



# Coringa News



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## SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday's golf includes:

- **The Coringa Open.**  
We have a full field for the Open and provided we have the forecast fine weather it will be a GREAT day.
- The Shootout (which is now underway with a few now nearing their qualifying 10 scores).

## Last weeks raffle winners:

Jon Kemp (37 & 26); Geoff Miller (43); Rob Gillespie (28); Mike Smith (6).

The programme until the end of May 2022 is:

<b>April</b>	9	Sat	<b>CORINGA OPEN</b> – 18 holes off Blue tees for Men, Yellow tees for Women [Gross and Nett.] Shootout
	12	Tue	Ladies
	13	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	14	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford – White tees
	16	Sat	Stroke – White tees. <b>(Kornz Trophy match play with Alpha Group after midday)</b> Vets Cup 4 <sup>th</sup> round Shootout.
	19	Tue	Ladies
	20	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	21	Thu	Ladies Men: Par – Yellow Tees
	23	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees

			Vets Cup 5 <sup>th</sup> and final round Shootout
	25	Mon	<b>ANZAC DAY – Course Open</b>
	26	Tue	Ladies
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thur	Ladies Men: Stableford – Yellow tees
	30	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Shootout
<b>May</b>	3	Tue	Ladies
	4	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	7	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees Shootout
	10	Tue	Ladies
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford – White tees
	14	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue tees Shootout.
	17	Tue	Ladies
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	19	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Stoke – Silver tees Qualifying Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) Shootout
	24	Tue	Ladies
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	28	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / Silver tees 1 <sup>st</sup> round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (Silver tees on handicap). Shootout
	31	Tue	Ladies

## SHOOTOUT 2022

The Shootout is well underway with 34 participants so far. Several are nearing their 10 qualifying scores and can start dropping of the lowest ones!

Results are on the website each week.

John Brettell

Shootout Convenor

## COURSE NEWS

Firstly - huge thanks to all the people who have helped out around the course this week. We had the biggest turnout ever on Tuesday (20+ volunteers), covering all sorts of jobs from weeding bunkers, mowing tee surrounds, tidying up paths, trimming trees (see the difference on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole), doing gardens, cleaning around the club rooms etc etc. Thanks You !!!

In terms of the course, the big talking point this week has been the rough. Our rough mower has engine issues (still to be fully diagnosed). This is a bit disappointing as we put in a 'newish' second hand engine last year and were expecting to get at least 5 years trouble free use out of it.

The good news is Powerturf have come to the party and arranged a loan rough mower for our use. The bad news is we won't have the mower until sometime on Friday afternoon. Rohan's committed to get as much of the rough mowed on Friday as he can (he'll basically mow till its dark), but we aren't going to get fully on top of the rough until the middle of next week.

So this weeks Open is going to very much mirror the Masters – fast greens (STMP meter running around 11m/s) and some punishing rough to match. Remember – it's the same for all of us, and the fairways look magnificent!!

One other piece of course news – the guys are looking to tackle the various water leaks next week that have sprung up around the place over summer. They have been holding off as Rohan didn't want to risk causing a major leak digging around the irrigation system when they were regularly using it to water the course, but now we are moving into autumn its time to get on top of them.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **New Members**

We welcome the following one new member who have joined since the last newsletter

Elly Park

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.

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Presidents**

The President's Team completed their 13 match season last Sunday at Clearwater with a narrow loss to the winners of the competition, Templeton. Thanks to all those who have helped out throughout the year. It won't be long before it is September, and it begins all over again.

## **MEN'S REPORT**

This Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, of April, is our 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'NZPost' Coringa Open. It is therefore a Stroke round with three Gross and thirty Nett prizes off the Blue tees for Men and the Yellow tees for Women. I'm hoping we see some women pick up some of the many prizes in the various divisions.

Good luck to everyone as we prepare ourselves for the challenge.

Last Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, was supposed to be a Stableford competition off the Blue and White tees for men and Women off the Yellow tees - a slight change to the programme, but unfortunately, it did not occur, and we had another Stroke round. Sorry about that! Anyhow, we had 80 participants entering the competition in fine weather, with speedy greens and long rough. The rough caught and hid many of the player's balls. The old dog trainer Puds sniffed out at least six very new looking balls on Saturday which are apparently available for the owners to buy back at a reasonable Otago give away price!

Could I again remind members that maintaining the pace of play is very important and is the responsibility of the lowest handicapper in a four! On Saturday my group started 30 minutes later than our tee time and it took us two and a half hours to complete the first nine. The pace of play for the second nine picked up and we finished in the regulation two hours. I think a lot of members have forgotten you have only three minutes to look for your ball, so spend your limited time wisely. If your ball is lost in leaves the "Leaf Rule" applies and you can drop as near as possible to the point the ball is lost, but if not you must drop out on the line of the fairway for a two shot penalty.

This Saturday, we will have Keith Yardley and John Matthews out doing some marshalling on a new 'Powerturf' provided golf cart. They will be pushing slow groups along! Don't take any offence as pace of play means travelling at the pace of the four in front and not allowing the four to get out of sight!

The outstanding scores came in the Blue tee Division Two group with Olly Snape having a Nett 68 from Ashley Walters on 73, and in Division One Isaac Preece with 72 from Lin Wang on 74 (Lin won the Gross with 79). In the White tee Division One Geoff Miller, David Cross and Hugh Little all had 73 and in Division Two John Wilson with 71 won from Peter Bailey 75 on count back. I'm not too sure if people know but our course superintendent Rohan Ware has obviously been playing and for the last three weeks he's picked up jointly or solely the Birdie hole. Well done Rohan, although your knowledge of the placement of the holes should penalise you a few shots! Ha ha. The Nett Eagle hole (# 8) went to Sam Turner and Peter Bailey. Great results guys and in particular good to see Peter's name on the prize list. The full results are available on the website.

### Member Handicaps

The Men's and Women's Club Captains and Board member John Matthews, met last week to discuss protocols around the management of Dot golf handicaps and the WHS 'Hard Cap' Movement.

The following were agreed, and these protocols have been implemented.

1. The Men's and Women's Club Captain plus a board member will form the Handicap Committee. We believe this role sits equally between each match committee and the board. Currently John Matthews, Sandra Dermott and David Harvey are on the Handicap Committee. The committee will meet at the beginning of each month.
2. The committee's function is
  - To manage WHS 'Hard Cap' issues,
  - To manage and ensure all cards (including 9-hole cards) are entered into Dot golf in a timely manner. (This should be the same day as the round is played),
  - To investigate the submitting of incorrect cards.
3. NZ Golf have acknowledged that women and retired men who play a lot of golf can easily get unfairly caught within the Dot golf 'Hard Cap' system, because of the amount of golf they play, and the seasonal effects experienced. (This summer has demonstrated this in particular!)
4. The Dot golf 'Soft / Hard Cap' and members who are not submitting cards will be audited at the beginning of each month. Copies of the audit documents will be provided to each of the committee members.
5. If a member of the Handicap Committee is identified as on the 'Hard Cap' list, then this person would withdraw themselves and a further member from the board will be temporarily appointed.
6. A discussion will occur between the relevant Men or Women Club Captains with the individual identified on the 'Hard Cap' list or repetitively failing to submit cards, to seek a reason or reasons for the situation!
7. If a member seeks a review, then the committee may request a medical certificate or evidence on Health or Injury issues prior to making any decision! Privacy is a very important issue and any evidence provided will remain confidential between the parties involved.
8. Depending on the amount of golf the individual has played and reasons for deterioration provided to the Handicap committee representative, a decision will be made by the committee members on leaving the individual held within the 'Hard Cap' or allowing a re-handicap on the last 20 cards submitted by the individual.
9. If a member's cards are not being regularly entered into Dot golf, or incorrect cards are submitted, the relevant Men or Women Club Captain will approach the individual and discuss the matter with them. If no satisfactory reason is given disciplinary measures are available to the committee, which includes suspending the member's handicap.

10. Once a decision has been made by the committee, the individual will be advised of the result.

Coringa currently has 4 women and 36 men members who have been identified as having the 'Soft Cap in Effect' (Notification of movement above 3 shots) and only 2 men members who have the 'Hard Cap in Effect' (Locked).

#### 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'NZPost' Coringa Open

Entries for the 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'NZPost' tournament have closed, although a few withdrawals have occurred. If there is anyone who would like to play but not on the draw, please contact the Pro-shop. There are 126 participants at this stage with tee time starting just before 10 and finishing with the last tee time at 11.18. I hope people enjoy the course deliberately set up to challenge us all.

Could I ask those people who have not paid or previously been reserves who are now in the draw to make their payment at the Pro-shop!

For the tournament there will be three Gross prizes (best golf), and three divisions with ten Nett prizes each. Just a wee reminder - the Open is off the Blue tees for men and the Yellow tees for women and we all play in the same handicap divisions!

Thanks very much for the kind sponsorship and support the tournament has received from our many firms and club members. This has allowed us to provide a very generous prize pool!

I have received confirmed sponsorship from McGowan Family! Thanks very much Elaine and Russell.

I have received further sponsorship from 'Gin Family'! Thanks very much Jane and Wing.

Thanks very much to ALL our confirmed sponsors!

There will be our normal 'New World Bishopdale' meat raffles and a hundred ticket \$10 raffle with at this stage 28 or more accumulated prizes in value between \$50 and \$335, including some really great looking prizes! Thanks to the individuals who have made the donations.

Thanks very much to all the entries and we hope you have a great day. It looks like the wqeather is going to oblige and we are in for a really great day!

Please remember to comply with the COVID mandate requirements!

#### Upcoming events

9 April	'Coringa Open'
16 April	'Kornz Cup'

#### Closest to the Pin:

Weekly	Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants
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#### Membership Welfare:

If any member knows of someone who has a health issue or need a bit of help please let me know!

I heard there was a V8 Holden driving bogan with a lovely big dog, who for some reason asked a European driving car owner, who could have been a bogan from Ashburton, for a race the other day. I understand the old V8 was left in the rear vision mirror and the rumour mill has suggested that the V8 driver commented 'I think I need to put a turbo within the engine!' Apparently the European car went from comfort to touring and that was enough. There's still the race mode! Haha.

#### Comment

Here we go with our once a year 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'NZ Post' Coringa Open and fundraiser. The tournament is centred at giving the green staff the opportunity to present the

course at its best, (and most challenging), condition. I'm excited to be playing and watching some good golf from within my playing four. Realistically, I'll be buying the beer again and the only prizes I'm likely to pick up will be in the raffles. Get out there and enjoy the challenge this great game provides!

Finally, could I lastly ask all participants to bring some cash with them to pay for the various raffles, as the tournament is all about fundraising for new projects the Board or 'The Boss' (Russell McGregor) will have in his mind for the Tuesday Boys!

## **LADIES REPORT**

### Tournaments

Rangiora 9-hole Open on Friday 6th May  
Waitikiri Monday 23rd May.

For all tournaments, please contact Leigh on 0274340872 if you want to play in any of them.

### Coringa Open

All the best to the ladies that are participating in the Coringa Open this Saturday.

### Interclub

Coringa played Ellesmere and unfortunately lost 60/65. However, they are still second on the table with one game to go

### Thursday

#### Club Day

Only six ladies played today probably due to the weather we experienced over the past 24 hrs. Four players played in one of the QF of the Rose Bowl and the winners were Leigh and Janice McPhail.

The other 2 ladies played Stablefords and the winner was Sandy

Next Thursday we are going to be playing for the Betty McBirdie Trophy. This was not played for today due to low numbers

### Saturday

The ladies had a lovely morning to play for the Saturday trophy. Four played Stableford and Ellen came in 1st with 19 Stablefords with Myra coming in second with 16 Stablefords. No slots have been booked this coming Saturday because of the Coringa Open Tournament.

18-hole ladies- Dave Harvey is happy to accommodate you within the men's game on a Saturday

### Sunday

Results: Six played. Anne Keh had 23 Stablefords!!!! and won the Sunday trophy. Nearest The Pin was Fay...well done.

Starting time for next Sunday is 10. 30 am following a block booking.

### Tuesday

Another nice morning when two sets of four players played. One set playing the Rose Bowl, while the other set played for the Val Sutherland Trophy.

Winners of the Rose Bowl QF - Janice Healey and Sandy Dermott and Winner of the Val Sutherland Trophy was Ellen Buttriss with 22 Stablefords !!!! and Janet Harland coming in 2nd with 21 Stableford!!! Stablefords.

Next Tuesday will be Stableford and Putting

Don't forget that on Tuesdays and Thursday you need to have your card in by 9.15am, so that the draw can be put together

### General news

Please put in your Dairies July 5<sup>th</sup> for our midwinter lunch. Cost \$20 - Anne Morgan

## WEDNESDAY GOLF

### \$15 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament

We had the forecast of rain, but 31 people decided to play although quite a few did pull out. We had our umbrella out for the first two holes and then the weather cleared up. Many of us were in shirt sleeves after the third or fourth hole. Again there were great comments about the greens being so true but fast! What a fabulous comment by many but unfortunately the grass in the rough continues to grow.

We had one division and played for twelve prizes of meat provided by our friends at 'New World Bishopdale' and wine provided by 'Hancock's for the four closest to the pins.

There was a 'Hole in One' scored by Peter Burnett from Ellesmere on #7 and unfortunately Peter never saw it go in! Richard Kingsbury scored an eagle on Number 12 and there's a bit of a story to this! Richard was under the trees on the left past the blue gum so 220 metres plus from the pin. He waited and then decided to hit and the ball is lucky to get 20 feet in the air and heading straight at pace towards Paul Snape, Russell McGregor, Robert Pryce and Andrew Cleland on the green putting out. I initially thought the ball had so much pace on it, it was going to hit one of the four or go over the green, but no! It hit Robert's ball which was about three feet from the hole. Robert's ball rockets off the green and Richard's ball goes straight up into the air and lands where Robert's had been 3 feet from the hole. Someone in our four might have said in not quite these words 'Very lucky Richard!' Great golf

The successful members were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Cleland	39
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lin Wang	37 (C/B)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Pryce	35
7 <sup>th</sup>	David Harvey	34 (C/B)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Kingsbury	34 (C/B)

David Harvey

## THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF

A wet and stormy morning in the city was not duplicated at Coringa, and we got around without so much as a drop of rain albeit with a brisk south-westerly wind. We had a Stroke round off the Yellow tees for the Jerry Attick Trophy and the scoring was very much a reflection of conditions. It is not often a nett 74 wins a Stroke round on a Thursday, and well done to Robert Pryce [pictured]

The course was quite a difficult with the thick rough, but golf does involve situations like this from time to time and this is all part of the challenge of the game!

Full results for the day were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Pryce	74
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Wight	75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jimmy Anderson	77
4 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Yardley	78
5 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Cottrell	79
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bill West	79



Thank you to Hancock's for the nearest the pin prizes (Spencer Wicks (#7) (Chris Cottrell (#17) although in my case I was so far away a 3 putt was a distinct possibility. Hopefully the weather will be kinder next week and until then good golfing.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

## AND NOW

### An Old Dog

An old Doberman starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a young lion heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch. The old Doberman thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now! Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the lion is about to leap, the old Doberman exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious lion! I wonder if there are any more around here.

Hearing this, the young lion halts his attack in mid-stride, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!" says the lion, "That was close! That old Doberman nearly had me!

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the lion. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the lion, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the lion. The young lion is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!

Now, the old Doberman sees the lion coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet.

Just when they get close enough to hear, the old Doberman says, "Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another lion!

### Moral of This Story

Don't mess with the old dogs. Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! B-S and brilliance only come with age and experience.

From time to time I receive comments that this newsletter does not 'get through' . If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Newsletter, please let me know and I can send one out.

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