



Coringa News



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No surprise – there's not much happening on the golfing front this week. We'll update the playing calendar etc when we get more of an idea about how we exit Level 4, but in the meantime we have a few things to update you on (plus of course John's jokes), so here goes.....

COVID Lockdown

We all eagerly await the Government's update on Friday afternoon to see what happens re Lockdown. Once we have a path out of Level 4 confirmed, we'll send out a more detailed explanation on how this affects play at the Club, however everyone seems to be expecting the shift out of Level 4 to be a cautious one, and probably involve a gradual shift through the various lockdown levels.

So at this stage it's probably worth recapping, at a high level, what the various Levels mean for Golf (NZ Golf are also advising us to expect a similar range of restrictions as we experienced last year);

Level 4 – no golf, essential maintenance only

Level 3 – only allowed to play golf in your bubble (e.g. mainly either solo or individual households only), no scorecards entered, so effectively these are just practise rounds. No pins or bunker rakes on the course. No facilities open at the club (ProShop will be staffed but only to manage people on/off the course and handle phone calls)

Level 2 – allowed to play in groups, facilities (incl Café) opened, but limited to under 100. Some restrictions around cards, touching pins/rakes etc but able to play competitive golf again.

Level 1 – back to normal (though at all levels we will now require everybody to register, either via QR code or manually)

As mentioned above, once we hear from the Government, we will let everyone know exactly what the rules are at the Club, how we will handle bookings etc etc, but just to set expectations – Level 3 golf is pretty limited and it's not till we get to Level 2 that we get back to a more 'normal' golf experience.

Around the Course (from Rohan)

The green staff have been out all week on the course doing essential maintenance.

The Greens have had their normal two mows a week and are looking fantastic. They haven't been rolled all week (rolling being nonessential maintenance), so be aware they might be a bit slower than normal when golf returns.

The rest of the course is looking very tidy, tees, surrounds and fairways all been cut to their summer heights and even a little bit of rough has also been cut.

The course is very much enjoying its L4 lockdown, having a wee break before the summer play begins.

Subscriptions

Andrew has been busy sending out the subscription statements and invoices for 2021/22. Unless you'd already paid your subs for next year (e.g. 3yr members and anyone who joined in the last month or so), you should have received a statement of account and invoice for next year.

If you haven't, please just let us know (email Andrew at office@coringagolfclub.co.nz).

If you have a question about your statement or invoice again just contact Andrew via the office email address listed above.

And on behalf of the club, **a big thank you to Andrew Wight** for managing the membership subscriptions again this year. It's a big job, even more so this year as we've shifted across the Dot Golf membership system. Great job Andrew!!

Urlwin Rosebowl news

Dave Harvey just wanted everyone to know that the semi finals and final of the Urlwin Rosebowl will be postponed until we back to Covid Level 2.

The semi and final may well be timetabled for after the club champs.

Covid Level 4 - Jokes of the Day

Car

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut".

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair".

Dad's reply – "And did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

Golfers Wife

An elderly couple were having dinner one evening when the husband reached across the table, took his wife's hand in his and said, "Martha, soon we will be married 50 years, and there's something I have to know. In all of these 50 years, have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

Martha replied, "Well Henry, I have to be honest with you. Yes, I've been unfaithful to you on three occasions during these 50 years, but always for a good reason.

Henry was obviously hurt by his wife's confession, but said "I never suspected. Can you tell me what you mean by 'good reasons?'"

Martha said, "The first time was shortly after we were married, and we were about to lose our little house because we couldn't pay the mortgage. Do you remember that evening I went to see the banker and the next day he notified you that the loan would be extended?"

Henry recalled the visit to the banker and said, "I can forgive you for that. You saved our home, but what about the second time?"

Martha asked, "Do you remember when you were so sick, but we didn't have the money to pay for the heart surgery you needed? Well, I went to see your doctor one night and, if you recall, he did the surgery at no charge." "I recall that," said Henry. "And you did it to save my life, so of course I can forgive you for that.

Now tell me about the third time."

"All right," Martha said. "So do you remember when you ran for president of your golf club, and you needed 53 more votes?"