



Coringa News



27th January 2022

Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Saturday's is the club's Opening Day with a Team Stableford competition for Men and Women. There will be a Shotgun start at 10:00am and cards must be printed by 9:30am for the draw to be made.

We are now operating under the Red Traffic Light so please adhere to the Club's Covid protocols at all times (more on this below). There is one particular rule we need to highlight – the Opening Day match is a shotgun start with well over 25 players expected, which means under the Covid rules **all players will need to show their vaccine passports before entering the course** (Richard Kingsbury and John Matthews will be hand to check these before people enter the ProShop). This will also be a requirement at next Wednesday watering tournament.

The Summer ringers is still running, and progress results are on the web site and the Shootout for 2022 begins the following Saturday, the 5th of February.

Last week's raffles:

Raffle #1: Steve Satherley (35); Dennis Rea (4); Annie Gaw (22); Keith Yardley (40); Walter Scott (20).
Raffle #2: Jon Kemp (35); Club (43); Mike Smith (44); Mike Dimond (8); Andrew Wight (18).

The programme until the end of March 2022 is:

January	29	Sat	OPENING DAY – Teams Stableford White tees for men; Yellow Tees for women. \$10 entry; 10:00am multi-tee start (Drawn fours).
February	1	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	2	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start (You can book your times online); \$15 entry fee.)
	3	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy - Yellow tees.
	5	Sat	Stroke – White tees. 2 nd round Foley Cup – Stroke - White tees

			Vets Cup 2 nd round SHOOTOUT BEGINS – [\$20 entry fee for the whole year] Summer ringers.
	6	Sun	Waitangi Day - Course Open
	8	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	9	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	10	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford – White tees
	12	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees. Semi Final Foley Cup. Shootout Summer ringers
	15	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	16	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	17	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	18	Fri	Master Joiners Tournament – course closed
	19	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue tees Final Foley Cup Summer Ringers Shootout.
	22	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	23	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	24	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford – Yellow tees
	26	Sat	Stroke – Black / Silver tees Vets Cup 3rd round Summer Ringers – Final day. Shootout
March	1	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	2	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	3	Thu	Ladies Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Cup – Yellow tees.
	5	Sat	American Stableford – Blue tees. Random Drawn fours after 10.30 am. Shootout Summer Ringers
	7	Mon	CANTERBURY VETS.COMPETITION – Stableford. Course closed until 2:00pm
	8	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	9	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
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COVID

I'm sure we are all aware of the change in NZ's COVID settings.

Impact for Members/Guests

As far as operations at the Golf Club – nothing really changes in terms of the rules or procedures that we have in place but it is now even more important that we all adhere to them.

In particular;

- Sign in when you arrive at the Club **and** when you go upstairs to use the Café/Bar
- Masks are **compulsory** in the ProShop and **no more than 4 people** in there at a time
- Vaccine passports are **compulsory** for people in the Café/Bar (and also a requirement for this Saturday's Opening day and next Wednesday's watering tournament)
- Mask wearing inside the Café/Bar is to be encouraged, and please keep up with the sanitising and social distancing
- And most importantly.... **If you are feeling unwell, get a Covid test and stay away from the Club until you get the all clear!!**

There has also been some discussion about vaccinated and non-vaccinated golfers playing together. The advice from NZ Golf continues to be that golf is safe for both vaccinated and non-vaccinated people to play – we're outside with plenty of air circulating and plenty of room between players. However, if you're uncomfortable with any of this, make sure you talk to your playing partners and establish a safe environment where everyone can enjoy their day's golf.

Impact for Golf Club Operations

One of the biggest concerns now is what happens if some of our staff either contract COVID or are close contacts of someone with COVID and have to stay at home for an extended period of time.

We don't have a lot of back-up and will need Member support to keep the Club running if / when this happens – especially for our Greens Keeping and ProShop staff.

All the advice is that we have a couple of weeks to prepare before things get serious. So....

We'd like to hear from anyone who is prepared to help out, potentially for a number of days, in either the Greens Keeping area or the ProShop.

Ideally, we'd like a couple of people for each area that we can train you up (say 0.5 to 1 day) and then call you in if/when we need your help.

If you would like to help – contact the club via email office@coringagolfclub.co.nz and we'll be in touch about training etc etc

Membership changes

Membership continues to grow at the Club and is currently around 460 and steadily rising.

Therefore, at Monday's Board meeting, it was decided to stop offering any more 3yr Memberships this year, and only offer a limited number (20) in future years. It was also decided to increase the 1st year introductory membership cost to \$750 per year (up from \$700)

These changes will come into effect from 1 Feb (and yes – we do need to take down the signs at the entrance way!)

CLUB NEWS

New Members

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

Luobby Luo Paul Thornhill

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 update / Working Bee next Tuesday

Rohan advises us that Greens will get progressively faster as the holiday period is over and its time to get back to competition golf !!

The pine slash is all set to be 'chipped', we just need to organise a time to get the contractor in (just waiting for there availability).

Rohan and the team are working on a number of leaks in the irrigation system. If you do spot any around the course could you let Barry or Derrick know in the ProShop – they will advise Rohan.

Unfortunately, our coring machine is still caught up in Covid affected supply chains and won't be here for a few more months. We will, instead of coring, be spiking the greens again, probably in early March, and maybe do this again in June/July before coring in Autumn.

Rohan's also asked for some help to pick up all the pinecones and the like from the areas where the pine hedges came down. Paul Snape (the Apprentice) is organising a working bee for next Tuesday, 9am, to get started on this – more hands, light work!!

Carts

We are taking delivery of another 4 'newish' green golf carts tomorrow (ex Kauri Cliffs). We have decided to keep 2 of the white carts for at least another couple of months, so will have 8 carts available throughout the rest of summer/ autumn

Newsletter

Some members have been having problems getting the weekly newsletter. The problem seems to be with Xtra email users – the newsletter email is going straight to their spam folder. If you hear that a member hasn't received the newsletter – advise them to have a look in their spam folder – hopefully they can find it in their and change their settings so it doesn't happen in future.

SUMMER RINGERS

With the greenkeeping staff back on full duties now it was so good to see that the rough has been mowed as it was getting thick and luscious in places with heat after some rain during the festive break. There were a number who took on the challenge of playing the championship course black tees this week and a few made some inroads on their Ringers score...good on you.

Round 7 of the Summer Ringers Competition was competed under ideal warm sunny conditions with a light wind prevailing. With the leaders now beginning to find it hard to make large improvements due to having to name birdies now, the rest of the field is compressing behind them.

The top position is continued to be held by Chris Cottrell who has increased his lead margin to 1.02 with a net score of 50.01, from John Maasch on 51.03 who did not play this week's round. Andrew Wight has moved up five positions to now hold third spot on 52.30 and is only 0.03 clear of Robert Pryce on 52.33.

The next 26 players all have a net score below 60.00 and the field will further compress in the coming weeks as the pressure to score well on certain holes increases with the declining number of remaining rounds to play.

There were an additional 20 birdies recorded by the Ringers field this week, with Spencer Wicks consolidating his control in these stats with an additional three birdies to take his tally now to eleven birdies, from Albert Yee with eight birdies and David Harvey with seven birdies. Next is Isaac Preece with an eagle and four birdies, followed by Brian Docherty, Jonathan Kemp and Vance Heteraka with five birdies.

If you haven't already entered, **it's not too late (there's 5 rounds left)...come and join in on the FUN...just add your name on the entry sheet in the Pro Shop and pay the entry fee of \$10, along with the Match of the Day fee...**if you played and entered the match of the day of the previous weeks then those scorecards will be included...play your game and enjoy the friendly rivalry and banter each week as the competition progresses to its finale.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

Ringers Organiser

INTERCLUB

Over 50's

The Coringa Over 50's Team remains ahead of its nearest rival (Christchurch Golf Club) by a mere 3 strokes at the Canterbury Interclub Competition.

Penultimate round set for Sunday 30 January.

John Rademakers – Player / Manager

Metro A

The post-Christmas games begin on the 13th of February and the Coringa team has a bye!

After that there are 4 further games to be played. Coringa is at present in 2nd place in a very tight competition.

James Willetts - Player / Manager

Presidents

The Coringa team had a narrow, and disappointing, loss to Bottle Lake at Bottle Lake, after it had held the advantage for most of the match. The result was 3½ to 4½.

MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 29th of January, is a Team competition sponsored by 'Coke' and Coca-Cola off the White tee blocks for Men and the Yellow tee blocks for the Women. There will be Mixed and Men's Team divisions and hopefully people will have the chance to play with someone different. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and particularly Paul Snape for securing the sponsorship from Coca-Cola.

The prize pool will be \$525 and instead of our normal prize table the match committee is trialling individual prizes with money being put onto club cards! There will be our usual Hancock's longest putt on a Par 5 and the four Hancock's closest to the pin prizes. Thanks very much to both sponsors.

To enter the Tournament, you must wear a mask on arrival and where required, present your Vaccine Passport to Richard Kingsbury and John Matthews upon request. Vance Heteraka and I will ensure you Scan into the Pro-Shop where you get your card and pay \$10 in the Pro-Shop. Your mask must be on and only four are allowed at any one time. While waiting outside please endeavour to maintain the metre distance. At the completion of your round please hand in your score card to the Pro-Shop with your mask on, but the 'Coke' Team Stableford competition sheet must go upstairs to Chris Cottrell and Garry Puddy. The normal procedures apply upstairs with a need to scan in and only vaccinated individuals are allowed in with your choice on wearing masks.

The Instructions for the match are: 'The Team's lowest handicapper will record the score for each hole by multiplying the highest stableford scored by the sum of all the other team members i.e. For a 3, a 2, a2 and a 1 - 3 X (2+2+1) (5) = 15.' [NOTE: *If there is a THREE the Ghost (missing) player scores TWO stableford points on each hole.*] The submitted team sheet should indicate this figure! Terry, please don't change the rules!

Last Saturday, the 22nd of January's round is a Par competition off the Black and Silver tee blocks! It was a bit disappointing to see only 16 members challenged themselves off the black tees, but I accept your choice and we are trying to give all members the opportunity to play the various tee blocks!

Summary of Results:

Black: Scott Ritchie with a +3 from Paul Snape on +2 on count back.

Silver Division One: Daniel Bushby on +3 count back from Paul Hansen, Derrick Xu and Terry Hampton.

Silver Division Two: Robin Wah with +4 from Steve Satherley, Neal Shaw and Robert Chisholm on count back of +3.

Silver Division Three: The score of the weekend Brayden Smart on +7 from Adam Henderson and Graham McMillan on count back of +3.

It was great to Nick Franzman out again and picking up the Gross prize with a 73. Then something I haven't seen before good old John Rademakers picked up with others both, the Net Eagle hole 15 and the Birdie hole 6. Well done all the winners.

I heard Walter Scott made a bit of a hit within his group, as he arrived on the tee block wearing two different shoes. Fortunately for Walter there was a right and left foot shoe!

On a personal issue I continue on my losing New Year streak, so if anyone wants the first beer brought for them then throw my name down!! Haha.

FOLEY CUP

Match play began last weekend, but it was very disappointing to see three defaults. One member had a health issue, so his withdrawal was understandable. Members will notice that I promote and advertise the dates of the matches prior to your recording your qualification score. Please look at those dates and made sure you can commit through to the final before you write your name down and don't just write your names down. The last could of Cups have left individual disappointed as they were near qualification but missed out.

The Foley Cup progresses over the next weekends; *2nd round 5 February, Semi Final 12th and Final 19th.*
The Quarter Final draw for the 5th of February is;

Andrew Wight v Hugh Little

John Brettell v Daviel Bushby

Terry Hampton v Albert Yee

Kyle Charlwood v Clinton Chase

Good luck those winners and the Draw for your next round will be entered by Barry again as soon as it is available.

Meat/ Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

The raffles are back and we are back to two 50 number raffles. The raffle profits are a means of the match committee making some money to pay for presents and the purchase of golf balls. Please purchase through Murita and help us out. Could I ask raffle purchasers to check the board and if you have a prize, wipe your name off, then ask Murita for your prize, as we don't have a lot of area available within the freezer.

Coringa Open: - 9th April 2022:

The sub-committee met and we have already secured substantial sponsorship from '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' with \$1200 in vouchers, \$1000 worth of vouchers from '**NZ Post**' (arranged by Clinton Chase) and \$500 from '**Coke**'. We are still working through further sponsorship opportunities through '**Asahi**', '**Placemakers Christchurch**', '**New World Bishopdale**' and many other smaller firms! I have also received the sponsorship of goods from **Jimmy Anderson**.

Thanks very much to our confirmed sponsors!

If there are any members who are willing to assist with sponsoring by providing cash to purchase prizes, or goods or services vouchers then please tell one the subcommittee members Jamie Howard, Vance Heteraka, James Willetts and myself or email me at David.harvey@xtra.co.nz !

Pace of Play:

I thought I would repeat the article from the Golf Digest referring to '15 ways to be a better golfer' , as I thought it was worthwhile sharing some of the tips again over the next two weeks in the hope, we can continue to improve the pace at which we play.

- **Tip 1:** Leave the driver head cover in your car.
- **Tip 2:** The next person to the tee needs to be ready.
- **Tip 3:** Limit practice swings.
- **Tip 4:** Get ready to walk off towards your ball after the last person has hit off.
- **Tip 5:** Watch everyone's shots including tee shots.
- **Tip 6:** Make a quick choice as to whether to hit a provisional ball or utilise the local rules dealing with balls hit out of bounds.
- **Tip 7:** While it's someone else's turn to hit figure out your yardage and be ready to play

Upcoming events:

29 January	Opening Day (Team Stableford \$10 entry arrive 9.30 am for 10 shotgun start)
2 February	'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament (Stableford \$15 entry Book fixed tee times through Proshop).
5 February	Quarter Finals of Foley Cup Matchplay
9 April	'Coringa Open'

Closest to the Pin:

Weekly Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants

Membership Welfare:

Grant Morris:

Grant is in hospital having some surgery after getting a leg infection. He hopes to not be in hospital too long and back out playing golf soon. If anyone has some time they could give Grant a call on his cell 022 4034467.

If you know of anyone else who is not so well, then let me know their number and I can ring and offer help!

Comment:

Who would have thought two years ago how our lives' would change with the arrival of the ongoing challenge of these virus's and the procedures to keep us all staff! What it has reminded me, is you need to be able to laugh at yourself! Laughter does not cost much and being in the company of likeminded people will get us through these current challenges. There is nothing better than being on a golf course, in nice weather and with good company! I reminded myself on Wednesday as I was losing again! What a nice day, good weather and great company that made me laugh quite a few times at them and myself! How lucky am I!

I hope everyone playing on Saturday enjoys the 'Coke' sponsored Teams Stableford Competition!

David Harvey - Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Interclub

The first game of interclub was played on Monday at Christchurch Club against Russley. Coringa won. Well done to those that played in not very pleasant conditions.

Ladies Opening Day.

Rynne Rumbel was played today. There were fifteen 9-hole ladies and six 18-holers playing. The weather was a bit windy and cool which resulted in many scores not being that high, but it was good to see everyone again after the summer break. We played Stablefords, secret partner. First was Judith and Anne and second was Jane and Fay. However, everyone got a prize.

Janet got the first weasel for the year on #11

Big thank you to Margret for organising and providing items for the raffle.

Saturday golf

This continues with tee off times around 9am. Please go online and add your name if you want to play, however, no game this week due to Coringa opening day

Sunday golf,

Joy has been able to get an earlier slot so we can avoid some of the heat. This coming Sunday tee off is 9.30am

Twilight-

This week not as many players but still a great field. There were seven ladies. four from Coringa and three others. The top lady was Mandy from another club with 24 Stablefords, 2nd lady by lot Anne Morgan with 18 Stablefords 3rd Courtney Wilson also with 18 Stablefords

\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$10 for Burger and chips afterwards

Coringa Club Opening Day-

This Saturday, the 29th of January. Ladies are able to play as well. See more information in the newsletter re starting times etc.

Don't forget you can follow Coringa on Facebook

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

Ellesmere Wednesday Watering Tournament:

On Wednesday there were nine playing out in Ellesmere

Coringa Results included.

Senior

2 nd	Gary Puddy	39(C/B)
3 rd	Malcolm Wratt	39(C/B)

Yes, people you read it correctly Puds and Malcolm both on 39. So well played guys on those slowish greens!

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' \$15 Watering Tournament:

The intention for 2022 is that our **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Tournament** will have set tee times which can be booked either directly through Dotgolf or the Pro-Shop during the month prior.

The Tournament is on Wednesday 2nd of February with **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** \$50 vouchers, **'Hanock's'** closest to the pin and meat provided by our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'**.

Make some time, book a tee time and come out.

THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF

After heavy overnight rain we teed off in bright sunshine with a gusty south westerly for a Stableford match off the Yellow tees. The greens are in magnificent condition and a tad quicker this week I thought. The scoring was not spectacular and obviously those who do not hit high or far are not troubled too much by the wind.

The winner on the day was Jimmy Anderson with 37 and full ,results were as follows:

Results:

1 st	Jimmy Anderson	37
2 nd	Mark Searle	37
3 rd	Allan Harrison	35
4 th	Hugh Little	35
5 th	Wing Gin	34
6 th	Greg Carr	34

The nearest the pins (thanks to Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants) went to Wing Gin (#7) and Lex Halford (#17). Wing going home with 2 bottles of red is a concern and I will follow up with Jane Gin next week. Looking forward to another fine day next week and until then good golfing.

TWILIGHT 2021-2022

Twilights began again last Tuesday and will continue until the scheduled final night on the 15th of March. They begin every Tuesday evening with a shotgun start shortly after 5:30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Members \$5 and Guests \$10

Good prizes and a Burger meal to follow - \$10



Twilight 25th January.

Another great night at Twilight with calm warm conditions and the best course in Canterbury in the best condition ever with great scoring by the players.

Well done to the greenkeepers.

Visitors from Hutt Park, Waitikiri, Harewood, Russley, Kaiapoi, Avondale, Akaroa

Winners on the night

1 st	Mandy Walsh	24 by lot
2 nd	Terry Hampton	24 by lot
3 rd	John Wilson	22
4 th	Neal Shaw	21
5 th	Lindsay Smith	20 by Lot
6 th	Rum&Coke	20 by Lot
7 th	Wesley Edwards	19
8 th	Daniel Wilson	19
9 th	Jonathan Kemp	19
10 th	Oliver Snape	19
11 th	Anne Morgan	18
12 th	Courtney Wilson	18

Prizes were paid out to 20th

Twilight Champion of Champions

As players complete their 10 rounds, we are seeing movement in the top 10 each week

The present standings are:

Player	10 game ave
Courtney Wilson	18.5
Oliver Snape	18.0
Andrei Cotiga	17.8
Hugo Pow	17.7
Russell McGregor	16.6
Tracey Bruce	16.5
Paul Snape	16.3
Daniel Wilson	16.1
Oliver Shea	16.1
Greg Newell	15.6
Gordon McCoy	15.3
John H Wilson	15.3
Robert Faalilio	15.2
David Cookson	14.2
Neal Shaw	13.4
Michael Harris	13.1

Gordon McCoy
Twilight Convenor

AND NOW

My Favourite Animal by Johnny (aged 8)

Our teacher asked the class "What was their favourite animal?"

And I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favourite animal.

I told my Dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably just having a bad day, and she liked animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork, and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the Principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed. too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favourite LIVE animal was.

I told her it was chicken.

She asked me why? So I told her because you can make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the Principal's office.

He laughed and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired the most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders"

Guess where I am now

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

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John Brettell