



Coringa News



7th September 2023

Kia ora

Saturday's Match

This Saturday's golf includes;

- Stroke round – Black / Blue / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- 2nd Qualifying round Club Championships – more info below
- Shootout.

Raffle

Rob G 28, Robbie Chisholm 44, Paul Hansen 49, Paul Snape 31, Richard Kingsbury 48, Mike Diamond 7

The program until the end of October - 2023

September	9	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Match-committee meeting – 9.30am Black / Blue / White / Yellow tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	10	Sun	Blank Cup – 5 th round at Hororata, vs Clearwater Presidents - away game vs Rawhiti
	12	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett
	13	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	14	Thu	Ladies: L G U

			Men: Par - Yellow tees.
	16	Sat	Stroke – FIRST MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Irish Stableford - White tees Shootout [for non-championship players]
	19	Tues	Ladies;
	20	Wed	WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10,30 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	21	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	23	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day –Stableford - Blue tees Shootout (for non-championship players)
	24	Sun	DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS Blank Cup – 6 th and 7 th rounds at Waimairi Beach, vs Christchurch (am), and Templeton (pm). Presidents – home game vs Russley
	26	Tue	Ladies: Stableford
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thu	Ladies: Nett – Throw out worst two holes. Men: Irish Stableford - Yellow tees
	30	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 partners tee off at 9:30am – cards to be printed by 9:00am. Shootout
October	3	Tue	Ladies - Val Sutherland TWILIGHT – Begins for 2023 – 2024 season.
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT - Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	7	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees Shootout [Reserve day for club championships]
	8	Sun	COURSE CLOSED; BLANK CUP - 8th & 9th Rounds vs Hororata (am) vs Pegasus (pm) Presidents – away game vs Everglades
	10	Tue	Ladies; Stableford Twilight
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - White tees.
	14	Sat	4BBB nett – Blue tees

			Shootout
	15	Sun	Metro A & B; 1 st round – <i>draw yet to be finalised.</i>
	17	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Blue Tees - 10.30 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	19	Thu	Ladies Men: Par - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Stroke – Silver tees Shootout
	24	Tue	Ladies: Stableford – Last day for ringers. Twilight
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies: L G U Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	28	Sat	Russian Roulette – Blue / Silver tees Shootout
	29	Sun	INTERCLUB Metro A Metro B Presidents - away game vs Bottle Lake
	31	Tue	Ladies: Val Sutherland Twilight

Wayne Clark

We were shocked and saddened to hear the news that ex-member, affectionately known as Shrek, had passed away last week.

Wayne was a very well-known personality among the Canterbury golfing community, he was a staunch supporter of Coringa golf, and played in many interclub fixtures,

Our sincere condolences go out to Waynes's whanau and friends.

COURSE NEWS

If you thought the greens are getting quicker – you're right!! Green speed is now up to 10.8 feet as of Wednesday.

Soil temperature is 8 degrees, which means the grass is starting to move. This week the guys started the fertilizer programs for greens and surrounds, with tees starting next week.

On Tuesday morning Rohan was away at a field day with CTTMA which was all about Aquatrols, wetting agents and water management. There was some very good information which will definitely be included in our wetting agent program this year.

Next week the guys are planning to give the greens a verti-cut and a light sand top-dress, fertilize the tees and, of course mow some grass!!

Trees – 14 ,15 and 10th Holes

Last week we said we hoped to have an update for you about the trees shading the 14th green. This week we do have an update – they are all gone!!

Our contractor was in the area and ready to start cutting on Monday, and by the end of the week most if not all of the trees will be down. This is both the pines shading the 14th green, the pines on the left hand side of the 15th fairway and also some of the big gum trees to the right hand side of 10 (we asked the contractor to do these as well – we had plans to tackle these but the gums were very large and it was much easier for them to do it with their equipment).

Its going to make a big change to these areas and really open up these holes.

The contractor has another week or so of work loading up the trees that they will be removing – please keep well away from the guys when they are working.

If your ball ends up in the work area, treat it as GUR (unless you're out of bounds on 14 of course). We'll update you more on plans for these areas once the works complete and we've had a better look at it all.



View across the 14th green
from the top of the 15th White
tee Block



View across the 15th fairway,
again from the 15th White tee
Block



The gums on the right hand
side of the 10th hole

LADIES GOLF NEWS

Tournaments: For 9-hole ladies, can you please let Leigh know when you are wanting to enter tournaments and she will send your entry in. leigh72mcewen@icloud.com ph0274340872.
18-hole ladies. If you are wanting to enter any tournaments, please do this yourself. Do not forget to send in your Handicap, ID and Index number.

GERALDINE DISTRICT GOLF CLUB 9 Hole Tournament WOMEN & MEN Friday 15 September 2023. Open to all Affiliated 9 hole players Competition – Nett & Putting(Grades according to entries) Two's optional \$1 extra with all money paid out Start: 10.30am. Morning Tea: 9:45am ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per player Includes Morning & Afternoon Tea ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 13 September 2023 ENTRIES TO: Susan Lytle entries@geraldinegolf.co.nz or text to 021 138 3746 Please include your contact phone number and notify us of any dietary requirements.

Avondale Golf Club Proudly Presents 9 hole open For Ladies and Men Monday 2 October 2023 10am multi tee off \$20 entry fee to be paid on the day Registrations from 9.15am Morning tea Two mixed divisions Stableford, competitions, raffles Great Prizes Entries close Wednesday 27 September with: Diana Feary dsfeary@gmail.com ; 021 160 4973 Please include: handicap index, registration number, contact phone number

Ashburton 9 Hole Tournament 2023 Thursday 5th October. Open to Men and Women (Grades according to entries.) Report 9:30 am for 10:00 start Entry \$20 Includes morning tea (Lunch – pay your own fresh cabinet food) Inquiries or Entries by Monday 2nd October to ashburton9holers@gmail.com

18 Hole Tournaments:2023 KAIKOURA WOMEN's TOURNAMENT 11th - 13th SEPTEMBER Monday. 11th September 2023 18 Hole 4BBB Stableford Start From 9.00am Entry Fee \$40 per person Limited to first 68 pairs. Tuesday 12th September 18 Hole Stableford. Start from 9.00am Three Divisions Entry Fee \$40 per person Limited to first 136 entries. Wednesday 13th September.18 Hole Championship. Start from 9am Enquiries to: Kaikoura Golf Club Ph: (03) 3195-628 Email: info@kaikouragolf.co.nz 274 State Highway 1 RD Kaikoura. 7371 www.kaikouragolf.co.nz. Three Divisions, Gross & Nett Entry Fee \$40 per person. Limited to first 136 entries.

Avondale Ladies Stableford Tournament. Thursday 14th September 2023 Teams of 4 Entry \$100 per team Max. Handicap 40.9 9.30am Multi Tee Start. Team entries to: Email: avondaleoffice@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 3888 203

Waimari Women's Team Stableford Tournament Friday 22nd September. Handicap index 0-36.0. Teams of 4 players. \$40/player includes Lunch. Team captain to register and pay for team Bank details 03-1700-0027655-000. Entries with full name and membership number to allison.doell.nz@gmail.com or 0276932494. Entries close 15th September.

GERALDINE - GOLF CLUB -RENAISSANCE & MCARTHUR RIDGE 3 COURSE Challenge 26th to 28th September2023 Hosted by Geraldine Golf & played over 3 courses :26th - Temuka, 27th - Pleasant Point, 28th - Geraldine Team (4) & Individual Stableford Competition Entry Fee: \$195.00 (per player) Grade prizes each day and individual/team prize over three days Enter online at: www.geraldinegolf.co.nz/three-course-challenge Further details available from Chris at: clubservices@geraldinegolf.co.nz - 0278422332

Akaroa, Open Ladies Tournament 6th October Tee off 10 am. Morning tea at 9.15. Entry Fee \$30 which includes morning Tea and Lunch. Handicap 0-54, 3 Grades. Entries with Club ID

akaroragolf@xtra.co.nz .payment to bank account Number 02-0832-0011597-00. Entries close on 5th October

Hanmer Springs Golf Club, this is a preliminary email to notify you that the dates and format for the 7th kjoie style Hanmer Ladies Tournament have been set.

The dates are:

9 hole tournament – Wednesday 28/2 to Friday 1/3/24

18 hole tournament – Friday 1/3 to Sunday 3/3/24

Closer to the time I will put further details

Games played at Coringa

Thursday. Today we counted putting. 1st was Jay with 16, 2nd Myra with 17 and 3rd Anne M with 18
Next week LGU, Duty person Sandy Dermott

Saturday. Lovely day for golf. Both Sue and Nicky had great games but somehow had 18-hole cards so the Stablefords were different and could not be counted. Of the 9-holers Myra was 1st on countback from Chris both with 18 Stablefords and then Anne K with 17. If you are wanting to play, please go onto dot golf and put your name down.

This Saturday we are starting from 8.24am

Sunday- Today Janet won with 23 Stablefords and Nicky was nearest to the pin. Everyone had great games. A slot has been booked for 10.30am next Sunday.

Tuesday. Cancelled. Next week Best Nett Trophy. Duty Person Anne Morgan.

General News

The draw for the 9-hole championship is up. Please check when you are playing and arrange your games.

I can now confirm that ladies' day out is on Thursday the 21st of September at Weedons . 18 Holer's tee off at 9am, 9 Holer's, tee off at 10am. We will go to a café afterwards. More information on this to come. I have put a list up in the lady's locker room for people to put down their names so that I am able to confirm the booking closer to the day. Husbands welcome.

Calling all 18-hole ladies. I have had a request from a couple of ladies to start playing as a group on Saturday in September. If you would like to play 18 holes with ladies on Saturday, can you please let me know, as I am endeavoring to pull together a group. My email is jimmykatie57@gmail.com

Anne Morgan, Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday the 9th of September has been programmed as the second round of qualifying for the Club Championship so therefore a Stroke round off the Black, Blue and White tee blocks for men and Yellow for women.

There will be sheets out in the Pro-Shop which indicate where the first-round participants fit so please just write your second-round score in or if this week is your first opportunity to try to qualify just write your name and score down.

There were some names written down, but no scores recorded. Good luck to those hoping to qualify!

The weather for Saturday is looking great with 'Fine. Northeasterlies developing in the morning. A max temperature increases to 17 and min of 4.'

Club Championships:

An update from the first round of qualifying:

Senior: < 8.5
Top Qualifier: Drew Butcher 76.
Current Qualifying Scores (By Lot): 84

Black Tees

Intermediate: 8.6 - 12.5
Top Qualifier: Mal Ashton 80.
Current Qualifying Scores (By Lot): 89

Blue Tees

Junior A: 12.6 -17.0
Top Qualifier: Charlie Longley 83.
Current Qualifying Scores (By Lot): 91

Blue Tees

Junior B: 17.1 >
Top Qualifier: Matt Bloomfield 82.
Current Qualifying Scores (By Lot): 92

White Tees

Masters: Over 65 years
Top Qualifier: Peter Marsh 63 (Nett).
Current Qualifying Scores (By Lot): 76 (Nett)

White Tees

Womens: Open
Unfortunately no scores were provided to me.

Yellow Tees

Please Note: The best score from either of the two rounds on the qualifying Saturdays will identify the best **eight** scores. Where there are the same qualifying scores my wife will make the decisions 'By Lot.' The qualifying members must be available to subsequently play match play rounds beginning on 16th, 23rd and the finals 30th September. Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and B are 36 holes, while Masters and Women's will be an afternoon 18 hole match play event.

I will prepare the draw over the weekend and provide a copy of the draw to Gordy to put on put website. Barry will enter the draw for the divisions from there next week. If you think you have qualified please don't enter yourself in the normal Saturday draw.

Last Saturday the 2nd of September was a Stroke round off the Black, Blue and White tee blocks for men and Yellow for women and there were 98 starters. What an outstanding number of participants and 68 of those have entered the club champs! Thanks very much to those members entering and a huge turn around in interest by members. I did hear there was a bit of an issue with the pace of play yet again with the multiple tees being used. Once again I will say it but the lowest handicapper within the group needs to take responsibility for the pace of play and tell the slow members within the group to increase their pace and not play slow. Please make an effort this weekend!

The 'Rounds of the Day' went to Peter Marsh in the Masters Division with a Nett 63, from Hugh Little 65. That will knock you both Swampy and Hugh. Also Matt Bloomfield with a Nett 65 from Chris Choie in Junior B. Also Charlie Longley with a Nett 67 from Tom Grimshaw in Junior A. Also Malcolm Wratt with a Nett 70 from Mal Ashton in the Intermediate Division. Then the honest Nett 74's by Rohan Ware who won on count back from John Rademakers in the Senior Division. Drew Butcher picked up the Gross prize again with a 76 so a nice \$11. The Birdie Hole was number 7 and struck by Murray Brown and Mark Song so \$65 each. Brownie your club card must be looking pretty full currently. The Nett Eagle hole was Hole 1 and won by Hugh Little so a nice \$39. My golly Hugh you are in a purple patch! The Two's jackpot was not struck and pools.

The full results are available on the club website.

Thanks to Puds for covering while I was away.

Canterbury Golf Metro A and Metro B Competition:

Metro A team requires 8 players with handicap index between 6.0 and max 18 (Playing Team Handicap Total 80),

Metro B Team requires 8 players a min handicap index between 10.0 and max 24 (Playing Team Handicap Total 110).

The competition begins Sunday 15th October and tends to be a home and away sequence of matches through April for the final. We have for the last few years had two sides within the competition and again hope to register two sides.

I have left a sheet within the Pro Shop seeking names of people interested, so just write down your details.

James Willetts again offered to manage one side and keep an overview of both sides as he has done for the last few years. Thanks very much James for taking on this role and managing the B side so we need a manager to register the A side.

I have to registered the sides this week again using the profits from the weekly raffle to cover the cost. Thanks very much to those who regularly purchase them.

Match Committee:

The Match Committee are meeting at 9.30 am this Saturday.

If there are any members who wish to join the committee or come to the meeting or wish to raise issues for the committee to discuss, please email.

The minutes from the meeting will be up in the clubrooms on the noticeboard next week.

Handicap Subcommittee:

The Handicap Sub-Committee will be completing a review of handicaps this week.

It has been brought to our attention that some members are obtaining score cards, playing but then not submitting the completed cards. I am not too sure if the failure to submit the cards is because of a high score or a low score, which would affect the members true handicap. Be warned the commuter and the committee are watching play.

Upcoming events:

16th September First Round of Club Championship

20th September \$10 'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournaments.
(Free for those after Abandoned round 16 August)

30th September 'Finals Day' of Club Championship. Note: 36 hole competition for finalists in some Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and Junior B. 18 holes Masters and Women.
Shotgun start for all other members interested in playing. Time to be agreed by Match Committee.

Closest to Pin:

Weekly - Hancock Wine and Beer Merchants

Comment:

I'm back from the Sunshine Coast and there is a real feeling that winter is finally on the way out the door. I played on Wednesday and the course looked so good and so many compliments about its condition. The boys had obviously rolled the greens as they were speedy with Steve mentioning they were running above 11. Too fast for some of us I did hear!

While away on holiday I had a couple of rounds and was fortunate to be booked with local members. All were talking about the boom of golf on the coast but unfortunately the demand has meant the prices have increased with several clubs requiring an entry fee of tens of thousands of dollars and then a membership that they complain just keeps going up. They explained that it seems new people are arriving in their area and they want to join, so the locals must pay more to remain members. It seems a very profit-based system.

We are fortunate to have our very reasonable membership fees and I fully support the board's drive to keep the increases to a minimal level. Come on those members who haven't paid theirs yet! It's definitely cheap as, considering my Sunshine Coast experience.

It was great to read and see the photograph of the pathway around the pro shop finished. Seeing it this week, it actually looks better. Great work by Russell and Paul leading the Tuesday Crew.

On Wednesday I also saw the blinds in the clubrooms which have been arranged by Richard Kingsbury. They look great and thanks Richard for all you work. I also saw the timber recovery underway. My golly the course is looking completely different with all those large blue gums gone between the triangle of the 10th, 12th and 16th. Once again Richard has been very busy negotiating and arranging the removal. Our firewood man Glenn has been using his contacts to arrange the removal with Richard. Thanks so much guys.

Once again remember to pay your subscription as we are a membership worthwhile being part of on a great looking and ever improving course and environment.

Get out there and enjoy.

Harv

WEDNESDAY GOLF

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (\$15) and Mid Month (\$10) Tournaments:

We had 76 at our '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament** on the **6th September** with our usual \$50 '**Lone Star**' and '**Joes Garage**' vouchers, meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pin prizes provided through **Hancocks**.

The 'story of the day' goes to Peter Bailey whose birthday it was and what a present the course gave him. Congratulations Pete. Obviously no trees hit, no bunkers hit, no bad bounces, no poor chipping or putting, as Peter shot two shots over his age. I'm sure Peter will not mind if I tell you all, that his gross score was 85, therefore an outstanding 45 stablefords. Obviously first in Division Two and a very nice \$50 'Lone Star' voucher for him. It was a pleasure to announce his name and one of the few times I have seen such a big smile on his face. So well done Pete. It does demonstrate his golf skill and I know Peter has that. Actual golf skill is permanent, but for some of us it's a matter of being patient enough to wait for its return!

Division One (<17.6)

1st	Lex Clarke	40
5th	Kerion Murtha	37(C/B)
6th	David Harvey	37(C/B)
8th	Ian Carruthers	36(C/B)
9th	Murray Brown	36(C/B)
10th	Richard Kingsbury	36

Division Two (17.7>)

1st	Peter Bailey	45
3rd	Sue Smith	39
4th	Paul Carpinter	37(C/B)
5th	John Matthews	37(C/B)
8th	Bill Hallett	36(C/B)

We have our mid month \$10 tournament on **Wednesday 20th September** and I provided the list of participants for the abandoned 16 August tournament to the Pro Shop. Those people who have paid their entry fee will be able to enter the next mid month tournament on **for free**. Please indicate this fact to Nic so she will confirm your name is on the list. Remember the tournament is supposed to start after 10.30. I understand that Templeton are coring that week so I anticipate a number will attend.

Over the next month I am seeking comments from regular participants to the Wednesday Watering Tournament about a potential increase of \$5 to \$20 entry. The cost of meat continues to increase so I am hoping to use this increase to upgrade the purchase of prizes. If you have any comments please let me know personally or email via David.Harvey@xtra.co.nz.

Thursday Mens Golf

A beautiful spring morning greeted the 19 Thursday Men golfers playing a stableford off the white tees. Mention has to be made on the tree removal currently being carried out along the 14 th and 15 th fairways. The contractors are doing an amazing job keeping their work area confined and allowing us to continue playing.

We had a field of 19 playing and there was some good golf played by the prize winners. Keith Yardley continued his recent fine form and won with 38 points, followed by Tom White with 37 on countback from John Matthews and, Doug Ames on 36.

There were 3 two's today, Tom White, Lex Halford and Phil Olsen.

There was no sign of Peter Bailey today after his amazing round on Wednesday (there was word that he was a bit unsteady on his feet when he was dropped off and had to be reminded to take his clubs with him!)

Results

- 1 Keith Yardley 38
- 2 Tom White 37
- 3 John Matthews 37
- 4 Doug Ames 37

AND NOW....

Late for tee time

One golfer asked his friend, "Why are you so late for our tee time?"

His friend replied, "It's Sunday, I had to toss a coin between going to church or playing golf."

"Okay," continued the friend, "but that still doesn't explain why you are 15 minutes late."

"Well," said the fellow, "It took more than 25 tosses to get it right!"

The Hit-men.

Two mafia hit-men are walking deep into a forest in the middle of the night.

One of them says, "

"I gotta admit I'm scared out here,"

The other replies,

"You're scared I gotta walk back alone!"

MEMBERS CORNER

A couple of stories from the clubhouse this week,

One poor defeated soul sat there drowning his sorrows, explaining how he had a 5-putt on hole 5, The group behind him waiting on the tee were getting worried this poor fellow might not finish the hole before dark?

Anyway, if there is one thing that can cheer you up after a disaster like this, it's knowing you're not alone, I'm sure Russell felt a little better after hearing Isaac talk through his 5-putt on hole 2.

What a fantastic round from Pete Marsh, with a net 63 this was by far his best round since his comeback from his stroke 19 months ago.

It's been a very frustrating time for Pete, so it was wonderful to be playing alongside for his round,

It's a shame Pete had a rubbish partner, as they could only manage a half for the haggie against Myself and Murray, haha, good round though Pete!!



Hole 17 strikes again,
Those darn poplar trees are
just so unforgiving.
Costing me a fortune at the
bar!

Match committee meeting this
week, new item on the
agenda,
**Banning Cameras from the
course!!**

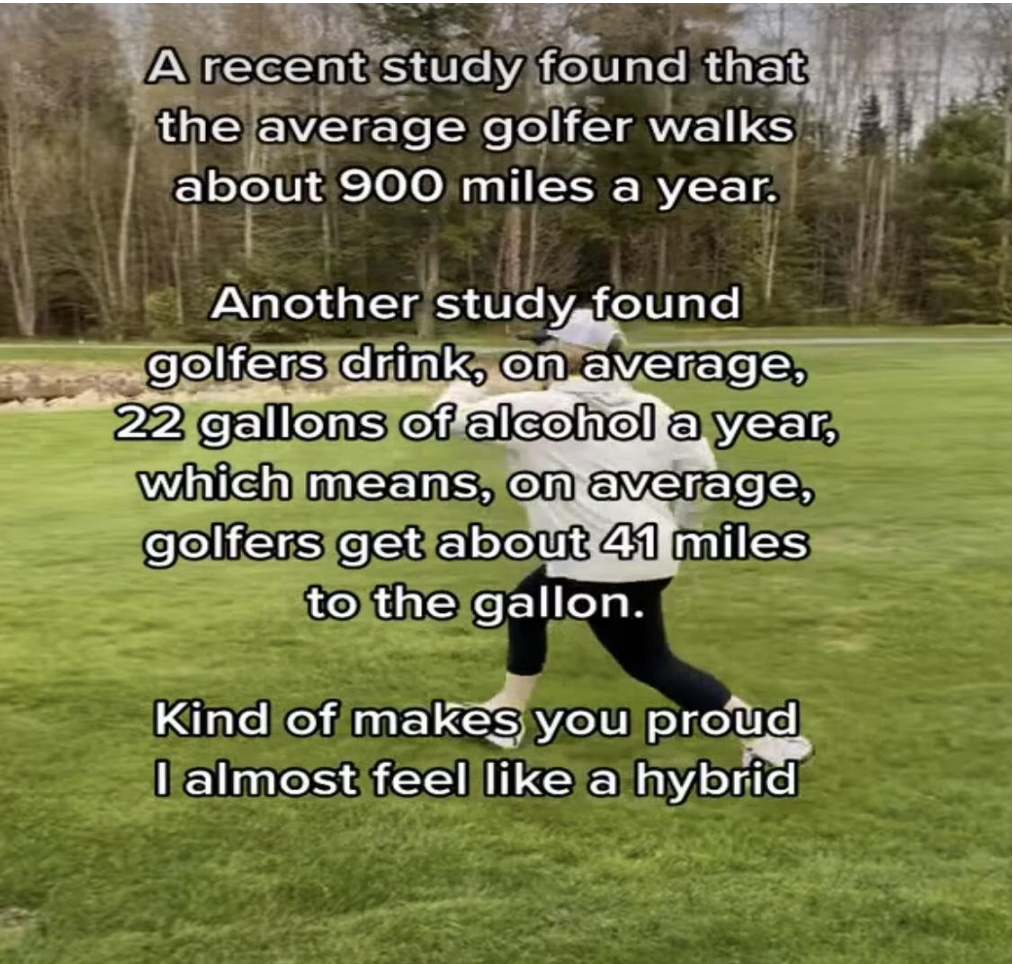
Ready golf

Once again there were reports speed of play was slow, with some of the later groups taking close to 5hrs to complete their rounds,

With Club Champs taking place, it is worthwhile to note, things can be a little more challenging during this time,

- There are 4 different Tee blocks in use,
- People may grind over shots a bit more than usual,
- Once the match-play begins, the correct order of play carries much more tactical importance, but you can still employ some of the ready golf principles within your foursome.

For all competitors, please ensure you are doing your best to maintain pace of play, and regardless of your tee block, or the state of your match, try to keep up with the group in front.



**A recent study found that
the average golfer walks
about 900 miles a year.**

**Another study found
golfers drink, on average,
22 gallons of alcohol a year,
which means, on average,
golfers get about 41 miles
to the gallon.**

**Kind of makes you proud
I almost feel like a hybrid**

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

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