



# Coringa News



25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Kia Ora

## SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday the match of the day is a Par competition off the Black / White tees.

It is also another round for the Shootout. So far 42 have entered in the Shootout so we are looking for more entrants, then we can guarantee a 13-man final. At present we need another 5 – 6 to do this. If you have forgotten to put your name down, do so asap so as many of your scores as possible can be counted.

### Last week's raffle winners:

*Raffle #1:* Don Neil (50); John Brettell (2); Regan Bentley (3); Richard Kingsbury (8); Paul Snape (39).

*Raffle #2:* Steve Wilford (17); Walter Scott (29); Johnny McKay (14); Garry Puddy (28); Keith Yardley (50).

The proposed programme until the end of May is:

<b>March</b>	27	Sat	Par – Black / White tees Shootout <b>Match Committee meeting at 9:30am.</b>
	28	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	30	Tues	Ladies – Stableford / Hidden Partners TWILIGHT FINAL NIGHT (More about this next week)
	31	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White tees -11:00am start - \$10 entry fee.
<b>April</b>	1	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men's Group – Stroke -Jerry Attick Trophy - Yellow tees.
	2	Fri	Good Friday (Easter Weekend)
	3	Sat	Stroke – Blue tees Shootout
	4	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	6	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees – 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy

			Men's Group – Stableford - White tees
	10	Sat	Stroke – White tees. (Kornz Trophy match play with Alpha Group after midday) Vets Cup 4th round Shootout.
	11	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	12	Mon	Ladies 0 Interclub Pegasus
	13	Tue	Ladies – Stableford NTP
	14	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	15	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men's Group –Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	CORINGA OPEN – 18 holes off Blue tees [Gross and Nett.] Shootout
	18	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	19	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Templeton
	20	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / NTP
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	22	Thu	Ladies – Fun Game TBA Men's Group - Stableford – Yellow Tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees Vets Cup 5th and final round Shootout
	25	Sun	Anzac Day Sunday – Members Golf
	27	Tue	Ladies – Stableford Foursomes (Rose Bowl)
	29	Thur	Ladies – Stableford Foursomes (Rose Bowl) Men's Group – Team Stableford - White tees
<b>May</b>	1	Sat	Stroke – Black / White tees Shootout
	2	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	3	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Semi-final TBA
	4	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	5	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees – 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	6	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men's Group – Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	8	Sat	Stableford – Blue tees Shootout
	9	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	10	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Final TBA
	11	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / LD
	12	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	13	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men's Group – Stableford – White tees

	15	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue tees. Shootout.
	16	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	18	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	20	Thu	Ladies – Visitors Day 9-Hole Men’s Group – Par - Yellow tees
	22	Sat	Stoke – White tees ; Qualifying Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) Shootout
	23	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	25	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	27	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men’s Group – Stableford - Yellow tees.
	29	Sat	Bisque Par – Black / White tees 1st round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout
	30	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf

#### **A.C. (Kit) Iversen**

Our sympathies are extended to Beverley and the Iverson family on the passing of Kit this week after a long illness. He was significantly involved in the establishment of the club in the late 1960's, & early 1970's, especially in the early planning for the course when it first took shape. He has always been a prominent personality in the club and served as President from 1993 to 1995. He was a well-known 'voice' at A.G.M.'s for many years and took a very active part as a player, being Junior A Champion in 1986 and Junior B Champion in 2001 and 2002, and as a manager, player and supporter of our interclub teams. He was elected to be a Life Member of the club in 2004. Ill health has curtailed his active involvement in recent years, but he was a regular 'fixture' at the Thursday Men's group where he managed the group for several years and then when he was unable to play he did the results after their matches. He is fondly remembered and will be sadly missed in the future.

His funeral will be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> of March, at Lamb & Hayward's Westpark Chapel, 467 Wairakei Road.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **New Members**

We welcome the following new member this week:

Ashley Wang

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.

## Honours Board

The more observant among you will have noticed that the Honours Board has been updated and now shows the Championship winners from last year, the current office holders and those who achieved a "Hole in One" last year.

## Club House Renovation

This week renovation begins on the Clubhouse. It is exciting that we have got ourselves into a situation where we can now look at significant improvements to the exterior and interior looks of our space.

While some of the work is specialist in nature and we will have to pay for that, there is plenty that we can do as members that will save money and allow us to do more.

Scaffolding will be put in place next week so that the work on the painting around the roof can start. The new butynol surfaces on the roof are aimed to be completed in the weeks after Easter.

## Have your say!

A decision needs to be made on what colour we want the outside of the Clubhouse to be.

Everything that is dark green at present will be painted. That is fascia boards, window frames, external stair handrails, timber cladding, etc. Help us decide what the colour should be. Upstairs in the Clubhouse are some colour charts to look at and a sheet of paper for recording your ideas.

Please help us and have an input. We had about five votes for hot pink from the Thursday Men.

We'll need more recommendations to avoid that option. 😊

Please share some thoughts with others as you play golf and take a few minutes to add suggestions to the sheet upstairs. A decision will need to be made next Thursday 25 March so you have until then. Any other thoughts, comments, or suggestions could be emailed to

[board@coringagolfclub.co.nz](mailto:board@coringagolfclub.co.nz)

## Help Needed:

Once the scaffolding is in place (going up 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April – next Wednesday / Thursday) the cleaning and preparation of the surfaces will be done on the next week. At this stage we think it will be **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, 9.00am to 4.00pm day but even members who can give help for a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon will be welcomed. We will be water blasting, sweeping, removing metal trims, preparing fascia boards for painting, etc

We hope to begin painting the fascia boards sometime after this and it will be another full day where helpers can contribute for as long as they can.

Painting in the house rental will continue next week also with helpers needed Tuesday morning.

Busy times but the more help the more we can get done.

## THE MEN'S REPORT

Last Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, saw 79 individuals playing a stableford competition off the Blue tees including groups from Alexandra and Hamilton entering the match of the day on what I thought were very consistent greens. My golly, how well have they come back from the recent coring. Saturday's outstanding scores came in Division Two with Brian Docherty scoring 44 from Don Redfern 42 and Chris Choie 40. Division One was won by Harry Pihere scoring 41, whose handicap has moved from 14.7 in March 2020 to 6.6 currently. A great improvement Harry! Coringa certainly agrees with you! Division Three was won by Hugh Little also scoring 41. It was great to see Nick Franzman out on the course and obviously playing very well with five birdies and played to par with a gross round of 73. Well played guys.

It was also good to hear the compliments on the courses condition, and those scores support those comments.

The Jackpot was struck by one of Alexandra group, Paul Anderson, and Paul also jointly won the Birdie hole #13 with Geoff Miller. Paul took a grand total of \$164 out of the match committee's coffers and Geoff picked up \$100. The Net Eagle hole #7 was struck by Mark Searle and Philippe Lyonnais and they shared \$15 each.

#### Coringa Open Saturday 17 April

The Match committee and the Open subcommittee are meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss the progress for the planning. At this stage there have been 70 entries for the tournament off the Blue tee blocks and a Saturday shot gun start. The hope is to attract 100 to 120 participants. The subcommittee has received valuable sponsorship at this stage from our friends at the **Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group, New World Bishopdale, Placemakers** and a number of members at the moment. As it stands there will be more than \$2000 worth of prizes, for what will be three divisions, plus a closest to the pins, sponsored by **Placemakers**.

**Bishopdale New World** will also be putting on a sausage sizzel! I am looking for a tent to put between the 9th green and 10th tee block. Richard Kingsbury has made a tent available for the sausage sizzle. Thanks Richard.

Put the date down in your diary and make payment through the Pro shop or bank account, but to guarantee entry put your name down on the sheet in the Pro Shop. I have a feeling the field may be filling fast. The goal for the Match Committee is to get members to invite guests to play and see the quality of the course. You never know the friend may become a member. Book your two or four!

Lastly, we are still looking for members to assist with prizes or who know firms or a friend who may be interested in sponsoring a hole for the day with either product or services or vouchers. If you do know someone please let me know?

#### Closest to the Pin:

Previous week (20 March)

Chris Cottrell (Gold Band Taxis)

This week (27 March)

Maurice Owen

Following Week (3 April)

John Maasch

We currently have sponsorship through to June 2021, but that time is rapidly approaching. We are always looking for more people of come forward.

If there is anyone who would like to sponsor the \$40 for the closest to the pin, could you approach and make payment to either JB, Puds or myself.

#### Meat/ Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

There are a number of prizes which have not been picked up for a while, so please check the board. Wipe your name off and get the prize from the freezer.

#### Upcoming events:

Kornz Cup Saturday 10 April from 11.30 am.

Coringa Open Saturday 17 April Shotgun start at 10.30 am.

#### Match Committee Meeting:

Upcoming Match Committee meeting 9.30 am on Saturday 27th March.

If anyone wishes to attend then just arrive or if there are issues members wish discussed please bring the issues to the committee members (Chris Cottrell, Vance Heteraka, James Willetts, John Brettell, John Matthews, Puds or myself).

#### Likely Issue to be brought before the Match Committee:

Can I assure members that the match committee will not be discussing the removal of the wooden garden surround behind the front block on the 17th tee, which I didn't realise was directly in front of the blue and black tee blocks. A couple of weeks ago a very well-known and proud Otago member of the match committee was hitting off the Blue tee block and topped his first shot. The ball travelled at some speed into the wooden garden surround and rebounded backwards to finish 15 steps behind the Blue marker and between the silver birches and the 16th green. That stern southern attitude took over and he positively hits his second. Unfortunately, into the poplars and again rebounds backwards along the ground but without enough pace to climb onto the Blue tee block and down it rolls. Fortunately, someone later counted out the steps and the second shot was now almost five steps in front of the markers. Poor old Puds hits his third, fourth and fifth before picking up. Golf is such a challenging game sometimes!

## Membership Welfare:

### **Kit Iverson**

As you see earlier in the newsletter, it is with much sadness we announce that Kit passed away on Monday this week, a few days short of his 88th Birthday. He will be sadly missed and our sympathies go to his family.

### **Marj Paterson**

Marj has just had a hip replacement and is at home being looked after by Gavin. She is recovering well. I know Marj would enjoy a call on their phone 3237588 or a visit and Gavin would enjoy it as well.

### **Mike Smith**

I saw Mike on Tuesday and he is moving very well after his hip replacement but progressing well. Mike would enjoy a visit or a call on his cell 0273594446.

Get out there and enjoy a course looking and playing fabulously.

David Harvey

Men's Captain

## **THE LADIES REPORT**

### Easter Raffle.

Don't forget the Easter raffle. \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5



### Rangi Ruru / St Margaret's Tournament

Last Friday 60 ladies from Rangi Ruru and St Margret's played their annual tournament at Coringa. Murita provided a light lunch which was much appreciated and Murita's two helpers Elaine and Anne worked like little demons for 3 hours. Many positive comments about our course were overheard during lunch.

### Saturday Golf

Every Saturday a group of ladies Play around 9am.-9.30 am. Four people played this week. Anne Keh won with 20 Stablefords, Faye Beckingsale was second with 19 Stablefords. Third equal was Myra Story and Anne Morgan with 17 Stablefords.

Next week (27<sup>th</sup> March) tee times 9.12 and 9.18

### Sunday

On Sunday there were nine players. The Sunday golfers tee off 10.30 -1045. Once again it was perfect weather for golf. No wind, just enough cloud cover to stop it from being too hot. First was Anne Morgan with 21 Stablefords and second Jane with 20 Stablefords and third equal Anne Keh and Myra Story with 18 Stablefords.

Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> March) the tee off time is 10.30am.

### Monday Interclub

Monday interclub was played at Avondale against Russely 2. Unfortunately, we lost by 2 points. Good effort though by the team, though.

### Tuesday

Another lovely day for golf. No wind and some sunshine that was not too hot. Four ladies played in one of the elimination rounds for the Rose Bowl Trophy. Today's winners were Janice Healey and Sandy Dermott. There were five others who played a Stableford round. The winner was Janice McPhail with 18 Stablefords and second by a count back on 16 Stablefords Anne Morgan. It was good to have Sandy back after another one of her many travels to different parts of Gods own

### Thursday

Today another four ladies played an elimination round for Rose Bowl Trophy. Today's winners were Ellen Buttriss and Cecelia Yon. There were five others who played LGU, winners were

Sandy 36 Nett, Myra 38. Today we were very lucky to have the left-overs from yesterday's tournament for lunch. Thanks, Murita, it was delicious.

Good luck to those playing in the Ellesmere tournament on Friday

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

For those that have been in the clubrooms in the last few days you may have noticed the Honours boards have now been updated, Champions, Captains and Loida's hole-in-one.

Great to see this done and thanks to John Brettell for organising it.

Anne Morgan

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Metro B:**

The final round robin match resulted in a draw (4 – 4) v, Harewood at Waimairi Beach. This means the team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (on a countback of games won), and they will play Bottle Lake in the semi-final on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at a venue yet to be announced.

Good luck to Scott and the team – bring the trophy home!

### **Presidents:**

The next round is an away match at Christchurch on 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

With three rounds remaining the team sits in third place, one point behind McLean's Island, but some distance away from leaders Templeton.

## **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

### **Wednesday Watering Tournament:**

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March we will have our \$10 Tournament, with participants playing for seven meat prizes from **New World Bishopdale**, plus two closest to the pins. Remember starting time is no earlier than 10.30 so we can have the clubrooms open.

## **THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP**

An excellent field of 32 on a day when the weather was better than forecast. We played a Stableford match off the White tees.

A pleasure to host the Club Captain and the only word of advice I can give is to confirm that the Scotty Cameron putter is not worth even half the asking price !!!!! The weather was reflected in the scoring and results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter (Farmer) Bailey	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jason Busbridge	38
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Gnad	38
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Brettell	38
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Skinner	37
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lex Halford	35
7 <sup>th</sup>	John Matthews	35

Thanks to Murita for providing lunch which was very tasty and appreciated by all.

The Match committee is considering adding a White tee division for the Coringa Open on 17<sup>th</sup> April and if anyone has an interest in this please contact Chris Cottrell or leave your name and details at the Pro shop.

A good day was had by most and I look forward to next week with a good field and more fine weather.

Good golfing.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men



## TWILIGHT GOLF

The penultimate Twilight of the 2020-2021 season was held in perfect conditions (again) on a perfect course (again) with 27 participants.

The results are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hugo Pow	Kaiapoi	23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Faalilio	Visitor	21
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Rea	Coringa	20 by lot
4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Chisholm	Coringa	20
5 <sup>th</sup>	Courtney Wilson (L)	Coringa	19 by lot
6 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Fincher	Coringa	19 by lot
7 <sup>th</sup>	John Hansen	Russley	19
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tracey Bruce (L)	Coringa	18 by lot
9 <sup>th</sup>	Russell McGregor	Coringa	19
10 <sup>th</sup>	John Maasch	Coringa	18 by lot
11 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Wilson	Coringa	18 by lot
12 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Newell	Harewood	18 by lot
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Searle	Coringa	18
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ollie Shea	Coringa	17 by lot

The full results, including the 'Champion of Champion' standings, are on the website

## AND NOW

### Unemployment

In a time of major unemployment, the circus came to town. Thinking there might be an opportunity Bruce approached the manager and asked for a job.

"What do you do?" the manager asked.

"I dive off a fifty-foot tower into a pile of sawdust!" said Bruce nonchalantly.

"I would love to see that" said the manager. "I will arrange for the tower and you can show me your act this afternoon."

At 2 pm Bruce showed up in his leotards already to go.

Slowly he climbed the tower, stood at the top, tested the wind, and then dived into the barrel of sawdust 50 feet below.

The manager was most impressed.

"I will give you \$100 a performance if you do that in the show – two shows a day!"

Bruce thought, "Uhm, I don't think so"

"I'll offer \$200 a performance then"

"Uuuhhhm. *pause* I don't think so"

"Well" said the manager, "I'll offer my top rate. Only my best performers get this - \$400 a performance!"

After a very long pause, and some chin scratching Bruce said "No, I don't think so."

The manager was puzzled. "You came to me looking for a job and I offer you the top rate, and you turn it down. How come?"

"Well," said Bruce, "It's the first time I've tried it and I didn't like it very much!"

If any of you have news that would be appropriate for this newsletter, please email it me at: [jfbrettell@gmail.com](mailto:jfbrettell@gmail.com).

John Brettell