



Coringa News



20th May 2021

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SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday is a Stroke competition off the White tees. It is the qualifying round for the Howarth Salvors which is a match play competition in four grades, played on handicap, For the match play your handicap is your current one as printed out on the cards. You may also play in the match of the day as long as you putt out every hole. The Shootout applies for everyone in the match of the day.

Last week's raffle winners:

Keith Yardley (27 & 50); Phil Olsen (26); Kim Stevens (31); Kevin Walker (40).

The proposed programme until the end of July is:

May	22	Sat	Stoke – White tees. Qualifying Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) Shootout
	25	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	27	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees.
	29	Sat	American Stableford - White tees 1st round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout
June	1	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	2	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.).
	3	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men's Group – Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	5	Sat	Queen's Birthday Weekend Stroke – Black/ White tees Winter ringers – 1 st round.
	8	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett trophy / LD

	10	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men’s Group – Stableford - White tees
	12	Sat	4BBB Stableford – White tees Random Drawn fours after 10.30 am. Semi-finals Howarth Salvagers – (White tees on handicap). Shootout Winter ringers.
	15	Tue	Ladies – Mid-Winter Lunch (possible help required)
	16	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	17	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men’s Group – Par - Yellow tees
	19	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Yellow tees Start of Rep Trial Process – Black tees. Shootout Finals Howarth Salvagers – (White tees on handicap). Winter ringers.
	22	Tue	Ladies – Stableford / LD
	23	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	24	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men’s Group –Stableford - Yellow tees
	26	Sat	Irish Stableford – White tees. Rep Trial Process – Black tees. Shootout Winter ringers.
	29	Tues	Ladies - Stableford
	30	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
July	1	Thur	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men’s Group – Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	3	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Yellow tees Rep Trial Process – Blue tees. Shootout Winter Ringers
	6	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men’s Group – Stableford - White tees.
	10	Sat	Stroke – White tees. Rep Trial Process – Black tees. Shootout Winter Ringers
	13	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	15	Thu	Ladies Men’s Group – Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	Par – Blue tees. Rep Trial Process – Blue tees. KORNZ Cup: Alfa Group v Afternoon Mens from 11.30 a.m. Shootout Winter Ringers

	20	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / Putt
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT \\ – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	22	Thu	Ladies – Stableford / NTP Men’s Group – Stableford - Yellow tees
	24	Sat	Irish Stableford – White tees Final Rep Trial Process – Blue tees. Shootout Winter Ringers
	27	Tue	Ladies – Hidden Holes stableford
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men’s Group – Team Stableford - Yellow tees.
	31	Sat	4BBB nett –White tees Urlwin Rosebowl Qualifying (16 pairs to qualify). Shootout Winter Ringers – Final round

BLANK CUP TEAM TRIALS

This year six Saturdays will be set aside for Interclub Blank Cup Trials during the period 19th June 2020 to 24th July 2021.

So for those interested in participating please provide email AND phone details to John Rademakers at john.rademakers@xtra.co.nz or 027 2237705.

Entry list updates will be circulated via the Coringa newsletter.

Rules and Conditions

1. The trial rounds will be played off a combination of Blue tees and Black Tees, a minimum of 5 scores over the 6-week period.
2. An 8-man team will be selected with 2 reserves.
With the exception of health ailments or injury all selected players (including reserves) are expected to be available for the Blank Cup competition during August / September and early October with Finals on 21st November. If you cannot commit to these dates then do not expect to be selected.
Unavailability and unreliability means we constantly must draw 'fill in' players.
3. Triallists must have a fellow triallist scoring their card. If you are unable to lock in a fellow triallist contact the selector to approve a playing partner / scorer.
4. All Triallists must submit at least 5 scores.
5. Adjusted Gross scores on NZ Golf (ie Gross score, less ESC's) will be recorded. A running average score will be calculated each week to determine ranking. A weekly leader board will be circulated.
6. NO GIMMEE PUTTS! (Gimmee putts create bad habits!).
7. Those who choose to play 6 rounds will be averaged over 6 scores.
8. In the event of ties for the 8th spot an 18-hole match play playoff will determine the result.
9. Any player that starts a trial round and then walks off mid-round because they are playing poorly will get a score of 99 slapped on them!
10. If adverse weather results in cancelled play – selectors will endeavour to reset an extra trial day

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following four new members this week:

Patrick Curtis-Smith

Jungran Lee

John Pak

Mitchell Thomson

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.

Tee Blocks

On Saturday there was a meeting of the Match committee. For part of this meeting, members of the Board and the Course committee came along all to discuss a proposal about the Tee Blocks.

As a bit of background;

- We know Members (and Green Fee players) want to play off the White Tees, especially through winter
- We know this winter we will have more people playing on our course than we have had for many years, with membership numbers now approaching 420 (and still rising!!)

We also know that the reason that we (Coringa) struggle with lots of games being played off the White Tees is two-fold;

- When we set up the current White course we moved 7 holes forward onto Tee blocks which previously were used mainly for the Yellow Tees. Most of these Yellow Tee blocks are smaller in size and aren't designed to take the number of golfers playing on them that we now have.
- We have, over the last 7 years or so, under invested in Tee block redesign, renovation and repair

We are now looking to address the under-investment issue – the Board approved an extra \$10k for Rohan to spend over the next six months on Tee block repairs (this includes the rebuilding on the Yellow Tee block on no.9 which started this week). However, there is a lot of work to do, it will cost plenty of money, and it going to take some time (several years at least).

In the meantime, we are left with the problem – people want to play off the White tees but the Tee Blocks can take a hammering, especially the smaller tee blocks we talked about above.

Which brings us to the proposal which is **to establish a new, alternative white course, called the Silver course.**

The Silver course proposed is pretty much the same length at the current White course but uses a different combination of Tee Blocks. The 7 holes that were pushed forward onto the Yellow Tee blocks are moved back to the Blue Tee blocks and the 7 holes that are on the Blue Tee blocks will move forward to the Yellow Tee blocks (the other 4 holes are on common Tee blocks that are used for Yellow, White, Blue and now Silver courses).

The Silver course will be used interchangeably with the Whites e.g. for two weeks a month we might have the White Tees on the course available to play, and the next two weeks it will be the Silver Tees (we don't imagine having both White and Silver Tees in play at the same time)

The idea is we can then always have a shorter, white or silver course available to play, while at the same time, be able to spread the amount of play more evenly across the various tee blocks.

All the various committees (Match, Course and Board) have agreed with this proposal, and asked that it be implemented as soon as possible.

We are currently getting the course rated by Canterbury Golf. Once this is done, we will get the Silver course loaded into Dot golf (with the correct course and hole stoke ratings on the cards) and we should be ready to give play.

We believe this is an exciting development for the Club – it will give us a different layout to play, some new challenges, protects our tee blocks and most importantly, a way forward for the Club that hopefully everyone can get behind.

The hole-by-hole scorecard for the new Silver course (and the current White course) is shown below.

Existing White tee course

Hole	Par	Meters	Stoke
1	5	391	17
2	4	322	5
3	4	319	11
4	5	435	7
5	3	164	9
6	5	445	3
7	3	140	15
8	4	313	13
9	4	375	1
		2904	
10	4	337	8
11	4	355	6
12	5	445	12
13	3	150	16
14	5	463	2
15	4	304	14
16	4	338	10
17	3	119	18
18	4	347	4
	In	2858	
	Out	2904	
	Tot	5762	

Alternative Silver tee course

Hole	Par	Meters	Stoke
1	5	434	15
2	4	382	5
3	4	268	13
4	5	491	3
5	3	159	7
6	5	501	1
7	3	136	17
8	4	343	9
9	4	335	11
		3049	
10	4	337	8
11	4	312	12
12	5	380	18
13	3	144	10
14	5	384	6
15	4	370	2
16	4	297	16
17	3	185	4
18	4	301	14
	In	2710	
	Out	3049	
	Tot	5759	

Course Developments

As discussed above Rohan and the team have been doing a lot of work around the course this week. There is the new tee being built on the 9th hole, with a temporary tee in place for the Yellow Tees. There are also some earth works around the course (notably around the Black and Blue tee blocks on 14 and the fairway on 18) where Rohan used the digger to do some much needed tree root pruning. Keep an eye out for this, and of course there is free relief if you end up in these workings or in the track marks that the digger may have left on the course

Coringa Open

Just a quick update –as well as a great day for the Club, the Coringa Open was also very successfully financially. The final tally from the Open was a profit of just over \$4k, which went towards some of the extra costs of the roof repairs and the paint and materials for the Club house painting which is currently underway (and looking great!)

Our Coringa International



Course Care

As a player / member we need your help to keep the course in the best condition possible. The course committee would like to remind you that that this involves raking bunkers – (even if you didn't make the footprint), to repair any pitch marks – (even if they are not yours) and to carry a sand bucket and repair divots that you see – (even if they are not yours!)

Café News

For the colder winter months Soup will be available on the menu.

- A cup of homemade soup with Toast / Bread (1 slice) \$5.50
- A bowl of homemade soup(2 ladles) with 2 slices of Toast / Bread \$9.40

THE MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 22nd of May, is a Stroke round and is the qualifying round for the Howarth Salvagers. Last year we had four divisions of eight playing off and I hope for the same numbers again. The first round is next weekend (the 29th of May,), with tee times from 10 a.m. and the competition is all over within the following three weeks. If you are interested in playing then put your names down on the sheet in the pro shop, with your Saturday Nett score and I'll work it out to hopefully have your tee times entered by Barry on Tuesday. If you decide to enter, please don't enter another tee time on Dot golf, until you know if you have not qualified.

Last Saturday, the 15th of May, was a Russian Roulette Stableford competition off both the Blue and White tees. It was great to see 45 members decide to play off the Blue tees and 44 off the White tees. I will repeat that the pace of play was fabulous considering the dual tee use. Keep it up everyone and try to keep up with the group in front of you. The Alpha group were all in around my goal of four hours so please keep it up as the winter starts to take control. It's my hope we can all get before dark.

In total 89 members entered the dual competitions and because of the competition we had two grades. There were again some tremendous scoring and Alan Smith's name is associated with

it. Al, it's great to see you're in such hot form at the moment! I didn't get to catch up with Al or Andrew Wight to see who carried who, but a score of 79 is great off the White tees, from Paul Carpenter and Mike Dimond on 78. Off the Blue tees and the good golfers tees apparently Kevin King and Trevor Lee won on count back from Alan McLelland and Nick Frampton on 77. Well there's another Al in the prizes a bit so you must also be playing very well. Keep it up both of you! It was good to see some club stalwarts Paul Carpenter & Mike Dimond and Max Milesi & Kim Stevens in the prize money too! The full results are available on the website.

Congratulations must also go to Steve Satherley for his first Hole-in-One on hole #13. (Pictured receiving the trophy from Garry Puddy).

I asked Steve to talk through the shot and the following were his words. "Well, I hit this low shot with my five iron and was bending down to pick my tee up as the ball was heading towards the green. It hit the down slope before the green. I had Scotty Calvert standing beside me and the ball apparently rolled up the slope and he started going 'keep going'. Scott Ward was standing on the other side of me and looked like the rubber man with his hands waving everywhere. Then they started screaming and clapping as the ball apparently went straight into the hole! I never saw it!" Steve had entered the match of the day, therefore his name will go onto the hole-in-one board, he received a hole-in-one trophy and the club provided \$150 for a clubroom shout. Well done Steve and it shows the benefit a week's leave from work can do!



Upcoming events:

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| 22 nd May | Qualifying Howarth Salvors Matchplay (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) |
| 29 th May | Howarth Salvors Matchplay begins |
| 19 th June | Representative Team trials begin off Black and Blue tees |

Closest to the Pin:

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| Previous week (15 May) | Daniel Bushby |
| This week (22 May) | Dean Morris |
| Following Week (29 May) | Geoff Miller |

We currently have sponsorship through to the end of August 2021, but are actively looking for more people of come forward.

If there is anyone who would like to sponsor the \$40 for the closest to the pin, could you approach JB, Puds or myself.

Match Committee Meeting 15 May Summary:

- Saturday match play programme and multi-tee usage was discussed after a presentation from the Board on the condition of the White tee blocks. It was agreed unanimously for the establishment of a Silver course to attempt to reduce some of the White tee block usage. (This is covered in more detail above)
- The challenge of monitoring golf honesty and pace of play was discussed considering the hours of darkness and the Alpha Group. Education and mentoring is important considering my request to try to play a round within four hours.
- There was discussion why certain club cups and trophies are only played off white tee blocks.

- There was a debrief after Coringa Open. Profit of \$4000 including raffles and on the following Sunday \$2000 in green fees were taken. The Open was both a success financially and from feedback.
- Club trial within the Saturday match for Blank Cup side between 19th June to 24th July under Dutchy Rademakers management.
- Complaints. The Board will establish a mechanism for complaints to forwarded to them and then a determination will be made by the appropriate committee to action.
- Succession planning within the Match Committee. No one has expressed any interest in taking on the Club Captain's position / role. Reluctantly I will continue for one further year, as I see many positive things happening within the club and it would be such a shame to lose our significant gains!

Membership Welfare:

If there are any members with health issues please let me know.

Editorial Licence:

Well, it's an interesting position I find myself in. On Saturday I was subjected to some blatant threats of editorial licence if I mention how my last two holes went within our Russian Roulette competition. For those that did not play it's a modified stableford match, where you multiply the two stablefords for your team members. Now this person and I both had double bogeys off the Blue tees on number 17, so therefore $0 \times 0 = 0$. The beer match was close, and we had lost that hole. As we walked to the 18th tee I acknowledged at least it wasn't a birdie which would have meant the same ie 4×0 still equals 0. Well, what do you think happened! I got the birdie - 4 stablefords - and this other person had a treble bogey so 0 stablefords. Fortunately, I was playing with Vance Heteraka and James Willetts who saw the joke in my earlier supportive comments. Ah golf - and who comes up with these silly games! I was obviously part of losing side for the beer having easily lost those last two holes! So there, the challenge of golf never changes! Haha. I hope everyone is enjoying the course and friendship available within the club.

David Harvey

LADIES REPORT

Inter club

Coringa played in the final at Rangiora against Russely. This is the first time Coringa have reached the final.

Unfortunately, they were not the winners (71-64) but played a great game which ended with Judith Wilson holing a long putt. She was in the final group, so a crowd had surrounded the green and the skill of her putt was recognised with great applause from the spectators.

Team Members: Judith Wilson, Sandy McDermott (ladies club captain) Myra Story, Janice McPhail, Janet Harland



Saturday Golf

Four players, but only one card was handed in- Anne Morgan with 15 Stablefords.

Please Note the Saturday ladies have decided to change to winter times and play in the afternoon Tee times for Saturday 22nd 1.30pm and 1.38pm

Sunday Golf

On Sunday there were only three players. However, Ellen Buttriss and Jay Pollock both had excellent games with Ellen 1st with 19 Stablefords and Jay 2nd with 17 Stablefords

The Sunday golfers tee off 10.30 -1045.

Tuesday Golf

Today's game was Stablefords. However, the weather was a bit against numbers coming out to play. Three brave souls waited a bit for the weather to settle and then proceeded. The sun came out on the third tee. Leigh McEwen was 1st with 21 Stablefords and Anne Morgan on 18 stablefords 2nd

Thursday Golf

Today was Visitors Day. We had a great turnout with 18 players. This included three visitors, the 9-hole men's group and we welcomed two new club members, Yung Ho and Sung In. It was lovely to see new faces. We played for Stablefords. First was Ellen Buttriss with 21 Stablefords, and second on a count back Faye Beckinsale with 20 Stablefords and third was Judith Wilson with 20 Stablefords. As it was a special day a fourth prize was given to Anne Morgan with 18 Stablefords. Faye also got a Birdie on the 17th. Eric was the winner of the men's 9-hole group. Murita provided us with a lovely light lunch.

A small but dedicated group of 18hole ladies play Tuesday and Thursday starting at 9am.
Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

Wednesday \$10 Watering Tournament:

On Wednesday, the 19th of May, we again had our middle week \$10 Wednesday Tournament. The 31 participants played for ten meat and voucher prizes from **New World Bishopdale** in two divisions. The course was very challenging with super quick greens which saw only two playing to handicap. The full results are available on the website.

Significant Coringa Members scores included:

Division One:

1 st	David Harvey	37
3 rd	Kevin Walker	35
4 th	Walter Scott	34 (C/B)

Division Two:

1 st	Lindsay Thorn	34
2 nd	Peter Marsh	33 (C/B)
3 rd	Peter Bailey	33
5 th	John Matthews	31

There will be no Wednesday \$10 Tournament on the 26th of May, as a number of people will be in Ellesmere. If you have time come out and enjoy their tournament. Be there at 10:30am for an 11:00am tee off.

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

A field of 29 for competed in a Par match off the Yellow tees.

Another fine sunny day, although the NE breeze had a nip in it. The greens were not as fast as yesterday I am told, but when they dried out they were plenty quick enough putting downhill and running beautifully. Obviously, some players handled them well and scoring was very good.

Full results as follows:

1 st	Jimmy Anderson	+3
2 nd	Paul Gnad	+3
3 rd	Lex Halford	+3
4 th	Doug Ames	+1
5 th	David Stead	+1
6 th	Bill West	All square

As we are all aware the condition of the tees (some of them) is not as good as it might be and our thanks to Malcolm Wratt for outlining details of the proposed Silver course. We can all help by carrying a sand bucket not only for the fairways but if you see a divot mark on the tee, particularly the par three's, Hoping for my fine weather next week and in the meantime good golfing.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

AND NOW

The Mushrooms

She wanted to serve her guests mushroom-smothered steak, but she had no mushrooms and no time to buy them.

Her husband suggested, "Why don't you go pick some of the mushrooms that are growing wild down by the stream?"

"No --- some wild mushrooms are poisonous."

"Well, I see squirrels eating them and they're OK."

So she picked a bunch and washed, sliced and sautéed them for her dinner. Then she went out on the back porch and gave Spot, their dog, a double handful. Spot ate every bit.

All morning long, she watched the dog. The wild mushrooms hadn't affected him after a few hours, so she decided to use them.

The meal was a great success.

After everyone had finished, her daughter came in and whispered in her ear, "Mum, Spot is dead." Trying to keep her head about her, she left the room as quickly as possible, called the doctor and told him what had happened.

The doctor said, "That's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I'll call for an ambulance and I'll be there as quickly as I can. We'll give everyone enemas and we'll pump out their stomachs and everything will be fine. Just keep them calm."

Before long they started to hear the sirens as the ambulance tore down the road. The paramedics and the doctor had their suitcases, syringes, and a stomach pump. One by one, they took each person into the bathroom, gave them an enema, and pumped out their stomach.

Well after midnight, after the last one was done the doctor came out and said, "Everything will be okay now," and with that he left.

The hosts and the guests were all weak and knackered and were sitting around in the living room when the daughter came in and said to her mum..... "I can't believe that guy!"

"What guy?"

"You know --- the B***** who ran over Spot ---- he didn't even slow down."

If any of you have news that would be appropriate for this newsletter, please email it me at: jfbrettell@gmail.com.

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