



Coringa News



14th March 2024

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

- A Stableford competition off the dual Blue / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women,
- Shootout.

Raffle winners

Andrew Wight 32, Rik Rogers 20, Rouan Buitendag 44, Bruce Fuller 16, Murray Angus 36, Vance 41,

The program until the end of April – 2024

	16	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout
	17	Sun	INTERCLUB Metro A – Final round played at Harewood – vs Bottle Lake Metro B – Final round played at Russley – vs McLeans Island
	18	Mon	Ladies Interclub – Rangiora Golf Club
	19	Tue	Ladies: Stableford - Foursomes Rosebowl Twilight
	20	Wed	Wednesday Tournament – Stableford – Silver tees 10.30am start – entry fee \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors.
	21	Thu	Ladies; L G U Men; Stableford – Yellow tees

	23	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees Vets Cup – 4 th Round Shootout
	25	Mon	Ladies Interclub - Kaiapoi
	26	Tue	Ladies Stableford Twilight - Final Night
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy - LD Men; Irish Stableford – Yellow tees.
	29	Fri	GOOD FRIDAY – Course Open
	30	Sat	Par – Black / White tees Shootout
	31	Sun	EASTER – Course Open
	1	Mon	EASTER – Course Open
April	2	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	3	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT - 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 Daylight Saving Ends
	8	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - Everglades
	9	Tue	Ladies; Stableford, Foursomes, Rosebowl.
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Ladies; LGU
	13	Sat	CORINGA OPEN \$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	ANZAC Day - Course Open Ladies; Stableford Foursomes (Rosebowl)
	27	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver Tees Vets Cup – 5 th and Final Round Shootout
	30	Tue	Ladies; Nett Putting

CLUB NEWS

COURSE

Greens speed is sitting around the 10 feet

The greens have had an application of wetting agent and hopefully this will see us out till winter. It is a new wetting agent that we are using as a trial, called Zipline - it's made up of 3 different wetting agents all working together so it will be interesting to see what the results are as we do have quite a bit of dry patch hanging around.

We have fixed the irrigation just short of the 17th green, all that's needed is some tiding work which will take place most likely next week.

Big thanks to Barry and Wing for spraying the paths this week, hopefully they will be nice and tidy for the Coring Open.

The fairway trial continues – shorter cut on the front nine (14mm), longer cut on the back (20mm). You might have noticed we had a few issues on day one with the height of the mower unit on the 10th fairway but all sorted now!

Next week we plan to spray greens for weeds and keep working towards getting the course looking great for the Open in April.

TUESDAY CREW

As Rohan said – Barry and Wing had a big day spraying and you can see the results of their work in the blue spray marks on the paths around the course. Phil Olsen and Dave H tackled a few trees that had fallen down or had branches down around the course, and the rest of us under Brian Doherty's guidance worked on the car park – just trying to fill and compact down the troublesome area just inside the car park entrance.

CAFÉ

Please welcome our latest recruit – Elliot Midgley. Elliot will be helping us out in the Café / Bar while he's studying at University. He started this week and will be there on Saturday. Please say hello and make him feel welcome (Wing and I spent the day working with him today and he's a good guy)

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome 25 new members this month, 19 of these being part of the University program, Welcome to you all, we hope you enjoy your time here at Coringa.

Ethan Donovan	Hyun Tae Kim	Dean Brown	Haydn Storey
Oliver Faibairn	Tristan LaPlant	Nick Byles	Joshua Todd
William Gooch	Finn Roberts	Hamish Catherwood	Liam Toneycliffe
Hamesh Govind	Sam Russell	Noah Clewlow	Po-Wen Tsai
John Hillary	Charlie Sims	Callum Daly	Wilson Connor
Jack Husband	Daniel Steffert	Luke Devane	Yusen Yang
Thomas Kay	Jaeyeon Choi		

INTERCLUB

Presidents

Playing away at Waitikiri we came very close to pulling off an upset with the competition leaders. Went down 3.5 to 4.5. 5 of the games went down to the 18th with John Deacon and Clinton Chase winning their matches and Harry Lim, once again, halving his match. The other Coringa Winner was David Cross who clinched his match 5/3 with an eagle on the par 4 15th from 180 meters out.

On now to the final round with all teams at Christchurch on April 7th. We will be playing Hagley.

David Cross.

Metro A

All Metro A teams are playing at Harewood, where Coringa will be playing against Bottle Lake, The Coringa team in 2nd place are assured of a semi-final berth, but you can be sure the team will be trying hard to finish the season in first place.

Metro B

All B teams are playing their final round matches at Russley, where Coringa will be playing McLeans Is The Coringa team is well out of the hunt for a finals berth, but will still be looking to finish the season with a good match against our neighbors,

The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group Coringa Mens and Womens 18 hole Open.

Saturday 13th April 2024.

What outstanding support we have had with 76 entries for the Open already received out of the maximum 120. Once we have a hundred entries, we will limit entries through the Pro-Shop only.

Get out there and organise your four. Remember this year the entry fee will remain at \$30 for club members but will increase to \$50 for non- members. The purpose of the tournament is twofold in that it raises funds for the operation of the club and secondly it demonstrates to participants the quality our course can provide in tournament conditions.

The principal sponsors of the tournament are;

- **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'**,
- **'New World' Bishopdale,**
- **'Peter Timbs' Bishopdale,**
- **'Goodman Fielder'**,
- **'Coke / Powerade'**
- **'Riccarton Park Golf Range'**,
- **'GoodHome', Wigram,**
- **'Hancocks'**

The clubs board will cover the first 'Hole in One' achieved on the course with 'One Years Membership' and a new 'Odyssey Putter' as a spot prize.

In total there are three Gross prizes and three Divisions having ten prizes within each, to a total value of \$3,500.

I am current walking through the hundred ticket \$10 raffles, which includes a new golf bag provided by Riccarton Park Golf and a \$350 trailer load of dry firewood from Glenn our firewood man.

Once again what an outstanding commitment from our support organisations and members who have committed prizes, vouchers or cash to purchase prizes!

If any members know of businesses or individuals who may be interested in sponsoring the tournament once again through vouchers, products, donations or prizes please either approach me or email me with the details (David.harvey@xtra.co.nz) or Vance.

Entries will only be accepted upon payment through the Pro-Shop, or direct deposit of the match fees into the club account 03 0854 0006713 000 (Please ensure you add your name, Dotgolf number, number of persons you are paying for and Dotgolf numbers available,)

Harv

LADIES GOLF NEWS

Thursday:

18 Holers: No Competition played today.

(Mixed 9-Holers) Today we played Stablefords instead of the Rose bowl Foursomes. This was deferred due to a number not being able to attend. The winners were 1st on Count back, Jay with 16 Stablefords 2nd Anne Morgan also with 16 Stablefords. 3rd Leigh, once again on count back with 15 Stablefords followed by Judith Bennetts also with 15 Stablefords.

Next week we will be playing LGU. Duty person is Melissa

Saturday. No game was played.

Next week. no Slot has been booked

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. 1st was Anne Morgan with 21 Stablefords. 2nd was Ellen with 16 Stablefords. A slot has been booked for 10.04am this coming week.

Tuesday.

18 Holers: 1st on Countback, Mary Kuipers 36 Stablefords. 2nd Cecilia Yon, also with 36 Stablefords

(Mixed 9-Holers): Today we played Best Nett with points going towards the Best Nett Trophy. 1st Graeme McPhail with 34 Nett. 2nd Chris, by lot, with 38 Nett and 3rd Ellen also with 38 Nett.

Next week we play Stableford Foursomes Duty person is Leigh.

Interclub: Not played this week

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 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 and I will send you all the details. 9-holers, please contact Leigh.

ELLESMERE 9 HOLE MIXED TOURNAMENT FRIDAY 22nd MARCH ENTRY FEE: \$25

SCARGILL WOMEN'S OPEN BEST NETT 18 HOLE TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY MARCH 20 2024.
Entry \$30

LINCOLN GOLF CLUB LADY'S TEAMS TOURNAMENT 18 Hole competition Handicaps 0-40.4
THURSDAY, 21st March 2024. \$80.00 a Team of Four,

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

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 16th March will be a Stableford competition off the dual Blue / White tees for men, yellow tees for women,

Last Saturday 9th March was a 4BBB competition off the white tees,
We had 88 entries in the match of the day,

We welcomed a new member John Hillary to Saturday golf, and after playing his first round with Rik, 2-Shots Cottrell and Richard Maguire, I was quite surprised to hear he still wants to come back? Welcome to Coringa John.

Also great to see Noel Chambers gracing our fairways once again, he was obviously giving Scott Ritchie some helpful advice as Scott shot a 69 to win the best gross prize, nice work from the 2nd best left hander in the club (Bev's no1)

This is the 4th time in 3 consecutive weeks we have had someone score an eagle 2 on a par 4, the course is just too easy for some?

This week it was the big bombing Oliver Shea taking the honors, making a 2 on hole 8, I initially assumed he must've holed out his approach from the 11th or 2nd fairway, as Olly never plays on his own fairway, but to my surprise I heard he drove a straight ball, 10 yards short of the green, and then holed his chip shot. Nice one Olly!

The two 2's jackpot was struck again by Albert Yee, quite a remarkable run of form from Albert picking up the jackpot for the 2nd time in only a few weeks, Congratulations Albert.

4BBB nett – White Tees

1st	Phil Olsen / Alan Wicks	63
2nd	Scott Ritchie / Dennis Cochrane	64 c/b
3rd	Andy Trounson / Jason McCauley	64
4th	Garry Puddy / Brian Docherty	64
5th	James Willetts / Graeme Falloon	65
6th	Nick Frampton / Peter Cottrell	65
7th	Isaac Preece / Jason McCauley	65
8th	Rouan Buitendag / Eddie Kotze	65

Best Gross	Scott Ritchie (69)
Nett Eagle Hole (5)	Not Struck
Birdie Hole (9)	Mel Newburn & Bev Gordon
Nearest to pins	Albert Yee (5), Drew Butcher (7) Jamie Howard (13) Finn McGregor (17)
2's Jackpot	Albert Yee 7 and 17.
2's	Albert Yee 7, 17. Jason McCauley 5, John Rademakers 7, Scott Ritchie 7, Richard Maguire 7, Walker Lin 7, Duncan Shaw-Brown 7, James Willetts 7, Gordon McCoy 7, Kevin King 7, Paul Hansen 7, Brian Docherty 7, Oliver Shea 8, Lindsay Smith 13, Lin Wang, 17

Vance

WEDNESDAY GOLF

Only four headed out to Templeton this month in cool but dry conditions.

Garry Puddy picked up first in Division Two with an outstanding 42 stable fords, while Lindsay Thorne (37 stabs) and Richard Kingsbury (35 stabs) were seventh.

Yes, the only one out of the prizes was me again with 32, losing a ball up a tree on the last hole played and putting poorly!

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (\$10) Tournament:

We have our March Mid Monthly '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' Watering Tournament on Wednesday 20th with usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'. Remember this tournament has an entry fee \$15 visitors and \$10 for our members and only those groups given my approval can play prior to the 10.30 start time.

Then we have our monthly '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' tournament on Wednesday the **6th March** (Entry \$20) with our usual \$50 'Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage' vouchers and meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

Come out and have a game. Remember to arrive around 10.30 and we'll organise everyone into a group.

Harv

THURSDAY GOLF

We had a good turnout today with 22 starters. We played a stableford round off the yellow tees. Conditions were perfect, temperature in the mid 20's no wind and the course playing well.

Today was a very special day as we witnessed one of the best rounds of golf by one of our favourite members. Today Peter Marsh (Swampy) shot a personal best since his stroke last year as he scored 47 stableford points. We have all admired Pete for his dogged determination in his efforts to get back to his old form and today he took a huge step towards reaching his goal. I said to Swampy, "there wouldn't have been any F Bombs", he replied, "there were a couple".

In second place was Tom White who played extremely well for his 43 points, in third place was Duncan Shaw-Brown with 42 points, in 4th place was Bruce Fuller with 41 points, and in 5th place was John Maasch on 39 points and this was on countback from Lindsay Thorn.

The most honest golfer award went to Derrick Haowen, with his 26 points and he won a golf ball.

There was only one 2 today and this was scored by Seamus O'Cromtha on hole 7.

Results

1	Peter Marsh	47 points
2	Tom White	43 points
3	Duncan Shaw-Brown	42 points
4	Bruce Fuller	41 points
5	John Maasch	39 points

TWILIGHT

Another cool autumn evening, with a good turnout and a course in beautiful playing conditions.

Top 5 tonight were

Neil Moon	26
Josh Todd	21
Barry Hall	19
Andy Williamson	19
Malcolm Wratt	19

Just 2 twilights left for this season, come along and enjoy great company and a fantastic burger meal.

Twilight Golf, Tuesday's 5.30pm

\$5 Members, \$10 Visitors

\$15 Burger Meal

All Welcome

AND NOW....

- A farmer stopped by the local mechanics shop to have his truck fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home. On the way home he stopped at the hardware Store and bought a bucket and a gallon of paint. He then stopped by the feed store and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose. However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem - how to carry his entire purchases home. While he was scratching his head he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, 'Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane' The farmer said, 'Well, as a matter of fact, my farm is very close to that house I would walk you there but I can't carry this lot.' The old lady suggested, 'Why don't you put the can of paint in the bucket. Carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand' 'Why thank you very much,' he said and proceeded to walk the old girl home. On the way he says 'Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time.' The little old lady looked him over cautiously then said, 'I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and have your way with me?' The farmer said, 'Holy smokes lady! I'm carrying a bucket, a gallon of paint, two chickens, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?' The old lady replied..... 'Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens.'

MEMBERS CORNER

This next piece is a little bit out of the ordinary for a newsletter, and I would never publicly air any actual grievances, so please be assured this all in good natured humor.

DANGEROUS PLAY

I am learning that the role of Club Captain is not at all as glamorous as I was led to believe, Earlier this week I received this email from a member who played on Saturday,

Vance, you may have heard a rumour about an incident that happened on course Saturday.

To clarify or confirm please feel open to speak to Phil Olsen or Lex Halford.

Quick play is always a priority for me, so I had left 6th green and made the path on the 7th when I heard a weak, pathetic cry of 4, I ducked as normal thing to do before I was hit on the knee on the full. I yelled and fell to the ground (actually I think it was fall to the ground then yelled) Vance, trust me it hurt, really hurt !

How my friends (were) could carry on playing and think I was hollywooding is disgraceful ! Lex was outstanding rushing for cold water and his first aid kit, Phill helping me walk off the pain and Alan Wicks checking my knee for a G (the marking of Gordon McCoys ball. It turned out it was not Gordon, but Spencer, playing driver (yes driver) into the green)

Phil will tell you I stopped the ball from going at least a further 50 meters. I battled on and it cost Lex and I from continuing our fine form and put us out of the money. It is very hard to play on 1 and half legs.

I made it to the clubhouse and found absolutely no sympathy from the hitter or anyone in that group, which is why I have contacted you the club captain !

I really also wish to acknowledge Nic who realised the seriousness of the injury and closed the bar for a short time while she iced and massaged my knee, her soft but firm hands brought out the bruising and enabled me to hang on for a couple of more pints.

Alan Smith.

“Wow” what the heck do I do now, what is he asking me to do?

Although I know Smithy is a bit of a joker, and there are clues within the email that he is just joking, I still had to consider this as a genuine complaint.

The first thing I need is more information, so I spoke directly with Phil Olsen,

Phil assured me, this email was all a bit of a laugh.

Spencer had 260 meters to the 6th green, and so decided to hit his driver off the deck, he absolutely flushed it and was completely horrified that it had travelled that far, and felt terrible that someone had been hurt by him.

Note also that Spencer and Gordon are very good friends with Smithy, (one of the clues I mentioned)

Now armed with the knowledge this email was to have a bit of fun, I thought, well I’m going to have some fun of my own, so I replied...

Hi Alan

I am so sorry to hear of the traumatic event you endured on the weekend, I do hope there are no lasting injuries to you.

I agree with you. It is shameful how your so-called friends could show such little regard for your safety and well being, and think you were being a Hollywood?

In fact I would go a step further Alan, and think your friends may have actually targeted you. Spencer is too good of a golfer to hit a ball that far offline by accident I have to think he deliberately aimed for you. I have heard further testimony, that Gordon McCoy tried to finish off the job on hole 11, aiming for you whilst you were still on the green, You are obviously not well liked amongst your group of friends.

Rest assured I take this matter seriously, and have made the decision that we don't need such ruthless behavior on our course, and these men must be sanctioned immediately,

I will speak to the board today to have them suspended from all Saturday Golf,

I have also taken the extraordinary step have a bodyguard on standby ready to walk the course with you, just in case there are other people out there who are after you. Pete Marsh is ready to escort you around the course until you feel safe again.

As far as your scoring goes, it seems to me that your scoring actually got better after the incident, I have been advised by Phil, that because of your injury it meant you had to remain stable during the golf swing, so you in fact, played better golf. Perhaps that is why Spencer aimed for you? He was trying to help you? I may have to investigate this further.

In a separate matter,

It appears Nicki has also suffered a traumatic event, she hasn't been seen at work since Saturday, and is apparently suffering PTSD and recurring nightmares from something that happened on Saturday, did she seem ok before she rubbed your leg?

Vance

I know that people do sometimes hit up on a group ahead, but I am 100% certain that at Coringa it is never intentional, how often you think you will never reach them, and you go ahead and hit the best shot of your life, straight into another group,
Still a good reminder to be careful out there,
Oh and don't forget to show some sympathy to Smithy on Saturday.

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

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