



# Coringa News



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Kia Ora

Welcome back to Level 2 golf!

Hopefully, life can return to 'normal' very quickly, and spring has well and truly arrived – the very best time of the year to play GOLF!

## SATURDAY'S MATCH

The Covid interruption has meant changes to the original programme which are detailed below.

The main changes are:

- the Club Championship programme will begin next week, Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, and
- the Urlwin Rosebowl matches are scheduled to follow the club championships on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

The planned match for this Saturday is a Stableford match off the Silver tees (Note – the strokes were recently updated for the Silver tees, based on the actually scores entered in the last 4 months or so).

The Shootout continues but is suspended for those competing in the match play rounds of the club championships – from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The revised programme until the end of October is:

<b>September</b>	11	Sat	Stableford – Silver tees Shootout
	14	Tue	Ladies - Best Nett Trophy
	15	Wed	LONESTAR / JOE'S GARAGE WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$15 entry fee.
	16	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men's Group –Par - Yellow tees.
	18	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Shootout
	21	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	23	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees

	25	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Shootout
	28	Tue	Ladies – Girls Day Out TBA
	29	Wed	WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees -11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	30	Thu	Ladies – Nett Throw Out Worst Two Holes Men’s Group – Team Stableford - Yellow tees
<b>October</b>	2	Sat	Stroke – FIRST MATCH PLAY ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Irish Stableford - White tees, and Shootout for non-championship players
	5	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland <b>TWILIGHT</b> – Begins for 2021 – 2022 season.
	6	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group</b> WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. – 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	7	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men’s Group – Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	9	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND (SEMI-FINALS) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stableford - White tees, and Shootout for non-championship players
	12	Tue	Ladies - Stableford Twilight
	14	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men’s Group – Stableford - White tees.
	16	Sat	Stroke – <b>FINALS DAY</b> [36 / 18 holes for finalists – begin at 8:00am] Nonparticipants a shotgun start Match of the day American Stableford – White tees. Drawn fours tee off at 9:30am – cards to be printed by 9:00am. Shootout for non-finalists.
	18	Mon	Ladies – Coringa Tournament 9-Holes (Help will be required for the tournament)
	19	Tue	Ladies - Stableford Twilight
	20	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	21	Thu	Ladies – Final Championship Men’s Group – Par - Yellow tees
	23	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Semi-finals of the Urlwin Rosebowl competition Shootout
	26	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / NTP Twilight
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	28	Thur	Ladies - LGU

			Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees
	30	Sat	Russian Roulette – Blue tees Final of Urlwin Rosebowl competition Shootout

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **Coringa Club Championships** will now begin with the first qualifying round on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. The second is the following week 25<sup>th</sup> of September – the best ONE of the two to count for qualification and seeding purposes.

Eight in each grade to qualify ie three rounds of match play scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October with the finals on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.

Five grades: (Handicap index)

Senior - 8.6 and below; Intermediate - 8.7 to 14.3; Junior "A" - 14.4 to 20.2; Junior "B" - 20.3 and above; and Masters (age 65+ and no handicap restriction.)

Senior – Black tees; Intermediate & Junior "A" – Blue tees; Junior "B" & Masters – White tees.

NB. All Masters results are decided on Handicap. (Handicaps current, ie. The handicap printed on your card on the day.)

If you are unable to play your match on the due date you may play any time before the date of the next due round. Please let Dave Harvey know if you need to do this.

A notice to trophy holders from last year – please return these to the pro shop asap and it would be appreciated if you could engrave them.

## INTERCLUB

The Blank Cup competition for 2021 continues this Sunday at Russley with a double round – v Clearwater (tee off 8am), and v Russley (tee off at 1pm). President's grade interclub also starts this weekend with a home match against Hagley this Sunday at 9.30

Good luck to all involved!

## CLUB NEWS

### New Members

We welcome the following thirteen new members this week:

David Cookson	Joseph Johnston	Peter O'Shea	Robert Payne
Paul Stephenson	Patrick Truong	Luke Valentine	William Mathieson
Jordan Birchfield	Will Botherway	Lee Brady	Max Dickson
Willy Stewart			

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.

## COVID rules under L2

We have had a couple of days now under the new rules for play in L2. So far, so good but ask that everyone please be tolerant and help us as we navigate this tricky period.

Main things to remember

- You must register (tracing app or manually) when you enter the course **and** when you enter the Café/Bar
- Keep your 2m distance where possible
- Only 5 people at one time in the ProShop (4 players plus staff)
- When inside, ideally you should be wearing a mask whenever you aren't eating or drinking inside
- Toilets are open, bunker rakes are back, but pins stay in the holes at all times and no swapping of cards

Lets all do our bit (but not get too carried away with what other people are doing) and most importantly, enjoy being back out in the fresh air playing golf with our mates.

## **Course improvements**

There has been a lot of work going on around the course. The Spring grass growth is kicking off and while the fairways and greens look great, the rough is starting to grow (which rightly places a premium on finding fairways).

The Tuesday group got through another good days work – have a look next time you're on the course at the area around the toilet between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> holes. The guys have cleared a lot of the under-growth, cut back the creeper that was taking over the area and partly trimmed back some of the surrounding trees. Next Tuesday's plan is to finish this off and open the area up.

If anyone wants to get involved, just turn up, next Tuesday, 9am. Its good fun, plenty of laughs, and a great chance to make a positive contribution on the course and to the Club.

## **Subscriptions**

Great to see subscriptions getting paid – thanks to all that have already paid or set up a regular instalment payment plan for the year. Those of you yet to do either of these – no panic but ideally we'd like one or the other put in place before the end of this month (September).

Any problems (or if anyone hasn't received their subs invoice for the year) please just contact the club via email [office@coringagolfclub.co.nz](mailto:office@coringagolfclub.co.nz) and we can sort something out.

## **Membership cards**

Membership cards are now available for the 21/22 year from the ProShop. Just ask Barry or Derrick for your new card next time you're at the Club.

We had hoped to have the new seasons reciprocal right Bottle Lake cards (entitles members with full playing rights to 3 free games at Bottle Lake), but unfortunately due to Auckland COVID delays the cards are still waiting to be printed. As soon as we have these, we will let you know when they can be picked up from the ProShop.

## **LADIES REPORT**

### 9-Hole Club Champs

A reminder to put your name up by the end of this week so the draw can be done over the weekend. The aim is to start playing next week.

### Tournaments

Please contact Leigh on 0274340872 if you want to play in any of them.

- Waimakariri Gorge - 20th September morning tea at 10am with tee off at 10.30. \$25
- Amberley - 27th September. 9am registration with 9.30 tee off. \$20 there is a limit of 50 able to be accommodated so if you are thinking of going contact Leigh ASAP

### Ladies Day out

On the 21st September at Tai Tapu with lunch at the Store in Tai Tapu. If you were not at golf today (Thursday) and are wanting to go, even if it is just to lunch, can you please let Sandy know ASAP

### Thursday

What a lovely day and 15 ladies turned up to play LGU.

1<sup>st</sup> with a nett of 31 – Anne M

2<sup>nd</sup> with Nett of 33 – Myra

3<sup>rd</sup> with nett 34 - Sandy

Two birdies on 17- Myra and Anne M. As this was the first Birdie Anne has had since playing regularly during the week, she was awarded the silver spoon for the month.

Its good be back on the fairways and to catch up with everyone.

Anne Morgan

### **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

The "catch-up" **Lonestar Group** Watering Tournamen will be held next Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Tee off from 10:30am to 11:30am. There is a \$15 entry fee and great prizes from Lonestar, New World Bishopdale, and Hancock's.

If you haven't been before, put the date in your diary now. This replaces our 'usual' tournament on the first Wednesday of every month.

### **THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP**

The forecast was for strong NW Winds and fortunately they did not really arrive until the end of the round. The competition was a stableford off the silver tees and we had an excellent field of 36 starters (I suspect a bit of cabin fever setting in !!!). Having all players leaving their cards in the shop went well as for some it was business as usual!! The course is in great condition and I am sure a number of players enjoyed a bit more run on the fairways than in recent times. The scoring was solid and results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Anderson	38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill West	38
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doug Ames	38
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Cottrell	36
5 <sup>th</sup>	Malcolm Wratt	36
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wing Gin	35

At this point I should mention our esteemed Club Captain who in pursuing modern technology used his phone via dot golf to record his score which was an excellent 75 gross (I won't mention the 18<sup>th</sup>!!). For whatever reason his score did not come thru on the result sheet for the day and was not recorded. A bottle of red wine will be held aside for you Harv as some compensation for losing the Split 6' match on the last hole!

There were 2's for Mel Newburn, Peter Marsh and David Stead (highlight of the day for Dave!!!)

At least we know now under Level 2 that we can enjoy the day close to normality and until next week good golfing.

I would also point out that we will move back to a 0930-start time from 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

### **AND NOW**

#### Elderly Lady Golfer

A woman turned 80 years old. She was an avid golfer, so she decided to move to Florida and join a country club. On her first day at her new club, she was told that there wasn't anybody else available for a game just then.

Seeing her disappointment and wanting to make her feel welcome, the female assistant pro offered to play with her and asked her how many strokes she wanted for a bet?

The older woman said, "I don't think I need any strokes, I've been playing great lately. I just have a heck of a time getting out of sand traps."

True to her word, the 80-year-old played beautifully. When they came to the par four 18<sup>th</sup>, she and the pro were all even.

The pro hit a gorgeous tee shot, knocked her next one almost on the green, and chipped to one foot for a 'gimmee' par.

The older lady hit a great drive, but her second shot landed just short in a steep-sided bunker next to the green.

Playing from the sand, she lofted a high, soft shot. It came down a few feet from the cup and rolled in for a birdie, winning her the match and all the money.

The 80-year-old was still standing in the trap when the pro walked over and said, "Beautiful shot! I thought you said you had a problem getting out of traps?"

"I really do, the 80-year-old replied. Would you mind giving me a hand?"

### The Snow Plough

One winter morning while listening to the radio, Bob and his wife hear the announcer say "We are going to have 4 to 6 inches of snow today. You must park on the even-numbered side of the street so the snow plough can get through".

Bob's wife goes out and moves her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast, the radio announcer says "We are expecting 6 to 8 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow plough can get through."

Bob's wife goes out and moves her car again.

The next week they are having breakfast again, when the radio announcer says "We are expecting 8 to 10 inches of snow today You must park . . . . " then the electric power goes out.

Bob's wife is very upset, and with a worried look on her face says "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow plough can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice, crafted by fifty years of marriage, Bob says "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

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

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