



Coringa News



30th September 2021

Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

The Nor'wester was the winner last Saturday and the second round of qualifying was abandoned which was unfortunate, but with the lost playing weeks due to Covid, it meant that only the first round was played, and several missed out the opportunity to qualify, or attempt to improve their positions from the first round. The qualifiers have been found and the first round of match play will take place this weekend. For the others the match of the day is an Irish Stableford off the White tees. Note: For the club championships Match play competitors are not eligible for the match of the day, shootout, birdies, or best gross.

Last week's raffle winners:

James Willetts (55); Brian Docherty (49); Peter Marsh (5); Tom White (3); Andrew Wight (6); Robbie Chisholm (44).

The revised programme until the end of November is:

October	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 TWILIGHT – Begins for 2021 – 2022 season.
	6	Wed	Lone Star Group 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 – FINALS DAY [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 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 Semi-finals of Urlwin Rosebowl competition Shootout
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	3	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	4	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men's Group – Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	6	Sat	Stableford – Black/ Blue tees KORNZ Cup: Alfa Group v Afternoon Mens from 11.30 a.m. Final of Urlwin Rose bowls (White tees) Shootout
	7	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	8	Mon	Ladies – Interclub entry to Canterbury
	9	Tue	Ladies - Stableford Twilight
	10	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Yellow Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	11	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men's Group – Stableford - White tees
	12	Fri	Show Day Course Open Ladies – Championship entry to Canterbury
	13	Sat	Stroke – White tees Shootout – Final day
	14	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
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	18	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men's Group – Par - Yellow tees
	20	Sat	Par – Blue tees Shootout Final @ 1:30pm.
	21	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	22	Mon	CANTERBURY VETS GOLF – Stroke – Course closed until 2:00pm.
	23	Tue	Ladies – Closing Day [AGM and Lunch]
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees
	27	Sat	Christmas Hamper Day Mixed Team Stableford Competition – White / Yellow Tees [Multi tee start at 10 am]
	28	Sun	Sunday – Members Golf
	30	Tue	Ladies Twilight

INTERCLUB

Blank Cup

The team Played two matches last Sunday with two losses.

In the morning they were beaten by Rangiora 5½ to 2½ with James Howard and Lin Wang winning and Richard Kingsbury getting the half.

In the afternoon they were beaten 5 to 3 by Pegasus with John Gaw, Chris Kay and Spencer Wicks winning their matches (John Gaw having a “Gin shot” on one hole and still winning it!!).

The next rounds are at Harewood on the 10th of October.

Presidents

Last Sunday we hosted Russley at Coringa in the second round of the Presidents Interclub Competition. Unfortunately, we were shown how to play with a sobering 6-2 loss. Having to play this round without Gordy McCoy was too much for most to bare, with only Charley Longley and Paul Snape having 4/3 wins. Others playing this round (and losing) were Albert Yee, Grant Morris, Vance Hetaraka, Murray Angus, Kevin King, and David Cross.

We are still interested (very!!) in welcoming other members into the squad if your handicaps are between 10 and 24. Please let Paul know if you are keen to be considered.

Next round is on Sunday the 10th of October against Waimairi Beach at their place.

Paul Snape
Manager

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following four new members this week:

Richard Bradley Blake Stocks Barry Van Beurten Sue Yang

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.

News from the Course - Rohan

Firstly, I'd like to thank the members on Saturday afternoon for their understanding with the course closure due to the dangerous windy conditions.

There was damage on and off the course, with a tree falling over down the driveway and some broken trees on holes 4, 10 and 12. There was also a lot of small branches scattered all over the golf course.

We'd like to thank Russell McGregor's (The Boss) and his working bee group who came out on Tuesday and helped clean up all the small branches on the course (more on this below)

Due to the clean-up work this week on the golf course, the tidy up of the practice area has had to be put until next week.

Other news from around the course;

On the **5th green**, as you may be aware, the back right hand side of the green is getting very dry. The staff have completed a water catch test, which showed some differences, and the sprinklers have been adjusted. We will also be following up with an application of wetting agent (which helps the greens absorb water easier). We will be keeping a close eye on this area and if needed, we may put a small sprinkler up the back to help out.

Spring growth has certainly started. The boys have been out cutting all week with the big job of doing a fence-to-fence rough cut. This is a 4 day plus job (as long as everything goes well). They have made good progress and had most of this completed today.

Otherwise, all is looking good, and, most importantly, there's no gale force winds forecast for this weekend!!! Enjoy your golf! - Rohan

Subscriptions

Just a gentle reminder – by now you should have either paid your subs in full or set up, and started making, regular payments to clear your subs over the year.

If you haven't done either of these two things, or you haven't received a subs invoice at all, please contact Andrew Wight via the clubs' email account office@coringagolfclub.co.nz or have a quick word with Barry or Derrick when you are next at the Club.

We will be adding the \$20 admin fee to all outstanding sub balances at the end of September but you have a weeks grace period, so if you intend paying your subs in full but haven't gotten around to it – now is the time to act!!

Reciprocal Rights – Bottle Lake

We have extended the 3 free games deal with Bottle Lake for another year. All members with full 18 hole playing rights can pick up their card from the Pro Shop from Saturday onward.



When you book a game at Bottle Lake, please present the card and your membership card, in their Pro Shop and you won't need to pay Green Fees. Each full playing Coringa member gets three free games (but remember this isn't transferrable e.g. these free games are for you only).

Also remember we do have so very good reciprocal right deals with other Clubs outside of Christchurch. Have a chat with Barry or Derrick next time you are in the ProShop if you'd like to know more about these.

The Tuesday Working group

A very big thank you to Russell McGregor, Garry Puddy, Walter Scott, David Harvey and Paul Snape who gave Rohan and his boys a hand to tidy up the course after Saturday's big blow. Plenty of trailer loads of branches we removed allowing the mowing team time to get fairways and rough into top shape for this weekend's Club Championship first round. I'm sure you will all be offering them thanks for helping get YOUR course into great nick.

Next week's working bee will hopefully be to finish the painting of the Clubhouse now that we have the scaffolding back onto its legs again. There will be plenty of other jobs at low altitude for those who can give some time. Please meet at the Shop for a 9.00am start. A good team will allow us to start preparations for the Course toilets upgrade – the next project.

MEN'S REPORT

Hasn't late winter and spring 2021 brought many challenges to everyone's lives with Covid-19 rolling over the top. It has been a challenging time for the match committee after the course was correctly closed by the Course Committee on Saturday with trees starting to break and limbs falling with the strong winds. The greens were unplayable went I played late morning and many had only partially completed their rounds. The wind was so strong it wouldn't allow you to mark your ball before it took off! Many players were talking of five and six putts and I think Clinton Chase spoke of a nine putt on number 3; and 'The Boss' (Russell McGregor) was on the green of number 6 and putting for par only to walk off with a 12!

I heard Billy Hallett also found Number 3 a challenging hole. Some of you will know how Billy wanted to buy a new driver and followed the advice of a friend who had recently purchased an XXIO for \$680. Billy cashed in after one of his many TAB wins and went to purchase the recommended driver only to find it had returned back to its original prize of \$980. So motivated by his friend's recommendation Billy completes the purchase. He would have had the driver for four to five months now. Anyhow I was told Billy was teeing off on Number 3 on Saturday and next minute something hits the ground behind him. It was the head off the driver. Pretty disappointed Billy continues down the fairway on his nice new red scooter. Finally, he gets to the green and parks his scooter which is getting buffeted in the very strong winds on its stand. Billy gets his ball onto the green and some 6 feet from the hole. He places his putter behind the ball, only to see the ball slowly rolling away from him. I was told he did this three times and now was 20 feet from the hole. About this time a strong gust tips his scooter over and his bag and contents are everywhere! No one knew how many shots Billy finished up having and I don't need to include what expletive Billy used. but that was enough golf for him for one day! Hard luck mate, and I hope the new driver gets repaired!

The Match Committee got together straight after the course was closed to discuss the Club Championships situation and it was decided unanimously that the amended match programme would proceed as published. We are very aware that many members have missed out on the opportunity to either enter a better counting score or to actually enter a counting score within the qualifying period because of various reasons or prior commitments. We are also sorry for the very few members who completed their Saturday rounds before the course was closed, as those scores will not be counted!

I have completed the draw for the first round from the first round qualifying scores and where there were multiple people with the same score my wife did the independent count back. Tee times have been reserved from 9.48 am through to 10.42 for the first round Saturday 2nd of October, starting with Masters through to Senior. There were only two entries in the Saturday Women's grade so they will proceed automatically through to the final. The qualifying results and draw for the various grades are available on the website.

Just a reminder of the standard practice for those playing in Club Championships: You are not able to enter the match of the day or enter a card in the shootout, when you are playing in the matchplay rounds.

Good luck to those who qualified.

For those who did not qualify we have an Irish Stableford Match off the white tees.

Just to remind you:

In the Irish Stableford competition the normal Stableford score counts for holes 1 to 6. The Stableford score for holes 7 to 12 are multiplied by 2, and the Stableford scores for holes 13 to 18 are multiplied by 3.

If this is too much to handle the computer will do the calculations for you!

It has been decided that all last Saturday's match fees will be available for members to use in the coming weeks. Barry is to have a printout of the fees paid and will manage the use of the fees, as the members desire. Just let him know.

Meat/ Closest to Pin Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

Thanks to those members who picked up the prizes! Do remember to take your name off the board.

Upcoming events:

Club Championship match play - Rounds 2nd , 9th, and Finals on the 16th of October.
Urlwin Rosebowl - Semi finals 30th of October and final 6th of November.

Closest to the Pin:

Previous week (18 September)	Mike Dimond
This week (2 October)	David Harvey
Following Week (9 October)	Bill Hallett

Course:

Could I ask those cart riding players to please not park their carts directly in the front of the green or on the tee blocks. I have recently noticed some tire damage being done to the course as a result of the parking!

Membership Welfare:

Ian Carruthers (The Super)

I managed to get Ian out on the course on Wednesday for his first round in many months. He was lacking in a bit of energy but is looking much better!

Club Travel:

I've had a busy week using some of my old Policeman contacts and skills to get the bully about a group of our members who travelled South for four rounds in Central Otago, South and Central Canterbury. This group of hard-working club personalities play early Saturday mornings and sometimes lose the way leaving the bar. Fortunately, I knew this Indian restaurateur in Alexandra and after some negotiations and covering the cost of a meal, I got a very quick overview of the tours progress after a few beers on board them!

Apparently;

- Malcolm is as competitive a gambler as he is a golfer!
- Gordy's having challenges with toilets on tour!
- Phil was living in his own world by preferring to play off the ladies tees!
- Andrew W was looking good to pick up the green jacket!
- Mal had lost all his stutter with the putter at this stage!
- Al always enjoying himself - thought he would be finishing last in the competition!

I'll keep pushing the group and hope to get an update from travelling players themselves!

Comment:

Last Saturday I came into the clubrooms bar area to do some of my usual Saturday admin jobs to see Vance and Swampy sitting in front of a couple of big bottles of Speights. They wisely provided me with some advice which I instantly ignored. Less than an hour later here was I back in the clubrooms. The only change for these two was the number of bottles of Speights. I wish I had taken the advice earlier and saved myself the agony of all those putts in the three holes I completed! It's the first time in my 23-year membership at Coringa I have experienced the course being closed. Perhaps there is something in this climate change!

David Harvey

Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

9-Hole Club Championships

First round games are well under way. Remember the finals are on the 21st of October so we need to have games completed by then.

Tournaments

Please contact Leigh on 0274340872 if you want to play in any of the following:

- Avondale 4th October
- Don't forget our own 9-hole Tournament on Monday the 18th of October. Please let Judith Wilson know if you are wanting to play.
- Methven 22nd October 10.30 start - \$20

- 6th Dec. Canterbury Christmas 9-hole Tournament to be played at McLean's Island

Saturday

Well, the weather certainly messed things up on Saturday. Six players started trying to play some sort of golf in the high winds, that only got worse as the morning progressed. Jay and Tracey started out to play their match play for the club champs, but by the time they got to the 2nd green, decided to call it a day. Four others carried on. Had a discussion at the end of the 3rd hole and decided to review after the 5th hole as it was closer to the club house. Well, on the 4th fairway one had a tail wind, and my goodness didn't the ball fly. The 5th was OK so decided to carry on. Big Mistake!! We struggled to push our trundlers down the 6th. Even with the brake on the trundler when not moving forward, it took off back down the fairway. Myra did a lovely chip onto the green and near the hole to have the wind blow it back off the green. Then the trundlers started to blow over. This happened multiple times on the 7th and when Myra bent down to rescue her trundler and contents, a gust of wind blew her into the bunker. Unfortunately, we did not get a picture, but it was very funny. Time to call it quits

Tee booked for 9am this Saturday

Sunday

There were seven players and a lovely day

First was Anne M with 20 Stablefords, second Joy with 19 Stablefords and third Irene with 18 Stablefords

Tuesday

A lovely morning for golf, so two Championship matches were played. Ellen vs Anne M - with Ellen coming in as the winner and a very close match. Then Myra vs Leigh - with Myra winning - again another great game.

We had the remaining eight players, playing for the Best Nett Trophy. Unfortunately, the sprinklers were put on No.5 Tee to test the spread of water on the green, so the green was unplayable for the rest of the players to complete. No cards from the eight players could be put in which was really sad. Maybe we could get prior warning this could happen, and we could have played on the back nine It was lovely to welcome Heather Neiman back to golf again after quite a break due to health issues

Thursday,

There were two players. LGU was the game of the day. It started out quite cold and few light showers, but soon the sun came through and warmed things up.

Elaine and Janice Mc played their club champ match- Elaine was the winner

1st Judith Wilson with nett 32, 2nd Anne M with nett 38 and 3rd Ellen also with nett 38.

The silver spoon was given to Janet who got distracted after picking up her cart and arrived at the no 10 tee with no golf clubs. She tells me that this is not the first time.

Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF

\$10 Watering Tournament:

This Wednesday the 29th of September, we have an extra tournament and as Russley and Templeton were coring, we had 97 people enter the \$10 tournament with all the meat prizes from our friends at **New World Supermarket Bishopdale** and wine from **Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants**.

Notable Coringa Results in the two divisions included:

Division One [20.0 and below] (Paid down to 35 points)

1 st	Garry Puddy	38 (C/B)
6 th	Duncan Shaw-Brown	36

Division Two [20.1 and above] (Paid out to 35 points)

3 rd	John Matthews	37 (C/B)
4 th	Jimmy Anderson	37
9 th	Bill Hallett	35

\$15 'Lone Star / Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament:

Wednesday, the 6th of October, is our \$15 'Lone Star / Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament with \$50 '**Lone Star and Joe's Garage**' Restaurant vouchers, all the meat prizes from our friends at **New World Supermarket Bishopdale** and wine from **Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants**.

Remember the tournament starts at 10.30 and is starting to attract good numbers, so make some time and enjoy the course, company and the chance of a prize or raffle prize.

Good Old John Matthews mentioned to me that he had just received an email from the '**Lone Star / Joes Garage**' **Group** offering a further 6 months of vouchers. We really appreciate the sponsorship for this tournament. It is so important to the clubs success! I would ask all members if you are looking for a great breakfast or dinner, please make the effort to support the various restaurants the group has around Christchurch and New Zealand. Don't be afraid to mention you're a member of the Coringa Golf Club and are grateful of the groups continuing support.

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

A dubious forecast turned into a fine morning and bright sunshine by lunchtime. We had a field of 25 for a Stableford match off the Yellow tees, and great course conditions made for some good scoring.

Full results were as follows:

1 st	John McCabe	39
2 nd	Gus Eathorne	38
3 rd	Hugh Little	38
4 th	John Robinson	37
5 th	Wing Gin	37
6 th	Bill West	36

We had 2's for Hugh Little (5) and Derick Xu (5 & 7 - should have done it on Saturday Derick). Just a note in passing that if you cannot score in a Stableford or Par match please pick up your ball in order to keep the field moving. Looking forward to a good field next week and until then good golfing.

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men

2021/2022 Twilight Golf Season

Starts Tues. 5 Oct.

5.30pm Shotgun or tee off before
6.00pm

Members \$5.00

Guests \$10

Burger & Chips \$10



Make a group or bring a friend. Everyone welcome!!

AND NOW

Family Discussion

A husband and wife were talking over breakfast:

Wife: "If I died would you marry straight way?"

Husband: Why worry about that".

Wife: "But would you marry if I died?"

Husband: "Well, I suppose so."

Wife: "Would you sell the house if I died?"

Husband: "I don't Think so."

Wife: "Would you sell the bed we sleep in if I died?"

Husband: "I suppose not."

Wife: "Would you let her use my golf clubs?"

Husband: "Why of course not! She's lefthanded."

The Drowning Man

A man was swept out to sea.

A passing boat came by and asked, "Do you need a hand?"

"No, I'm alright. The Good Lord will save me."

A helicopter flew by. "Do you need a hand?"

No, I'm alright. The Good Lord will save me."

When he drowned and went to heaven he asked the Good Lord "Why didn't you save me"

"Well, I sent a boat and a helicopter – what more did you want?"

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

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