



Coringa News



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Kia Ora

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO YOU ALL!

This will be the last newsletter for 2021. They will resume in mid-January.

SATURDAY'S MATCH

This week's weather has been most unseasonal, but we hope it will clear for the weekend.

The match of the Day on Saturday is a 4BBB off the Silver tees. If you are playing in a three the lowest handicapped player teams with each of the other two.

The Summer Ringers Competition continues. This competition runs till the end of February so there is still plenty of time to enter and become involved. Updated progress is recorded regularly on the web site.

Last Week's Raffle Winners:

Raffle #1: David Harvey (11); Robert Pryce (1); Richard Kingsbury (4); Unsold (43 & 48)

Raffle #2: David Harvey (11 & 39); Richard Kingsbury (39); Jonny McKay (9); Jimmy Anderson (26)

[Editors Note: As you can see not all raffles were sold - The draw wasn't rigged, just 'the wheel' recognising the hard work of the Men's Captain and Board Chairman!]



The programme until the end of February 2022 is:

December	18	Sat	4BBB nett – Silver tees Summer ringers
	21	Tue	Ladies
	25	Sat	CHRISTMAS DAY – Course Closed
	26	Sun	No Boxing Day Tournament Course Open
January	1	Sat	NEW YEAR'S DAY – Course Open Stableford – Blue tees Summer ringers
	5	Wed	\$10 Wednesday Tournament – Tee off between 10:30am and 11:30 am No Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT

	6	Thu	No Men's Group match.
	8	Sat	Stableford match – Blue / White tees Summer ringers
	13	Thu	Ladies: Men: Opening Day - Stableford - White tees
	15	Sat	Stroke – White tees – Foley Cup Qualifying (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1 st Round Summer ringers
	18	Tue	Twilight – 1 st round for 2022
	19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	20	Thu	Ladies: Men: Par - Yellow tees
	22	Sat	Par – Black / Silver tees 1 st round Foley Cup – Silver tees. (<i>Competitors can go in match of the day.</i>) Summer ringers.
	25	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	26	Wed	Ellesmere WEDNESDAY WATERING TOURNAMENT
	27	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	29	Sat	OPENING DAY – Teams Stableford Silver tees for men; Yellow Tees for women. \$10 entry; 10:00am multi-tee start (Drawn fours).
February	1	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	2	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	3	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stroke - Jerry Attrick Trophy - Yellow tees.
	5	Sat	Stroke – White tees. 2 nd round Foley Cup – Stroke - White tees Vets Cup 2 nd round SHOOTOUT BEGINS – [\$20 entry fee for the whole year] Summer ringers.
	6	Sun	Waitangi Day - Course Open
	8	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	9	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	10	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford – White tees
	12	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees. Semi Final Foley Cup. Waitangi Challenge – Colonials v. The Natives [held in conjunction with match of the day] Shootout Summer ringers
	14	Mon	CANTERBURY VETS – Stroke [COURSE CLSED until 2 pm]
	15	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	16	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees

			- 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	17	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	19	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue tees Final Foley Cup Summer Ringers Shootout.

COURSE NEWS

It's wet – very, very, wet!!

With a couple of days of rain there hasn't been much chance to work around the course since Wednesday morning, and the guys might not be able to spend much time out on the course with the heavy mowing equipment this week (though Steve was there till 5pm on Tuesday trying to get as much grass mowed as he could before the weather hit)

The bad news is there's limited time to prep the course for the weekend, especially as this rain is forecasted to continue until Friday (but at least its fining up for the weekend). However, the good news is all this rain is going to mean the course will be in great condition well into summer, as the grass is going to just keep on growing.

The guys will be back on the mowers as soon as they get a chance, and working hard to stay on top of it all over the Xmas and New Year periods.

Fingers crossed for some fine weather over the holiday period – I think we've all had enough of this rain!!

SUMMER RINGERS

Round 2 of the Summer Ringers Competition was completed in conjunction with State of Origin competition last Saturday under overcast drizzly conditions with light rain appearing later in the afternoon affecting those later starters.

The course is looking great after the felling of the many shelter belts around the course and has really opened up the course for the better. Of course, some may think that the wrong trees have been removed but now stray shots will either be punished fully by the out of bounds. However, it also allows other stray shots to opposite fairways to get back onto your own fairway or greens without too much obstruction. From the looks of the slash that remains on the course, there will be plenty of mulch to be distributed around the course to beautify the surroundings.

Jerry Kuipers continues to lead the field of now 41 (room for more to join in) with six new entries after round 2 with a net score of 58.05, an improvement of 7.75...a net 3.0 advantage over John Maasch who moves up one spot on 61.05, followed by Isaac Preece who slips a spot to third place, a further 0.95 behind. The next 19 players are only separated by 6.0 shots. There were an additional 19 birdies recorded by the Ringers field, with Isaac Preece attaining the eagle and three birdies and Spencer Wicks and David Harvey next with three birdies each, followed by Albert Yee with two birdies.

The weather for Round 3 is again not looking the brightest with some light rain and cloudy conditions overhead, with a high of 18 forecasted, not the summer weather we were expecting. Hopefully this won't deter us hardy golfers from getting out on the course and making a determined effort to beat the course and ones handicap.

If you haven't already entered, **it's not too late (there's 11 rounds left)...come and join in on the FUN...just add your name on the entry sheet in the Pro Shop and pay the entry fee of \$10, along with the Match of the Day fee...**if you played and entered the match of the day of the previous week then that scorecard will be included...play your game and enjoy the friendly rivalry and banter each week as the competition progresses to its finale.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing. Kevin King -Ringers Organiser

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following three new members this week:

Andrew Barlow

Parker Park

Mike Patton

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.

From the Café / Bar

Members, please note that with the Christmas / New Year break ahead, the beer kegs will not be reordered until next year. The stock remaining will be allowed to go 'out-of-stock' to reduce the wastage of kegs during the holiday period when the café is closed.

Your understanding of this situation will be greatly appreciated, and we hope that this doesn't cause too much of a disruption to your regular drinking. There is enough stock / kegs for about two weeks.

FYI – the last day for the Café / Bar this year is Sunday 19th of December, with it reopening on the 8th of January.

However, Barry and Derrick will be selling food and drinks out of the Pro shop over this period

Murita

Bar Manager

INTERCLUB

Over 50's

The Coringa Over 50's Team remains frontrunners after round 3 by 13 strokes of the Canterbury Golf Interclub Competition.

The competition is a 4-man Team event (3 best Gross scores counted) made up of 24 Teams. The team played at Avondale on Sunday 12th December pipping the 2nd placed team (Arch-rivals and previous winners - Christchurch GC) by 2 strokes. ChCh GC even resorted to recruiting current Canterbury Masters Players, Jason Sincock and ex-NZ rep John Sanders, but the Coringa boys managed to hold their nerve with the following Gross scores -

Lin Wang 72

John Rademakers 75

Mike James 75 (last minute Super Sub who missed a hole in one opportunity by millimetres)

Paul Hansen 76

Although it's early days we look forward to the next match at Waitikiri on the 9th of January 2022 where we will hopefully have the skills of the in-form Scott Ritchie to match Christchurch's Team of Stars.

John Rademakers – Player / Manager

Metro A

Metro A played at Coringa last Sunday against our neighbours McLean's Island, we had a 4 all draw. Winners were Isaac Preece, Daniel Bushby, Roy Wang and James Willetts. Isaac and I played together and anyone that has played with us know we talk a lot. We chewed the ears off our opposition, and both won 4 and 3 each of us only losing 1 hole all day. Daniel was 4 down at one point but battled back to win 1 up (nice) but our player of the day was Roy. It was getting pretty tense we had 3 wins and I was looking around for another win but everybody was down, Roy was in trouble 3 down! He must have found a telephone booth somewhere on the course and changed into his tights and cape because Roy won the last 4 to win 1 up and save the team from a loss. The result keeps the team in the hunt, in 2nd place in a very tight competition, but in the New Year our last 4 games are away from home so it will be



tough for us to make top 4 and qualify for the playoffs. At least we still have a very good chance if we can perform!

Once again I have to thank everyone who has played so far this year I am grateful of the effort and enthusiasm and the good sportsmanship shown by every person that has played. Have a wonderful Christmas,

James Willetts - Player / Manager

Presidents

The President's team have their last match before the Christmas break this Sunday. It is a home match v. Harewood. They are currently in 5th place but only 2 points behind the leading team.

MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 18th of December, is the start of the Christmas and New Year programme with often fewer members playing. We have a 4BBB nett competition off the Silver tees for men and Yellow tees for women. There will be only one fifty number raffle to purchase.

Last Saturday, the 11th of December, was the postponed State of Origin Match between the Crusader and Highlander supporters off the Blue and Silver tees for men and Yellow tees for women. What a fabulous turnout with Vance managing nine matches from the morning group and the rest from the afternoon group. The result was a convincing ten all draw to the Crusaders, therefore the holders Crusaders' colours remain up over the coming year! The draw came down to David Cross taking on both Bill West and good old Robbo (John Robinson) as they were playing only as a three. David won both matches and those two wins meant the Crusaders retain the trophy for another year! David obviously played very well winning the Irish Stableford Silver Division Two competition with 87 points. In the Silver Division One competition Geoff Miller won with 83 points and Paul Snape who had been out of form or love with his new clubs, came storming back with a great score of 80 points. Well done all and it was great to see Dean Morris back out after breaking a leg recently.

Individual match scores with Crusader names first:

Dean Morris lost to Clinton Chase
Vance Heteraka drew with Murray Angus
Ollie Shea defeated Bobby Pratt
Alan Wicks lost to Gordy McCoy
Spencer Wicks lost to Mal Ashton
Kevin King lost to Albert Yee
Trevor Lee defeated Graeme Falloon
David Cross defeated Bill West
David Cross defeated John Robinson
Keith Yardley lost to Jerry Kuipers
Peter Marsh defeated Brian Docherty
Geoff Miller defeated Kevin Walker
Olly Snape lost to Andrew Wight
John McCabe lost to Robert Pryce
John Brettell lost to Greg Carr
Walter Scott lost to Peter McKay
John Maasch drew with John Matthews
Chris Cottrell lost to Phil Olsen
Grant Morris defeated Garry Puddy
Richard Kingsbury drew with Rob Gillespie
David Harvey defeated Johnny McKay
Paul Snape defeated John Gaw
Paul Hansen defeated Scott Ritchie



What a great mix of people playing in the competition. Come on next year, let's see if we can mix it up even more and get away from the familiarity some feel they need! Thanks, Vance, for organising the morning group and I think its success is something the match committee can consider for other match play competitions or events in the future!

The Jackpot was won by Isaac Preece (#5 & #13 – a \$100 pay out) and the Birdie Hole, number 17, was not struck. The Nett Eagle Hole, number 1, was picked up by John Gaw and Trevor Lee a nice \$44 each.

The full results are available on the website.

As part of the prize giving, I presented a half ham each to Paul Snape and Russell McGregor for all the hard work they have put into the course and clubrooms throughout the year. We all can see the improvement in the club house and around the course. Thanks guys, and thanks to the many helpers who have worked under their direction in the past 12 months! The money raised through the raffles paid for presentations, so get out there and buy the raffles.

Please remember the COVID rules around the Pro-shop and clubrooms as directed by the board!

Canterbury Representative Mel Newburn:

What a highlight for Mel and the other members of the Canterbury Women's National Championship side to finish a very close second to Wellington in the final at the Timaru Golf Club last weekend. The side got into the final after a very tense semi-final where they beat the previously unbeaten tournament favourite Bay of Plenty.

Mel obviously played very well, and it was a huge effort by the team to get through to the semi and then narrowly losing the final 3½ games to 1½. I'm sure the side played their final in the semi. Well done Mel and you represent the club with so much passion! [*See more below*]

Meat/ Closest to Pin Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

There are still a number of members who have not picked up their meat and wine prizes. Murita will put the unclaimed prizes down in the Pro-Shop, so if you have an unclaimed prize you can ask Barry or Derrick in the pro shop for it, Barry.

Hancocks Closest to the Pin:

This week (18 December)

Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants

Upcoming events:

Christmas Day

Saturday 25 December (Course Closed)

No Boxing Day Tournament

26 December.

New Years Day Saturday

1 January (Normal Saturday Match)

Wednesday

5 January (\$10 Tournament)

Comment:

Well here we are almost at Christmas and the New Year (2022)! What a year 2021 has been for the club! So many positive things have happened and are being put in place for the future, with a strategic plan, and the arrival of new equipment for the green staff to continue to improve the course. These things could not be happening if it was not for you members! Whether you are one of the few originals, or one of the many new members, your involvement within the club and its programmes is very important. Golf is such a funny sport! It's often not the golf that attracts us to come out week after week, it's the community or company we enjoy with each other, and this is what brings us back. Coringa has so many great personalities. We have a course, a club, and a community to be proud of! Please enjoy your break and return ready to take the money off the match committee! If you are around over the Christmas break we will still be having the normal Saturday matches, so come out and enjoy the course which is looking and playing fabulously!

David Harvey
Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Twilight

Wow! What an amazing twilight to end the year with. There were 60 players with a sprinkling of lady players amongst them. The weather held off apart from a brief shower halfway around, making it a pleasant evening.

We were given an extra 2 Stablefords if we wore a Christmas hat. First in the ladies was Tracey with 22 Stablefords +2, second was Fay with 21 Stablefords+2.

This was followed by an amazing Christmas meal prepared by our lovely Murita and all her helpers

Twilight starts back on the 18th of January 2022

Wishing you all the best for the festive season.

Make sure you put in your calendar
Opening day on Thursday
20th January, with the Rynne Rumble
See you then
Anne Morgan



NEW ZEALAND INTERPROVINCIAL WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT - 2021

Mel Newburn pictured with the very successful Canterbury Women's Interprovincial team that finished 2nd at the New Zealand Women's Interprovincial competition at Timaru last week.

After finishing 4th after the round robin games, they beat the previously unbeaten Bay of Plenty in the semi-final but were narrowly beaten 3.5 to 1.5 in a very close final with Wellington, (two key matches being decided for Wellington at the 18th hole).

Congratulations Mel – you do Coringa proud!!



WEDNESDAY GOLF

The weather has been anything but golfing weather this week and hopefully we will see an improvement soon. It has meant there was no Wednesday golf this week but will be beginning

early in the New Year with a \$10 tournament on the first Wednesday of the year. So, if you are free turn up at 10:30 for another great day on the golf course!

THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF

The adverse weather has meant a postponement till next Thursday of the Christmas match for the Burt Fifield Trophy. The café will be shut, but drinks (and food) are still available from the pro shop. – AND there are the usual Christmas prizes!!
See you all there!

TWILIGHT 2021-2022



Last night saw our last night for twilight for 2021 and our Christmas theme night. Over 60 golfers enjoyed a fantastically presented course in overcast but warm conditions. A big thanks to all the helpers putting on a fantastic meal and great banter. See you all on the 18th of Jan 2022 for the second half of our twilight season.



AND NOW

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,

By Its Size I Could Not Guess,
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,
I loathe it, And Want To Die.
It Promises A Thing Called Par,
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes..
Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or! Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.



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