



Coringa News



11th January 2024

**Kia Ora,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Welcome back to another action-packed year of golf at Coringa.

Saturday's Match

This Saturday's program includes;

- A Stroke round off the White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- Summer Ringers,
- Foley Cup Qualifying
- Vets Cup – 1st Round

Raffle

The Weekly Raffle resumes this Saturday.

The program until the end of February – 2024

January	13	Sat	Normal Saturday Competitions resume Stroke – White tees Foley Cup Qualifying (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1st Round (Men over 55yrs) Summer ringers
	16	Tue	Twilight – 1st round for 2024
	18	Thu	Ladies: Men: Par - Yellow tees
	20	Sat	Par – Black / White tees 1st round Foley Cup – White tees. (Competitors can go in

			match of the day.) Summer ringers.
	21	Sun	Interclub Presidents – away game vs McLeans Island
	22	Mon	INTERCLUB – Ladies 9-hole, @Coringa 16 teams playing at Coringa starting at 10am
	23	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	27	Sat	OPENING DAY – Teams Stableford White tees for men; Yellow Tees for women. \$10 entry; 10:00am multi-tee Start, Summer Ringers
	28	Sun	INTERCLUB Over 50's - @Pegasus Golf Club
	30	Tue	Ladies: Twilight:
February	1	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy - Yellow tees.
	3	Sat	Stroke – White tees. 2nd round Foley Cup – Stroke - White tees Vets Cup 2nd round SHOOTOUT BEGINS – (\$20 entry fee)
	6	Tue	WAITANGI DAY – Course Open
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford – Yellow tees
	10	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. Semi Final Foley Cup. Shootout Summer ringers
	11	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents - Away game vs Waimairi Beach Metro A - Away game vs Avondale Metro B - Away game vs Templeton Over 50's - @Bottle Lake
	12	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - @Russley
	13	Tue	Ladies: Stableford / NTP Twilight
	14	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	15	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue tees Foley Cup - Final Summer Ringers Shootout.

	19	Mon	Ladies: Interclub - @Avondale
	20	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy Twilight
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10,30 am start; entry fee \$10 members \$15 visitors.
	22	Thu	Ladies: Stableford / Putting Men: Stableford - Silver tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – Black / Silver tees Vets Cup 3rd round Summer Ringers – Final day. Shootout
	25	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents - home game vs Clearwater Metro A - home game vs Clearwater Metro B - away game vs Bottle Lake
	26	Mon	Ladies; Interclub - @Ellesmere Golf Club
	27	Tue	Ladies: 4 clubs + putter Twilight
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies: Betty McBirdie Men: Stableford – Yellow tees.

BOB GRICE

In the week leading up to Christmas we received the very sad news, one of our founding members of Coringa has passed away,

I didn't know Bob personally, so I reached out to several members who did, they all spoke very highly of Bob, He was a true gentleman and a valued club member.

All our love and prayers go out to Joan and family.

Vance

My first meeting with Bob Grice was in 1976 when I was introduced to Coringa by a fellow golfer.

Bob and his wife Joan made me feel right at home and I joined the Club straight away.

Bob told me many stories about the beginning of Coringa and he was honored to be a Founder member and Club benefactor.

One story was how a group of golfers gathered every Saturday in Charlie's potting shed on Hole 18 to plan for the new Golf course and Clubhouse.

The elevation of the upstairs area to take advantage of the fantastic view.

They carried shingle from the course every weekend and so Coringa began with men like Bob Grice.

During his years as a member, he did lots of things for the Club, tending the bar and turning the sprinklers on before the automatic irrigation system.

He was a true Coringa member, and I played golf with Bob for many years. I was proud to know him and his wife Joan and know that Coringa has lost a true member in every sense of the word.

Doug Ames

CLUB NEWS

BAR / CAFE

Normal operation resumes this Saturday,

COURSE NEWS

Greens have recovered far more quickly than expected, this is probably down to the great teamwork of volunteers over coring week pushing the sand right down into the holes and filling them up. Well done guys!

This along with a combination of warm weather, fertilizer and irrigation has all worked in our favour - I am hoping that the greens will be back to normal by the end of the month.

With the hot weather the course has dry up quite a bit over the Christmas break. This was very much expected. The irrigation system is running at its full. Just to let you all know, we can only put on so much water on in a 7-day period. 5700m³ every 7 days, which works out around 850,000L every night and it's just management where we put the water on that night (of course, the greens take priority).

We have a couple of irrigation issues out on the course at the moment and we will deal with them when we have a couple of cooler days in a row so we can shut down and drain the system to work on them.

This week the staff have been busy mowing a full wire to wire cut of the rough. The greens have had the cut of height lowed to its normal height of 3.5mm. A big thank you to Barry Nelson and Wing Gin for spraying the bunkers. The greens will hopefully get a fertilize on Thursday morning.

Next week we plan to give the greens sand top dress on Monday morning if the weather plays its part.

We also have the stump grinder working on the course – hopefully he will get the sumps ground down on the 16th fairway soon - Rohan

FOLEY CUP

This is the first competition of the year,

This Saturday is the qualifying round to find the top 16 who then go on to a match-play on handicap competition over the coming weeks. (4x Match-play rounds in total)

This is a great competition to start the year, where players of all abilities can compete in the same grade.

Last year saw two friends going head-to-head in the final, with David Potter emerging victorious over Robert Pryce,

There will be an entry sheet in the Pro shop. (No Entry Fee required)

Before entering, please check the Match-play dates to ensure your availability for those dates if you make it through,

1st Round	20th Jan
2nd Round	3rd Feb
Semi – final	10th Feb
Finals	17th Feb

VETS CUP

This competition is open to Men over 55yrs,

This is played over 5 Stroke rounds, the aggregate score from the best 3 rounds determines the winner,

The first round begins this Saturday, and all you have to do is enter your name on the entry sheet in the Pro shop. (No Entry Fee required)

If you haven't played this before, give it a go,

Last year saw a dark horse come from nowhere, to overtake the leaders in the final round, Terry Hampton will be looking to repeat this form, and having now won the cup twice, if he wins it again, I think he is going to rename it the "Hampton Cup"

So come on all you vets, don't let that happen.

SUMMER RINGERS

After Round 6 off the Blue tees for the men and Yellow tees for the women, saw Jesse Guise (18.500) retain the lead over the field with a net score of 50.500, a slight increase in his lead ahead of the improving Kevin King (21.020) who moves into second place, up one place with a net score of 52.980, followed by Chris Choie (20.200) who moves down a spot into third, on 53.800 after not managing to improve on his Ringers score.

The big improvers in the field this week were Keith Yardley (25.980) up 9 places to be lying in fourth on 54.020, with Lex Halford (14.200) improving 6 places to lie in fifth on 54.800, Duncan Shaw-Brown (17.983) improving 7 places to twelfth on 56.017, Mandy Walsh (25.850) moving up 8 places to thirteenth on 56.150, Sam Turner (9.775) up 7 places into nineteenth on 57.225. Other movers were Andrew Wight (23.200) up 7 places, Andy Williamson (17.900) up 7 places, Murray Angus (13.700) up 10 places and David Potter (13.020) up 13 places.

So with almost half the rounds completed, there are now 50 competitors who are currently under net par but with another 7 rounds to play, the top 20 participants are within a net score margin of 7.040, a slight margin increase from the previous week. The leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks as the range of net scores in the field compresses.

There were an additional 11 birdies or better recorded in this weeks round, bring the new total to 120. After taking the week off from playing, Drew Buther (0.625) still holds the lead in these statistics with an eagle and 7 birdies, followed by Spencer Wicks (6.425) with an eagle and six birdies, Isaac Preece with two eagles and 4 birdies next with Mal Ashton (8.250) with 7 birdies, followed by David Harvey (10.900) and Lex Halford (14.200) with 6 birdies each.

[Click here for the latest results update](#)

Kevin King
Ringers Convener

MENS REPORT

Over the Christmas break we have run a slimmed-down Saturday competition. Keeping it simple with a \$5 entry Stableford round, We had a great turnout for both days, with over 75 entries each day.

The scoring has been exceptional, with the course playing in fantastic condition and the greens healing well after Coring,

There were numerous scores of 40+

Honorable mention must go to - David Harvey Shooting a personal best - gross 71, (46 points,) and Andrei Cotiga also shooting a PB - gross 82 (45 points,) Congratulations to you both!

All holiday results are available for viewing on the Coringa Website.

The unlucky player of the holiday's is Murray Brown who picked the wrong time to win the two 2's jackpot, as all he won for his effort was the laughter and heckling from his 'mates'

The Jackpot stands at \$325 and is up for grabs again this weekend, so I'll be cheering for you to win it again Murray!

This Saturday 13th January

Normal Saturday match of the day operation resumes.

We kick off the year with a Stroke round off the White Tees for men, Yellow tees for women.

Our competition calendar also starts with the first 2 trophies of the year up for grabs.,

- Vets Cup
- Foley Cup

You have nothing to lose, but if you play well, you may just walk away with all the fame and glory of winning the trophy, and getting your photo in the newsletter, lol.

Entry sheets in the Pro shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

27th January **OPENING DAY** – The official start of our year, will be a team Stableford event – \$10 entry and 10am Shotgun Start

3rd February **Shootout 2024** begins

7th February **Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT** Stableford – White Tees
10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)

COMMENT

What a fantastic time of year, with great weather, a fantastic golf course, and good people to share this with.

The greens have really bounced back nicely after coring, and it's good to see the rough has been cut this week.

The greens staff have done an amazing job over the short weeks, just to keep everything maintained, but I did bump into one grumpy golfer who couldn't find his ball in the long rough on hole 9.

If anyone finds a HOT DOT 4 on the right side of hole 9, please pass this back to Gordy.

Vance Hetaraka

WEDNESDAY GOLF

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (\$10) Tournament:

We have our first 2024 Mid Monthly **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** Watering Tournament on Wednesday 17th January (Entry \$15 visitors and \$10 members) with usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins by **'Hancocks'**. As there are five Wednesdays this month we will have another on the Wednesday 31st January.

Come out and have a game. Remember to arrive around 10.30 and we'll organise you into a group.

We have our actual First Monthly **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** tournament on Wednesday the **6th December** (Entry \$20) with our usual \$50 'Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage' vouchers and meat prizes and raffles from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins by **'Hancocks'**.

David Harvey

TWILIGHT & THURSDAY GOLF

These mid-week competitions resume next week at their regular time slots. looking forward to seeing you back out there.

AND NOW....

- A football coach walked into the locker room before a game, looked over to his star player and said, "I'm not supposed to let you play since you failed math, but we need you in there. So what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right, you can play." The player agreed, and the coach looked into his eyes intently and asks, "Okay, now concentrate... what is two plus two?" The player thought for a moment and then he answered, "4?" "Did you say 4?!?" the coach exclaimed, excited that he got it right. At that, all the other players on the team began screaming, "Come on coach, give him another chance!"
- Two guys were playing golf. On the tee, Jack hit his shot way left of the fairway in some buttercups. Bob proceeded to hit, and his ball went way off to the right in the bushes. Jack eventually found his ball and proceeded to hit in the buttercups. All of a sudden, he heard a big *POOF* and a fairy appeared. She proceeded to say to Jack that she was Mother Nature and that she was really upset at him for damaging the buttercups. She said, "Jack, for all the damage that you did to my buttercups, you will not have any butter to put on your toast in the morning for the next month. No, as a matter of fact, I am so upset at you that you won't have any butter for the whole next year! That should teach you a lesson so you won't hurt my creations." *POOF* She disappeared. Jack, stunned by what just happened, called out, "Bob! Bob! Come over here quick!" Bob replied, "Wait a sec. I'm hitting my shot and I'll be right over." Jack yelled back at Bob, "Where are you?" Bob answered, "I'm over here in the pussy willows." Jack shouted back, "Don't swing Bob! For the love of God, don't swing!"

MEMBERS CORNER



From left, Lloyd, David, Robert, Dale

Here are the men are modelling the new interclub uniforms for 2024 🎅

Photo taken on the 23rd Dec, and these boys are fully embracing Christmas, well done lads.

Our weekly newsletter is a culmination of efforts from multiple sources, I would like to thank all the contributors to last year's newsletters, I won't remember everyone, so if I forget anyone, please forgive me.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in 2023, and we look forward to seeing what 2024 brings.

Cafe / Bar	Paul Snape
Wednesday Golf	David Harvey
Ringers	Kevin King
Thursday Golf	Phil Olsen, John Matthews, Kieth Yardley
Ladies	Anne Morgan
Interclub	David Cross James Willetts John Rademakers
Course	Rohan Ware
New Members	Kevin Walker
Twilight	Gordon McCoy, Paul Snape
Shootout	Kahu Donaldson
Pictures, Jokes, Cartoons	Drew Butcher, Peter McKay, Johnny McKay, Nancy Yeo, Jimmy Anderson, Max Milesi, Clinton Chase, Dale Ware,
Chief Editor, Board news, Twilight, Tuesday workers.	Malcolm Wratt

Finally, a special thank you to all members who have let me write about you, I always try my best to seek permission before publishing anything especially if it is embarrassing, most people see that it is just a bit of fun, not to be taken too seriously, so now people are starting to volunteer these stories about themselves, which is fantastic!

If anyone has any news, jokes or stories to share with the club please contact me

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