



Coringa News



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Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH



This Saturday is the most competitive **State of Origin** event, which sees the supporters of the **CRUSADERS** try and defend the trophy from the marauding **HIGHLANDERS**.

Make sure all competing players complete the result sheet after your match.

The match of the day is an Irish Stableford off the Blue or Silver tees. Competitors in the State of Origin play match play on handicap and can compete in the Irish Stableford as well.

Make sure all results are recorded in the pro shop so we can present the trophy at the conclusion of the matches.

The Summer Ringers Competition continues. If you failed to enter last week add your name to the list in the pro shop. Results are posted each week on the Coringa website. [see below].



The programme until the end of January 2022 is:

December	11	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / Silver tees State of Origin [Match play on handicap] Summer ringers
	14	Tue	Ladies Twilight – Final night for 2021
	15	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	16	Thu	Ladies Men's Group – Christmas Tournament - Stableford (Burt Fifeild Trophy) - Yellow tees.
	18	Sat	4BBB nett – Silver tees Summer ringers
	21	Tue	Ladies
	25	Sat	CHRISTMAS DAY – Course Closed
	26	Sun	No Boxing Day Tournament Course Open

January	1	Sat	NEW YEAR'S DAY – Course Open Stableford – Blue tees Summer ringers
	5	Wed	\$10 Wednesday Tournament – Tee off between 10:30am and 11:30 am No Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT
	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 – Foley Cup Qualifying (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1 st Round Summer ringers
	18	Tue	Twilight – 1 st 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 st 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	OPENING DAY – Teams Stableford 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)

BOARD NEWS

COVID POLICY - UPDATE

The Board meet today and one of the issues discussed was the Club's Covid policy.

We are aware that Covid is a contentious issue and often individual opinions are very firmly held (whatever end of the spectrum they are!)

The Board believe we can protect everyone at the Club if we follow the current rules;

- Compulsory masks and social distancing in the ProShop (no more than 4 people plus staff at one time)
- Small, socially distanced groups on the Course
- Double vaccinated people only in the Café/Bar

These rules are based on the guidelines provided by NZ Golf (and as agreed with NZ Sport, the policy setting organisation for sport of the NZ Government). NZ Golf have stated that golf **is a safe sport for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated to play at all traffic light settings.**

However, we do also acknowledge that there is more risk when we hold major events or tournaments. **We have therefore decided that these events will, in the future, be open to holders of a valid vaccine passport only.** Examples of the events we are talking about are the monthly Watering tournament, Saturday shotgun starts like Opening Day, the Coringa Open, Canterbury Vets, major corporate tournaments etc.

For all such events, we will clearly communicate with players beforehand that these are the Club's Covid requirements for the day.

The Board believe that this a prudent measure, and also ensures we comply fully with the NZ Golf guidelines for playing under Covid restrictions

We also would encourage individuals to decide for themselves what protective measures they, as individuals, wish to take when they play at other times.

This might mean wearing masks while playing, leaving pins in the holes, making sure that everyone in your playing group is fully vaccinated (or playing with others if that's not the case). We would ask that we all respect each person's right to be on the course, and that we also respect each person's right to take whatever protective measures they feel are appropriate to keep themselves safe as we try to navigate this changing (and sometimes complicated) environment.

COURSE NEWS

PINE HEDGES

The contractors working on the pine hedges finished the hedge on the 14 hole today – that's them all done. We are very happy with the work they have done and how they have left the course looking (other than the inevitable piles of slash which are course an unavoidable by-product of the tree felling).

We are in the process of finalising another group to come and chip the piles of slash, but this won't happen now until the new year.

COURSE TOILETS

We are progressing plans for the refurbishment of the on-course toilet blocks, however the Boss (Russell McGregor) has demanded some time off the visit his long suffering wife in Australia, and will be departing next week and not returning until late January. The Apprentice (Paul Snape) has been given the paint brush, but not the tool belt, and the major work will be delayed until next year when a fully refreshed and revitalised Bossman returns to supervise the unskilled labour.

CLUB NEWS

From the Café / Bar

Members, please note that with the Christmas / New Year break ahead, the beer kegs will not be reordered until next year. The stock remaining will be allowed to go 'out-of-stock' to reduce the wastage of kegs during the holiday period when the café is closed.

Your understanding of this situation will be greatly appreciated, and we hope that this doesn't cause too much of a disruption to your regular drinking. There is enough stock / kegs for about two weeks.

FYI – the last day for the Café/Bar this year is Sunday 19th December, with it reopening on the 8th January.

However Barry and Derrick will be selling food and drinks out of the ProShop over this period.

Murita
Bar Manager

INTERCLUB

An excellent weekend for our two competing teams!

Metro A

On Sunday Coringa hosted Clearwater at Coringa, and the team won 6½ to 1½. Winners on the day were Spencer Wicks, Albert Yee, Paul Hansen, Roy Wang, James Willetts and Daniel Bushby. Jonathan McKay had a wonderful half after being 2 down with 2 to play, he rolled in a 4 metre putt on the last (nerves of steel)! This week was interesting because Jonathan was picked to be in the team on Saturday in the bar and missed the start of Bathurst to play. This earns him the player of the day award, and the other interesting thing five minutes before tee off I was standing in the carpark hoping and praying that Paul Hansen was going to turn up, he strode in said hello to everyone and then walked onto the course and easily best his man, apparently that's how good golfers play. I was 2 hours early and scraped my way to a lucky win, but I seriously appreciate everyone's efforts so far this year. This win places us 2nd on the ladder, and our next match is a home game v. McLean's Island on the 12th of December.

James Willetts (Manager)



Presidents

Last Sunday the Presidents took on Waitikiri who have been unbeaten this season. The match was at their place and the boys were keen to give it a good go. In the end they achieved a 5-3 win which was a fantastic result and managed even without Russell McGregor's usual win. Winners on the day were: Vance Hetaraka, Murray Angus, Charlie Longley, Kevin King, and Dave Cross were the winners. For the second time since instigating that the end of match speech would be presented by the biggest loser, the honour has still gone to the team manager – thanks Pete.

Others playing on the day were Grant Morris, Steve Satherley (I thought Helen might have been able to organise something) and Pete Marsh.

Their next match is the last before the holiday break - a home game against Harewood on the 19th of December.

SUNNER RINGERS 2021 – 2022

Round 1 of the Summer Ringers Competition got underway in conjunction with Hamper Day last Saturday under very warm but overcast conditions with the threat of much warmer temperatures in the afternoon. Hamper Day attracted a field of 78 players and 35 of them entered the Ringers competition which will be competed over the next twelve weeks, concluding on the last Saturday of February 2022.

The course once again was presented in excellent condition, with the greens rolling at good pace. It's a tribute to the greenkeeping staff who have worked tirelessly to get on top of the previous issues and now we're the envy of members of other clubs.

Jerry Kuipers who played one of his best rounds for a while leads the field of 35 (room for more to join in) after round 1 with a net score of 65.8...a net 3.7 advantage over Isaac Preece, followed by John Maasch a further 1.6 away in third place. The next 21 players are only separated by 5.5 shots. There were 8 birdies and 2 eagles recorded by the Ringers field, with Isaac Preece on Hole # 1 and Sam Turner on Hole # 12 attaining the eagles. That already equals the total number of eagles scored in the last Winter Ringers competition and half the total in last year's Summer Ringers...so a great start.

The weather this weekend for Round 2 is not looking the brightest with some rain and cloudy conditions overhead, with a high of 20 forecast. Hopefully, this won't deter us hardy golfers from getting out on the course and making a determined effort to beat the course and one's handicap. If you haven't already entered, **it's not too late...come and join in on the FUN...just add your name on the entry sheet in the Pro Shop and pay the entry fee of \$10, along with the Match of the Day fee**...if you played and entered the match of the day of the previous week then that scorecard will be included...play your game and enjoy the friendly rivalry and banter each week as the competition progresses to its finale.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

Ringers

MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 11th of December, is the postponed State of Origin Match between the Crusader and Highlander supporters off the Blue and White tees for Men and Yellow tees for Women. There will be the usual Saturday match off both tee blocks.

Vance is managing the morning participants on a sheet provided so just write the players' names down for both sides and the result. I will continue that with the set afternoon draw. Remember if your name is first in the afternoon draw, then you are playing for the holders, the Crusaders! Players have the choice of agreeing to the appropriate tee block to play. Thanks for participating and enjoy the chance to play with someone you don't normally play with. **REMEMBER TO TRY AND DRESS APPROPRIATELY!!**

The postponed Christmas Hamper Teams Day was a great success with 78 players involved considering the Alpha Group's separate Christmas match and some from the Women's Club were unavailable to attend with other events planned.

There were twelve teams playing in two divisions for the prizes available from Ham's, Turkey Rolls, Meat packages through to chocolates from our friends at **Bishopdale New World**, and wine from **Hancock's**. Thanks very much to both firms for their support throughout the year.

The Men's match was won by Jerry Kuipers, Neal Shaw, Albert Yee and Kevin King with 86 points from Terry Hampton, Paul Carpinter, Isaac Preece and John McCabe with 85. There were 7 prizes for this division.

The mixed match was won by Trevor Lee, Jon McKay, Daniel Wilson and Courtney Wilson with 85 points from Chris Cottrell, Steve Satherley, Carly Shaw and Sam Turner. There were 5 prizes for this division.

It was good to see there are some regular winners picking up the top prizes. Perhaps some would say it's because we were on the shorter course. Haha!!

Well done everyone.

There were five raffles, and the results are up in the clubrooms for those not present at the prize giving. Thanks to those who purchased the tickets.

Please remember the COVID rules around the Pro-shop and clubrooms as directed by the board! They are in place for your safety and the safety of the other golfers.

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!

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 will be two raffles of 50 this week and then back to only one over the Christmas / New Year period. Please remember to put your money in!

Hancock's Closest to the Pin:

This week (11 December)

Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants

Upcoming events:

State of Origin 11 December from 10.30

Christmas Day Saturday 25 December (Course Closed)

No Boxing Day Tournament 26 December.

New Year's Day Saturday 1 January (Normal Saturday Match)

Wednesday 5 January (\$10 Tournament)

Comment:

After a busy period for the Match Committee with the Christmas Hamper Day and the monthly 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Groups' Watering Tournament it time to sit back and reflect on a very successful year. How far has the club gone this year under the wise stewardship of the board! Who would have ever thought we would have a weather-tight building again! In my role as Men's Captain, I am often approached by people complimenting the club on the condition of the course. It is so good to hear and then both tournaments demonstrated to me that great Coringa people vibe. We have a course, club and community to be proud of! So, get out there and enjoy the course which is looking and playing fabulously!

David Harvey
Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Twilight

Only six ladies braved the weather to play. Four from Coringa and two visitors. The visitors took out the ladies' prizes.

Next week is the Christmas Twilight with Xmas Dinner, to follow the game, at cost of \$15. If you wear a Xmas hat to the evening, including playing golf you will get an extra couple of points. So come along and have some added fun to the festive season

Hamper Day

Some of our Ladies played in the Hamper Day and melted around the course in 30 degrees heat! The team Tracey was in came third and Fay's team came fourth.

Tuesday and Thursday Golf

There is no organised game on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but if you are wanting a game turn up around 9am and I am sure there will be a budding golfer you can play with.

Saturday and Sunday groups are continuing on as usual

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

Wednesday \$10 Tournament:

On Wednesday, the 15th of December, we have the option of playing at the Burnham Golf Club's Christmas Tournament after an approach by Jonathan Berry a regular supporter of our **'Joe's Garage and Lone Star Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament!** I intend to support Jonathan and the Burnham Club, and others may wish to do the same.

However, If there is a group who wish to play at Coringa and a person who wishes organise the group then please let me know I am happy to provide some money for prizes. Just let me know?

I will ask again for some feedback on the implementation of a start sheet for the first Wednesday of the month **'Joe's Garage and Lone Star Group' Watering Tournament** to guarantee of certainty to a tee times between 10:30 and 11:30. Did it work and achieve that certainty or continue as previously?

On Wednesday several Coringa golfers played in the Templeton Christmas Tournament.

Notable Templeton Results in the two divisions included:

Division One	[Less than 16]
6 th	Dave Stead 32 (C/B)
8 th	Malcolm Wratt 32 (C/B)
Division Two	[more than 16.1]
5 th	Gus Eathorne 32

Christmas Twilight – Tuesday 14 December



Final Twilight for 2021 – All Welcome!!!

Multi-tee start from 5.30pm

Great prizes and a special \$15.00 pp dinner

Ham, three salads, new potatoes, peas,
and pavlova and fruit salad to follow

2022 Twilight starts Tuesday 18 January

THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF

In perfect golfing weather a field of 29 played a Stableford match off the Silver tees. The scoring was excellent and 37 was not enough for some people to be in the prizes.

Results:

1 st	Jerry Kuipers	39	["the Silver tees are too long!]
2 nd	Robert Pryce	38 c/b	[The handicapper MUST be told!]
3 rd	Gus Eathorne	38	
4 th	John Matthews	37 c/b	
5 th	Tom White	37 c/b	
6 th	David stead	37 c/b	from four others!

There were no twos , and Hancock's Closest to the Pin winners were Dave stead on #7 and Duncan Shaw-Brown on #17.

Winner of the Jerry Attick Trophy that was not presented last week was Bill West (Pictured).

Next Thursday is the Christmas Tournament for the Burt Fifield Trophy (a Stableford match off the Yellow tees), and the entry fee is \$10 to help cover cost of the lunch that will be provided – as well as the prizes!!!!

After that there will be a break over Christmas / New year and regular matches will begin again on the 13th of January 2022.

If you want a Thursday game over the holiday period just turn up at the usual time and there is bound to be someone who would like a game.

John Brettell for the Thursday Men



AND NOW

God's Help

Bruce went to the Doctor because he was having to make too many trips to the toilet during the night.

"I'm not too worried, because God is looking after me and shines His light on me when I go!"

The Doctor was a little puzzled, gave him some pills and sent him away.

The problem persisted, and when he went back to the Doctor, he asked Bruce's wife was this true.

"Whar did he say?" she asked.

"When he goes to the toilet God shines his light on him!" said the Doctor.

"Oh no!" she said. "He must be peeing in the fridge again!"

Don't underestimate the Elderly

The rain was pouring down and standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old man, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing" replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman, being a bit of a smart ass, cannot resist asking,

"So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth", says the old man

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

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