



Coringa News



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Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday's golf includes:

- A Russian Roulette competition off the Blue tees for men and the Yellow tees for women.
Russian Roulette - In a Russian Roulette competition, a team of 2 players have their Stableford scores multiplied together for each hole.
For example, Bob and John score a 2 and a 2 on the first; this will make their combined score a 4. However, if Bob had a 0, this will make their combined score 0 even if John played well.
- The Shootout. We now have over half of the players who completed 10 qualifying scores with several more getting close.

Last week's raffle winners

John Brettell (2); David Harvey (9); Charlie Longley (11); Russell McGregor (27); Keith Yardley (50); Jim Jenkins (53).

The programme until the end of June 2022 is:

May	14	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue tees Shootout.
	15	Sun	Hackers tournament – course closed until 1pm
	17	Tue	Ladies: Stableford / NTP
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	19	Thu	Ladies: Visitors Day 9-hole Men: Par - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Stoke – White tees Qualifying Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) Shootout Match Committee meeting at 9:30am
	24	Tue	Ladies: Putting

	25	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies: LGU Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	28	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White tees 1 st round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout
	31	Tue	Ladies: Stableford
June	1	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.).
	2	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	4	Sat	Queen's Birthday Weekend Stroke – Black/ White tees Winter ringers – 1 st round.
	7	Tue	Ladies: Val Sutherland
	8	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	9	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - White tees
	11	Sat	4BBB Stableford – White tees Random Drawn fours after 10.30 am. Semi-finals Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout Winter ringers.
	14	Tue	Ladies: Putting
	15	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	16	Thu	Ladies: LGU / LD Men: Par - Yellow tees
	18	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees [1 st Interclub Trial] Shootout Finals Howarth Salvors – (Silver tees on handicap). Winter ringers.
	21	Tue	Ladies: Best nett Trophy
	22	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	23	Thu	Ladies : Stableford Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	25	Sat	Irish Stableford – Black / Silver tees. [2 nd interclub Trial] Shootout Winter ringers.
	28	Tues	Ladies: Stableford
	29	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	30	Thu	Ladies: Fun Game Men: American Stableford – Yellow tees

INTERCLUB

Blank Cup Trial Programme

John Rademakers has again offered to manage this year's trial for the Blank Cup side.

There are several new low handicap golfers playing, so please contact John Rademakers, or the pro shop (see below). We would love to see you involved.

The trial process, depending on weather and course conditions, will be the best five of six scheduled rounds between 18th June and 23rd July.

Trial Format - Six dates are available to put in a minimum of five scores. Anyone who chooses to play all 6 rounds - their scores will be averaged over 6 rounds.

Sat 18th June	Blue Tees
Sat 25th June	Black Tees
Sat 2nd July	Blue Tees
Sat 9th July	Black Tees
Sat 16th July	Blue Tees
Sat 23rd July	Blue Tees
Sun 24th July	Team announced

Sun 31st July - Practice round at Christchurch GC (might be against Christchurch GC Blank Team) TBC

1st Blank Interclub match scheduled for Sunday 7th August 2022 at Christchurch GC.

Trial Format:

1. Automatic selection awarded to the first 6 past the post.
2. Selector reserves the right to exercise 2 'Selector's choices' for the remaining 2 spots
3. Anyone who withdraws prior to completing a full trial round due to poor play will receive a score of 99!
4. Trialists are expected to team up so they may score each other's cards. Otherwise, election of a Non-Trialist scorer subject to selector's prior approval.
5. No Gimme Putts, as the Trial forms part of the Saturday competition. Two stroke penalty for those in breach.

Players wishing to participate are to notify Pro shop or John Rademakers at john.rademakers@xtra.co.nz or Ph 027 2237705 by 11th June 2022.

John Rademakers

CLUB NEWS

New Members

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

Erin Ha Jemma Han Michael Kim Alex Park

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.

It is unusual, but there are no new members this week! (Second time this year!)

COVID UPDATE

There has been another change in the COVID rules.

While its always prudent to wear a face covering inside, its no longer a legal requirement to wear one in the Pro Shop, or while entering / leaving the Café / Bar

Our staff will still wear their masks while working, both for their safety and as part of the legal requirements.

COURSE UPDATE

Good news – the 2 white carts have had their batteries replaced this week and should be repowered and good to go - we'd had a few problems with them lately and didn't have the full complement of carts available for members last weekend because of this

Bad news – the chipping of the slash has been delayed for another couple of months (our contractors still have issues with their machinery).

THE RYAN FOX REPORT

Ryan Fox continued his strong recent form finishing in 8th equal position at the British Masters at The Belfry.

Ryan was the first-round leader after carding a superb round of 66 followed by rounds of 73, 72 and 71.

"I feel like if you drive it well around here you get quite a lot of opportunities".
"You can hit a lot of wedges in and there's probably four or five holes you've really got to play nice and safe - make your par".

Ryan said, "my game is close, I am fighting the odd shot here and there, but happy to be in contention".

The top 10 finish has elevated Ryan to 106th in the world rankings and guarantees him a start in the US PGA Championship next week but first off to Belgium this week for the Soudal Open.

Phil Olsen



MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 14th of May, is a Russian roulette round off the Blue tees for men and women off the Yellow tees. The instructions are above, but if you are still not sure, just play the round as a stableford round and the computer will do the Russian roulette score for you. It is a pairs competition so if you play in a three the lowest handicapped player teams with both of the other two players. It will be great to see all the field off the single tee and see if that makes any difference to the pace of play some in the morning have encountered?

Last Saturday, the 7th of May, was a Stableford round off the Black or White tees for men and women off the Yellow tees. It was great to see 24 challenged themselves off the Black tees while 59 decided to play off Whites and Yellows, making a total of 83 participants. There were a number of rounds to note particularly Mel Newburn who shot 72 (42 stablefords) off the Yellow tees so two under and very close to the Women's record 69, Paul Hansen who again shot 72 (40 stablefords) off the White tees with six birdies, Wing Gin, Kim Steven, Mike Dimond all had 40 stablefords and lastly off the Black tees Garry Puddy, and Seamus O'Cromtha scored 41 stablefords from Steve Satherley on 40. Wing also picked up the Jackpot. Great scoring everyone!

The full results are available on the website.

These scores reflected the condition of the course with good run on the fairways, the rough under control, and superb greens. I dropped a letter of thanks for the sponsorship for the 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'NZ Post' Coringa Open at Riccarton Park Golf the other day and Jarred one of the teaching professionals there approached me to compliment the club on the condition of the course when he played Saturday afternoon. It must be so rewarding for the board and Rohan to hear these well-deserved compliments!

Anyhow lets get down to the news of the week and for those of us who took the Black tee challenge, the words we often heard on Saturday was 'I've got two shots here!' Yes, old "Two shots Cottrell" has morphed into a growing group of clones with Alan Smith joining last week. I received an email from a contact that Seamus also joined the group this week after a birdie on number 8 and having two shots! (5 stableford points!) I know my group with some pushing on Saturday decided to all play off the Blacks. Puds wasn't that keen but as he walked to the tee he read his 16 handicap went to 20 and yes, he picked up two shots on two holes. No birdies with two shots but you don't have to guess whose side won the beer match.

Again, on Saturday, my group noticed a bit of damage being caused to the greens caused by a player wearing the old metal spikes. The spike marks, scratches and damage was very noticeable on some greens and required attention before we could put. I wonder if the member wearing the

metal spikes could try a week or two wearing normal rubber golf shoes while the greens are soft? The use of metal spikes will be discussed at the next match committee meeting.

Canterbury Eagles Club

Gavin Paterson and Max Milesi will be out at the club on a Saturday in early May to sell the Canterbury Eagles fund raising raffles to Saturday players. The date is not set, but could I ask members to please remember to bring some cash to pay to purchase raffles. The funds raised are used to support junior golfers in Canterbury.

Thanks very much Gavin and Max for your long term support of the Eagles organisation.

Upcoming events

21 May ‘	Howarth Salvors’ Qualifying in hopefully four divisions.
28 May	First round of ‘Howarth Salvors’ match play in divisions.
Sunday 12 June ‘	Mens Champion of Champions' is timetabled for Waimairi Beach. Senior rep: Rohan Ware; Intermediate rep: Albert Yee; Junior rep: Garry Puddy

Closest to the Pin

Weekly Hancock’s Wine and Beer Merchants

Match Committee

The match committee will meet on Saturday 21st May at 9.30 am to discuss our upcoming winter programme, other matters, and to have a discussion with the board on where the Match Committee goals fit within the ten year Business Plan of the club.

I will book three tee times for the match committee members, board members or club members attending who wish to be part or listen to the discussions to play together afterwards.

Tuesday Group

The group has just started work on re-enforcing and rebuilding Chris’s Bridge near the tee block on number 6. The bridge is a memorial to the sad death of Gavin and Marg Paterson’s son Chris. Gavin and Marg have offered the club some money to cover the cost of the repairs. Thanks very much guys for your kind offer. Chris was a member of Coringa’s Woodward team in the early days of the club along with his brother Brent who represented New Zealand with real distinction.

Membership Welfare

If any members know of a member who has a health issue or need a bit of help please let me know!

Comment

I know I often get the stories shared with me wrong, but I can’t believe I got the drag race story so wrong. Anyhow, to correct it I understand the Holden was in fact a Falcon with Beer the dog sitting in the passenger’s seat where he loves the thrill of the ride with his loving bogan owner and the drag race was against a white coloured European SUV. The SUV won apparently easily Beer told me, but Beer wanted to lodge an appeal as apparently the driver of the SUV had no licence! That no licence nullifies any winner according to Beer! I hope Beer discussed this appeal with his owner before assuming he also had a full licence.

Well, I’m getting in first before ‘Two Shots’ Cottrell has a sledge at me! As some of you will know I am part of the Tuesday group and always happy to share a learning in life with everyone. Last week I had been in Golden Bays attending a very sad funeral and headed back to Nelson on Friday to fly home. Sharon and I took the opportunity to catch up with the family for a lunch meal and a glass of wine. Now, I’ve never been someone who likes ‘hot food’, but for some reason I decided to have jalapeños with my butter milk fried chicken burger. Very nice it was, but the jalapeños were a bit spicy for me! Yes, some people say ‘hot going in and hot coming ...!’

I can now share that experience! Anyhow, my group hit off number 11 and “a great drive Harv” I hear!” I’m about 130 metres out from the green and suddenly guess what! Yes, that jalapeños experience! I gingerly get to my ball and without thinking hit it. I didn’t see its flight, but not in the bunker thankfully! I immediately ask RK to take my clubs as an ideal opportunity to try the re-furnished toilets at number 12. My golly, don’t they look good! The longer I was there the longer I wanted to stay, but like the considerate person I am I thought I suppose the other guys will be on the green waiting for me. Well, you wouldn’t believe the hard time I got and apparently, I was holding up the field including ‘Two shots’. Anyhow, I finally got to the green and ball was less than a metre from the pin. A nice birdie eventuated.

Learning: Don’t eat jalapeños. The re-furnishment of the toilets is such a great job and the toilets are a nice place to meditate if necessary. The club unfortunately has a number of cruel people. I’m not the source of slow play! The less you think about golf the better you could become! Hahaha Two shots I did it

Get out there and enjoy playing our fabulous course!

David Harvey

Men’s Captain

LADIES REPORT

Tournaments

Waitikiri Monday 23rd May.

For all tournaments, please contact Leigh on 0274340872 if you want to play in any of them.

Interclub

Semi Finals were held on Monday and Coringa played Templeton. Unfortunately, they lost by 2 points 44/42. While they may have had a loss, it’s still a great effort to get to the semi finals

Thursday

Club Day Great morning again for golf, but we felt the frost in the air. We played for Stableford Trophy today and Sandy came in first with 20 Stablefords, second was Janice McPhail with 17 and third was Judith with 16 Stablefords

Next Thursday is LGU

Saturday

Four Ladies played Stablefords today on a lovely but cool morning. Myra came in first with 22 Stablefords and took away the monthly Trophy.

A tee off time of 9.00 has been booked. If you wish to join the Saturday ladies, please go on line and book yourself in.

18-hole ladies-Dave Harvey is happy to accommodate you within the men’s game on a Saturday

Sunday

Results: Just four played. Anne Keh won with 19 Stablefords and Fay was second with 18 points.

Starting time for next Sunday is 1. 30 pm.

Tuesday

Rained off

Next Tuesday we will be counting Putts

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

General news

Please put in your Diaries July 5th for our midwinter lunch. Cost \$20 - Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Wednesday Tournaments

The 'Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' have offered the club a further six month supply of \$50 vouchers from both 'The Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage' restaurants as sponsorship.

This sponsorship is greatly appreciated and a fabulous offer for the match committee.

The match committee will discuss calling all the Wednesday tournaments 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' tournaments.

We will have our \$10 tournament this Wednesday the 18th of May. The tournament starts at 10.30 am and everyone must be on the course by 11.00. Just turn up and join group for a round between those times! We will play for meat prizes from 'New World Bishopdale' and closest to the pin prizes from 'Hancock's'.

We will then have our 'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' \$15 Tournament on Wednesday 1st of June. The tournament starts at 10.30 am and everyone must be on the course by 11.30. Just turn up and join group for a round between those times! We will have \$50 vouchers from 'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group', meat prizes from 'New World Bishopdale' and closest to the pin and random draw prizes from 'Hancock's'.

Thanks once again to our sponsors.

It would be great to hear we had good numbers there again.

THURSDAY GOLF

The first frost of the year and a good field of 26 for a Stableford match off the White tees. A glorious sunny morning and fair to say that the scoring did not match the weather.

The full results were as follows:

1 st	Doug Ames	38 (there has to be a chemical secret!!!!)
2 nd	Peter Monopoli	35
3 rd	Greg Carr	34
4 th	Tom White	34 (Long time between drinks!!!)
5 th	Lex Halford	34
6 th	Allan Harrison	33

The nearest the pins (Thanks to Hancock's) went to Paul Snape (#7) and Trevor Blockley (#17). There were 2's for Peter Monopoli and Russell Mc Gregor (Chipped in as part of a very average day!!!)

The later start (10.00 am) did not seem to cause any issues and we look forward to next week. Until then good golfing and keep safe.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

AND NOW

Golf Stories

Police were called to an apartment and found a woman holding a bloody 3-iron standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asked, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes" said the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?" "Yes, yes, I did." The woman begin to sob, dropped the club, and put her hands on her face.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know -- put me down for five."

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between 2 trees he thought he could hit through taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and

killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?"

The man replied: "Got here in two, didn't I?"

The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side.

She said: "What are your golf clubs doing here?"

He said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it."

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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