



Coringa News



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SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday is a Par competition off the Black or Silver tees. The Blank Cup Trials continue from the Black tees – two more rounds to go. The Winter Ringers are now nearing their conclusion, (see below for Kevin's report). There is also a weekly update of the Ringers scoring on the website.

The Shootout applies for everyone in the match of the day as well.

Last week's raffle winners:

David Bruce (50); Mike Smith (20); Walter Scott (28); Wing Gin (38); Paul Hansen (45); James Willetts (58).

The proposed programme until the end of August is:

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| July | 17 | Sat | Par – Black or Silver tees. Rep Trial Process – Black tees. KORNZ Cup: Alfa Group v Afternoon Men from 11.30 a.m. Shootout Winter Ringers |
| | 20 | Tue | Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / Putt |
| | 21 | Wed | WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT \\ – Stableford – White/Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee. |
| | 22 | Thu | Ladies – Stableford / NTP Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees |
| | 24 | Sat | Irish Stableford – Blue or White/Silver tees Final Rep Trial Process – Blue tees. Shootout Winter Ringers |
| | 27 | Tue | Ladies – Hidden Holes stableford |
| | 28 | Wed | Ellesmere Watering Tournament |
| | 29 | Thu | Ladies - Stableford Men's Group – Team Stableford - Yellow tees. |
| | 31 | Sat | 4BBB nett –White/Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowls Qualifying (16 pairs to qualify). |

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| | | | Shootout Winter Ringers – Final round |
| August | 3 | Tue | Ladies – Val Sutherland |
| | 4 | Wed | Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.) |
| | 5 | Thu | Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men’s Group – Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees. |
| | 7 | Sat | Par – Blue or Silver / White tees Urlwin Rosebowl – 1 st round Matchplay – on handicap (White tees – <i>lowest handicapper goes back to zero and others adjusted accordingly</i>). |
| | 9 | Mon | CANTERBURY VETS GOLF - Stableford – Course closed until 2:00 pm. |
| | 10 | Tue | Ladies – Best Nett Trophy |
| | 12 | Thu | Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men’s Group – Stableford = Silver / White tees |
| | 14 | Sat | Stableford – Irons & Hybrid – Yellow tees Urlwin Rosebowl 2 nd round Matchplay Shootout |
| | 17 | Tue | Ladies – Stableford / NTP |
| | 18 | Wed | WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver / White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee. |
| | 19 | Thu | Ladies - LGU Men’s Group – Par - Yellow tees |
| | 21 | Sat | American Stableford – Silver / White tees Urlwin Rosebowl –Semi-finals (Silver / White tees) Shootout |
| | 24 | Tue | Ladies – Nett / Putting |
| | 25 | Wed | Ellesmere Watering Tournament |
| | 26 | Thu | Ladies – Match play Men’s Group – Stableford - Yellow tees |
| | 28 | Sat | Stroke – Blue or Silver / White tees Urlwin Rosebowl Final Shootout |
| | 31 | Tue | Ladies – 4 Clubs + Putter |

NOTE: As you can see from the programme the White and Silver tees are both in use and are equivalent courses. Which course you are playing on any day will be clear when you print your card. This is to spread the use of the tee blocks to allow time for natural repair.

WINTER RINGERS

Another cold frosty morning greeted the early starters for Round 6 and the cold temperatures never rose above single digits for the entire round. The greens were slow and any breaking putts required an adjustment to pace and alignment to get it homing in on its final destination. This week sees the field broken down into three groups based on the players current handicap indexes. Remember the current groupings are not final and are only indicative given that each player's handicap index can change after each round and therefore redefine the composition of the Group especially for those players on the range borders. Again, Group A has the smaller number of competitors with 9 so their range is more compact to ensure fair competitiveness, and this allows for 15 players each in Groups B and Group C.

In Group A, Mal Ashton on 59.0 leads with a slender margin of 0.4 over Brian Docherty, followed by Spencer Wicks on 61.87 and Isaac Preece on 61.8. Only 6.0 shots covers this Group, with three rounds remaining.

In Group B, sees the first four players within a range of 0.7, with Kevin King leading from Walter Scott, David Cross and Murray Angus. In the most competitive group the first 10 players are within a range of 4.4 strokes.

In Group C, Jonathan Kemp leads by only 0.2 over his closest rival Gordon McCoy, with Alan Wicks only 0.4 further behind. There is a gap of 1.3 to Chris Cottrell who lies in fourth.

Last week saw another 12 birdies recorded by the Ringers field during the round. That brings the overall total to 75 birdies or better. Currently Mal Ashton has seven birdies, followed by Melissa Newburn and Walter Scott with five birdies with six players, Chris Choie, Lex Halford, Paul Snape, Peter Marsh, Murray Angus and Spencer Wicks each having four birdies.

The weather outlook for the weekend is not looking that great with Saturday forecasted rain with light winds with a high of 13 after an overnight low of 5. This is moving week so bring on your A-game and put yourself in a more challenging position further up the leader board. Again, you'll have the choice of two tees to play off, Black or Silver/White.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

Ringers Organiser

BLANK CUP TEAM TRIALS

Conditions at present are very "winter" and the trial this week will again be off the Black tees, so the challenge is still there!!

However, conditions are still good, although it is tough off the Black tees.

Remember it is a minimum of 5 rounds (4 blues + 1 black) with the first 7 past the post selected plus a selector's choice.

Those who choose to play 6 will be averaged over 6 rounds.

To those who are struggling to complete the min 5 games on Saturdays - I am available on Sundays to assist. Just sing out!

Result / updates of the scoring is posted on the website.

Cheers

John Rademakers

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following three new members this week:

Reece Alexander

Samuel McGusty

Yong Han 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.

Pace of Play

Winter conditions do slow things down a little, BUT!

Four and a quarter hour (plus) last Saturday was better, but it is still too long! Do make sure you are ON TIME and keep up with the four ahead. The Black tees again this Saturday mean this is even more important.

Course Care

I know this is a repeated message - BUT IT STILL APPLIES!

With winter conditions now upon us try and keep away from any muddy patches with your trundlers and keep carts well away from greens and DO NOT drive between bunkers and the greens, especially in the marked off areas. If you can, park up behind the green. If possible always try to travel in the rough and walk across to your ball when you reach it.

As a player / member we need your help to keep the course in the best condition possible. The course committee would like to remind you that that this involves raking bunkers – (even if you didn't make the footprint), to repair any pitch marks – (even if they are not yours) and to carry a sand bucket and repair divots that you see – (even if they are not yours!)

Café News

For the colder winter months Soup will be available on the menu.

- A cup of homemade soup with a bread roll \$5.50
- A bowl of homemade soup (2 ladles) with 2 bread rolls d \$9.40

THE MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 17th of July, is a Par competition off the Black or Silver tees, and the penultimate round of the Rep Trial Process, and off the Black tees again! It was great to see 18 in all who opted for the Black tees (out of a field of 89)! I hope you are prepared to try again this week.

Last Saturday, the 10th of July, the match of the day was a Stroke round off the Black or White tees. In all there were five scores better than a nett 73, which reflected the difficulty of the winter conditions, but we are lucky to have a course in such excellent condition for mid-winter. Do be aware that whether the White or Siver tees are used will be determined by the condition of the tee blocks, and the decision may not be made until late in the week.

Do watch when you print out your cards!



Practice makes Perfect!

The best of the Black tees competitors was Roy Wang with an under Par nett 72, closely followed by Isaac Preece (73). The best of the White tee brigade was Murray Angus with 71 (in Division One), Gordon McCoy & Robin Wah with 72 (in Division Two), and Graham McMillan & Graeme Falloon with 73 (in Division Three. The best gross (off the Black tees) was 80 by Scott Ritchie Well done to all the winners. The full results are available on the website.

Representative Team trials begin off Black and Blue tee

This week the trial will be off the Black tees again. Only one more to go next week!

The results are available on the website.

Upcoming events:

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| 17 th July | The Penultimate Representative Team trial. |
| 17 th July | KORNZ Cup. Stableford Match play with Alpha Group from 11.30. If you put your name down on the sheet in the pro shop check dot golf for your tee off time. |
| 21 st July | Rescheduled \$15 Lone Star Group Tournament. Tee off times from 10:30am to 11:30am. Please mark this in your diaries, and don't be late!! |
| 4 th Sept | Club Championships - the first qualifying round is set down for the 4 th of September and the finals day the 9 th of October. More information to follow later in July. |

Closest to the Pin:

Previous week (10 July)
This Week (17 July)

Walter Scott
Derrick Xu

Next week (24 July)

We currently have sponsorship through to November 2021 but are actively looking for more people to come forward and have a turn. If there is anyone who would like to sponsor the \$40 or provide the appropriate value prizes for the closest to the pin, could you approach James Willetts, Vance Heteraka, JB, Puds or myself.

Comments have been made about the way the booking sheet is filling up each week. It is a great sign of the health of the club that so many are queuing up to play! The course is in remarkably good condition considering the winter weather we have been experiencing, SO get out there and enjoy your winter golf!

John Brettell

Deputy Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Saturday

Six players enjoyed a lovely afternoon game of golf. Play was not quite as slow as the week before but still took longer than 2 hours to get around due to a busy course.

First was Anne Morgan on countback with 19 Stableford's. second was Ellen Buttress also with 19 Stablefords

No tee times have been booked for this Saturday the 17th.

Sunday

Another lovely golf day with six players.

First was Anne Morgan with 19 Stablefords. And second on count back was Janet Harland with 18 Stablefords.

Jay got a birdie on #9

Tee times for next Sunday are at the usual time of 10.30am - weather permitting!

"She Golf" also went ahead with 22 players. It was nice to chat to some of the ladies afterwards.

We had some very complementary comments about the course. It would be great if further down the track when they are ready to commit to a club, they consider Coringa.

Tuesday

There were ten players for the Stableford Trophy. A very frosty day

First on countback was Cecilia Yon with 18 Stablefords, second was Janet McPhail also with 18 Stablefords and third on Countback was Sandy Dermott with 17 Stablefords.

Thursday

There were eleven players for the best Nett trophy.

First was Cecelia Yon with 38 Nett. Second was Janice McPhail with 38 Nett and third Fay Beckingsale with 48 nett

Starting time / tee time for both summer and winter on a Tuesday and Thursday is 9.30am

A small but dedicated group of 18-hole ladies play Tuesday and Thursday starting at 9am.

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

Wednesday Watering Tournament:

Please remember our substitute **\$15 'Lone Star / Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament** on the 21st of July.

Remember the tournament starts at 10.30 am and we would like to see people in the clubrooms afterwards and not just playing golf!

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

A fine, mild morning for a field of 29 in a Par match off the Yellow tees and the weather held for the day. A pleasure to welcome newcomers Roy Wang and Charlie Longley (he might not be

asked to return after a +6 score!!!!) and nice to see Rex Dominokovich back after a long absence. The club captain also graced us with his presence, and I assume he figured our raffle might be easier to win!!

The full results were as follows:

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| 1 st | Charlie Longley | +6 |
| 2 nd | Keith Yardley | +6 |
| 3 rd | Lex Halford | +3 - (34 on the Back 9 incl. a bogey at 17!!) |
| 4 th | Wing Gin | -1 |
| 5 th | Brian Payne | -1 |
| 6 th | Michael Healy | -1 |

No 2's were recorded which was a surprise given the excellence of the greens.

Looking forward to next week and until then good golfing.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men.

AND NOW

A Golfing Story

Alan who lived in the north of England, decided to go golfing in Scotland with his buddy, Chris. So they loaded up Alan's minivan and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard.

They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained, 'and I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.' 'Don't worry,' Alan said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.'

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of golf.

But about nine months later, Alan got an unexpected letter from an attorney.

It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the golf weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Chris and asked, "Chris, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our golf holiday in Scotland about 9 months ago?"

'Yes, I do,' said Chris.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Chris said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Chris's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything!!

And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you

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

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John Brettell