue / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- 1st Qualifying round Club Championships – more info below
- Shootout.

Raffle

Mike Smith 25, Russell McGregor 42, Rob G 13, Lloyd Bell 45, Lindsay Smith 2, Paul Snape 43

The program until the end of October - 2023

September	2	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White / Yellow tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	3	Sun	Blank Cup – 4 th round at Clearwater, vs Harewood
	5	Tues	Ladies: Val Sutherland
	6	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	7	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - White tees.

	9	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Match-committee meeting – 9.30am Black / Blue / White / Yellow tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	10	Sun	Blank Cup – 5 th round at Hororata, vs Clearwater Presidents - away game vs Rawhiti
	12	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett
	13	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	14	Thu	Ladies: L G U Men: Par - Yellow tees.
	16	Sat	Stroke – FIRST MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Irish Stableford - White tees Shootout [for non-championship players]
	19	Tues	Ladies & Uni Association tournament (40 players)
	20	Wed	WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10,30 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	21	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	23	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day –Stableford - Blue tees Shootout (for non-championship players)
	24	Sun	DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS Blank Cup – 6 th and 7 th rounds at Waimairi Beach, vs Christchurch (am), and Templeton (pm). Presidents – home game vs Russley
	26	Tue	Ladies: Stableford
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thu	Ladies: Nett – Throw out worst two holes. Men: Irish Stableford - Yellow tees
	30	Sat	Stroke – FINALS DAY [36 / 18 holes for finalists – begin at 8:00am] Nonparticipants - a shotgun start Match of the day American Stableford – White tees; Drawn partners tee off at 9:30am – cards to be printed by 9:00am. Shootout
October	3	Tue	Ladies - Val Sutherland TWILIGHT – Begins for 2023 – 2024 season.
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT - Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	7	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees Shootout

			[Reserve day for club championships]
	8	Sun	COURSE CLOSED; BLANK CUP - 8th & 9th Rounds vs Hororata (am) vs Pegasus (pm) Presidents – away game vs Everglades
	10	Tue	Ladies; Stableford Twilight
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - White tees.
	14	Sat	4BBB nett – Blue tees Shootout
	15	Sun	Metro A & B; 1 st round – <i>draw yet to be finalised.</i>
	17	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Blue Tees - 10.30 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	19	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Stroke – Silver tees Shootout
	24	Tue	Ladies: Stableford – Last day for ringers. Twilight
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies: L G U Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	28	Sat	Russian Roulette – Blue / Silver tees Shootout
	29	Sun	INTERCLUB Metro A Metro B Presidents - away game vs Bottle Lake
	31	Tue	Ladies: Val Sutherland Twilight

COURSE NEWS

The green speed is currently a little slower than normal at 10.1 feet, due to early morning frosts and the staff not being able to prepare them before the days play. But don't worry - we will still plan to have them running around 10.6-10.8 feet by the first round of club champs this weekend!!

Soil temperature is getting high as well, sitting at 7 degrees, which mean the grass is about to take off with the spring growth.

The main focus this week has been spraying around all trees and coring of the surrounds. Steve has done a great job with the spraying of trees and has almost half the course done.

Rohan has had the slow job on the tractor going at a fast speed of 1.5km per hour coring the surrounds and this will be completed Thursday afternoon.

The other big news in the Greens Keeping world is that Cameron is heading back to Wellington – his last day is the 22nd September. We have bought on a ‘new’ part time greens keeper – Doug Hillstead who recently retired and decided he’d like to take up greens keeping again (Doug worked as a greens keeper in Invercargill at the start of his working life). If you see Doug, say hello – though he is going to be very busy once that grass starts growing!!)

And finally, it looks like we are very close to organising a contractor to take down the 170 pine trees to the left and behind the 14th green.

Glenn (our local firewood man) and Richard Kingsbury have been working hard on this. Hopefully we will have more details on this soon, including a start date (possibly in the next week or so).

Tuesday Crew

This week has been momentous – the culmination of four weeks hard prep work saw the team from Higgins lay the asphalt from the edge of the Pro Shop through to the Cart shed entrance. We have been wanting to tidy the area up outside the Pro Shop for some years now, so its great to finally be able to get it done.



Everyone who has been through says it looks great. It tidies this area up and gives us a great outdoor space to use this summer and in the coming years.

A huge thank you to everyone that helped with the prep work (esp Russell McGregor, whose expertise was invaluable), and Murray Angus and the crew from Higgins who made it all look easy.

So that was Tuesday, then on Wednesday we had the **new blinds** installed upstairs in the Club rooms. These will also look great for years to come – another big thank you to Jamie Harris from Venluree Blinds for making this happen.

Subscriptions

As we said last week everybody who should have received an invoice for next years subs should have done so by now (and if you think you've missed it, just contact the Club via office@coringagolfclub.co.nz).

Lots of you have paid your subs for next year – thank you!!

Those that have made arrangements to pay by DD – thank you!!

The rest of us – we have until the end of September to either

- a) Pay your subs in full at the Pro Shop or directly into the Clubs bank account (03 0854 0594498 000), or,
- b) Set up your DD for next year - pick up a DD authority form at the Pro Shop, fill it out and hand it in the Pro Shop – we'll take care of the rest – all sorted.

We really don't want people paying by AP or DC or paying in bits and pieces during the year. It just takes too much time and effort managing this and it all has to be done by volunteers.

So help your Club by either paying your subs or setting up a DD, and of course – if you have any queries or changes to your account that you'd like to make – contact the club via the office email.

Thanks

CLUB NEWS

Cafe / Bar Operator Vacancy.

The search continues for staff to run our Bar/Cafe,

Please contact Paul Snape if you or someone you know may be interested, ph 027 687 4011

New Members

We have 15 new members joining us this week,

Welcome to Coringa (and thanks to Kevin Walker for his great work in processing all these!)

Hunter Bain	Joshua Bain	Cameron Blake	James Blake
Jeremy Blake	Jesse Blake	Danny Chhour	James Cho
Shyam Hari	Eunae Ji	Frank Lee	Hyunmi Lee
Yoon Hyung Lee	Hayden McKechnie	Mads Moller	

INTERCLUB

Presidents

A first up win for the 2023/24 season defeating Christchurch 5.5 to 2.5.

Winners on the day were Jason Wu, Llyod Bell, John Rowley, Steve Satherley and Barry Stringer with Harry Lim chiming in with a half.

As a group we're still open to anyone else that would like to join us even if they are limited in availability.

Convenor: David Cross

WINTER RINGERS

After Round 13, the last round of the Ringers competition, we saw last week's frontrunners hang on to their respective divisional leads.

The last weekend of winter saw us playing under ideal conditions, with hardly a breath of wind and fine overhead, allowing for a great golfing day for all on the course.

Again, compliments to the greenkeeping staff for maintaining the course and greens to such a high standard, having to endure wet weather and machinery breakdowns.

Group A

Isaac Preece (6.400) held onto his lead over a last-ditch effort by Mal Ashton (9.523) who moves up a spot after getting an eagle on Hole # 14, the third one achieved in the Ringers field.

Isaac finished on 49.600, this gave him a final margin of 3.877. Drew Butcher (0.730) slips down to third spot on 54.270 from Vance Hetaraka (9.700) on 55.300, who remains in fourth spot.

Group B

This group saw Robert Tibbotts (16.600) on 52.400, hold onto a narrow margin over a fast-finishing Lex Halford (13.900) on 53.100 who shot up five spots, with Walter Scott (13.836) dropping one spot next on 53.164 and followed closely by Murray Angus (11.733) on 53.267. In the end, the top 9 are within 3.417 of the lead.

Group C

We saw Peter Marsh (34.454) on 48.546 maintain the lead over his closest challenger, Andy Williamson (17.500) on 50.500, with Tim Donaldson (18.408) holding third spot on 51.592. Jonathan Kemp (19.300) continues to hold onto fourth on 51.700, with Alan Wicks (20.169) next, moving up four spots on 51.831.

There were another 10 new birdies or better recorded during that week, bringing the final total to date of 177, with Drew Butcher (0.4) clearly leading this statistic with a tally of an eagle and 16 birdies, missing out on only Hole # 13. Next is Isaac Preece (6.2) who now has an eagle and 15 birdies, missing out on birdieing Hole # 16 and 17. Next is Spencer Wicks (6.7) with 11 birdies, followed by Mal Ashton (10.0) with an eagle and 8 birdies and then Mike Arlidge (9.2) and Vance Hetaraka (9.9) with 8 birdies.

The final results and payouts for the Winter Ringers competition are as follows:

Group A

Gross	Drew Butcher	55	\$40
Net – First	Isaac Preece	49.6	\$40
Net – Second	Mal Ashton	53.477	\$25
Net – Third	Vance Hetaraka	55.300	\$20

Group B

Gross	Murray Angus	65	\$40
Net – First	Robert Tibbotts	52.400	\$40
Net – Second	Lex Halford	53.100	\$25
Net – Third	Walter Scott	56.164	\$20

Group C

Gross	Andy Williamson	66	\$40
Net – First	Peter Marsh	48.546	\$40
Net – Second	Tim Donaldson	51.592	\$25
Net – Third	Jonathan Kemp	51.700	\$20

Congratulations to all the lucky winners, your prize money will be credited onto your club card for transacting by the weekend.

A big thanks to all the participants that took part in the Competition to make it a roaring success. We had 53 competitors in total contesting over the two Ringers competitions with only 33 players competing in both the Summer and Winter edition. Hopefully we'll see the numbers participating increase, especially from the number of new members in the club...the more the merrier and the bigger the payout.

The winner of the King of the Ringers Trophy for 2022/2023 is Isaac Preece who overtook Drew Butcher (who withdrew midway in his round through injury) with his birdie on Hole # 5 in the last round. For the second time in a row, the winning margin this year was a very narrow one, they were separated by a minuscule 0.044. In order to ensure that all competitors in the Trophy race have a fair chance of claiming it, I have made a slight modification to the calculation of the Final Total of the combined Summer/Winter Gross and Net Scores by deducting the players average handicap index. After reviewing the initial results, I could see that the higher handicapped players were disadvantaged because they had two high gross scores added.

Enjoy your golf for the next three months whilst the Ringers competition takes a break and we look forward to the 2023/2024 edition.

Kevin King
Ringers Organiser

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 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.

GERALDINE DISTRICT GOLF CLUB 9 Hole Tournament WOMEN & MEN Friday 15 September 2023. Open to all Affiliated 9 hole players Competition – Nett & Putting(Grades according to entries) Two's optional \$1 extra with all money paid out Start: 10.30am. Morning Tea: 9:45am **ENTRY FEE:** \$20.00 per player Includes Morning & Afternoon Tea **ENTRIES CLOSE:** Wednesday 13 September 2023 **ENTRIES TO:** Susan Lyttle entries@geraldinegolf.co.nz or text to 021 138 3746 Please include your contact phone number and notify us of any dietary requirements.

Avondale Golf Club Proudly Presents 9 hole open For Ladies and Men Monday 2 October 2023 10am multi tee off \$20 entry fee to be paid on the day Registrations from 9.15am Morning tea Two mixed divisions Stableford, competitions, raffles Great Prizes Entries close Wednesday 27 September with: Diana Feary dsfeary@gmail.com ; 021 160 4973 Please include: handicap index, registration number, contact phone number

Ashburton 9 Hole Tournament 2023 Thursday 5th October. Open to Men and Women (Grades according to entries.) Report 9:30 am for 10:00 start Entry \$20 Includes morning tea (Lunch – pay your own fresh cabinet food) Inquiries or Entries by Monday 2nd October to ashburton9holers@gmail.com

18 Hole Tournaments:2023 KAIKOURA WOMEN's TOURNAMENT 11th - 13th SEPTEMBER Monday. 11th September 2023 18 Hole 4BBB Stableford Start From 9.00am Entry Fee \$40 per

person Limited to first 68 pairs. Tuesday 12th September 18 Hole Stableford. Start from 9.00am
Three Divisions Entry Fee \$40 per person Limited to first 136 entries. Wednesday 13th September. 18
Hole Championship. Start from 9am Enquiries to: Kaikoura Golf Club Ph: (03) 3195-628 Email:
info@kaikouragolf.co.nz 274 State Highway 1 RD Kaikoura. 7371 www.kaikouragolf.co.nz. Three
Divisions, Gross & Nett Entry Fee \$40 per person. Limited to first 136 entries.

Avondale Ladies Stableford Tournament. Thursday 14th September 2023 Teams of 4 Entry \$100
per team Max. Handicap 40.9 9.30am Multi Tee Start. Team entries to: Email:
avondaleoffice@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 3888 203

Waimari Women's Team Stableford Tournament Friday 22nd September. Handicap index 0-36.0.
Teams of 4 players. \$40/player includes Lunch. Team captain to register and pay for team Bank
details 03-1700-0027655-000. Entries with full name and membership number to
allison.doell.nz@gmail.com or 0276932494. Entries close 15th September.

**GERALDINE - GOLF CLUB -RENAISSANCE & MCARTHUR RIDGE 3 COURSE Challenge 26th to
28th September 2023** Hosted by Geraldine Golf & played over 3 courses :26th - Temuka, 27th -
Pleasant Point, 28th - Geraldine Team (4) & Individual Stableford Competition Entry Fee: \$195.00 (per
player) Grade prizes each day and individual/team prize over three days Enter online at:
www.geraldinegolf.co.nz/three-course-challenge Further details available from Chris at:
clubservices@geraldinegolf.co.nz - 0278422332

Akaroa, Open Ladies Tournament 6th October Tee off 10 am. Morning tea at 9.15. Entry Fee \$30
which includes morning Tea and Lunch. Handicap 0-54, 3 Grades. Entries with Club ID
akaroragolf@xtra.co.nz .payment to bank account Number 02-0832-0011597-00. Entries close on 5th
October

Hanmer Springs Golf Club, this is a preliminary email to notify you that the dates and format for the
77th 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

Games played at Coringa

Thursday. Initially we were supposed to play Match play, but unfortunately there were not enough of
us so we played best consecutive 5 holes. The Winner was Judith Bennetts, 2nd Jay and 3rd Myra. Next
week Betty McBirdie Trophy, Duty person Anne Morgan

Saturday. Lovely day again and 7 came to play which was great. 1st on a countback with 18
Stablefords, Tracey Bruce, 2nd Anne Keh, 3rd with 16 Stablefords was Myra Story. 2 slots have been
booked for next week 12.59 and 1.05pm. We said our farewell to Michele Pringle, who is joining the
18 holers are Harewood. If you are wanting to play, please go onto dot golf and put your name down.

Sunday- While the weather was not that flash, it was not too bad on the course. As there were so few
players, we just had a friendly. A slot has been booked for 10.30am next Sunday.

Tuesday. Today we played 4 clubs and a putter. Scores were so bad no one put their cards in so no
winners. Next week Val Sutherland Trophy. Duty Person Janice Healey.

General News

I have put up a list for people to put their names down for the 9 Hole Championship. We need as many as possible to put their names down. The draw will be done at the end of August with games starting 5th September.

Calling all 18-hole ladies. I have had a request from a couple of ladies to start playing as a group on Saturday in September. If you would like to play 18 holes with ladies on Saturday, can you please let me know, as I am endeavouring to pull together a group. My email is jimmykatie57@gmail.com

I can now confirm that ladies' day out is on Thursday the 21st of September at Weedons. 18 Holes tee off at 9am, 9 Holes, tee off at 10am. We will go to a café afterwards. More information on this to come. I will put a list up in the lady's locker room for people to put down their names so that I am able to confirm the booking closer to the day. Husbands welcome.

Anne Morgan, Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 2nd September has been programmed as a Stroke round off multiple tees. This is also the first qualifying round for the Club Championships

Club Championships;

Below are the different grades, handicap ranges and tee blocks being played.

Enter your name on the appropriate sheet in the pro shop, and make sure you are playing the correct tees for your grade.

Senior	<8.5	Black Tees
Intermediate	8.6 - 12.5	Blue Tees
Junior A	12.6 - 17.0	Blue Tees
Junior B	17.1 >	White Tees
Masters	Over 65 years	White Tees
Womens	Open	Yellow Tees

There will be two qualifying rounds on Saturday 2nd and 9th September.

The best score from either of the two rounds on the qualifying Saturdays will identify the best **eight** qualifiers to go through to the match play rounds beginning on 16th, 23rd and the finals will be held on the 30th September.

You must be available to play on the nominated dates.

The Finals for Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and B are 36 holes, while Masters and Women's will be an afternoon 18-hole match play event.

Harv will be away on holiday in Australia but he has left a number of sheets for interested members to enter their scores. Remember it's your best score out of the two rounds for those interested. Once again if you write your name down but don't include your scores, don't expect him to go looking for your scores. He will be back for the second round and will arrange with Barry to enter the draw for the divisions from there.

Urlwin Rosebowl

The final match was played last Saturday, with Hugh Little and Seamus O'Cromtha winning 2-up over Kevin King and Trevor Lee,

It sounded like a very good match, with Kevin and Trevor 5 down at the turn, they rallied on the second nine and clawed their way back to just one down with one hole remaining,

Hopes were high for a sudden death playoff, as Kevin secured his par on the last, but all hopes were squashed as Hugh finished the match in style with a great birdie.
Congratulations to all participants, and the victors for 2023, Hugh and Seamus.

Last Saturday the 26th of August was a Stroke round off the Blue and Silver tee blocks for men and Yellow for women and there were 90 starters on what was a very nice day.

Some great scoring across all divisions,

Silver Tees

Division 1, 1st Lex Halford, 2nd Mal Ashton, 3rd Paul Hansen.

Division 2, 1st Beverly Gordon, 2nd Richard McCaskill, 3rd Peter Marsh.

Blue Tees

Division 1, 1st Adam Fincher, 2nd Jimmy McOscar, 3rd Isaac Preece,

Division 2, 1st David Bruce, 2nd Barry Stringer, 3rd Kyle Charwood

The 2's Jackpot was won by Lex Halford and John Rademakers,

Best Gross won by James Howard with 75

Nett Eagle hole – # 6, there were 6 winners,

Birdie Hole - #5, there were 4 winners.

The full results are available on the club website.

Upcoming events:

Through September Club Champs

6th September \$15 'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournaments

20th September \$10 'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournaments. (Free for those after Abandoned round 16 August)

Closest to Pin:

Weekly - Hancock Wine and Beer Merchants

WEDNESDAY GOLF

We have our '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament on the 6th September** with our usual \$50 **Lone Star & Joes Garage** vouchers, meat prizes and raffles from our friends at New World Bishopdale and closest to pin prizes provided through **Hancocks**.

Over the next month I am seeking comments from regular participants to the Wednesday Watering Tournament about a potential increase of \$5 to \$20 entry. The cost of meat continues to increase so I am hoping to use this increase to upgrade the purchase of prizes. If you have any comments please let me know personally or email via David.Harvey@xtra.co.nz.

We have our mid-month \$10 tournament on Wednesday 20th September and I provided the list of participants for the abandoned 16 August tournament to the Pro Shop. Those people who have paid their entry fee will be able to enter the next mid-month tournament for free. Please indicate this fact to Nic so she will confirm your name is on the list. Remember the tournament is supposed to start after 10.30.

AND NOW....

I haven't had sex since 1956!!

A woman asked a Corporal in the British Army, "when was the last time you made love to a woman?"

The Corporal stood tall and said "1956 ma'am,"

The woman taken aback by this answer said "1956 that long?! Let me make your night better" and the 2 sauntered away to a private room,
They both stripped off and made mad passionate love for about an hour,

The woman cuddled up to the Corporal afterwards and said, "well, you certainly haven't forgotten anything since 1956".

The Corporal looked at her confused and said. "I certainly hope not, it's only 2130 now".

MEMBERS CORNER

No stories from the clubhouse this week, it appears all the troublemakers are away on holiday.
So just one more picture instead.....



Murray Angus, pretending to be a worker,
(far right)

Ready golf

As I was playing my round last week, it was great to see, there were signs of people taking up the ready golf challenges, people heading off to the next tee while their playing partners were still putting out, etc.

Here's a wee story to share with you of an experience I had some time ago, regarding pace of play.

As happens from time to time, pace of play becomes an issue, and different initiatives are implemented to get things back on track.

This one initiative saw Richard Kingsbury monitoring groups as they came through 9, and he was greeting them on the 10th tee, if they were behind time, he would give a gentle reminder.

On this day, my group was keeping good pace with the group in front, and on most holes, we had to wait,

Well, it just so happens, that as we teed off on hole 9, two of us chose that moment to hit the worst tee shots of our round, we ended up losing 2 golf balls, and of course in the process of searching for them we have now created a significant gap with the group ahead,

How shameful for us walking off the 9th green, about to be greeted by Richard, on the 10th tee, and the group ahead are long gone, I thought for sure we were about to be told off!!

To my amazement, Richard did no such thing, he was completely understanding, and just gave us a little encouragement to get back on track, using ready golf.

This was the day, my group FINALLY embraced ready golf,

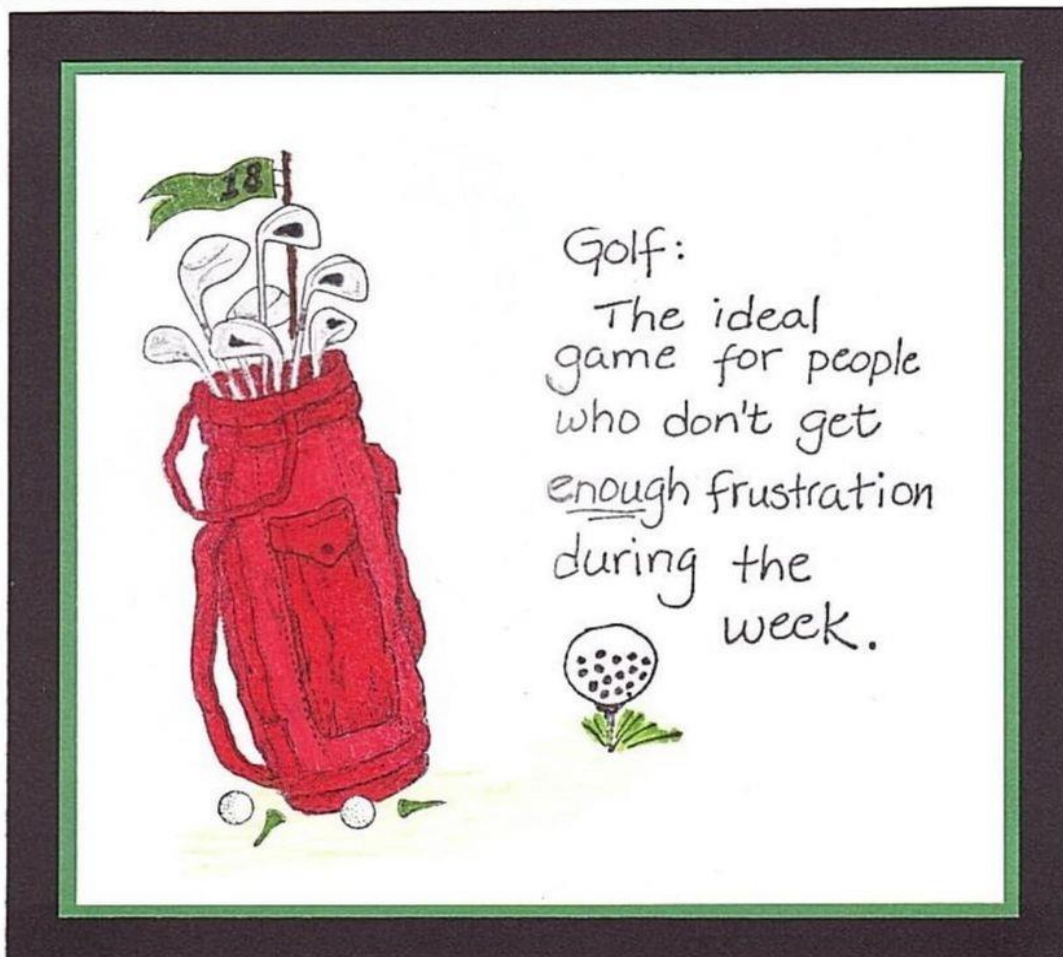
Before this day, I would get yelled at (by my friends??) if I was to tee off out of turn,

Thanks to Richard.

The main point of this story, try not to make assumptions about other groups, you don't know what circumstances have put them behind, and to use Richard's example, showing some understanding and encouragement, goes a lot further than simply yelling at or arguing with people.

Everyone loses balls or runs into trouble from time to time, and in the blink of an eye you can find yourself losing ground to the group ahead. It's ok, it happens,

Getting your group back on track is a whole lot easier using ready golf principles.



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

Email v.hetaraka@gmail.com

Txt, 022 458 8199

Vance Hetaraka