



# Coringa News



4<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Kia Ora,

## Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

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

## Raffle winners

Kim Stevens 50, Liam Longley 30, Paul Snape 43, Allan McLelland 19, Mel Newburn 25, Paul Snape 17

The program until the end of May – 2024

<b>April</b>	6	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees Shootout
	7	Sun	<b>Interclub</b> President's - Final Round at Christchurch GC vs Hagley Metro B – Semi Finals played at Coringa, 9.48am to 11.30am Metro A – Semi Finals to be played at Waimairi Beach GC Avondale vs Russley Coringa vs Clearwater <b>Daylight Saving Ends</b>
	8	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - Everglades
	9	Tue	Ladies; Stableford, Foursomes, Rosebowl.
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament

	11	Thu	Ladies; LGU
	13	Sat	<b>CORINGA OPEN</b>
	15	Mon	Ladies; Interclub – Tai Tapu
	16	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy, LD
	17	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver tees - 10.30am 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	<b>ANZAC Day - Course Open</b> Ladies; Stableford Foursomes (Rosebowl)
	27	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver Tees Vets Cup – 5 <sup>th</sup> and Final Round Shootout
	30	Tue	Ladies; Nett Putting
<b>May</b>	1	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	2	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men; Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	4	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees Shootout
	6	Mon	Ladies; Interclub – Semi Finals – neutral venue TBC.
	7	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland
	8	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	9	Thu	Ladies; Stableford NTP Men: Stableford – White tees
	11	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue tees Shootout.
	13	Mon	Ladies; Interclub Finals – neutral venue TBC.
	14	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	15	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 1030am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	16	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy Men: Par - Yellow tees
	18	Sat	Stroke – White tees Qualifying - Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 3 grades to qualify) Shootout
	21	Tue	Ladies; Stableford – Hidden Partners
	22	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	23	Thu	Ladies; L G U Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	25	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White tees  1st round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (Silver/White tees on

			handicap). Shootout
	28	Tue	Ladies; Stableford - NTP
	29	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT  - Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start; (\$10 members - \$15 visitors)
	30	Thu	Ladies: Visitors Day – 9-hole. Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.

## CLUB NEWS

### **COURSE NEWS**

Green speed is 10.5 feet which is good speed a week before a tournament.

The team have been busy doing a lot of tournament prep for the Open. The greens got a fertilize and had a fungicide sprayed on them to kill the disease we got over the long weekend. Even though it was a short week the boys were busy on Wednesday tiding up some of the old stumps that were ground down, covering the areas with the pile of cores that were left on the edge of the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway. With the weather on Thursday, it was a great opportunity to give the fairways a fertilize.

So, with all that forced into a short week, plus our normal day to day running, it was a big, busy week.

Next week it is all focus on the Open.

### **Rohan**

#### **VETS CUP – correction to results.**

I made a mistake in the results I posted last week, I somehow forgot to credit Bill Hallett with his score, posting it as a 0. instead of the net 69 he shot. Sorry Bill!

The truth is, 69 seemed a bit too good of a score for Bill, so we had to undergo a thorough investigation, (that’s my story anyway)

With 69 now posted, and having removed his previous high score of 77, this puts Bill in second equal position on 216 points.

### **Vance**

#### **LEAF RULE – local rule in play as of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

With the onset of Autumn, leaves are starting to fall quite heavily in a few patches around the course, In some of these area’s it is often difficult to locate your ball, therefore you can without penalty drop another ball in the area you estimate your ball to be hiding.

\*\*\*Remember this rule only applies if you are virtually certain your ball lies in an area that is affected by fallen leaves. \*\*\*

#### **COMBINATION TEE,**

As indicated in last week's newsletter,

Coringa now has a new course option, using a combination of Black, Blue and Yellow tee blocks, You will see this on the scorecard and the computer as “**Mixed**”

The course stroke rating is 71.4. (eg the blue course rating is 72.2. or white / silver – 70)  
It is intended to provide a fun alternative to the usual tee blocks we play, with a mixture of easy, and difficult holes.

Example – B = Black. U = Blue. Y = Yellow

- 1B – tee off hole 1 from the Black tee,
- 2Y – tee off hole 2 from the Yellow tee.
- 3U – tee off hole 3 from the Blue tee.

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Presidents Grade**

This Sunday all teams will converge at Christchurch Golf Club, for the final game for the 2023 / 2024 season. Coringa will play against Hagley.

Waitikiri holds a slim lead over the field, but there are three other teams with a realistic chance of upsetting them, Waimairi Beach and Rawhiti are just one point behind, and McLeans Island has an outside chance being 2 points behind, but they will need other results to go their way.

Although Coringa won't be contesting for any silverware this year it has still been a very good year for us, we have introduced a few new players to the interclub scene, and had a great time battling it out with our fellow competitors on different courses around Christchurch.

A special "Thank You" must go out to David Cross for his magnificent work in managing the team this season, All the best for the final game.

Vance.

### **METRO A Semi-finals**

The Metro A semi-finals are being played this Sunday,

The four teams are playing at Waimairi Beach, where Coringa will take on Clearwater, and Avondale will play Russley. Good luck team. **And don't forget about Daylight Savings**

### **METRO B Semi-finals**

Coringa did not make the finals this year, therefore we have been assigned the designated neutral venue for the Semi-Final matches,

Russley vs Harewood, and Bottle Lake vs Templeton. Starting from 9.48am on Sunday.

### **2024 Nth Island Senior Strokeplay**

I missed this last week, the tournament was played at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, for the John Durry Salvor, in memory of John Durry a 4-time NZ Amateur Champion  
Congratulations to John Rademakers, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 65-69yrs grade, and coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall.  
Note, I did tell Dutchie a little while ago that I was getting sick of writing about him in the newsletter, he gave me a couple of weeks off but here he goes again, doing amazing stuff in the golf world.  
Awesome news Dutchie.

## CORINGA OPEN

- Please check the draw to see your **tee time** and **starting hole**.
- This year we are using 4 starting tee blocks, just to try and have everyone finishing a little closer together.
- For those groups starting from hole 6 and hole 14, please be aware and courteous of any groups that have already started as you make your way **safely** to your tee block.
- Please arrive at your starting tee block early, you must be ready to start at your allotted time.

[See Draw and Rules Sheet Attached,](#)

### **The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group Coringa Mens and Womens 18 hole Open. Saturday 13th April 2024.**

The excitement grows as we are only nine more sleeps from our annual **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group Coringa Mens and Womens 18 hole Open on Saturday 13th April 2024.**

The draw has been slightly modified after we identified a four which had booked and paid on line prior to the closing date. Consequently we now have 128 participants within 32 groups, playing off the first, sixth, tenth and fourteenth tee blocks, from 10 am through to 10.47. All but James Willetts two groups have been entered into Dotgolf.

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 'A One Years Membership' guarantee and a new 'Odyssey Putter' as a spot prize.

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

I have just completed the two hundred ticket \$10 raffles with over twenty plus prizes in each valued over fifty dollars, which include a new golf bag provided by Riccarton Park Golf and a \$350 trailer load of dry firewood from Glenn our firewood man.

The organising committee has been very impressed with the outstanding commitment from the firms we deal with through the year, local businesses and members who have committed prizes, vouchers or cash for me 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](mailto:David.harvey@xtra.co.nz) ) or Vance.

Remember 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 condition.

Harv

## **LADIES GOLF NEWS**

### **Games played at Coringa:**

#### **Thursday:**

**18-Holers:** No Completion played

**(Mixed 9-Holers)** Today we played for the Betty McBirdie trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> on countback was Janet with 17 Stablefords. 2<sup>nd</sup>, also with 17 Stablefords was Leigh, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, once again with 17 Stablefords was Myra. Next week we play LGU. Duty person is Janice Healey

#### **Saturday.**

1<sup>st</sup> was Tracey Bruce with 23 Stablefords and 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Keh with 20 Stablefords.

Next week. A slot has been booked at 9.25am. Please check on Dot golf if you are wanting to play with them and put your name down.

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.**

1<sup>st</sup> was Jay, on countback, with 19 Stablefords. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Anne Keh, also with 19 Stablefords. 3<sup>rd</sup>, also on Count back, was Sue Cordell with 18 Stablefords. A slot has been booked for 10.04am this coming week.

#### **Tuesday.**

**18 Holers:** No Competition played.

**(Mixed 9-Holers):** Today we played for the Val Sutherland Trophy. There were some very high scores. 1<sup>st</sup> Janice Healey with 26 Stablefords 2<sup>nd</sup> was Chris with 23 Stablefords and 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet with 22 Stablefords.

Next week we play Stablefords. Duty person is Anne Morgan

**Interclub:** No play 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](mailto: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](mailto:jimmykatie57@gmail.com) and I will send you all the details. 9-holers, please contact Leigh.

**Rangiora 9-hole Men and Women registered 9-hole players. Stableford. Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Entry fee \$25**

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

**Rangiora Women's Open. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Entry fee \$35. Handicaps up to 40.4**

**Kaiapoi Golf Club Gardeners' Delight Ladies team Stableford. FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024. HANDICAPS 0 – 40.4. ENTRY FEE \$100 PER TEAM**

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

## **MENS REPORT**

**This Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April** will be a Stableford competition off the dual Blue / Silver tees for men, yellow tees for women, Shootout continues.

**Last Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** was a Par competition off the Blue / White tees, We went from our largest field the week before, to our smallest field this week, just 71. Of course, being a nice long weekend, there were quite a few people away on holiday.

Only 10 brave souls played off the Black tees, amongst them a couple of Black Tee first timers, Congrats to John Rowley and Ashton Mulloy for giving it a go, notice John is among the prize winners so he wants to play black tees every week now.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March Results.

### **Black Tees**

James Howard	2
Nigel Foster	-2
John Rowley	-2

### **White Tees – Div 1**

Seamus O'Cromtha	7
Dennis Cochrane	5
Paul Snape	3
Garry Puddy	2
Terry Hampton	2
Kevin Walker	1

### **White Tees – Div 2**

Paul Carpinter	5
Trevor Lee	3
Liam Longley	3
John Maasch	3
Robin Wah	3
Michael Smith	2

<b>Best Gross</b>	James Howard (71)
<b>Nett Eagle Hole (10)</b>	Eddie Kotze, Greg Carr
<b>Birdie Hole (4)</b>	James Howard, Grant Morris, David Harvey, Ram Thapa
<b>Nearest to pins</b>	James Howard (5), Kieron Murtha (7) Mal Ashton (13) Grant Morris (17)
<b>2's Jackpot</b>	James Howard 5,13 Dave Cross 7,13
<b>2's</b>	James Howard 5,13 David Cross 7,13 Kerion Murtha 7, Dennis Cochrane 7, Mal Ashton 7, Geoff Miller 7, Grant Morris 17, Phil Olsen 17, Nick Bloomfield 7, Gus Eathorne 7, Greg Carr 7, Paul Carpinter 13

Wow is there any prize James Howard didn't win today?

Great playing from Jamie, who unfortunately made a double bogey on the 17<sup>th</sup> but still posted a fantastic score of 71.

A superb round played by Seamus, shooting an 80 off the white tees which I think may be a personal best, Seamus has obviously hit a purple patch with his form, in the last 4 months his handicap has dropped by 6 strokes, and he now sits at an all-time low handicap of 14.5, keep up the good golfing Seamus.

A nice score posted by Paul Carpinter and Dennis Cochrane as well, poor Dennis must have thought he had done enough to win the grade, too bad there is a bigger burglar out there than you Dennis.

I noticed a mistake in the results, someone accidentally put Greg Carr's name in the prizes, A nett eagle, and a 2? Surely not the Greg I know, must be a different Greg Carr?  
"well done Greg"

Vance

## WEDNESDAY GOLF

### **'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (\$20 Entry) Tournament:**

We had our April Monthly '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' tournament on Wednesday the **3<sup>rd</sup> April** with the great number of 87 participants playing for our usual **\$50 'Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage Group'** vouchers and meat prizes from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

The course looked fabulous with fairways once again allowing the ball to run out, rough in control and greens rolling very well. The question I have to ask is 'when will the grass going to start growing?' It was great to see the guys continuing to tidy up triangle between 10, 12 and 16. Thanks Rohan, Steve, Max and Doug you all continue to do a great job on the course and one we as members can be proud of!



The tournaments highlighted the challenges the course provides with only thirteen out of the 87 playing to their handicaps. The highlight scores were Jin Ok Hwang with 39 and Scott Ward on a count back of 38 from Walters Scott and Lex Halford. Walter is a frequent prize winner in this tournament, so perhaps we should be putting some money on him for the Coringa Open. One of our employees, Doug Hillstead, picked up fourth with 37 in Division Two. Well done Doug. Prizes were paid down to 34 stablefords in Division One and 35 in Division Two.

Coringa Members within the two division;

Division One:

1st	Scott Ward	38(C/B)
2nd	Walter Scott	38(C/B)
3rd	Lex Halford	38
7th	Lin Wang	34(C/B)
9th	Frank Young	34(C/B)
10th	Paul Snape	34(C/B)

Division Two:

1st	Jin Ok Hwang	39
4th	Doug Hillstead	37
8th	Kevin Walker	36(C/B)
10th	Gus Eathorne	35(C/B)

We have our mid monthly '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' (Members \$10 / Visitors \$15 Entry) Watering Tournament on Wednesday **20th April** playing for our usual usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins by '**Hancocks**'.

Remember this tournament starts at 10.30 am and only groups authorised by me can start before that time. I was a bit disappointed to arrive at the course at 10.10 to find unauthorised groups playing and a comment that a group wished to hit off at 9.30. A comment was later made about the slowness of the prize giving. The tournament runs from 10.30 through to 11.30 and this week we had participants from Rakaia who didn't start until 11. Give me a break!

Come out and have a game. We'll organise you into a four.

Harv

## **THURSDAY GOLF**

We had 19 hardy Thursday men turn up for golf today with a cold southerly and light drizzle. The cold conditions did not let up however we did get our 18 holes played.

Today's game was for the Jerry Attick trophy and was a nett round off the yellow tees. Scoring was not so good today and today's winner was Robert Pryce with a nett 73, in second place was Phil Olsen on nett 74, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was John Maasch on nett 75 on countback from Kim Stevens also on nett 75.



There were 2 two's today by Seamus O'Cromtha and Phil Olsen on hole 17.

Today's winner of "The Most Honest Golfer" award went to Doug Densem with a nett 90. Doug said he had a great day, enjoying his golf and the company of his two very good partners. Doug won a golf ball and commented, "it should have been a sleeve".

Today's hard luck story goes to Lex Halford and his story is one of bad luck and also good luck. Lex had a good drive down hole 2 and hit his 2<sup>nd</sup> shot so well it flew the green and into the long rough and trees at the back. Lex finally hacked his way out and 2 putted for a 9. A bit dejected Lex played solid golf around to hole 14 where he holed his 3<sup>rd</sup> shot from 150m for an eagle 3. Golf is a game that tests us all and there are always good stories to share.

It was agreed by the Thursday men to make a donation to the Club for the replacement of the battery and pads for the AED.

### **Results**

1	Robert Pryce	nett 73
2	Phil Olsen	nett 74
3	John Maasch	nett 75
4	Kim Stevens	nett 75

Phil Olsen.

### **AND NOW....**

- **A Haircut**

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a politician came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The politician was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen politicians lined up waiting for a free haircut.

## **MEMBERS CORNER**

Just one more week to go and we have the two biggest events on the golfing calendar happening at the same time,

Yes, poor planning by the Augusta National Golf Club, who I'm sure are kicking themselves that they have scheduled this year's Masters, to coincide with the Mighty Coringa Open,

Never mind, I'm sure a few people will still tune in to watch the Masters, It's not quite as prestigious but it should still be exciting,

Will Tiger play? Can Rory finally win? Who cares, the eyes of one Coringa member will be fixed firmly on Kiwi Ryan Fox, let's hope Ryan can find his A-game as I'm sure his number 1 fan Phil Olsen will have a few dollars riding on him.

### **RULE OF THE MONTH - April 2024 Embedded ball: (Courtesy of Canterbury Golf Referees Association)**

Unless local rules say otherwise, free relief for an embedded ball can only apply to a ball in the general area,

but there is an exception:

- on the putting green: the ball (once marked) may be lifted and cleaned, the ground repaired, and the ball replaced on its original spot.

There is no free relief if:

- The ball is embedded in a penalty area
- The ball is embedded in sand, unless that part of the ground is cut to fairway height or less.
- There is Interference by anything else other than the embedding itself e.g. a stroke cannot be made because the ball lies under a bush.
- The ball is not in its own pitch-mark - it is unreasonable to assume that a ball that bounces over a hill and out of sight and later found in a pitch-mark that it is in its own pitch-mark.

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

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