



# Coringa News



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## **COVID Lockdown update**

Well, we got the news we were waiting for and golf is being played again in NZ, albeit in our respective bubbles only (interestingly Golf NZ reckon only half the clubs in the country were planning to reopen under L3 – we always planned to open and at least give our members a choice to play if they wanted to).

We are very please generally with how everyone has stuck to the rules. I know its frustrating / hard but please keep the good work up – we really don't want to do anything that could jeopardise our ability to play at the course or damage the Clubs' reputation amongst the Canterbury golfing community or with the Christchurch public.

Quick recap on the L3 rules, we are only allowed to play in our bubbles (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, including toilets, and while the ProShop will be staffed, its only to manage people on/off the course and handle phone calls.

We had asked people to restrict booking to two times in the week in order to give everyone a chance to play (thank you for this), but there are spare spots on most days other than Saturday. So even if you've booked your two games this week, if you want an extra game, call the ProShop and see if there's an empty spot that day – if there is an empty spot there you might as well fill it.

We will also take Green Fee players but they can only book on the day – as above, just call the ProShop (03 359 7174, opt 1) and see if there is a free spot later that day.

Hopefully we will hear more positive news on Monday about a shift to Level 2 (which hopefully will mean a return to a more normal golfing experience, albeit with some social distancing). Once we know more, we will let everyone know how it works.

At the stage we haven't opened up the booking sheets for next Wednesday onwards, but we will do so once we know what the restrictions are that we operating under next week.

## **Around the Course (from Rohan)**

Well its Spring and the course is looking great!!

We are starting to see the beginnings of that spring growth come through, which means we are back cutting grass. The fairways in particular look a picture after they have been cut.

There have been a few positive changes around the place – we've installed some new signs to help direct golfers around the course and the car park has been graded again (thanks Doug Hobson for arranging this)

We will be upgrading the irrigation on the practice area over the next couple of weeks to make sure this all up and running before summer – just be aware there might be a bit of disruption on the practise area while this happens.

Otherwise get out and enjoy!

## **Subscriptions**

Hopefully everyone who should have has received a subscription invoice – if you haven't received one or aren't sure about the one you did receive, please just contact (email Andrew at [office@coringagolfclub.co.nz](mailto:office@coringagolfclub.co.nz)).

Andrew's been hard at work – each year we always have some members who decide not to renew their membership (usual works out at around 20 to 30 members), but this year we've also had lots of enquiries from prospective new members. Overall membership numbers are back up to around the mid 440's but we are adding new members each week so this is all keeping Andrew very busy!!

## **Covid Level 3 - Jokes of the Day**

### **Late for tee time**

One golfer asked his friend, "Why are you so late for our tee time?"  
His friend replied, "It's Sunday, I had to toss a coin between going to church or playing golf."  
"Okay," continued the friend, "but that still doesn't explain why you are 15 minutes late."  
"Well," said the fellow, "It took more than 25 tosses to get it right!"

### **The Hit-men.**

Two mafia hit-men are walking deep into a forest in the middle of the night.

One of them says, "  
"I gotta admit I'm scared out here,"  
The other replies,  
"You're scared . . . . I gotta walk back alone!"