



Coringa News



17th June 2021

Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday is a Stableford competition off the Blue or Yellow tees. It is also the start of the Blank Cup Trials, and these players will be off the Blue tees. The finalists have been found for the Howarth salvers and they will be playing off the Silver / White tees – do check your cards for current handicaps.

The Winter Ringers are now underway, but you can still enter in this competition in the pro shop. The weekly updates are on the website and there will be a weekly report from the organiser, Kevin King, in the newsletter. This lasts for the months of June and July. The Shootout applies for everyone in the match of the day as well.

Last week's raffle winners:

Phillipee Lyonnaise (42); Johnny McKay (47); Alan Smith (8); Kim Stevens (46); Ethan Clark (20)..

The proposed programme until the end of July is:

June	19	Sat	Stableford – Blue or Yellow tees Start of Rep Trial Process – Blue tees. Shootout Finals Howarth Salvers – (White/Silver tees on handicap). Winter ringers.
	20	Sun	Hackers tournament – tee off at 9.30, with the front nine closed until 10.30
	22	Tue	Ladies – Stableford / LD
	23	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	24	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men's Group –Stableford - Yellow tees
	26	Sat	Irish Stableford – Black or White/Silver tees. Rep Trial Process – Black tees. Shootout Winter ringers.
	29	Tues	Ladies - Stableford
	30	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White/Silver Tees

			- 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
July	1	Thur	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men's Group – Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	3	Sat	Stableford – Blue or Yellow tees Rep Trial Process – Blue tees. Shootout Winter Ringers
	6	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White/Silver Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men's Group – Stableford – White/Silver tees.
	10	Sat	Stroke – Black or White/Silver tees. Rep Trial Process – Black tees. Shootout Winter Ringers
	13	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	15	Thu	Ladies Men's Group – Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	Par – Blue tees. Rep Trial Process – Blue tees. KORNZ Cup: Alfa Group v Afternoon Mens 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). Shootout Winter Ringers – Final round

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.

WINTER RINGERS

At the start of Round 2 of the Winter Ringers Competition, another nine players signed up to join in on the fun and have some banter with their playing partners and fellow members.

Charlie Longley has improved 2 spots to now lead the field after round #2 with a net score of 61.9...a net of only 0.2 advantage over Murray Angus who improved 5 spots, followed closely by another improver John Brettell a further 1.5 away in third place. The top 12 players are within a range of 5 strokes.

There were 19 birdies recorded by the Ringers field under the cool overcast conditions. Currently Lex Halford and Melissa Newburn have three birdies each while eight other players have attained two birdies each.

The weather outlook for the weekend is not looking that great with developing rain forecasted throughout the weekend. Hopefully as we get closer to the weekend there is some improvement in the forecast, otherwise we will need to get our wet weather ready.

If you have not already entered, it's not too late as there's still seven rounds to be played...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...play your game and enjoy the friendly rivalry and banter each week as the competition progresses to its finale. The last round of the ringers competition will be on the 31 July 2021.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

Ringers Organiser

BLANK CUP TEAM TRIALS

This year six Saturdays will be set aside for Interclub Blank Cup Trials during the period 19th June 2020 to 24th July 2021.

So for those interested in participating please provide email AND phone details to John Rademakers at john.rademakers@xtra.co.nz or 027 2237705.

Entrants thus far for Blank Cup Trials

James Howard, Rohan Ware, Paul Hansen, James Willets, Derrick Xu, Lin Wang, John Gaw, Richard Kingsbury, Spencer Wicks, Scott Calvert, Roy Wang, Vance Hetaraka.

Selection criteria - Players selected on Trial performance - First past the post with one Selector's choice (if required). For rules re the trials – see last weeks newsletter.

Cheers

John Rademakers

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following new member this week:

Zachary Machirus

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.

Christchurch Hackers Tournament

This Sunday we host the Christchurch Hackers Group for their annual Coringa tournament.

Usually there will be around 70 – 80 at these events which begin with a multi-tee start at 9.30am. Because of this the front nine holes will be closed until at least 10.30am. Their starting tees will be Holes 1,2 5,6,7,8,9,10,11, and 13. If they have larger numbers then 16, 17, and 18 will be considered too. While the forecast is not great for Sunday hopefully it will be bright enough for the event to go ahead. We appreciate that these events limit course access for members from time to time the financial benefits are very good and they put money back into future course development. If you are planning to golf after 10:30am please understand there may be a wait to find a place in the field. Again we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Clubhouse Painting

Painting progress has continued well over the last couple of weeks will a number of helpers each day. The temperatures and drying conditions have not been too conducive in the last week or so though. Drying between coats is taking some time and often areas are too damp to proceed. Good progress has been made though and we are now going to take a few days rest to allow more time.

Hopefully in the near future we'll get more sun and a bit of breeze to help out. During this time we'll be thinking about the next project. Many thanks again to those who have helped out lately.

Course Care

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 try not to drive between bunkers and the greens, especially in the marked off areas. If you can, park up behind the green.

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

We seem to continually suffer from a lack of sand buckets around the course (despite buying more each year). We have just ordered another 50 (at a cost of \$10 each – paid for out of the regular raffle money). In the meantime, if you have any lying around your home, in your garage etc etc, please return them to the Club (no questions asked – general amnesty on returned sand buckets), and please look after the ones we have – they do come at a cost!!

Board update – Subscriptions and Coring machine

The Board met last Monday and discussed a number of items which are worth updating everyone;

In terms of the **2021/22 subscriptions**, the Board have decided that;

- There will be **NO** general price increase this year. The Club continues to go well financially and the increase in members this year has put the Club in a healthy position. Therefore, the Board has decided to leave next years subs at the current rates with a few minor adjustments
- The summer subscription rate was probably pitched a little too high at \$650 for 7 months, and so has been reduced to \$550. The U23 rate was conversely probably a little too low at \$310 and so will be increased to \$360 (still good value at \$30 per month for full playing rights).
- The introductory subscription offer has proven very attractive to new members (which is great) but probably needs to be tweaked slightly – we have decided to increase it slightly to \$700 for the first year and increase the 3year subscription to \$1,800 (up from \$1,550).

These new subscription rates come into effect from 1 July so if you know of anyone who is thinking of joining up, tell them to contact us before the end of this month if they want to avoid the price increases. We expect to send out the 2021/22 sub invoices in August.

Out of interest the Board also reviewed how our full sub compares with other clubs in the Christchurch region. Coringa has the **fourth lowest** sub out of all the 18 hole courses in Christchurch – pretty good value considering the quality of the course we get to enjoy week in, week out.

Coring machine

The Board has also been considering for some time a request from the Course committee to purchase a Coring machine. We have hired a machine in the past but this was no longer available and anyway we really need to do more work around the course with a machine than was possible on a casual hire basis.

A coring machine is essential not only for coring the greens but also for some of the remedial work required on the tees, green surrounds and fairways (a lot of the dry, hard patches around the course are where the soil has compacted and water and nutrients can't get into the ground, therefore the grass doesn't grow. Coring opens up the ground and enables grass growth again).

Unfortunately, they are not cheap (total cost \$43.5k + GST) but they are important. As mentioned previously the Club is now in a healthy financial position so this meant we are finally able to make this investment. This week the Board decided to go ahead and purchase a new coring machine – the order was placed earlier this week. However, the normal COVID supply issues are still with us and we aren't expecting delivery for a few months. We are excited about this purchase – while a big investment, a coring machine will be a vital piece of equipment for the Club in terms of improving the quality of our course and we think will make a big difference in the coming years.

METRO B INTERCLUB

The Champion of Champions match for the Toby Richards Cup, between the Metro B winners and the winners Patterson Cup (Central Canterbury) is to be held on Sunday, the 27th of June at Avondale.

THE MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 19th of June, is a busy day with a Stableford competition off the blue and yellow tees, the start of the Rep Trial Process for the Blank Cup team off the Black tees and the final for the Howarth Salvagers off either the White/ Silver tee blocks.

Sorry the participants in the Howarth Salvagers will not be able to enter the match of the day.

The Howarth Salvagers semi-finals saw the following results:

Division One:

Murray Angus defeated Grant Morris (3/2) and Spencer Wicks defeated Albert Yee. (5/3)

Final: Murray Angus v Spencer Wicks

Division Two:

David Henderson defeated Wing Gin (2 Up) and Hugh Little defeated James Gu (3/1).

Final: David Henderson v Hugh Little

Division Three:

Chris Choie defeated Terry Hampton (6/4) and Charlie Longley defeated Russell McGregor (5/4)

Final: Chris Choie v Charlie Longley

Division Four:

Ethan Clark defeated Olly Snape (2/1) and Phillippe Lyonnais defeated Chris Cottrell (1 Up)

Final: Ethan Clark v Phillippe Lyonnais

- and good luck to all participants in these finals.

Match of the Day Competition Fees

As mentioned in the last two week's emails, last Saturday the match committee introduced our new three-tier Saturday competition entry fee. There seemed to be some confusion about the \$8 competition as 41 individuals entering this tier. The tier has a \$1 entry component in the best gross score competition. On Saturday it was won by Jamie Howard with a Gross 72 score, and I would guess it will be usually won by members who shoot close to par. This competition tends to be won by a single figure handicapper, therefore those who are not, may want to consider which tier they enter.

To remind you the Tiers again are:

- \$5 - Entry in: the match, the two's, Jackpot and Nett Eagle hole.
- \$7 - Entry in: the match, the two's, Jackpot, Nett Eagle and Birdie hole.
- \$8 - Entry in: the match, the two's, Jackpot, Nett Eagle, and Birdie hole and a Gross competition. The gross prize will always be associated with the longest tee block being used within the competition that day i.e dual Blue and White tees, it will be on the Blue competition!

Once again if you have feedback please send it to the board or me as opposed to mentioning it to Barry or Derrick.

Last Saturday, the 12th of June, the match of the day was a 4BBB competition off the silver tees and for the first time since I have been Club Captain, we had 90 members who entered the competition. Also, my first time playing the Silver tees! I enjoyed it and found the front nine a challenge and agree with some who said a bit of fun on the back nine. The course I thought was challenging as I hit a few trees and bunkers particularly on the back nine. I had the pleasure to write four stablefords down for Jerry Kuipers on the seventeenth hole. Who said the blue tees on 17 were too hard!

There were some great team scores recorded with full time work obviously being good for Swampy as Peter and Clinton Chase won the competition with 46 and Grant Morris and Murray Angus playing against each other in the Howarth Salver but were second in the competition with 44. I understand from Murray they were winning holes with birdies. Funny playing each other and then working together as a team. Must have been an interesting and competitive match! David Henderson picked up the Jackpot \$36 with twos on 7 and 18. I have not heard what happened but an eagle on 18 is fabulous. Well done, David. Lex Halford and John Wilson won the Nett Eagle, number 10 – (\$18), and Scott Ritchie picked up the Birdie hole, number 4 again a nice \$100. Well played all and the full results are available on the website.

Pace of Play

I was talking to the Alpha Group on Saturday and was told it had taken them five hours to get around the course, so it was almost dark when they were coming in. I know I have often mentioned the pace of play recently and hoped we could get around the course in or near to four hours. To assist in this, members will see several posters around the clubrooms with some simple points to help with golf etiquette and members playing ready golf. Please read and make yourself familiar with the suggestions.

Countback process

In the recent weeks I have had a query from a member how the Dot golf count back process works which I have researched. The count back begins on the last nine holes played, then the next six holes and then the first three holes played. If the competitors are still the same, then count back goes backward on individual holes from the 18th hole until one competitor wins a hole. Dot golf system is programmed to do this automatically, so we can have faith in the system!

Representative Team trials

Can I again thank John Rademakers for managing this trial process over the next few weeks and Spencer Wicks for offering the managing the side. As you will see from the programme above there has been a change this week, due to the weather, and the trial will be off the Blue tees not the Black.

The following members have expressed interest in the trial;

Jamie Howard; Rohan Ware; Lin Wang; Roy Wang; Mark Song; John Gaw; Paul Hansen; Derrick Xu; Spencer Wicks; Richard Kingsbury; Vance Heteraka; David Harvey; James Willetts; Scott Calvert

It is still possible to add your name to the list – just let John Rademakers know.

Good luck to those entering.

Canterbury Champion of Champions Tournament:

Last Sunday John Rademakers, Malcolm Wratt and Duncan Shaw-Brown represented the club at Shirley where the tournament was held.

The side performed well with Malcolm winning the Individual Nett Stableford competition and getting second in the Intermediate Division, Duncan was tenth in the Junior and Dutchy sixteenth in the Senior stableford Competitions. I was told the side was unfortunately a few shots behind the winning side. Well done guys and thanks for representing the club at this tournament.

Upcoming events:

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| 19 th June | Representative Team trials begin off Black and Blue tees |
| 3 rd July | Left v Right handers. I've proposed a match play competition matching handicaps. Put your names down in the Pro-Shop. |
| 17 th July | KORNZ Cup. Stableford Match play with Alpha Group from 11.30 |

Closest to the Pin:

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| Previous week (12 June) | Greg Carr (GMC Motel Management) |
| This week (19 June) | Rex and Alison Dominokovich |
| Following Week (26 June) | Brian Docherty |

We currently have sponsorship through to September 2021 but are actively looking for more people of come forward and have a turn.

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

Closest to the Pin and Raffle Prizes:

We have several prizes which have not been picked up for the while. If they are not then they will be re-used so please pick them up;

Albert McKinnon (C/P)

Richard Pelling (C/P)

Membership Welfare:

John Banks

I have called John and he has a mild dose of shingles he said but still painful. He is feeling better and in his second week of his self-imposed lock down. If anyone has some time please give John a call on his cell phone 021 1758984.

Shingles I understand are such a painful ailment which tend to affect the elderly and can be contagious. There is a vaccine available to help lessen the chance of contracting. I suggest that those who have not had the vaccine should discuss with your doctor.

Enjoy your winter golf!

David Harvey

Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Saturday

There were seven players. 1st on countback- Anne Morgan 16 Stablefords and 2nd Tracey Bruce also with 16 Stablefords

Tee times for Saturday 19th June is 1.18pm & 1.30pm

Sunday

There were four players. 1st was Anne Morgan with 19 Stablefords

Tee times for next Sunday may change from the usual time. Joy is checking with Barry on Thursday, so keep an eye out for Joy's email.

Tuesday

There were five players played Stablefords. 1st on count back was Sandy Dermott with 18 Stablefords and 2nd was Cecilia Yon also 18 Stablefords

Four players also played the final of the Rose Bowl. The winners were Janice McPhail and Leigh McEwan, Congratulations to you both. Runners up Padma De Silva and Anne Morgan

Thursday

Well what can one say about Thursday. Intermittent rain and freezing cold. However, one brave soul did go out to Coringa, but she had no friends turn up to play with her so went off to the supermarket instead.

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.

We would like to remind the ladies of the Mid-winter Christmas lunch on the 6th of July. Please put your name on the notice in the lady's locker room if you are coming and let Myra know if there are any ex-Coringa members coming

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

\$10 Wednesday Watering Tournament:

On Wednesday, the 16th of June, we had 21 individuals playing for twelve meat prizes from our friends at **New World Supermarket Bishopdale** in our \$10 tournament mid-month tournament. Prizes were paid out down to 33 stablefords. This tournament is focused on our own members and paying back some of the profits accumulated through the '**Lone Star / Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament** for their attendance.

Book the next **\$10 Tournament** dates - 30th of June and 15th of July and 7th of July for our **\$15 'Lone Star / Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament!**

Next week we are at Ellesmere!

Notable Coringa Results:

1 st	Paul Carpinter	38
2 nd	Lin Wang	37
3 rd	Keith Yardley	37
4 th	Wing Gin	36
5 th	Paul Snape	35 (C/B)

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

Unfortunately, the weather forced the cancellation of this week's game. Hopefully, it will be the only one!

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men.

AND NOW

A golfing Story.

A guy was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone but agreed to the twosome.

They were even after the first two holes. The second guy said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?"

The first guy said that he wasn't much for betting but agreed to the terms.

The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease. As they were walking off number eighteen, the second guy was busy counting his \$80.00. He then confessed that he was the pro at the neighbouring course and liked to pick on suckers.

The first fellow revealed that he was the Parish Priest.

The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money.

The Priest said, "You won fair and square, and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings."

The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation of \$80. And, if you want to, bring your mother and father along, I'll marry them."

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