



Coringa News



25th August 2022

Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday's golf includes

- The "Match of the Day": A Stroke round off the Blue or Silver tees for men and the Yellow tees for women.
- The final of the match play for the Urlwin Rose Bowls.
- The final day for the Winter Ringers.
- The Shootout.

Last Week's Raffle Winners

John Matthews (52 & 30); Mel Newburn (32); Alan Smith (3); Callum Doherty (16); Keith Yardley (27)

The programme until the end of October 2022 is:

August	27	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl Final Shootout Winter Ringers – Final Day
	30	Tue	Ladies: 4 Clubs + Putter
	31	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$15 entry fee.
September	1	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	3	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	4	Sun	Round Four of Blank Cup Competition at Templeton v. Avondale

	6	Tue	Ladies: Val Sutherland
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - White tees.
	10	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	11	Sun	Round Five of Blank Cup Competition at Coringa v. Harewood
	13	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett
	14	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	15	Thu	Ladies: L G U Men: Par - Yellow tees.
	17	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]
	20	Tue	Ladies: Girls Day Out – Hororata Golf Course (see below)
	21	Wed	WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	22	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stableford - Blue tees Shootout [for non-championship players]
	25	Sun	Round Six & Seven of Blank Cup Competition at Russley v. Christchurch (am) & Pegasus (pm).
	27	Tue	Ladies: Stableford
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies: Nett – Throw out worst two holes. Men: Irish Stableford - Yellow tees
October	1	Sat	Stroke – FINALS DAY [36 / 18 holes for finalists – begin at 8:00am] Non-participants - 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
	4	Tue	Ladies TWILIGHT – Begins for 2022 – 2023 season.
	5	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	6	Thu	Ladies Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	8	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees

			Shootout [Reserve day for club championships]
	9	Sun	Round Eight & Nine of Blank Cup Competition at Avondale v. Hororata (am) & Templeton (pm).
	11	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	12	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	13	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford - White tees.
	15	Sat	4BBB nett – Blue tees Shootout
	18	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Blue Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	20	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	22	Sat	Stroke – Silver tees Shootout
	25	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	27	Thur	Ladies Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	29	Sat	Russian Roulette – Blue / Silver tees Shootout

CORINGA CLUB CHAMPUIONSHIPS

The **Coringa Club Championships** will begin with the first qualifying round on the 3RD of September. The second is the following week 11th of September – the best ONE of the two to count for qualification and seeding purposes.

Eight in each of the five grades to qualify ie three rounds of match play scheduled for the 17th and 24th

of September with the finals on the 1st of October. If any of the scheduled days are rained out the 8th of October is the reserve day.

Five grades: (Handicap index)

Senior 8.6 and below; Intermediate 8.7 to 14.3 Junior “A” 14.4 to 20.2; Junior “B” 20.3 and above; and Masters (age 65+ and no handicap restriction.)

Senior – Black tees; Intermediate & Junior “A” – Blue tees; Junior “B” & Masters – White tees.

NB. All Masters results are decided on Handicap. (Handicaps current, ie. The handicap printed on your card on the day. The lowest handicapped player goes to zero and the other adjusted accordingly.)

If you are unable to play your match on the due date you may play any time before the date of the next due round. Please let Dave Harvey know if you need to do this.

Players in the championship match play rounds CANNOT go in the match of the day, or the shootout on that day.

A notice to trophy holders from last year – please return these to the pro shop asap and it would be appreciated if you could engrave them.

CLUB NEWS

New Members

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

Matt Collins

Junghwan Kim

Shawn Kwon

Francis Sahng

Vernon Taiaroa Amanda Walsh Andy Williamson

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.

Subscriptions

Hopefully everyone who should have received a subscription invoice for 2022/23 has received one now.

Some of you have already paid your subscription for next year – thank you!! For those remaining, you have two options – either pay in full by the end of September, or pay by instalment. Our preference for those paying by instalment is to use Direct Debit payment method.

But.....

it's really important that those members who want to pay their subscriptions next year by Direct Debit;

- a) Fill out a DD form (available at the Pro Shop) **and return it!!** Barry tells me that he has handed out a lot more forms than he has received back. We really need these forms to be back with the Club **by the end of this month (next Tuesday)**.
- b) If you have filled in the DD form and returned it – great!! But one more step - if you were paying by AP this year, please remember to stop your AP when the last payment is made this month.

If you have any query about your subscription account or no longer want to be a Coringa member, please let us know as soon as possible at office@coringagolfclub.co.nz

Course committee

Over the last couple of months, the Board have been considering the roles of the various committees and volunteer groups working at the Club.

The Board believe it's important that they work closely with Rohan, particularly on the major financial issues that arise out of his area, such as mower replacement and investment in course development.

At the same time, we have had the Tuesday group of volunteers take a much more active role at the Club and really make a significant difference around the course.

After some discussion, it's been decided that we will disband the Course Committee. Rohan will report directly to Board and attend part of the monthly meetings. The Tuesday group will continue providing support to Rohan and working on the course improvement projects that they have on their (growing) list.

On behalf of the Club, the Board want to **formally recognise and thank the Course Committee for their years of hard work**. This change is in no way a reflection on them, but an opportunity for the Board to ensure that the Course remains our number 1 priority and that the Greens Keeping team get the full support that need.

The Board recognises too that members want an opportunity to raise issues or ideas about the course. Therefore, a separate email address course@coringagolfclub.co.nz, has been set up for members to provide feedback. This will be monitored, and the ideas / feedback used in the monthly meetings with Rohan.

Course news

The Tuesday group were busy again this week, trimming the trees on the right hand side of the 3rd fairway up to about 10 feet. Hopefully this will make it easier to find any errant balls hit in here and also enable people to play out towards the green easier.

Rohan and the team had another busy week – the greens were spiked on Monday, but should be rolling OK by the weekend. The team have been spraying weed suppressant around the base of the trees on the course. Some core sand has been ordered and when it arrives, Rohan will put the new sand spreader to good use and give the greens a light dusting of sand. He still is planning to do a full coring in mid October after the Club Champs finish.

We have been in contact with the wood chipping contractor. He has been out several times to check things out and is ready to go but just wants to ensure the course is dry enough so that his heavy machinery doesn't get stuck or cause too much damage around the course.

Great Neighbours:

With all the recent rain we have had some issues around the Greenkeepers Workshop with flooded areas on the driveway and although the Tuesday group have sorted the drainage out, this area continued to pool with all the rain we have experienced.

We had an offer from Jared Johnston and Jason Fischer from Fulton Hogan's McLeans Island Quarry to have a look for us and advise what the best course of action would be.

Jared and Jason came out and advised to fill the



area with Asphalt Millings and then when it was dry and compacted, overlay with some aggregate.

Jason then volunteered to come out and spread it for us, which he did last Wednesday. It will need the aggregate over the top when the area has dried and compacted, but it looks much better and can now be driven on.

A big thanks to Jason and Jared Johnston from Fulton Hogan, isn't it good to have great neighbours.

Café News

The promotion for the bacon and egg pies is over and they will revert to their gourmet price of \$6.60 – which is great value for the size of the pies.

Murita will be attending a funeral service on Saturday morning and Wing Gin has kindly offered to step in for her while she is absent.

RINGERS – 2022

The twelfth round of 2022 Winter Ringers competition was played under cloudy cool conditions after some overnight rain which dampened the course, it did however affect the run on the fairways, but not the speed of the greens.

This week saw all the Ringers participants play off the Silver tees except for Mel Newburn. It once again proved a difficult day to score well with some tricky pin placements.

After Round 12, with the field having broken up into three separate groups with the lower handicapped group containing 9 players and the other 2 groups with 18 players each. Please note that these groups are dynamic, in that if your calculated weekly average handicap index for the competition is on the borderline of the designated group classification, this could mean that there are possible switches in groups for those players.

In Group A - Mal Ashton (10.6) extended his lead and is now on 54.378, with Mel Newburn (5.7) holding onto second spot on 56.291, with Isaac Preece (8.6) improving three places into third on 56.444. Paul Snape (11.0) drops into fourth position on 57.013 after taking the weekend off, with John Gaw (6.8) next in fifth position on 57.211.

In Group B - David Cross (17.0) has maintained his lead with a narrowing margin of 0.050 on 52.050, from Phil Olsen (17.9) moving up a spot on 52.100, with Lex Halford (12.8) improving one spot to be in third place on 52.175. Alan Wicks (20.4) moved up one place to now hold fourth position on 52.627 with Andrew Wight (19.3) dropping three places to fifth position on 52.727. As you can see from these scores this is the most closely contested group.

In Group C - After weeks of seeing Alan Smith forge his way to the lead, he relinquishes it this week to see Jonathan Kemp (21.7) improve two places to lead on 47.280, from Keith Yardley (25.1) who holds second spot on 47.942, with Alan Smith (31.6) dropping into third on 49.378. Peter Marsh (38.3) has moved up the order, to now hold fourth position on 48.718 with Gordon McCoy (23.0) holding onto fifth position on 48.982.

The hardest hole continues to be Hole # 15 with only two birdies, followed by # 13 with three birdies, followed closely behind by Hole # 8 with four birdies. Holes # 2 and # 10 are next hardest with five birdies recorded on each. The easiest birdie hole for the Ringers field remains Hole # 12 with an eagle and 19 birdies, followed by Holes # 1 and # 14 with 15 birdies each.

As the field compresses and the margins begin to narrow, there are now 42 players who have managed to secure a better than net score of 60. There were an additional eagle and 9 birdies recorded by the Ringers field this week, taking the field tally to 153, Mel Newburn (5.7) now heads the birdies or better statistics with 11 birdies. Spencer Wicks (5.2) and John Gaw (6.8) has nine birdies each, with Isaac Preece ((8.6) on eight birdies. Mal Ashton (10.6) has an eagle and six birdies. This week saw our second eagle scored by Mal Ashton (10.6) on Hole # 12. Nice one Mal!!!

Please remember to hand in your signed scorecards after the completion of your round into the Pro Shop so that they can be processed as part of the MOTD competition field results. This will enable your round score to be picked up from Dot golf to be processed as part of your Ringers compilation.

The long-range weather for Round 13, is forecasting for a cloudy day, with light winds, with a high of 11 forecasted after an overnight low of 3. The final round of the Ringers competition will be played with several participants still with the opportunity to improve their positions up the congested leader board . . . it's finally time to bring your A-game forward and hone up on those pin-seeking skills and begin putting like your life depended on it.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

INTERCLUB

Blank Cup Team Report

The team had a difficult challenge last Sunday playing Waimairi Beach on their home course. While the final score line was decisive the match saw three players (Mike James, Spencer Wicks & Jason McCauley) lose 1 down and Lin Wang halved his match, the sole winner on the day was John Rademakers with a 3/2 result in his favour.

The fourth-round match is at Templeton on the 4th of September against Avondale.

Scotty Calvert - Manager

President's

The first match of this years competition kicks off on 28th of August. Coringa have a tough assignment first up, playing Russley at Russley. Fingers crossed for a good start!!

Convenor: David Cross

MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 27th of August, is a Stroke round off the Blue or Silver tees for men and the Yellow tees for women. This is the last round before the "Championship" season which begins the following Saturday. The qualifying is on the 3rd and the 10th, (one round to count), and the match play is scheduled for the 17th, 24th and finals on the 1st of October. We are keeping the 8th as a reserve day – knowing what the weather has been like it may be needed! The full explanation is above.

Urlwin Rosebowl

The semi-final round of the Urlwin Rosebowl match play was last Saturday with one very close contest, the other not so!

Results were:

Kieran Foote & Tom Grimshaw def. Keith Yardley & David Potter at the 19th

Kyle Charlwood & James Willetts def. Scott Calvert & John Gaw (6/4)

The final will be between Kieran & Tom and Kyle & James at 10:06 am on Saturday.

Good luck to you all. It should be a great match!

Last Saturday, the 20th of August, was an American Stableford off the Silver tees for men and the Yellow tees for women. A field of 91 competed in three divisions with the scores of the day going to Callum Doherty and Peter Marsh both with 60 points from Jonathon Kemp on 59 - in Division Three. In Division One Mitchell Thomson with 57 points won from Murray Angus (56), James Howard, Allan McLelland, Mel Newburn (all on 55), In Division Two Peter McKay on 58 points won from Kyle Charlwood (57), Barry Stringer and Alan Wicks (both on 56).

The Jackpot was again not struck and the total pool has climbed to \$666! Callum Doherty won the Nett Eagle hole (#15 - \$36), and the Birdie hole (#3) was shared between Isaac Preece and Luke Ockwell (\$100 ea). A superb 3 under round of 70 secured James Howard the Gross prize of \$31.

The full results are available on the website.

Metro A and B

James Willetts and Jonathon Kemp have agreed to manage the Metro A and B sides. Thanks James and Jonathon!

Dave has paid Canterbury Golf for the registration of both sides.

I have put a form out in the Pro-Shop for people interested to put their names down. If you don't see a form there tell Barry and he will pass the message on.

Canterbury Over 60 Sunday Competition

Brian Docherty had offered to manage the Over 60's team but we only had four names. After discussions with Brian, we will not be entering a side this year!

Match Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting will be available on Dave's return from holiday.

Upcoming events

27 th August	Urlwin Rosebowl Final
3 rd Sept	First qualifying round of Club Championships
17 th Sept	First round of match play for Club Championships

Closest to the Pin

Weekly	Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants
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Comment

What a different weekend with all the favourites losing - apart from the Black Ferns trouncing Australia. The Warriors, Canterbury, Auckland, Wellington, Tasman & Southland all fell by the wayside and our Blank team found the challenge of beating Waimairi Beach on their home track just a little beyond them.

A suntanned club captain is home from his adventures overseas so he will be responsible for HIS report next week!!



Spring is on the way! Get out there and enjoy or great golf course!

John Brettell

For Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Tournaments

The tournament season has begun with a rush and a roar. If you are wanting to enter any of these, can you please do this yourself until further notice. Don't forget to give them your Index handicap and club #.

- **Pegasus** Monday 5 September 2022: 9 Hole Affiliated members only, 9.00am registration for 9.30am start. Entry Fee \$20, payable on the day. Stableford competition with grades according to entries. Entries close Wednesday 31 August Draw on Canterbury Golf Website. - Friday 2nd September. Entries to be to be info@canterburygolf.co.nz
- **Greendale** - Women and men's nine-hole tournament: Monday 12th September. Morning tea 10 am tee off 10.30am. Entry fee \$20 entries to be sent to emgreen640@pmail.com
- **Waimakariri** Monday 19th September 2022: Entry fee \$20, 9 Hole, mixed event. Individual Stableford. Morning Teas @10am Tee off @ 10.30am. entries to women@waimak.nz
- **Amberley** Tuesday 26th September. Entry fee \$20. 9 Hole Stableford, Men and Women. 9-Hole members only. 9.15 Morning Tea, 10am Multi tee start. Entries to amberleygolf@gmail.com
- **Coringa** 9-Hole Tournament. 17th October. Flyer up in the club rooms for those wanting to play

Thursday – Club Day

Today we played LGU.

1st was Chris with 33 nett, 2nd was Myra with 38 nett and 3rd on a countback Leigh with 39. Good to have a bigger group today. Also, Gillian Bryant came and joined us for lunch, and hit off a few practise balls.

Next week Betty McBirdie

Saturday

While the clouds made for a chilly start the sun did come out half way around which made for a lovely finish to the game. 1st equal was Myra and Chris with Tracey coming in 2nd
A booking has been made for 12.42am for next Saturday

Sunday

Results: The ladies played today in lovely sunny conditions. Jane won on a count back from Joy with 16 Stablefords
A booking has been made for 10.30am again for next Sunday.

Tuesday

Today we played best nett. And putting. Winner for putting was Myra with 15 putts and Best Nett, Joy with 39.

Next Tuesday- 4 clubs and a putter

Don't forget that on Tuesdays and Thursdays you need to have your card in by 9.15am, so that the draw can be put together.

General Notices

- Club Champs: Please check for a Club Championship Notice on the Ladies 9 Hole Board. Would like as many names as possible to enter for this championship. When the draw is made out, games will begin in September and finish in October.
- Girls Day Out: 20th September. Hororata golf course. 18-hole ladies 9am start \$30. 9-hole members 10am start, \$20. Carts have been arranged. Lunch has also been arranged at Hororata Village bar and Café at 1.30pm.
Notice is up in the lady's locker room to put names down of those who are coming as we need to confirm numbers with Hororata 3 days before.
- Coringa Tournament: Wwe are looking for raffle items. Please leave with one of the committee or in the lady's office downstairs.
- Ladies AGM 22nd Nov. please put this in your diary.

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

For the second time in three months, we have 5 Wednesdays in the month. This means an extra Wednesday 'Lone Star Group' Tournament next Wednesday. Again we have our great meat prizes from New World Bishopdale and closest the pin prizes from Hancodk's.

Tee off times as usual between 10:30am and 11:30am – make up your own fours or just turn up and we will find a group for you to play with.

The weather is improving and the course is in great condition, so put the date in your calendar.

THURSDAY GOLF

A pretty average forecast did not deter too many and we had 23 starters for a Stableford match off the Yellow tees. The greens had been lightly spiked and did not detract from some good scoring with the full results as follows:

1 st	Peter Marsh	42
2 nd	Doug Ames	38
3 rd	Russell McGowan	37
4 th	Paul Carpinter	37
5 th	Wing Gin	36
6 th	Peter Monopoli	36

Some very familiar names at the top of the leader board and one wonders at the calculations of the handicap system on occasions!!!!

We will revert to our 9:30am starting time effective 15/9/22.
Looking for a fine day next week and until then good golfing.
Chris Cottrell
For Thursday Men

CORINGA GOLF CLUB PERSONALITIES

This week's Member personality is Gavin Paterson. The Members would like to thank Gavin and his family for the huge commitment he has made to our club and Canterbury Golf. – Phil Olsen

Marjorie and myself joined Coringa in 1980, I played a lot of rugby, tennis and indoor basketball in my earlier years and thought golf would be easy, but I was hopeless at it. My wife still plays when the weather is right and caddied for our son Brent for many years. Having been in the tyre business for 34 years I retired and finished up helping the club green keepers until I retired at 65 years having completed 12.5 years. I then decided to work voluntarily for 2 days a week which I have done for 20 years and now at the age of 86years I have decided to call it quits, although I go out every Friday and pick up the bottles and cardboard etc and help the green keeper where I can. During my time at Coringa GC I was I was Course Convenor, Manager and Selector of Woodward Cup teams and Manager and Selector of some Canterbury and Master teams. I was Selector of the winning Coringa team in the DB Challenge in 1988 and Manager and Selector of our winning Woodward Cup team in 1989.



Our 2 boys Chris and Brent, decided to take up golf after both had represented Canterbury in both rugby and tennis in their early days. Keith Smith who looked after the junior teams at Coringa enticed them to the club. This was in 1975, Brent then went on to represent NZ in age group teams before being selected for Canterbury teams. Now coming up 62 years Brent has represented NZ in Junior, Senior and Master Teams. Chris was also a promising golfer and lost his life tragically in a road accident in 1983. My wife and I built the walk bridge by the mens' 6th tee in memory of him, and it was opened by his lovely wife of 8 months Julie (Fifield). It was great to see the bridge have a spruce up this year and renew the name plaque.

I was honoured to be made a Life Member of the Coringa GC in 2008 and also have the Patrons title bestowed on me. I have also been a Member of the Eagles Golfing Society for many years.

I have a lot of happy memories while working on the course watching the course take shape and grow. It is great to see the Membership grow again as the club has experienced some tough years. We have always had a good group of volunteers and it is great to see the work they have been doing around the course especially the pathways, toilets and the renovation to the 6th tee bridge.

I make a special mention to Rohan and the green staff, keeping our course in such good condition. Rohan started as an apprentice under Ian Carruthers and took over when Ian left. Rohan has been our Head Green Keeper for a number of years and along with the other Green Staff and

volunteers we thank them for the work they have done over the years. It is great to see the club in a position to purchase new machinery which will assist them in this role.

I have one golf story to share with Members. While working on the bunker by the 4th green, a mother duck came through the fence and started quacking like mad. She kept this up so I walked up to her and said, "what's the matter with you". She then started walking and still quacking so I followed her. She went back through the wire fence and walked up to a large grate covering a large hole. I could see what she was making a fuss about, her chicks had fallen through the grate. I moved the grate and got the first chick out and past it over to her, where she belted it across the head with her beak as if to say, "don't do that again". I finally got the other 5 chicks out, mother duck was happy again and wandered off with her chicks. I thought I might get a quack to say, "thank you Gavin" but nothing!

To all our Members' good golfing and enjoy the spirit of this great game.
Gavin Paterson

AND NOW

A Matter of Perspective.

A Russian Jew named Jacob was finally allowed to emigrate to Israel.

At the Moscow airport, a customs inspector found a statue of Lenin in his luggage. "What is this?" Jacob replied, "Wrong question, comrade. You should have asked 'Who is this?' This is Comrade Lenin. He laid the foundations of Socialism and created the future prosperity of the Russian people. I am taking it with me as a memory of our dear hero."

The Russian customs official sent him on his way.

At Tel Aviv airport, the Israeli customs official also asked "What is this?"

"Wrong question, sir. You should be asking 'Who is this?' This, my friend, is Lenin , the maniac leader who caused me, a Jew, to leave Russia. I take this statue as a reminder to curse him every day."

The Israeli official sent him on his way.

When he settled in his new home, Jacob placed the statue on a table. The following evening, he invited friends and relatives to dinner.

Spotting the statue, one of his cousins asked, "Who is this?"

Jacob replied, "Wrong question. You should have asked 'What is this?' This is five kilograms of solid gold that I managed to bring with me without having to pay any customs duty or tax."

From time to time I receive comments that this newsletter does not 'get through' . If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Newsletter, please let me know and I can send one out.

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

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