



# Coringa News



28<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Kia Ora

## SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday's golf includes

- The "Match of the Day": a 4BBB Nett competition White Tees for men and off the Yellow tees for women.
- The qualifying round for the Urlwin Rose Bowls in which the top 16 pairs qualify for the match play on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of August. [ If you are unable to play on any of these dates please DO NOT put your name on the entry sheet in the pro shop.]
- The Winter Ringers.
- The Shootout.

## Last Week's Raffle Winners

Geoff Miller (31); Jon Kemp (46); Graham Norquay (30); Murray Angus (10); Paul Snape (57); Keith Yardley (27).

The programme until the end of August 2022 is:

<b>July</b>	30	Sat	4BBB nett –White tees Urlwin Rosebowl Qualifying (16 pairs to qualify). Shootout Winter Ringers
<b>August</b>	2	Tue	Ladies: Val Sutherland
	3	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	4	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke – Jerry` Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	6	Sat	Par – Blue/ White tees Urlwin Rosebowl – 1 <sup>st</sup> round Matchplay – on handicap (White tees – <i>lowest handicapper goes back to zero and others adjusted accordingly</i> ). Winter Ringers <b>Match Committee Meeting @ 9:30am</b>

	7	Sun	Round One of Blank Cup Competition at Hororata v. Russley
	8	Mon	CANTERBURY VETS GOLF - Stableford – Course closed until 2:00 pm.
	9	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Ladies: Stableford trophy Men: Stableford = White tees
	13	Sat	Stableford – Irons & Hybrid – Yellow tees Urlwin Rosebowl 2 <sup>nd</sup> round Matchplay Shootout Winter Ringers
	14	Sun	Round Two of Blank Cup Competition at Harewood v. Clearwater
	16	Tue	Ladies: Stableford / N T P
	17	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	18	Thu	Ladies: L G U Men: Par - Yellow tees
	20	Sat	American Stableford – Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl –Semi-finals (Silver tees) Shootout
	21	Sun	Round Three of Blank Cup Competition at Waimairi Beach v. Waimairi Beach
	23	Tue	Ladies: Nett / Putting
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies: Match Play Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	27	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl Final Shootout Winter Ringers – Final Day
	30	Tue	Ladies: 4 Clubs + Putter
	31	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 11 am start; \$15 entry fee.

## CLUB NEWS

### New Members

We welcome the following three new members who have joined since the last newsletter

Gahee Cho                      Nigel Foster                      Francis Woo

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.

### Café News

With the onset of winter and colder weather Murita is supplying a delicious soup for those that need warming up!

Over the winter months Murita will not be in the café on Sunday afternoons.

### Course News

Some of you may have noticed the fairway has been cut all the way to the 6<sup>th</sup> green now and the 2<sup>nd</sup> cut rough in the dip before the green removed. Rohan has decided to trial this over summer

with the plan to make this a permanent change. He's also cored the fairways on all the Par 3's, again just to see what difference this makes longer term to the fairways on the course.

## **WINTER RINGERS – 2022**

The eighth round of 2022 Winter Ringers competition was once again played under very fine cool wintry conditions with a light breeze and soft underfoot conditions after a few days of wet weather. Most of the field struggled somewhat to play to their handicaps and that is reflected in the scores posted in the MOTD results. For the third successive week, it was so pleasing for the earlier tee-time starters to complete their rounds well under the 4 hours, a round without delays in having to wait on tee blocks makes for a far more enjoyable round. So please continue to be mindful to keep on the heels of the group in front of your playing group and this should ensure everyone enjoys their round.

There was the option of either playing the Blue or White tees, with a third of the MOTD field opting to play the slightly more challenging Blue tees which meant they played with a better course handicap. There are a number of areas clearly roped off on the course, please move around to either side of the stakes and try to avoid as much traffic around the fringes next to the greenside bunkers. We're sure everyone we appreciate this when Spring comes around and the fringes remain in top shape for growth to make its full impact.

After Round 8, we saw Jonathan Kemp (21.5) retain his lead on 49.46, with Keith Yardley (25.2) moving up two places on 51.80, overtaking Gordon McCoy (23.1) with a narrow margin of 0.06 on 51.86. Peter Marsh (37.9) has rocketed up 10 places to now hold fourth position on 52.10 with Chris Cottrell (26.3) slipping down into fifth position on 52.66.

The big movers in the field this week are: John Maasch (22.2) improved 12 places to lie in 30<sup>th</sup> position on 59.83, besides Peter Marsh (37.9) moving up ten places to lie in 4<sup>th</sup> position, Spencer Wicks (5.3) also improved ten places to now lie in 28<sup>th</sup> position on 59.70, Duncan Shaw-Brown (15.8) who improved nine places to lie in 22<sup>nd</sup> position on 58.20 and Kyle Charlwood (14.2) moving up six places to lie in 24<sup>th</sup> position on 58.83. Alan Smith (31.3) continues his march up the leader board for the fourth week in a row, this week he only improved only one place to now lie in 6<sup>th</sup> position on 53.67 and only 4.21 off Jonathan with twelve bogeys to eliminate on his Ringers scorecard.

The hardest hole is shared currently between Holes #8, #13 and #15 with only two birdies on each, followed closely behind are Hole # 6 with three birdies recorded. The easiest birdie hole for the Ringers field remains Hole # 12 with 14 birdies, followed by Hole # 1 with 12 birdies.

As the field compresses and the margins begin to narrow, there are now 31 players who have managed to secure a better than net score of 60. There were an additional 14 birdies recorded by the Ringers field this week, taking the field tally to 106, Spencer Wicks (5.3) after recording four birdies on his scorecard joins Mel Newburn (5.7) to head the statistics with 8 birdies each. Jason McCauley (5.5) is next on 7 birdies with Mal Ashton (10.5) with 6 birdies.

After the last round played in July, the Ringers field will be split into 3 groups, with again the lower handicapped group being a smaller group of 9 players to ensure competitiveness in a compressed handicap index range and the remaining two groups into 18 players each. Please note that these groups are dynamic, in that if your calculated weekly average handicap index for the competition is on the borderline of the designated group classification, this could mean that there are possible switches in group for players.

Please remember to hand in your signed scorecards after the completion of your round into the Pro Shop so that they can be processed as part of the MOTD competition field results. This will enable your round score to be picked up from Dotgolf to be processed as part of your Ringers compilation.

The long-range weather for Round 9, is forecasting for a partly cloudy day, with light winds, with a high of 13 forecasted after an overnight low of 3. So, it looks promising for the weekend golf and we should see a larger participation by the Ringers competitors.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

Ringers Organiser

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Blank Cup Team for 2022**

The completion of the trial programme saw the announcement of the team by the selector , John Rademakers, last Monday.

The team chosen to represent Coringa in the Blank Cup Competition this year is:

Drew Butcher  
Mike James  
Jason McCauley  
S Y Park  
John Rademakers  
Lin Wang  
Rohan Ware  
Spencer Wicks

The manager of the team is Scott Calvert.

Due to possible player injury, Covid player unavailability, etc. the reserve players will be: Derrick Xy, Paul Hansen, and John Gaw. Reserves will be selected based on course type and current form.

Congratulations to all those selected.

The competition begins on Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of August at playing Russley at Hororata.

John Rademakers

### **President's**

This men's interclub competition kicks off on 28<sup>th</sup> of August with teams of 8 competing in match play. Players with handicap indices of 10.0 and above are eligible however if your index is over 24.0 your playing handicap on the day of competition reduces to 24.0

Those interested are asked to put their names and contact details on the sheet in the pro-shop.

Convenor: David Cross

### **MEN'S REPORT**

This Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, is a 4BBB Nett (Pairs) competition off the White tees for men and women off the yellow tees, and qualifying for the top 16 pairs for match play in the Urlwin Rosebowl competition. There will be a list out in the Pro Shop for those who wish to enter a team for the first round next week, the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Please just write your names and scores down and I will do the draw early next week. Please note if you do not put your team score down then don't expect me to find it. The Match play times will be from 9.30 onwards!

Last Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, was an Irish Stableford round off the Blue or White tees. The weather turned out fine, although again a bit chilly, with 81 members entering the competition, 30 in the Blues competition and 51 in the White tee competition! The greens were very slick. I commented to Rohan that perhaps he could start riding the roller as with Stevie driving it they were too fast for me! I don't think that comment went anywhere and I anticipate they will stay slick. At least I tried!

The Blue tee gross score of the day and Blue competition winner was Spencer Wicks with a 74 and an Irish Stableford score of 82. Well played and I understand he finished with two birdies after a chip-in on #17 and a good birdie on #18. Very well played Spence, and great to see the pressure of the Blank Cup trial has been worthwhile for you!

In the White tee competition - Division One, Duncan Shaw-Brown had the outstanding round of the day with 84 from Allan McLelland with 73, and in White tee competition - Division Two Mike Smith had a win with 73 from Peter Marsh on 72. Great to see you back out there Smithy and both moving freely and playing well. The Net Eagle hole number 4 was struck, by Alan Smith a nice \$86

and David Cross picked up the Birdie Hole number again a nice \$100. The Jackpot was not struck but I have a feeling in my bones the pool of \$527 will be won by a group this week! Very well played guys.

The full results are available on the website.

I played on Wednesday, and Rohan and the boys were out pumping the bunkers dry. They are hoping to have them all dry and raked by Saturday, but I'm not too sure with the projected forecast if they will all completely empty.

To clarify for people the Local Rules and Rules of Golf allow for a player to recover their ball from the water and drop the ball in a dry area within the bunker. But if there is no dry area of sand available you can drop your ball one club length from the point of entry, outside the bunker, no closer to the pin without any penalty!

We had a small issue this week with a senior member who printed out the wrong card for the tee he chose to play from. Unfortunately, I had to disqualify him from the competition. I'm very sorry about that, but it is a reminder to us all to make sure we push the correct tee block competition we wish to enter and then check the card, before heading out to play. As we get a bit older, we just need to slow down and check. Anyhow, after I thought I handled the situation very nicely in the prize giving as the member was not present, I got a raft of texting over the next few days generated by some Blank Cup trialists trying to get into the selectors good side. 'Greasers' I call them! The last text I received I feel was a bit harsh 'News from the pulpit of truth? Alongside Jacinda and Ashley?' Anyhow, I apologise to the member concerned that everyone else took the opportunity to enjoy their moment on the pulpit! Hahaha.

#### Blank Cup Selection:

Congratulations to those selected in the side and great to see the combination of some new and some long-term members. All the club members wish you good luck and hope you can qualify for the finals. The competition starts on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August at Hororata where they play the Russley team.

Thanks once again must go to John Rademakers for managing the trial and the selection process. Could I again thank John and Lin Wang for their sponsorship of the side.

#### Rules of Golf

The suggestion has been made that I should add a simple portion to help explain some of the rules of golf. Here we go!

- Question: What do I do if I have mud on my ball?

Answer: 1. If your ball is on the fairway Local Rules allow the ball to be picked up, cleaned and placed anywhere within a club length on the fairway no nearer the pin.

2. If you ball is in the rough. Not able to touch and remove the mud other than to identify your ball.

##### Rule 14.1C Cleaning Lifted Ball

A ball lifted from the putting green may always be cleaned.

A ball lifted from anywhere else may always be cleaned, except when it is lifted

- To see if it is cut or cracked. Cleaning is not allowed.
- To identify it. Cleaning is allowed only as needed to identify it.
- Because it interferes with play. Cleaning is not allowed.
- To see if it lies in condition where relief is allowed. Cleaning is not allowed.

If the player cleans a lifted ball when not allowed, they get one penalty stroke.

#### Raffles

I am away for a couple of weeks in Australia, so the raffles will be for Peter Timbs Bishopdale \$10 meat vouchers. Thanks very much to Andy Ashby from Peter Timbs.

The raffles are a good fund raiser for the match committee and the profits are used for many things including covering the entry of sides in the Canterbury Golf competitions. Please buy!

#### Canterbury Over 50 and Over 60 Sunday Competition:

John Rademakers has again offered to manage the Over 50's team. The team are the current champions and historically perform very well!

Is there anyone interested in managing and getting a team together for an Over 60's team. I need to pay the Canterbury Golf entry fee in mid-August. Could anyone interested contact me to discuss on my cell 021 1499070 or email on [David.harvey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:David.harvey@xtra.co.nz).

#### Match Committee Meeting

We have a match committee meeting planned for Saturday 6th August at 9.30am in the clubrooms. If there is anyone who wishes to come or have matters, they wish discussed by the committee please email the issue to me at [David.harvey@xytra.co.nz](mailto:David.harvey@xytra.co.nz)! The committee have two tee times booked at 11am for anyone at the meeting!

#### Upcoming events

30 <sup>th</sup> July	Urlwin Rosebowl 4BBB net competition. (16 pairs qualify)
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Lone Star Group Watering Tournament
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Urlwin Rosebowl Final

#### Closest to the Pin

Weekly	Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants
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#### Membership Welfare

If anyone knows of a member who has a health issue or need a bit of help please let me know!

#### Comment

What a winter we are having and I heard the Airport had received over 200 mm of rain this July. It's unbelievable the amount of rain we have had, but as I have said before the course has handled the rain very well. The bunkers hopefully will be pumped dry and I'm sure the greens will be running smoothly by Saturday. Rohan told me Thursday morning that they are running at 10.5 on the stent metre, so they are already back and will be slick by Saturday.

While the weather has been cold and wet the days are starting to drag out a bit. Summer is on the way!

This weekend is time for what I think is the most competitive competition held within the club - the Urlwin Rosebowls. Get your side together and enter. It's great fun and an opportunity to play with someone you don't normally play with!

Enjoy playing our challenging course with fast green over the weekend if you can!

David Harvey

Men's Captain

## **LADIES REPORT**

### Thursday – Club Day

Rained off yet again. Myra and Loida went up to the club in case anyone else arrived, but rain came down, so just chatted in the car then left for home.

### Saturday

Three of us braved the cold weather that afternoon. Myra and Anne Keh came in with 16 stablefords.

Next Saturday the tee off time is 12.42pm. If you wish to join the Saturday ladies, please go online and book yourself in.

18-hole ladies- Dave Harvey is happy to accommodate you within the men's game on a Saturday



### Sunday results

No one played today. A booking has been made for 10.30am again for next Sunday.

### Tuesday

Rained off.

Don't forget that on Tuesdays and Thursdays you need to have your card in by 9.15am, so that the draw can be put together

### General news

Please look out next week for a Club Championship Notice on the Ladies 9-Hole Board. Would like as many names as possible to enter for this championship. When the draw is made out ,games will begin in September and finish in October .

Myra Story

## **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

### 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Wednesday \$10 and \$15 Tournaments:

On Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, we will have our normal \$15 tournament including the \$50 vouchers from 'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group', meat prizes from 'New World Bishopdale' and closest to the pin and random draw prizes from 'Hancock's'.

The tournaments start at 10.30 am and everyone must be on the course by 11.30. Just turn up and join group for a round between those times!

Thanks once again to our sponsors.

After the bad weather a group of six decided not to travel to Ellesmere this month and had a round at home. The course had a few lakes on some of the fairways but overall it was in great condition considering the amount of rain we have had, and the greens which hadn't had any work since Saturday's roll were still rolling well. There was a large lake in the hollow on the fairway on the 16<sup>th</sup> which made the hole really interesting to play. Some suggested it would be a great permanent feature!

The winner of the day was Malcolm Wratt on 37 stableford points from Walter Scott and Kevin Walker as the attraction of the beer got to much for them and finished after 16 holes!

David Harvey

## THURSDAY GOLF

More of the same. Summer is coming!!



## CORINGA GOLF CLUB PERSONALITIES



This week's personality is **Max Milesi**

*The club would like to thank Max for sharing some of his golfing memories and administration roles held at the Coringa club and Canterbury golf. We applaud you Max for your outstanding service to Coringa, Canterbury Golf and Eagles Golf.*

I was born in Australia and came to New Zealand when I was very young living in North Beach. Our street ended at the edge of the Rawhiti Golf Course so naturally we started to play golf.

In the early 1970's I was seconded to the United Nations I.L.O section to set up a Furniture Training Programme in Fiji and in my off-time I joined the Nausori Golf Club in Suva so my interest in golf was rekindled.

My real involvement in golf in Christchurch began in 1977 when I came back from working in Fiji and I wanted to continue in my newfound interest in golf, so I joined the Coringa Country Club as it was known then. Some of the newer members of our club would not know what the course was like back then. There were few established trees around the course with the majority being under two club lengths high. That helped the score with free drops a plenty.

When standing on numbers 1 (pictured - 1975), and 6 tees you could clearly see the mountains.

When you look at the Club's Trophies you will not see my name on many of them as I found I was better at organising and





administration than I was at playing and that is what I have followed over the years. Within the Club I have held the positions of, Club Captain (1999 to 2002), Vice President. And I was elected a Life Member of the club in 2018. As the 'unofficial' club historian I wrote the club history for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I also have been active in both Canterbury Golf Association and the Eagles Golfing Society of Canterbury. While in Canterbury Golf I was a Senior and Age Group Selector, Representative team Manager, organised Age Group Golf, was the golf representative and in 2009 I was elected President for four years. One of my major undertakings was to oversee the amalgamation of the Canterbury Men's and Women's Association. When the C.G.A. Annual Awards Dinner was instigated, I was appointed the Master of Ceremonies and did this for several years, and in 2012 I was made a Life Member of the Association. I was also on the Organising Committee of the Eagles Golfing Society for a few years and was Tournament Director for two of the NZ Eagles U17 Tournaments.

In the earlier years of the club such events as Opening Day, Closing Day and Hamper Day were very big occasions usually ending in a party with music and dancing, even Christmas parties were held and yes even that man in the red suit came along.

Golf has always been more of a social activity for me, a time to catch up with friends, have some exercise and enjoy the good company after the game.

I can remember an occasion on the 4th hole when my playing partner hit a magpie with a low drive, knowing there were some young ladies following us, I picked the injured/dying bird up and put it carefully in the hedgerow. My good deed was rewarded by this bird pooping on me much to the enjoyment of my playing group.

Just a reminder to all members Golf is both a competitive and social game. So, enjoy yourself and be thankful you have such a great course to play on. It is always nice to spend a little social time in the club house after your game and meet some of the other members you may not have played with out on the course.

- Max Milesi

## **AND NOW**

### The Trip

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking BA," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"BA?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant."

Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it..."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome

"It was wonderful," explained the woman. "Not only were we on time in one of BA's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot.

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a £5 million remodelling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I bet you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on

the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me.

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me"

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He said: "Who on earth did your hair?"

From time to time I receive comments that this newsletter does not 'get through' . If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Newsletter, please let me know and I can send one out.

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

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John Brettell