Coringa News



4th November 2021

Kia Ora

SATURDAY'S MATCH

The Match of the Day this Saturday is a Stableford competition off the Black or White tees. Now is the chance for the golfers that think they can handle the challenge of the Coringa championship course to give the Black course a go!

The final for the Urwin Rosebowl will be played off the White tees.

We are in the last month the Shootout season with only two more Saturdays to try and improve your score to make it to the top thirteen who qualify for the final on the 20th of November.

Last week's raffle winners:

Mark Seale (16); Richard Kingsbury (48); Paul Snape (47); Kevin Walker (40); Jerry Kuipers (31); Keith Yardley (45).

The programme until the end of the year is:

November	6	Sat	Stableford – Black/ White tees Final of Urlwin Rose bowls (White tees) Shootout
	8	Mon	Ladies – Interclub entry to Canterbury
	9	Tue	Ladies - Stableford Twilight
	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 **Match Committee meeting at 9:30am**
	16	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Twilight
	17	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; $10 entry fee.

	18	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men's Group – Par - Yellow tees
	20	Sat	Par – Blue tees Shootout Final @ 1:00pm.
	21	Sun	Foodstuffs Tournament – course closed
	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]**
	30	Tue	Ladies Twilight
December	1	Wed	**Lone Star Group** CHRISTMAS WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; ($20 entry fee).
	2	Thu	Ladies Men's Group – Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	4	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees **State of Origin** Summer ringers – 1st round.
	7	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	9	Thu	Ladies Men's Group –Stableford - White tees.
	11	Sat	Irish Stableford – Black / White tees Summer ringers
	14	Tue	Ladies Twilight – Final night for 2021
	15	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; $10 entry fee.
	16	Thu	Ladies Men's Group – Xmas Tournament.- Stableford (Burt Fifield Trophy) - Yellow tees.
	18	Sat	4BBB nett – Silver tees Summer ringers
	21	Tue	Ladies
	25	Sat	**CHRISTMAS DAY – *Course Closed***
	26	Sun	**No Boxing Day Tournament** Course Open
January	1	Sat	**No New Year's Day Tournament - Course Open**

BOARD NEWS

The Board met on Monday and there were a few things discussed which you should be aware of (or at least might be interested in!)

Coring machine – delivery of the new machine has been delayed (our friend COVID and the impact it's had on the global supply chain – the coring machine is being made and delivered from the States). Hopefully the machine will be here in a couple of months – the key date for us in late Feb when Rohan is planning to core the greens. At this stage, we are expecting to have the machine in time for this.

In the meantime, Powerturf have kindly offered us use of their new aerator machine, which injects air into the greens and helps 'open them up'. Rohan hopes to be able to make use of this in the next couple of weeks

Golf Carts – we have six replacement golf carts coming in December (the current carts have done their three years and are due to be swapped out). The new carts are coming from Kauri Cliffs and should be here in time for Xmas.

Pine hedges – Richard and Rohan meet with the contractors who are due on the course next week to start removing some of the pine hedges. They will start with the hedge on the righthand side of hole #2, and then move their way around the course. They will only work during the week and hopefully will get all the work done in a couple of weeks (say by the end of November).

It is **very important** everyone keeps out of, and away from, the areas that they are working in – Rohan has set up a H&S plan with the contractors and will rope off the affected areas. Please stay well out of these areas (and if your ball goes in, please just leave it) and also please don't play over or around the contractors – if you have to, move your ball and take a drop – we don't want to have any contractors hit by errant golf balls!!

We will keep you updated each week as to where the contractors are working next, and also Barry and Derrick will let everyone know what's going on that day when you go into the ProShop.

In the short term the course is going to look a little untidy with machinery on site and scruffy areas once the pines are removed, but long term this will really open up and improve the course (as we saw with the removal of the pine hedge on the left hand side of the 12th fairway 18 months ago).

Future COVID protocols – the Board discussed at some length what appropriate COVID protocols are for the Members and Users of the Golf course as we shift out of the current alert level system and move to the new traffic light system the Government recently outlined.

The Board considered a number of factors, in particular the risk profile across the three main areas of operation – the Course, the ProShop (including toilets) and the Café/Bar

It's a little unclear exactly how the new rules will be applied to Golf Clubs (and we will look to NZ Golf for guidance on this), but one thing is looking reasonably clear – **once the Sth Island transitions to the traffic light system, entry to the Café/Bar will only be allowed for those with vaccine certificates e.g. the double jabbed.**

The reason for this is two-fold.

a) From a simple risk profile perspective, the risk inside the Café/Bar is far higher than on the Course (outside, open areas, easily maintained social distancing) or in the ProShop (inside but small numbers only, very short periods of time). It therefore follows that access to the Café/Bar is limited to the vaccinated only.

b) If we don't make the Café/Bar 'vaccine certificate only', we will have to close the facility every time there is Covid in the community and the traffic light setting is red or orange (and realistically, its likely we will have regular outbreaks of Covid in the future).

We know this might not be popular with everyone, but we think this approach, on balance, is best for the Club while safeguarding the H&S of our Members, Staff and other users of the course and clubrooms.

Please note – this policy only comes into effect when the Sth Island transitions to the new traffic light system – up until then we will continue to follow the Governments alert level system with the appropriate controls in place.

AGM – the AGM is scheduled for the 26th November, 9.30 at the Clubrooms (again, Covid willing). The various notices and agenda for the day will shortly go up in the Clubrooms.

And again – there will be special attention to the Covid protocols required to hold such a meeting safely – more on this in the next couple of weeks.

If you have any concerns about any of the items above, please contact the Board at board@coringagolfclub.co.nz

INTERCLUB

Blank Cup

The final round robin match was against Templeton, the leading team, at Christchurch last Sunday. Despite a narrow lead after12 holes, the team finished with a 5½ to 2½ loss. James Howard and Lin Wang won their matches with Derrick Xu halving his match. Chris Kay and Mark Song both had narrow 1 down losses in a very close contest. It has been the story of the year with the team coming out on the wrong side of many close contests and overall results do not show how competitive the team was. James Howard finished with 7 wins in 9 matches at the top of the order and Lin Wang had 6 wins and a half.

Metro A

Last Sunday, Coringa played Russley at home and lost 5 matches to 3. Our handicaps were high by comparison with the opposition, so it was always going to be something of a struggle. Dave Harvey, Albert Yee and Roy Wang had great wins against stronger players and Isaac Preece battled hard to lose 1 down on the last. The team played with wonderful spirit and were gracious in defeat.

Their next match is another home game v. Waimairi Beach on the 7th of November.

Presidents

The team had a good 5 matches to 3 win over Avondale last Sunday in which "The Boss" proved you don't have to play good golf to win (his quote!). The next match is against Rawhiti at Rawhiti on the 21st of November.

MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 6th of November, is a dual tee Stableford game off the black and white tees and the final of the Urlwin Rosebowl competition off the white tees between:

'The Boss' Russell McGregor and *'The Apprentice'* Paul Snape playing Kevin King and Albert Yee

Now this will be a great game between two very even teams! Good luck to all.

The KORNZ Cup challenge with the Alpha and the afternoon group has again been cancelled with a lack of number the reason. Can I thank the nine individuals who were prepared to play!

Last Saturday, the 30th of October, was a Russian Roulette game off the Blue tees and it was great to see 94 members playing in this team game. The funny thing was four of the elder statesmen in the club, confronted me the previous Saturday about the frequency of the use of the Blue tee blocks, and two of these gentlemen, Keith Yardley, and Chris Cottrell, won the competition with 69 points. Yes guys, you get more shots off the Blue tees and your handicaps are much more beneficial in some of these different competitions! 'Old Two Shots' told me afterwards *'he got eight two shot holes'* and the word going around was that he was very disappointed about their score when they entered the clubrooms.
Congratulations must go to Peter Marsh for a two on number 10. Swampy is coming back from some hand surgery three weeks ago and probably shouldn't be playing yet. Apparently, his hand come off the club on his second shot but obviously one hand was all that was needed as in the hole it went! Swampy was playing with Oliver Snape in the competition and the two walked off that green with 15 points! Outstanding guys! Swampy told me they only scored 30 points on the back nine. Well done, anyhow Swampy, and it's great to see you back out there playing!
Lastly, I will comment that several people did say they didn't enjoy the Russian roulette competition as they felt they were letting down their partners when the multiplication was being done! Yes, multiplying by zero doesn't make many combined points does it!
Twenty-three individuals entered the gross prize competition, which was won by Mike James with a 74.
The birdie hole, Net Eagle hole and Jackpot all continued to grow and there were only 2 twos scored to Peter Marsh (10) and James Willetts (7).
The full results are available on the website.

I heard that there was a record bar take on Saturday! So, like I do I tried to get the story straight as I have previously been criticised for not being accurate! Well, this time I ran into a brick wall when I approached members from two of the morning groups. It was like doing one of my many old investigations into a motorcycle gang. I was stone walled everywhere I went! Silence and no eye contact! My golly, there is obviously some fear factor within that brotherhood. Anyhow like all journalists I thought I'll find the truth. I was told by someone they had seen Alan Wicks looking for a ball in the long grass short of the yellow tees on 14. Apparently, there was a protest registered within the group "*that if you don't find the ball short of the yellow tees then you don't have to shout"*. Then I looked that the scores and saw two familiar names at the bottom end of the results with only 32 points, who also played around Alan's time. Alan Smith and Gordon McCoy! I haven't been able to identify any further names, but according to a document I have seen, $148 was spent to buy Drambuie from some within those two groups! Hope you all got home in one-piece guys?

<u>Meat/ Closest to Pin Wine/ Raffle Prizes:</u>
There are many members who have not picked up their prizes and this is causing an issue with storage! If people haven't picked up their prizes within a month from the time of winning, then the prize will become the clubs. Please check the board, wipe your name off and pick up your prizes from Murita.

I have noted a shortfall of funds for the raffles. It seems people are either forgetting to put their money in after writing their names down or not putting the money in deliberately. We found a Coffs Harbour coin in the raffle money the other day. I only know one member who has mentioned playing there! That member may want his coin back in exchange for $2!

<u>Members Success:</u>
Mel Newburn represented Canterbury (and Coringa) in the South Island Interprovincial Tournament against Otago, Aorangi and Tasman at the Levels Golf Course, Timaru last weekend. The Canterbury team won the tournament with three wins, and Mel continued her great run of form with a 4/2 win against Aorangi, a 1 up win against Tasman and a halved match against Otago, giving her an unbeaten record in Pollock Cup and for Canterbury this year!!

Well done, Mel!
Mel and her Christchurch side are in the Pollock Cup final against Clearwater at Harewood on Sunday. If anyone has time get out there and support Mel with a starting time of 9.30.

I also heard **John Rademakers** has reached the semi-finals of the Christchurch Club Champs! Well done both of you, and good luck!

Match Committee Meeting:
The match committee have programmed a meeting for Saturday 13th of November at 9.30 am. If any member wishes to come or join the committee or wishes to bring an issue for discussion, then just turn up. The match programme and tee block usage from November through to February will be discussed.

Hancock's Closest to the Pin:
This week (6 November) **Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants**
Once again can the Match Committee thank the 162 members and business firms who have sponsored the Coringa Saturday Closest to Pin competition between 28 October 2017 and 23 October 2021. Yes, a period of four years! What an outstanding commitment by members to keep this competition going through the self-funding model! The Match Committee is very appreciative of sponsorship arranged by John McKay through **Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants.**

Upcoming events:

Urlwin Rosebowl.	Final 6 November.
Shootout Final	20th November @ 1:00pm
Christmas Hamper Day	27th November after AGM. (Mixed Team Stableford)

Comment:
Haven't we been so lucky without no further positive COVID-19 tests in Christchurch considering the number of cars and people you see being tested in Orchard Road! Let's hope it doesn't change and we can continue to socialise and play the game we all love and hate! Lets do everything we can to fight the virus and full community vaccination is achievable!

My last thought of the week is promptness to the tee - a learnt behaviour or something we manage without thinking? On Wednesday I was standing with my group waiting for the arrival of Billy Hallett. Never one to have enough time for a practice swing, Billy is very well known for this! I look up and here is Billy driving his motor bike with his clubs on the back. Unfortunately, he had run short of time again and the clubs were not strapped onto his bike. He hits a bump at speed and the bag and clubs fly off. Unfortunately for Billy, the recently replaced shaft of his driver hits the ground and breaks. Poor old Billy. Perhaps leaving home 15 minutes earlier Billy would have saved you the distress!
David Harvey
Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT

Tournaments

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

- 8th Nov. Canterbury Golf 9-hole tournament at Amberley.
- 26th Nov. Tai Tapu Tournament
- 29th Nov. Kaiapo - Christmas Tournament
- 6th Dec. Canterbury Christmas 9-hole Tournament to be played at McLean's

There is also the Coringa Christmas Hamper Day on Nov 27th. This is a fun event with lots of prizes.

AGM (ladies) this is to be held on Nov 23rd**.** Game in the morning, followed by potluck lunch then the AGM, so please bring a plate. For those who do not want to play we would love you to join us for lunch at 12 noon. We are also looking for some new people for the committee. There have been a couple of resignations

She Golf **T**he ladies who participate in the She Golf event will be at Coringa on Monday evening, 22nd of Nov. Please keep an eye out for Sandy's emails for more information

Saturday

Six played, and the results:

1st was Anne M with 17 Stablefords. 2nd was Myra with 17 Stablefords and 3rd was Tracey B, with 16 Stablefords. Booking slots for Saturday morning are really tight so if you want to play, please let Myra know by Tuesday.

Sunday

Seven players, and the results:

1st was Janet with 24!!!!!! Stablefords, not sure what else was in her covid jab, 2nd Anne M with 20 Stablefords and 3rd Anne K with 19 Stablefords.

Tuesday

Only five turned up this morning, but they all had good scores. 3 ladies came in with 19 stableford points. After a countback Janet Harland and Janice McPhail followed by Cecelia were the winners. We couldn't split the trophy, so Cecelia has taken it home to look after it until February!

Twilight

Eight ladies played, five from Coringa and three others. The top Coringa lady was Fay followed by Carley.

I think the weather has it in for us on Tuesdays. Once again it was a bit chilly, but the rain stayed away. Followed by the best burgers in town.

If you are able, we would love to see more ladies come out and play. lots of prizes too!!!!!

Thursday

Ten players played for the Betty McBirdie trophy. The weather was a bit of mixed bag from cold to warm to cold again. 1st was Anne Morgan with 20 Stablefords, 2nd Ellen with 19 Stablefords and 3rd Janet also with 19 Stablefords

The course is looking so lovely, it's a pleasure to play out at Coringa, regardless of the weather. Thank you to Rohan and his team for

Anne Morgan

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following five new members this week:

Georgina Grice Jimmy Hong Josh Hughes Nathan Middleton
Michael Williams

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.

PATTON FAMILY GIFT

Situated beside the 16th tee is the Patton seat, donated by the Patton family to commemorate the strong and long association with Coringa of the Patton family, especially Dr Tom. Tommy spent many happy hours at Coringa and was greatly fond of the place and the people here.





Next time you pass by the 16th tee and need to rest your weary bones (and who doesn't), think of the jovial Irishman always with a smile on his face, a cigarette in his mouth, and a joke to tell you!

WEDNESDAY GOLF

'Lone Star Group' Wednesday Watering Tournament:

On Wednesday we again had the **'Lone Star Group" Tournament.**

The participants Men and Women play for $50 **Joe's Garage** and **Lone Star** vouchers, eight meat prizes from **New World Bishopdale** and Closest to the pPn plus a random draw for those in the bar prizes provided by **Hancock's Wine, Spirit & Beer Merchants**. It was great to see Gary May from New World Bishopdale out playing!

There was a continuous flow of players from 10.15 am through to 11.30 with 67 participants, in fabulous weather, greens running smoothly and a great looking course. There were several compliments received from particularly the Russley members! Thanks very much Rohan, and team the course is playing superbly.

Notable Coringa Results in the two divisions are:

Division One [up to 16.5]

1st	Peter Burnett	39
3rd	David Harvey	37
5th	Scott Ritchie	36
9th	Russell McGregor	34(C/B)
10th	Paul Hansen	34

Random Draw: Jonathon Berry (with 32 stabs)

Division Two [16.6 and above]

1st	Colin Ellison	37

4th	Jerry Kuipers	35(C/B)
5th	Nick Frampton	35
10th	Sue Smith	33(C/B)

Random Draw: Mathew Harris (with 25 stabs)

Peter Bailey and Jimmy Anderson both won three out of the fifteen meat raffles. Well done guys as usually they head south to Ellesmere!

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

We had a good field of thirty on a cool morning which never really warmed up and the cold breeze did not help. The match was a Stroke round off Yellow tees for the Jerriatic Trophy and scoring was subdued.

The full results were as follows:

1st	Gus Eathorne	72
	(and holder of the Trophy for November)	
2nd	John Maasch	72
3rd	Bill West	73
4th	Seamus O'Cromtha	73
5th	Wing Gin	74
6th	David Stead	74

We had 2's for David Stead (#7), Russell McGowan (#17) and Wing Gin (#13) and nearest the pins for David Stead (#7) – (just to show he can putt), and Andrew Wight (#17).



Winner of the Jerriatic Trophy for the month of November

Following a very generous gift from the Estate of the late Dr. Tommy Patton, the Board has approved the purchase of a trophy to be contested by the Thursday Men. This tournament is set down (to be confirmed) for the 11th of February 2022 and will be contested as an Irish Stableford. We hope to welcome Michael Patton and any other members who enjoyed Tommy's company on what should be a day to remember.

Attached is the update (to the end of October) of the Geoff Bassett Cup scores. This is awarded on the 16th of December at our Christmas Tournament.

Until next week good golfing.
Chris Cottrell
For Thursday Men

TWILIGHT 2021-2022

Twilights are held every Tuesday evening with a shotgun start shortly after 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome!
Members $5 and Guests $10
Good prizes and a Burger meal to follow - $10



There were 46 starters (and 40 burgers!), on a cool but otherwise pleasant evening. The best score of the evening was by James Willetts winning with a Par round on 22 stablefords!!

A big thank you to Rohan and the green staff for presenting the course in such pristine condition and there were many favourable comments from our visitors.

Results:

Men

1	James Willetts	Coringa	22	
2	Lindsay Smith	Hutt Park	21	
3	Jamie Pow	Coringa	20	by lot
4	David Cookson	Coringa	19	
5	Andrei Cotiga	Coringa	18	by lot
6	Christian Carter	Flexiclub	17	by lot
7	Oliver Snape	Coringa	17	by lot
8	John Maasch	Coringa	17	by lot
9	Matthew Bloomfield	Coringa	17	by lot
10	Dominic Neill	Coringa	17	by Lot
11	Willy Stewart	Coringa	16	by Lot
12	Michael Harris	Coringa	16	by lot
13	John H Wilson	Coringa	16	by lot
14	Mitchell Thompson	Coringa	15	by lot
15	Jordan hampson	Coringa	15	by lot

Ladies

1	Beverly Gordon	Hutt Park	20
2	Fay Beckingsale	Coringa	19
3	Angela Cordon	Waimairi Beah	18
4	Carly Shaw	Coringa	17
5	Mandy Walsh	Hutt Park	15

AND NOW

A Pinch of Gunpowder

A tough old sheep farmer from Scotland gave some good advice to his granddaughter.
He told her that the secret to a long life was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder onto her porridge every morning. The granddaughter followed this dictum religiously until her death at the venerable age of 103.
She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, 25 great-great-grandchildren and a forty-foot hole where the Crematorium used to be.

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