



Coringa News



18th January 2024

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

- A Par Competition off the dual Black / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- Summer Ringers,
- Foley Cup – 1st round Match-play on handicap

Raffle

Paul Snape 17, Garry Puddy 52, Andrew Wight 16, Walter Scott 20, Dale Ware 22, Sy Keelan 12

The program until the end of February – 2024

January	20	Sat	Par – Black / White tees 1st round Foley Cup – White tees. (Competitors can go in match of the day.) Summer ringers.
	21	Sun	Interclub Presidents – away game vs McLeans Island
	22	Mon	INTERCLUB – Ladies 9-hole, @Coringa 16 teams playing at Coringa starting at 10am
	23	Tue	Ladies; Stableford Twilight
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Watering Tournament

	25	Thu	Ladies: Nett / Putting Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	27	Sat	OPENING DAY – Teams Stableford White tees for men; Yellow Tees for women. \$10 entry; 10:00am multi-tee Start, Summer Ringers
	28	Sun	INTERCLUB Over 50's - @Pegasus Golf Club
	30	Tue	Ladies: Nett Twilight:
February	1	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy - Yellow tees.
	3	Sat	Stroke – White tees. 2nd round Foley Cup – Stroke - White tees Vets Cup 2nd round SHOOTOUT BEGINS – (\$20 entry fee)
	6	Tue	WAITANGI DAY – Course Open
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford – Yellow tees
	10	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. Semi Final Foley Cup. Shootout Summer ringers
	11	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents - Away game vs Waimairi Beach Metro A - Away game vs Avondale Metro B - Away game vs Templeton Over 50's - @Bottle Lake
	12	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - @Russley
	13	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy Twilight
	14	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	15	Thu	Ladies; LGU Men: Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue tees Foley Cup - Final Summer Ringers Shootout.
	19	Mon	Ladies: Interclub - @Avondale
	20	Tue	Ladies: Stableford Twilight
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10,30 am start; entry fee \$10 members \$15 visitors.
	22	Thu	Ladies: 4 Clubs and Putter / Putting Men: Stableford - Silver tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – Black / Silver tees Vets Cup 3rd round

			Summer Ringers – Final day. Shootout Match-committee Meeting 9.30am
	25	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents - home game vs Clearwater Metro A - home game vs Clearwater Metro B - away game vs Bottle Lake
	26	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - @Ellesmere Golf Club
	27	Tue	Ladies: Nett / Putting Twilight
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies: Nett Men: Stableford – Yellow tees.

CLUB NEWS

GREENS KEEPERS REPORT

The team have been busy but its fairly straight forward work this week - sanding greens and mowing grass (lots of grass!!).

Next week we will give the greens some fertilizer and apply the 1st spray of growth regulator for the year.

Rohan

VETS CUP

A great start to this competition saw 35 entries,

There are still 4 rounds to go, so you still have time to enter.

The 2nd round will be on the 3rd February, and you must be in the match of the day for your score to count.

It is far too early to get excited yet, but Peter Cottrell has got off to a flying start, posting a nett 66 in the first round, well done Peter.

FOLEY CUP

We had 23 entries this year, With the top 16 qualifiers progressing to the matchplay rounds,

There was a 4-way tie for the last 2 spots, these were won on countback by Brian Docherty and Michael J Smith,

The 1st round of match-play begins this Saturday, with the first group teeing off at 9.27am.

The Draw is on dot.golf, and below.

This competition is played off the shortest tees available, Competitors may play in the match of the day but you must hole out on the greens, (no gimmes *if* playing MOTD)

Match-play on Handicap

This means, the lowest handicap player goes back to zero,

The highest handicapper subtracts his opponents handicap from his own, this value will dictate how many shots he receives.

Example

- Peter (18hcp) vs Michael (17hcp)
Michael is the lowest handicap, so he doesn't get any shots.
Peter deducts Michael's 17 from his 18, which = 1
Therefore, Peter gets 1 shot on the hardest hole, (stroke hole 1)
- Grant (12) vs Chris (15)
Chris receives a shot on each of the 3 hardest holes. (Holes 9, 6 & 18 off white tees)

See tee times, qualifying position and draw below,

9.27am	1 - Peter Cottrell	v	16 - Michael J Smith	6 - Grant Morris	v	11 - Chris Choie
9.34am	5 - Wing Gin	v	12 - Kyle Charlwood	4 - Seamus O'Cromtha	v	13 - David Potter
9.41am	3 - Trevor Lee	v	14 - Andrew Wight	7- Kevin King	v	10 - Richard McCaskill
9.48am	8 - Greg Carr	v	9 - Hugh Little	2 - Richard Maguire	v	15 - Brian Docherty

A reminder to all Competitors, although this match is important, and we want you to play your best, The pace of play rules still applies to you too. Please keep up with the group in front. Ready golf with your direct opponent is not always possible, but you can still employ ready golf within your group.

INTERCLUB

Over 50's

Pleased to report that the Coringa Over 50's extended their first-place lead by 3 more strokes against their nearest rivals - Chch at Chch GC) amassing an overall lead by a monumental 36 strokes.

Next round is scheduled for 28th January at Pegasus.

Individual scores as follows -

Lin Wang 75

John Rademakers 75

Ian Donaldson 80

Frank Young 85 (As a policy, I generally list the 3 counting scores only, but for Frank's sake and to avoid his 'dagger looks' I have gone against tradition. Thank you for fronting Frank - appreciate it



John Rademakers

Presidents

Holidays are over and it's back to business for the team,

This Sunday we travel all the way to McLeans Island golf club,

McLeans are having a good season, after losing their first 3 matches they have bounced back with a 5-match winning streak placing them 3rd on the table, just 2 points behind the leaders,

Coringa will be sticking to our game plan of introducing new players to interclub and enjoying the challenge.

Dave is looking for a few more players for the game at Waimari Beach on 11 Feb. If you'd like play maybe contact Dave at dave.cross55@yahoo.co.nz

SUMMER RINGERS

After Round 7 off the White tees for the men and Yellow tees for the women, saw Jesse Guise (18.129) continue to hold onto the lead over the field with a net score of 48.871, a slight decrease in his lead ahead of the improving Kevin King (20.950) who moves into second place, up one place with a net score of 50.050, followed by Lex Halford (14.143) who moves up two spots into third, on 51.857.

The big improvers in the field this week were Peter Marsh (33.071) up 4 places to be lying in fourth on 51.929, with Peter Bailey (21.729) improving 9 places to lie in fifth on 52.271, Robert Tibbotts (16.457) improving 24 places to ninth on 53.543, Trevor Lee (22.239) moving up 5 places to eleventh on 53.679, Sam Turner (9.760) up another 5 places into fourteenth on 54.240. Other movers were Liam Longley (20.175) up 5 places, Oliver Snape (14.920) up 18 places, James Willetts (13.180) up 17 places and Richard Maguire (13.717) up 6 places.

Finally, after Round 7, all competitors are currently under net par and even better under net 70. With another 6 rounds to play, the top 20 participants are within a net score margin of 6.989, a slight margin decrease from the previous week. The leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks as the range of net scores in the field further compresses.

There were a couple of highlights during last week's round:

1. James Howard (+1.9) carding an impressive 5 under round of 68 which included 7 birdies (all counting) in his second qualifying round after having not played over the festive break on the course
2. Oliver Snape (15.1) playing well under his handicap, shot an impressive round of 77 (including four birdies with three of them counting) beating his previous best round at Coringa of 82 and definitely had the bragging rights over his dad, Paul at the dinner table that night

There were an additional 35 birdies or better recorded in this week's round, bringing the new total to 155. This sees a shakeup at the top with James Howard (-1.650) taking up the lead in these statistics with twelve birdies, Sam Turner (9.760) holds second with two eagles and 5 birdies, followed by Drew Butcher with an eagle and 7 birdies, followed by Spencer Wick (6.367) with an eagle and six birdies, Isaac Preece with two eagles and 4 birdies next David Harvey (10.900) and Lex Halford (14.200) with 8 birdies each, followed by Mal Ashton (8.250) with 7 birdies.

[Click here to view latest ringers update.](#)

Kevin King
Ringers Convener

LADIES GOLF NEWS

Welcome back to another year of golf. Our course is great condition. Looking forward to seeing everyone out there

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.

Greendale Golf Club, Women's & Men's 9 Hole Stableford Tournament Monday 11th March 2024. ENTRY FEE \$25pp. Lunch Included. Morning Tea 10.00am. Play Commences 10.30am. Please advise any dietary requirements Entries by Friday 8th March to: Eleanor Green – Email: emgreen640@gmail.com Phone: 021 0792606

Hawarden Golf Club Women's Team (18 Hole) Stableford Wednesday 14th February 2024. 9:30am Morning Tea – 10:00am Tee Off Entry Fee: \$120 per team of four Includes two's and Lunch. Aggregate of 3 best Stableford scores on each hole. Entries to: Michelle Fletcher Text: 027 222 2598 Email: hilt.mich@xtra.co.nz Please include your NZGA number Bank Details if you would like to pay online 03 1582 0012195 00 use name as Ref. Entries close 11th February 2024 (No EFTPOS available)

Waimakariri Gorge Golf Club, Women's Team (18 Hole) Stableford Friday 16th February. Entry fee \$140 (includes Lunch). Limited to first 30 teams. Limited carts available. Entries close Monday 12th Feb. Txt or email entries to Sue King: women@waimakgolf.nz or 021 046 9162

LINCOLN GOLF CLUB LADY'S TEAMS TOURNAMENT 18 Hole competition Handicaps 0-40.4 THURSDAY, 21st March 2024. 10.00 am Start Stableford Teams Tournament Cost is \$80.00 a Team of Four, includes Morning Tea at 9.30am. Afternoon Tea provided. No carts available for hire at Lincoln. Entries to: Marlene Morrison Phone: 341 2140/0274 498 71 Email: marlene.m@xtra.co.nz Entries close on Friday, 15 March 2024.

Games played at Coringa

Thursday Today was opening day for the ladies and the Rynne Rumble. There was a good turnout from both groups. The 9-hole ladies were the winners of the Rynne Rumble Trophy. Their average Stableford score was 16.8. 18 holers average score was 15.4. We did however have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in both groups as well. 1st 18-holer- Stehanie with 18 Stablefords and 9-holer was Melissa with 21 Stablefords. 2nd 18-holer was Loida with 17 Stablefords and 9-holer was Janice Healey with 18 Stablefords. 3rd 18-holer was Edith with 16 Stablefords on countback and 9-holer Myra 17 Stablefords also on Count back.

The game was followed by some delicious platters prepared by Paul Snape. Thank you, Paul, the ladies really appreciated it.



Next week will be Best Nett and Putting. Duty person is Anne Morgan

Saturday. Please check on Dot golf for a slot around 9am that some have already booked into. Please add your name if you want to join in

Sunday. A slot has been booked for 10.00 this week.

Tuesday. Next week we will play Stablefords. Duty person is Chris Hendry

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 20th January is a Par competition off the dual Black / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.

Also, we have the 1st round of the Foley Cup matchplay, good luck to all competitors.

Last Saturday 13th January saw a great turnout (87 entries) for the first Match of the day competition for 2024, a Stroke round off the White tees,

We finally saw the 2's Jackpot struck after a 3-month drought. (It was last won by Geoff Miller on the 30th September,)

The lucky winner (or good golfer?) on this occasion was James Willetts, who collects the maximum payout of \$100 on his club card.

There is still \$260 remaining in the pool.

Here are the top results of the day,

Division 1

James Howard	73
Daniel Bushby	74
Vance Hetaraka	74
Murray Brown	75
David Harvey	76

Division 2

Oliver Snape	65
Richard Maguire	69
Dale Ware	70
Sue Brown	72
James Willetts	72

Division 3

Peter Cottrell	66
Alan Wicks	70
Ross MacAskill	70
Seamus O’Cromtha	73
Andy Williamson	73

Division 4

Trevor Lee	71
John Matthews	71
Greg Carr	73
Richard McCaskill	74
Douglas Ames	74

Two’s Jackpot

James Willetts. \$100

Nett Eagle hole (hole 2)

Oliver Snape, Michael Homan. \$17 each

Birdie Hole (hole 8)

Steve Satherley, Trevor Lee, \$71 each

Best Gross – 68

James Howard - \$18

Nearest to Pins

5 – Michael Homan, 7 – James Howard, 13 – Liam Longley
17 – Chris Choie

Two’s

There were 16 twos’ today, each collecting \$3 each. Amongst them were a trio of burglars Coringa’s finest, Gus Eathorne, Greg Carr, and Peter Bailey, well done gents.

The hard luck story of the day,

I saw Liam Longley’s name on two of the nearest to pins, and I was very excited and hopeful that Liam may have picked up the jackpot. I heard from the grapevine, he holed the first 2, but on the 2nd one he left it right in the jaws of the hole, 1cm short.

Judging where the nearest to pins were, they were 2 fantastic shots anyway. Bad luck Liam.

Congratulations to Olly Snape on a fantastic round, and yet another person posting a personal best round at Coringa, Gross 77, I believe this was Olly’s first time breaking 80, what a huge achievement for you Olly – Well done,

Great scoring also from Peter Cottrell, firing a nett 66 to take top qualifier honours for the Foley Cup, and getting off to a fast start in the Vets Cup, nice one Peter!

Jamie Howard also had the clubhouse in awe, when we looked at the tv screen to see his 7 birdies, we were wondering what happens on the tv if someone gets 12 birdies, there’s not enough room, we might need a bigger tv!

UPCOMING EVENTS

27th January

Peter Timbs Meats – OPENING DAY

The Official start of our golfing year,

This will be a team Stableford event, \$10 entry, and 10am Shotgun Start

Print your cards by 9.30am at the latest,

3rd February

Shootout 2024 - begins

7th February

Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT

Stableford – White Tees - 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)

CORINGA OPEN 2024 Planning for this will begin soon, so be on the lookout in the next few weeks for information regarding our annual tournament.

PACE OF PLAY

Unfortunately this topic reared its head again on Saturday, It's disappointing because we have been doing a great job over previous months. I did hear there was some frustration out there due to the slow pace.

Remember you have a responsibility to keep up with the group ahead, On a Saturday Club Day even a group of 3 will only be able to travel at the same speed as the four ahead of them, so if the group ahead of you is only a 3, you must still keep up with the 3. If anyone is having difficulty with the pace of play within their group, I'm only too happy to lend a helping hand, or discuss further, you don't need to feel rushed or be under pressure while still being able to keep up.

GUR BETWEEN HOLE 14 AND 15???

There seems to be some confusion about the area where the old pine hedge was taken down between hole 14 and hole 15. "Is this still GUR or not?"

The short answer is "Yes, it is still GUR" until further notice.

I can understand the confusion, the area has grown up now, so it's no longer easy to distinguish the GUR from the general hazardous area that was there before the trees came down.

I have checked in with Rohan this week, there are plans afoot to address this area, We will notify you in the newsletter when any change occurs. Until then, take your free relief.

Vance Hetaraka

WEDNESDAY GOLF

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

We had our first 2024 Mid Monthly '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' Watering Tournament on Wednesday 17th January (Entry \$15 visitors and \$10 members) with usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

The course was looking fabulous with the fairways and greens in really good recovery condition but still playing a bit slower than normal. Thanks Rohan and guys you're doing a great job!

Coringa Members within the one division were;

1st	Brian Docherty	38
2rd	Frank Young	37
3rd	Garry Puddy	36(C/B)
4th	John Matthews	36
5th	Paul Hansen	35(C/B)

7th	Walter Scott	34(C/B)
8th	Robert Pryce	34(C/B)
9th	John Rademakers	34
10th	Paul Snape	33(C/B)

Ellesmere is this coming week so come out and meet for a coffee at 10!

As there are five Wednesdays this month we will have another \$10 members and non members \$15 Lone Star Tournament on the Wednesday 31st January.

We have our actual First Monthly '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' tournament on Wednesday the **6th December** (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 you into a group.

THURSDAY GOLF

An overcast morning and a light drizzle for 30 minutes did not deter 14 Thursday men golfers. The course is in good condition and the greens are beginning to roll nicely again.

Today's competition was a par round off the yellow tees.

Today's winner was Peter Cottrell who had an outstanding round of 82 off the stick and he was 7 up.

A good way to start the year Peter and he must now be a top contender in the Foley Cup.

In 2nd place was Steve Johnson on 2 up on countback from Greg Carr on 2 up and this was from Seamus O'Cromtha also on 2 up.

There was only one two 2 today and this was Steve Johnson a visitor from Ellesmere.

A reminder to all Thursday golfers to hand their cards into the starter before play begins and this saves the embarrassment of being left by yourself on the putting green when the draw is read out. We won't say who this player was today as it is the start of the new season.

Results

1	Peter Cottrell	7 up
2	Steve Johnson	2 up
3	Greg Carr	2 up

Phil Olsen

TWILIGHT

First twilight back, and we were greeted by a beautiful warm afternoon,

The wind got up at times, but nothing too bad.

We had 40 starters, and it shows how long I have been away from twilight, I only recognized a handful of them, Awesome to see lots of new faces playing Coringa.

A superb job done once again by Gordy, and the crew in the Kitchen.

Thanks to Jon Kemp for looking after the scoring tonight, It sounds like Jon may also have been sacked from doing the scores in future after misplacing one of the winning cards, (Gordy I think he did it on purpose so he wouldn't have to do it again, lol)

Top prize winners tonight

Dave McCahon	23
Tom Tremain	21
Greg Sweet	21
Oliver Shea	21
Paul Snape	20

Twilight is held every Tuesday evening with a shotgun start at 5:30pm.
Everyone is welcome!

Members \$5 and Guests \$10
Good prizes, and
a Burger meal to follow - \$15

AND NOW....

- Wife: "How would you describe me?"
Husband: "ABCDEFGHJKLM."
Wife: "What does that mean?"
Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."
Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"
Husband: "I'm just kidding!"
- Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "Jesús is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "Jesús is watching you." In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesús is watching me" The parrot replied, "Yes." Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Clarence." The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesús."

MEMBERS CORNER

Waitikiri Open

Congratulations to Coringa members, Drew Butcher, and James Howard for their performance on Sunday,

Drew finished 1st in the Division One Nett (147)

Jamie, Finished 1st in the Masters Division One Gross. (148)

It was a tough day for golf, in hot and windy conditions.

Golf Rules Question

Last week I received an email from a member, with a rules question, I thought it was hilariously funny how honest the question was,
if it was me, I would have said I was asking on behalf of someone else.

I was playing tee shot off the NO1 Silver tee. My ball went low, straight and hit the yellow sign board opposite the ladies tee full on. From there it bounced back over our heads and to the right landing in the bushes in the rough just short of the carpark.

From where do I play my next shot? When looking at playing as it lies, I had the sandbuckets, bush, people all in the way with possible deflections onto the practice green or even proshop.

Is the sign an immovable object or moveable.

What is the ruling?

I went back to the tee but that is closer to the pin. How many penalty shots?

I doubt this is something which happens regularly.

My first question is, if there were people in the way, why on earth did none of them take a photo of this? lol.

There is a fair bit to unpack here, and rules questions can go down a few different rabbit holes, so I'll just keep this simple,

The 1st and most important rule of golf you need to know, "it's your shout for not getting past the shortest tee block" lol.

Ok seriously, -

Unplayable ball?

You always have 3 options for an unplayable ball, all 3 options cost you 1 penalty shot.

- Replay the shot from where you last played from, (you did the right thing, and in this case probably the best option.)
- Take two club lengths relief, no nearer the hole,
- Go back in line with the flag and ball,

**There are different conditions to this rule when you are in a bunker,

Is the sign an immovable object?

- Yes, any artificial object that cannot be removed easily.
- You can get free relief of one club length, only if the sign interferes with your **stance**, or your **swing**,
- You do not get line of sight relief. (ie **no relief** if the sign is in the way of your intended ball flight)

There you go John Maasch, I hope that puts your mind at ease for the next time it happens.

My goodness, My Lawyer has been kept busy this week, with these following 2 stories,

Retraction

In last week's newsletter I may have mentioned something about 2 friends last year going head-to-head in the Foley cup final,

Both gentlemen vehemently deny any allegation of friendship, lol.

Well David and Robert, I suppose that's what happens when one of you has to be the loser.

Defamation of character

I have to issue an apology to one of our members,

This member was seen coming in after 9 holes, with a broken trundler. (he came in to hire one from the shop)

During the prize giving, this story was shared with the clubhouse, and I may have left people with the impression that this was an angry, club throwing / trundler kicking golfer. (I would never say such a thing??)

I would just like to set the story straight, Richard Maguire is one of the nicest people I have ever met,

In fact the only person nicer than Richard, is my good mate Pete Marsh, Come to think of it now, a couple of years ago, I saw Pete Marsh walk in from hole 9 without a trundler as well. Apparently, a tree fell on it, or it fell on a tree? I hope the same bad luck didn't happen to you Richard.

Anyway, sorry about that, I have an old trundler at home if you need a replacement, It's quite sturdy so should be able to stand up to any abuse bad luck that comes your way.



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

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