



# Coringa News



2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

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## SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday is our CHRISTMAS HAMPER DAY postponed from last Saturday. This will involve a Mixed Team Competition off the White tees for Men and the Yellow tees for Women. The multi-tee start will be at 10:00am and cards will need to be printed by 9:30am.

It is the beginning of the Summer Ringers Competition. [see below].

Last week's raffle winners:

[Not drawn]

The programme until the end of January 2022 is:

<b>December</b>	4	Sat	<b>Christmas Hamper Day</b> <b>Mixed Team Stableford Competition – White / Yellow Tees</b> <b>[Multi tee start at 10:00am [Print cards by 9:30am]</b> Summer ringers – 1 <sup>st</sup> round.
	7	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	9	Thu	Ladies Men's Group –Stableford - White tees.
	11	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees <b>State of Origin</b> [Match play on handicap] Summer ringers
	14	Tue	Ladies Twilight – Final night for 2021
	15	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	16	Thu	Ladies Men's Group – Christmas Tournament - Stableford (Burt Fiffeld Trophy) - Yellow tees.
	18	Sat	4BBB nett – White tees Summer ringers

	21	Tue	Ladies
	25	Sat	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY – Course Closed</b>
	26	Sun	<b>No Boxing Day Tournament</b> Course Open
<b>January</b>	1	Sat	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY – Course Open</b> Stableford – Blue tees Summer ringers
	5	Wed	\$10 Wednesday Tournament – Tee off between 10:30am and 11:30 am <b>No Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b>
	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 – <b>Foley Cup Qualifying</b> (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1 <sup>st</sup> Round Summer ringers
	18	Tue	Twilight – 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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	<b>OPENING DAY – Teams Stableford</b> Silver tees for men; Yellow Tees for women. \$10 entry; 10:00am multi-tee start (Drawn fours).

**NOTE: State of Origin - morning players.**

I encourage all those who are able, please participate in the main event which kicks off at 10.30am, pre-register your interest on the sheet in the pro-shop and you will be added to the match list. Matches start from 10.30am. It is always a lot of fun.

For those of you who can only play early, you may still participate in this fabulous event,

- Organise your own opponent within your playing group
- Organise which team you and your opponent represent, Canterbury or Otago,
- Record your match details on the sheet provided in the pro-shop, (on the day)
- Play your match - match-play on handicap.
- Record your result on the sheet in pro-shop.

Any questions please check with me.

Vance Hetaraka (for Match Committee)

## **NEXT STEPS RE COVID GUIDELINES FOR GOLF CLUBS**

The latest guidelines how Golf is able to be played under the COVID traffic light system have been released. These guidelines come into effect on Saturday.

### **The Good news.....**

All on course facilities are open again – water fountains, ball washers etc. Flagsticks are back in play (yeah!) and can be removed from the hole. Raking of bunkers is back, and we ask that all players now get back into the habit of raking bunkers.

### **The Restrictions.....**

The course is open to all people, vaccinated and non- vaccinated (but please maintain social distancing and good hygiene such as hand washing etc).

The ProShop is considered a retail environment. It is open to both vaccinated and non-vaccinated players. Mask wearing inside the ProShop is still required, as is social distancing (no more than 4 people plus staff inside the ProShop at any one time)

The Café/bar is available for **fully vaccinated people only**. Proof of vaccination (vaccine passports) is required. Please be prepared to provide this when you enter the Café/Bar.

And if you aren't vaccinated, please do not enter the Café/Bar – we can't serve you and will have to ask you to leave, so help us avoid this unpleasantness.

It will take us a little time to bed the new rules in, so please bear with us while we transition over the next week or so.

## **COURSE**

The contractors keep making great progress with the pine hedges – as of today they are partway down the hedge on the left of hole no 4. After this the last hedge to tackle is on hole 14 and then they are done. Rohan expects they could be all finished by the middle of next week.

We are really happy with the outcome – the removal of the hedges really opens up the course, and the contractors have done a great job.

The next steps will be the removal of the branches and unwanted pine tree trunks. We are talking to a couple of businesses about this and hope to have some plans sorted in the next week or so (though might be a few months before everything is removed from the course).

Otherwise the course is looking great and Rohan and his team are doing a great job keeping on top of the grass growth – well done!!

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **New Members**

We welcome the following four new members this week:

Leon Kim

Tom Roy

## **INTERCLUB**

### Metro A

Coringa played Christchurch at Christchurch last Sunday in horrible wet conditions. The team lost 4.5 to 3.5 with Albert Yee, Grant Morris and Isaac Preece winning convincingly, Richard Kingsbury had an epic battle for a half and his opponent played some amazing shots to stop Richard from winning! Everyone who has played in the team are playing hard and in a wonderful spirit and representing the club in a way they should be proud of. Our loses have been so close which is really difficult to deal with, but every game we turn up with a positive attitude which is all I ask, I

am really trying my best to give as many guys as possible a chance and be competitive, I don't want to upset people because I think golf should be enjoyable. At present the team is in 4<sup>th</sup> place in a very tight competition.

Our next match is a home game v. Clearwater on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

James Willetts (Manager)

### Presidents

After the hard-fought away win at Rawhiti, winning by 4½ games to 3½, the team is in 5<sup>th</sup> place on the table after five games. Their next match is another away game against the present leaders, Waitikiri on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **SUNNER RINGERS 2021 – 2022**

**\*\*\* TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE – GET INVOLVED – TEST YOURSELF \*\*\***

### **CORINGA SUMMER RINGERS COMPETITION**

**Entry Fee \$10**

Over the coming summer months when the sun will be out and shining for longer, the course conditions will be more favourable and conducive to better scoring, why not challenge yourself by entering into the Summer Ringers Competition and see what the best cumulative net score for each hole you can achieve over the next three months. It's a challenge not to yourself but also amongst your golfing mates as to who has bragging rights at the end. It's FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

Please support your Club and what the Match Committee is offering to its members.

The **Competition Rules** are as follows:

- 1) Entry Fee is \$10 per participant paid prior to the commencement of the qualifying round. In the event you join late, that is after Round 1, then all previous Match of the Day (MOTD) rounds played prior to the qualifying round entered will count
- 2) Qualifying rounds only include the **Saturday** MOTD & Pro Shop **Competitions** that commenced from the 4 December 2021 to the last qualifying round on the 26 February 2022 (maximum of 13 rounds)
- 3) For your round score to count, only those Saturday results entered onto Dotgolf website will be valid. It is your responsibility to ensure your Saturday scorecards are correctly signed off and handed in for processing in the Pro Shop
- 4) The number of Competition grades will be dependent on the number of participants entered, up to a maximum of four. Hopefully this will allow all participants to compete amongst their own level. As in previous years, the lower handicap group will be smaller to ensure fair competitiveness
- 5) Your collated score for the Ringers competition will be determined no matter what tees you played from in the qualifying Match of the Day competition. However, your net score will be determined by subtracting your current average handicap index (over all the rounds played to date) rather than course handicap, given that this is a composite of your handicap off all tees you played from
- 6) A weekly Ringers Result Table from the previous week will be published in the weekly Coringa Newsletter email and will also be posted in the Pro Shop Noticeboard the following Saturday
- 7) The Entry Fees collected will form the basis of the Prize Pool for the payouts in the Gross and Net competition. The winners declared will be for the:
  - Best Gross Ringer Score in each competition grade
  - Best 2 or 3 Net Ringer Scores in each competition grade (excluding the Best Gross Ringer Score winners) depending on the final entry numbers

- 8) In the event of a tie in the Best Gross Ringer Competition, the winner will be determined by the player who has the higher handicap index of the tied players
- 9) In the event of a tie in the Net Ringer Competition, the deadlock will be determined by the player who has the lower handicap index of the tied players

This year will see the introduction of a NEW trophy donated by myself. The “**King of the Ringers**” trophy will be awarded annually to the participant with the best combined Net Score competed by those who enter both the Summer and Winter Ringers competition.

Ringers Competition Convener

Kevin King

## **MEN'S REPORT**

This Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, is the postponed teams Christmas Hamper event off the White tees for the Men and Yellow tees for the Women. Please arrive before 9.30am and the draw will be announced asap before the shotgun start at 10am. It will cost \$10 to enter the match. I have ordered \$1000 worth of Hams, Turkey Rolls and Meat from our friends at **New World Bishopdale**, and I hope to have ten team prizes.

There will be raffles available for purchase from James Willetts, John Marsh and Vance Heteraka both before and after the game for those interested in a nice meat prize from **New World Bishopdale**. Remember raffles are an important means by which the match committee can operate. Please bring your money and the raffles will be drawn at the prize giving.

The Christmas Hamper Day Match will be a team's stableford game where everyone completes a card, but for the match only the best stableford from the group counts on the Par 5's, the two best on the Par 4's and three best on the Par 3's. If there is only three people in a group the ghost player will always get two stableford points! There will be two divisions - a Mixed and Mens! Get out there and enjoy playing with someone different.

Please just pay your match fees in the Pro Shop and get your card. Remember the COVID rules! Give your card to someone from the match committee inside and they will announce the fours and the assigned tees as soon as possible. We hope the match will be underway around 10am.

Last weekend the AGM went very well as far as I am concerned seeing the outstanding results achieved by the board. Once again thanks very much for the work the board have done throughout the previous year. A profit to that level considering the money spent is outstanding! Unfortunately, you guys have been left with me for another year and I hope I don't upset too many people. I will repeat that this is my last year in the role of Club Captain! Any suggestions of different Saturday matches, programming issues, or membership initiatives can be brought to my attention either on my cell 021 1499070, home number 3589 582 or email:

[david.harvey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:david.harvey@xtra.co.nz) Please don't approach me when I have just come off the course, as I need that first beer, which often I have to pay for particularly when playing 'Two shots Cottrell', I apologise once again for calling off the Hamper Day match considering the weather. It turned out to be a cold but nice afternoon for those 45 who decided to challenge the weather! We played a Stableford match off the White tees and the outstanding rounds went to Paul Cho (Alpha) in Division Two with at 41 and Grant Morris won Division One with 39.

The Jackpot and Net Eagle Hole number 1 were not struck. The Birdie Hole number 14 was picked up by Kevin King and Vance Heteraka and a nice \$95 each.

The full results are available on the website.

Meat / Closest to Pin Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

There are still many members who have not picked up their meat and wine prizes and this is causing an issue with storage! If people haven't picked up their prizes within a month from the time of winning, then the prize will become the clubs. Please check the board, wipe your name off and pick up your prizes from Murita.

There were not enough raffles sold last weekend, but we will be having plenty available this week. Please remember to bring plenty of small change!!

State of Origin Competition:

We again have the most competitive match play event of the year being played on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December! After an approach by Vance I have decided to allow him to manage a morning section of the event and I will manage the afternoon games. I will accumulate the results at the prize giving and hope that some from the morning matches will still be in the clubrooms to enjoy the banter and celebrations!

For those in the afternoon who wanted to play I have completed a draw and put it up in the Pro Shop. Derrick has entered the afternoon draw into Dot golf. Please note the names first are the Crusaders and second Highlanders. There was a shortfall in Crusaders this year, so a couple of Highlander names have changed sides. Remember its a bit of fun. The programmed match is a dual blue and white tee day, so I will leave it up to individual players to agree on what tees block they wish to play their matches from.

If there are members who haven't put your names down, please contact me and I'll arrange for you to play with someone different! I will release the unused reserved times from 10.30 to 11.30 this weekend!

[ Morning players – see the note above.]

Hancock's Closest to the Pin:

This week (4 December)

Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants

Upcoming events:

Christmas Hamper Day

4<sup>th</sup> December

State of Origin

11<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday Men' Christmas match for the Burt Fifield Trophy

16<sup>th</sup> December

Membership Welfare:

**Murita Newburn:**

Great to see Murita back at work. I was talking to her on Thursday, and she has about 75 percent of her freedom to her back. Even so she was able to get out and serve the many customers at the Watering Tournament on Wednesday. Great to have you back – and leave the heavy lifting to someone else!!

Comment:

Here we go with the new traffic light COVID response and proving you have been double jabbed! Particularly as we progress into that busy Christmas and New Year phase of the year this may become a pain to us all, particularly in the club rooms. BUT it is about protecting us all and I know the board have thought through how to action this Government directive without wanting to upset too many members. On Wednesday a board member was quietly asking people for proof and preparing a spreadsheet! Please have your proof available when you are approached!

It was great to see such a good turnout of members at the AGM. After every monthly 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Groups' Watering Tournament I am approached by a number of people from



other clubs complimenting the club on the condition of the course. We are lucky to have such a great facility and we are the envy of others!

So, get out there and enjoy the course which is looking and playing fabulously!

David Harvey  
Men's Captain

## LADIES REPORT

### Twilight

There were eight Ladies at Twilight on Tuesday evening. (Three ladies from "I Love Golf")  
Belinda from I Love Golf won the overall and 1st Lady prize.  
Courtney came in 2nd with Anne K 3rd, countback from Tracey.  
Myra Story

## WEDNESDAY GOLF

### The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament:

On Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, we had our Christmas '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament** where the participants, Men and Women, played for \$50 **Joe's Garage** and **Lone Star** vouchers, eight Hams, Turkey rolls and meat prizes from **New World Bishopdale**, as well as the closest to the pins plus a random draw for those in the bar prizes provided by **Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants**

After the interest expressed at Ellesmere, I decided to implement a start sheet for the tournament and guarantee certainty to tee times between 10:30 and 11:30. The course was be closed before to ensure the two tee blocks One and Ten are available. I would be interested in hearing some feedback on the success of this trial and whether we should consider doing this every month. There were 92 participants playing in good weather, with prizes down to 16<sup>th</sup> place in each of two divisions.

### Notable Coringa Results in the two divisions included:

#### **Division One**

[ Up to 15.6]

1 <sup>st</sup>	Walter Scott	40
5 <sup>th</sup>	Duncan Shaw-Brown	38 (C/B)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Stead	38 (6 birdies including three on Par 3's!)
14 <sup>th</sup>	John Rademakers	35
Random Draw		[27 <sup>th</sup> ] - Mel Newburn (with 32 stabs)

#### **Division Two**

[15.7 and above]

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gavin Walkinshaw	43
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doug Ames	41 (C/B)(With new Tailormade Sim 3 driver)!
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Pryce	41
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Little	40
7 <sup>th</sup>	John Matthews	37 (C/B)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Russell McGregor	37 (C/B)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathon Kemp	36 (C/B)
Random Draw:		[27 <sup>th</sup> ] - Suzy Smith (with 32 stabs)

Five raffles were sold.

## **TWILIGHT 2021-2022**

Twilights are held every Tuesday evening with a shotgun start shortly after 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Members \$5 and Guests \$10

Good prizes and a Burger meal to follow - \$10



## THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF

We had a field of fifteen for a Stroke match off Yellow tees contesting the Jerry Attic Trophy. Clearly, several of our regulars were put off by the weather and may I politely suggest that a call to the pro shop would provide some better information. We played in a gentle breeze and no rain fell during the round!!! The scoring was not great and full results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill West	74	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greg Carr	75	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Anderson	76	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Derrick Xu	77	(on a +1 handicap!)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Kuipers	77	
6 <sup>th</sup>	John Brettell	78	(if only he could chip!!!)

Please note that we will be having our final Christmas Tournament for the year on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, and also please note that we will recommence on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. Anybody suffering from withdrawal symptoms over the Christmas period can front up on 23<sup>rd</sup> December / 4<sup>th</sup> of January at 0930 and I am sure there will be some folk around for a game. Until next week good golfing and hopefully more fine weather.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

## AND NOW

### Obituary Printed in the London Times

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.



Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,

-by his parents, Truth and Trust,

-by his wife, Discretion,

-by his daughter, Responsibility,

-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren;

- I Know My Rights

- I Want It Now

- Someone Else Is To Blame

- I'm A Victim

- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone!!

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

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John Brettell