



# Coringa News



21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Kia Ora,

## Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

- A Stroke round off the dual Blue / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women,
- Shootout.
- Vets Cup 4<sup>th</sup> round.

## Raffle winners

Richard Kingsbury 7, Bev Gordon 19, Richard Kingsbury 43, Vance Hetaraka 55, David Harvey 10.  
Lindsay Thorne 52

The program until the end of April – 2024

<b>March</b>	23	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees Vets Cup – 4 <sup>th</sup> Round Shootout
	25	Mon	Ladies Interclub - Kaiapoi
	26	Tue	Ladies Stableford <b>Twilight - Final Night</b>
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy - LD Men; Irish Stableford – Yellow tees.

	29	Fri	<b>GOOD FRIDAY – Course Open</b>
	30	Sat	Par – Black / White tees Shootout
	31	Sun	<b>EASTER – Course Open</b>
	1	Mon	<b>EASTER – Course Open</b>
<b>April</b>	2	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	3	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> - Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start; (\$20 entry fee)
	4	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men;
	6	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees Shootout
	7	Sun	Interclub President's - Final Round at Christchurch GC vs Hagley Metro A – Semi Finals – venue to be confirmed Metro B – Semi Final at Coringa (course booked 10am to 11.30) <b>Daylight Saving Ends</b>
	8	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - Everglades
	9	Tue	Ladies; Stableford, Foursomes, Rosebowl.
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Ladies; LGU
	13	Sat	<b>CORINGA OPEN</b> \$30 Entry (Members) \$50 Entry (non-members) Blue Tees
	15	Mon	Ladies; Interclub – Tai Tapu
	16	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy, LD
	17	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver tees - 11am start; \$10 Members, \$15 Visitors.
	18	Thu	Stableford Trophy
	20	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees
	21	Sun	Interclub – Metro Finals, neutral venue to be confirmed.
	23	Tue	Ladies; Stableford Foursomes (Rosebowl)
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	25	Thu	<b>ANZAC Day - Course Open</b> Ladies; Stableford Foursomes (Rosebowl)
	27	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver Tees Vets Cup – 5 <sup>th</sup> and Final Round Shootout
	30	Tue	Ladies; Nett Putting

## CLUB NEWS

### **COURSE**

Green speed is 10.2 feet. The greens have been sprayed for weeds and hopefully the weed dies off over the next week or so.

The team have been busy doing the normal cut of the course and even a bit of rough. The irrigation leak at the 17th has now been tidy and is now finish. The OB pegs around the boundary of the course have had a face lift and fresh paint job.

The Fairway mower trial has now been completed and will be discussed with the Board next Monday.

Next week we start getting the greens ready for the Open. On Monday morning the greens will have a verticut follow by a sand top dress on Tuesday. Not long to go now!!

### **TUESDAY CREW**

Not sure what happened this week (but I'm sure it was useful) but one project that is underway is building some new, unique to Coringa only, tee markers (obviously something very robust!!)

For these, we need a few hundred old golf balls (the tee markers will each sit on three golf balls which are screwed into the marker – this will keep the markers up off the grass and ensure the grass doesn't die when the markers are out on the course).

So if you've got some old golf balls sitting around the garage that aren't doing anything, bring them into the Pro Shop so we can use them for the new tee markers – this would be great!!!

### **CAFÉ / BAR**

Elliot has enjoyed his first couple of weeks at the Club. This Saturday he's flying solo in the Bar – I'm sure he will be fine but if you see he needs a hand, please just help Elliot out and jump behind the bar and give him a hand.

Thanks – Paul

### **VETS CUP**

This week is the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the competition,

You may play either the Blue or White tee blocks, it is your choice so long as you enter match of the day.

Although scoring is quite close, a good score, combined with a bad score dropping off, can see dramatic changes in the leaderboard,

Good luck this week, don't forget the full leaderboard can be viewed on the club website, this will be updated after this weekend's round.

[click here - to view Vets Cup leaderboard](#)

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Metro A**

Coringa was holding 2<sup>nd</sup> place going into the final round of the regular season, with a good result today we could finish in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The top 3 spots were secured of a semi-final berth, so it came down to a battle for the last spot with Russley just one point ahead of Waimairi Beach,

In a very surprising result, all the top 5 teams finished with a draw, meaning the table remained unchanged.

The Semi-finals will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April, with a neutral venue still to be confirmed,

Competition leaders Avondale will meet Russley.

Coringa will meet Clearwater.

### **Metro B**

The B's had our last round on Sunday at Russley against McLeans Island, we did have a chance of the semis but it was slim, we lost 5.5 to 2.5 but 4 matches went to the last hole which is very cool, Paul Monson won 7 and 5 and his man didn't win 1 hole, wow, Trevor Lee, Grant Morris and Ram Thapa all had halves which showed great fight.

I would like to thank everyone who played throughout the season and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, I think that interclub is very important to be a part of because it improves peoples golf, let's members meet other members, builds club spirit and introduces our course to people from other clubs, just like the warriors next year is our year and I'm looking forward to it already, good luck to the A's in the semis,

James Willetts

## **CORINGA OPEN – Full Field**

**As of last Saturday, the field for the open has been filled, and entries are now closed.**

Harv will work on the draw and this will be posted once finalized.

## **LADIES GOLF NEWS**

### **Games played at Coringa:**

#### **Thursday:**

**18 Holers:** Today's competition was Putting. 1<sup>st</sup> was Sophia with 32 Putts and 2<sup>nd</sup> on countback was Mary K with 33 Putts with Jane G 3<sup>rd</sup> also with 33 Putts.

**(Mixed 9-Holers)** Today we played LGU. 1<sup>st</sup> on countback was Jay with Nett 36 2<sup>nd</sup> was Melissa also with Nett 36 3<sup>rd</sup> Janice McPhail with Nett 37

Next week we will be playing Stablefords with points going towards Stableford Trophy. Duty person is Anne Morgan

**Saturday.** No game was played.

Next week. A slot has been booked at 9am. Please check on Dot golf if you are wanting to play with them and put your name down.

There are still 18 Holes ladies teeing off around 7.30am Please check on Dot golf if you are wanting to play with them.

**Sunday.** 1<sup>st</sup> was Anne Morgan with 21 Stablefords. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Ellen, on count back, with 19 Stablefords and 3<sup>rd</sup>, also with 19 Stablefords was Fay. A slot has been booked for 10.04am this coming week.

**Tuesday.**

**18 Holers:** No Competition played.

**(Mixed 9-Holers):** Today we Stableford. 1<sup>st</sup> was Chris with 25 Stableford's. then there were 3 players all with 19 Stablefords, so on countback, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Jay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Myra and 4<sup>th</sup> Janice Healey.

Next week we play Stableford. Duty person is Chris Hendry

**Interclub:** This week we played Russley1 at Rangiora. Unfortunately, we only just lost 63/65

## **General News**

The Rose Bowl draw is now up on the notice Board. Please check to see who you are playing.

## **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](mailto: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.

Due to the large number of Tournaments coming in, I will only print in the newsletter the place and date. If you want any more information, 18-holers please email me at [jimmykatie57@gmail.com](mailto:jimmykatie57@gmail.com) and I will send you all the details. 9-holers, please contact Leigh.

**Rangiora 9-hole Men. and Women registered 9-hole players. Stableford. Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Entry fee \$25

**McLeans Island Women's Tournament, 2 Ball best ball, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.** \$50 per pair entry. Max handicap 40.

**Rangiora Women's Open. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.** Entry fee \$35. Handicaps up to 40.4

**Kaiapoi Golf Club Gardeners' Delight Ladies team Stableford. FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024.**

HANDICAPS 0 – 40.4. ENTRY FEE \$100 PER TEAM

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

## **MENS REPORT**

**This Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** will be a Stoke competition off the dual Blue / White tees for men, yellow tees for women,

This will also be the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Vets Cup.

**Last Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** was a Stableford competition off the Blue / White tees, Another fantastic turnout in the match of the day, with 101 entries,

This is also the first time I can remember where the number of Blue tees entries has surpassed the White tees, with a 52 / 49 split, That's a brilliant result, 🙌🙌🙌

Obviously, with the signs of autumn already showing, people are making the most of the fantastic summer course conditions before winter arrives.

We had some visitors from Christchurch GC, Peter Hollister, David Barley, and Robin Donaldson, playing alongside Ian Donaldson, I was lucky enough to catch up with these gents after their round and as well as being a great bunch of guys, they were all very complimentary of our course,

### Group Booking this Saturday

You will notice we have a group booking amongst our Saturday field this week, This is a one-off situation in which a member was given permission to do so, and this was booked well in advance, Permission is granted with all due consideration to our regular Saturday golfers, Unfortunately, it does mean there are limited vacant tee slots remaining, so if anyone is unduly affected by this, please let me know,  
Vance

### 16<sup>th</sup> March - Saturday Results

#### Blue Tees - Div 1

John Rademakers	38 c/b
Kerion Murtha	38
Ram Thapa	37
Isaac Preece	36
Vance Hetaraka	36

#### Blue Tees – Div 2

Wing Gin	37 c/b
Chris Choie	37
David Cross	36
Kevin King	36
Harry Lim	36

#### White Tees – Div 1

Richard Maguire	39 c/b
Murray Angus	39
John Deacon	36
Duncan Shaw-Brown	35
Hugh Little	35

#### White Tees – Div 2

Robin Wah	39 c/b
Doug Ames	35
Lindsay Thorne	35
Nick Frampton	35
Mandy Walsh	33

#### Best Gross

John Rademakers (72)

#### Nett Eagle Hole (2)

Not Struck

#### Birdie Hole (17)

Duncan Shaw-Brown

#### Nearest to pins

Johnny McKay (5), Doug Ames (7), Vance Hetaraka (13) Frank Young (17)

#### 2's Jackpot

Walker Lin 7, 13 and Rohan Ware 7, 13

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Walker Lin 7,13 Rohan Ware 7,13 Rob Gillespie 7, David Harvey 7, Issac Preece 13, Ram Thapa 13, Seok Yong Park 13, John Maasch 7, Duncan Shaw-Brown 17, Douglas Ames 7

Congratulations to Doug Ames,

Out of all the nearest to pin winners, Doug was the only person who made his two, the other 3 winners must be rubbish putters.

Great round also by Dutchy shooting 72 off the Blue Tees to win the best gross prize.

Vance

## WEDNESDAY GOLF

### **'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (Members \$10 / Visitors \$15) Tournament:**

We had our mid monthly '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' tournament on Wednesday the **20th March** with 34 participants playing for our usual meat prizes from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

The course once again continues to look fabulous with the fairways allowing the ball to run out and greens rolling very well. It's great to see the triangle between 10, 12 and 16 starting to get some grass cover starting. Thanks Rohan, Steve and Doug your doing a great job!

The tournaments highlight was Lex Halford scoring 41 stablefords with only two others playing to their handicap. Prizes were paid down to 31 stablefords in Division Two. Perhaps it demonstrates how challenging the course is becoming with those speedy greens.

Coringa Members within the two division;

#### Division One:

1st	Lex Halford	41
2rd	Min Hee Son	36
3rd	Joanne Jounng	35
4th	Richard Kingsbury	33(C/B)
5th	David Harvey	33(C/B)
6th	Frank Young	33

#### Division Two:

1st	Kevin Walker	38
2rd	Nick Frampton	35
3rd	Garry Puddy	33
4th	Michael J Smith	32(C/B)
5th	John Matthews	32
6th	Louise Cheong	31

We had our April Monthly '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' (\$20 Entry) Watering Tournament on Wednesday **3rd April** playing for our usual \$50 'Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage' Group vouchers and usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

Remember this tournament starts at 10.30 am and only groups authorised by me can start before that time. Sorry.

Come out and have a game. We'll organise you into a four.

Harv

## THURSDAY GOLF

We had a good turnout today with 22 starters. We played a stableford round off the yellow tees.

Conditions were again perfect, temperature in the 20's no wind for the first nine and the course playing well.

In first place today was Greg Carr who played very well for his 40 points, in second place was the popular Doug Densem who also played splendid golf for 39 points, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Robert Pryce on 36 points, in 4<sup>th</sup> place was John Matthews on 36 points and this was on countback from Duncan Shaw-Brown and Lex Halford.

The most honest golfer award went to Keith Yardley who played some steady golf for his 24 points and he won a golf ball. There were quite a few who thought they may have won this title today but they just missed out.

There was only one 2 today and this was scored by Seamus O'Cromtha on hole 13.

The hard luck story today goes to Wing Gin and Seamus O'Cromtha. Due to the numbers Wing and Seamus played as a pair. They teed off no 1 tee and they both hit good drives down the middle. In fact their drives were that good when they reached their balls they were only a metre apart. When they checked their balls they noticed both balls had the same red circle around the ball and also the same number on the ball. Wing said to Seamus "how come you are playing with a ball that has my marking on it," Seamus replied "I found this ball last week in the rough". Now you would ask, how did they know what ball was their one, without incurring a 2 shot penalty. Well, we all know Wing is a very wise man, and he was able to tell Seamus "lucky my ball has an emblem on it and your one doesn't". Great recovery Wing.

### Results

1	Greg Carr	40 points
2	Doug Densem	39 points
3	Robert Pryce	36 points
4	John Matthews	36 points

## TWILIGHT

A beautiful warm and calm evening greeted the 50 players tonight, with the course once again playing in great condition,

Top 5 results tonight,

Kade Larsen	21pts
Sam Sidey	20 (by lot)
Jason Blair	20
Adam Fincher	20
Tracey Bruce	20



Congratulations to Barry Hall from Waimak Gorge GC, who scored a 2 on hole 15

Next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March will be our final twilight evening, where we will crown our Champion twilight golfer for 2023 / 2024 season

Bev Gordon is leading the champion of champions, but with just one round to go, nothing is certain. Check out the leaderboard on the Coringa Facebook page, See you all on Tuesday!

#### **AND NOW....**

- **The Wise Farmer**

A big-city lawyer went duck hunting in a rural area, He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of the fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked what he was doing,

The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell into this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The Old Farmer replied, "This is my property, and you're not coming over here,"

The indignant lawyer said, "I'm one of the best trial attorneys in the city, and if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own,"

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in the countryside. We settle small disagreements with the '3-kick rule'"

The lawyer asked, "What is the '3-kick rule'?"

The farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, first I kick you 3 times, and then you kick me 3 times, and so on back and forth until someone gives up"

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom,

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel-toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old coot. Now it's my turn"

The old farmer smiled and said, "Nah, I give up. You can have the duck"

### **MEMBERS CORNER**

#### **Pace of Play**

Pace has been very good in the last few weeks, rounds have taken just a little bit over the 4-hour mark, but with a full field of over 100 in the match of the day, this is a very good result.

What is more important is I haven't seen any large gaps in the field, which means people are making the effort to keep up with the group ahead,

This will be even more important this weekend with the busiest field we have had on a Saturday.

It is also a stroke round, so if your mate racks up a big number on a hole, help him out by playing some ready golf so you can catch up on any lost ground.

Please remember also we have the Alpha group following straight after us, so keep up the good work and maintain your pace of play.

## Pitch Marks

Just a reminder to please repair your pitch marks on the greens, Rohan and the team are doing a fantastic job of getting them tournament ready, so please do your part.



## Hole in One / Albatross – on par 4.

Some people, once they get their name in the news, the fame goes to their head, and they want to stay in the limelight every week, What is he going to do next week?

Andy Williamson – playing in the Fairly 500, a 72-hole golf tournament on the weekend, made a hole in one on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole. Which is a short par 4.

Amazing stuff Andy – Congratulations!!

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

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