Coringa News



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COVID UPDATE

Before we get onto the normal golfing update – a subject I'm sure you're all very familiar with – COVID and alert levels!

Obviously, I know nothing more than you do so anything I could say re the likelihood of play on Saturday is pure speculation but I can tell you we are planning for the best (but maybe set your expectations for the worst - that way you won't be disappointed!!).

At this stage we are planning as if we will be open for play on Saturday. Rohan and the team will head out to the course tomorrow (under L4 restrictions they are allowed on course for essential maintenance but must follow all the safety protocols of social distancing, staggered breaks etc etc), and check to see all is OK, while making the course safe for play under whatever COVID restrictions we might need to operate under.

Barry and Murita are ready to work on Saturday (if possible and under whatever restrictions we might need to apply)

So until we hear more, we will just wait and plan. Once we hear from the Government tomorrow, we'll send out an email to you all updating everyone on what happens next.

Cheers – Malcolm

SATURDAY'S MATCH
The planned match for Saturday is an American Stableford match off the Silver tees.
It is also the semi-finals of the match play for the Urlwin Rose bowl competition
American Stableford *- A player records 4 points if a birdie is scored on a hole; 3 points for par; 2 points for bogey; 1 point for double bogey. Points over the 18 holes are totalled; then the player's course handicap is added to that total. E.g. Total points 42, Handicap 10, Score = 52. Winner is player with most points.*
The Shootout continues.

Last week's raffle winners:
Walter Scott; Johnny McKay; Robbie Chisholm; Mark Searle; Clinton Chase; Richard Kingsbury.

The proposed programme until the end of September is:

	21	Sat	American Stableford – Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl –Semi-finals (Silver tees) Shootout
	24	Tue	Ladies – Nett / Putting
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies – Match play Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees
	28	Sat	Stroke – Blue or Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl Final Shootout
	31	Tue	Ladies – 4 Clubs + Putter
September	1	Wed	Ladies – Championships Starts Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. – 10.30 am start; ($15 entry fee.)
	2	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men's Group – Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	4	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	7	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	9	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men's Group – Stableford - White tees.
	11	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	14	Tue	Ladies - Best Nett Trophy
	15	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; $10 entry fee.
	16	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men's Group –Par - Yellow tees.
	18	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]
	21	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	22	Wed	WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees – 11 am start; $10 entry fee.
	23	Thu	Ladies - Stableford Men's Group – Stableford - Yellow tees
	25	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day –Stableford - Blue tees Shootout [for non-championship players]
	28	Tue	Ladies – Girls Day Out TBA
	29	Wed	WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees -11 am start; $10 entry fee.
	30	Thu	Ladies – Nett Throw Out Worst Two Holes Men's Group – Team Stableford - Yellow tees

NOTE: As you can see from the programme the White and Silver tees are both in use and are equivalent courses. Which course you are playing on any day will be clear when you print your card. This is to spread the use of the tee blocks to allow time for natural repair. As a general rule we will play the White tees for the first half of the month and the Silver tees for the rest.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **Coringa Club Championships** will begin with the first qualifying round on the 4th of September. The second is the following week 11th of September – the best ONE of the two to count for qualification and seeding purposes.

Eight in each grade to qualify ie three rounds of match play scheduled for the 18th and 25th of September with the finals on the 9th of October.

Five grades: (Handicap index)

Senior 8.6 and below; Intermediate 8.7 to 14.3Junior "A" 14.4 to 20.2; Junior "B" 20.3 and above; and Masters (age 65+ and no handicap restriction.)

Senior – Black tees; Intermediate & Junior "A" – Blue tees; Junior "B" & Masters – Silver / White tees.

NB. All Masters results are decided on Handicap. (Handicaps current, ie. The handicap printed on your gard on the day.)

If you are unable to play your match on the due date you may play any time before the date of the next due round. Please let Dave Harvey know if you need to do this.

A notice to trophy holders from last year – please return these to the pro shop asap and it would be appreciated if you could engrave them.

BLANK CUP

The competition for 2021 began last Sunday at Avondale, after a postponement the previous week. In great spring weather, Coringa played Harewood and were beaten in a very close match 4,5 to 3,5. Spencer Wicks and Derrick Xu were easy 5 / 4 winners and Jamie Howard won a very close match at #1 1 up. Chris Kay halved his match, and the others lost narrowly. The team plays Christchurch next week at Clearwater.

CLUB NEWS

New Members

We welcome the following three new members this week:

Brian Kang Seok Hee Lee Vincent Oh

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 here.

Subscriptions

As mentioned in previous newsletters we hope to have the subscription invoices emailed out to members very shortly – keep an eye out for them in your email in box.

Working bee

Another big day of work by the team on Tuesday – the no 6 hole path has been completed with a big days work by the team, but particularly Paul Snape, Dave Harvey, Phil Olsen and Alan Smith who were there well into the afternoon.
Great work everyone, the path looks a work of art (almost feels wrong to walk on it!!)

The team have started work on hole no 13, with plans in place for the paths on holes' 4 and 7.

The team seem to have settled into a regular pattern on Tuesday mornings, 9am starts, so if you'd like to join in, everyone is welcome, the banter is great fun, and it's very satisfying to see the results of your hard work every time you're out on your golf course!!

THE MEN'S REPORT

We are planning for this Saturday, the 21st of August, to be an American Stableford competition off the Silver tees and those four pairs still in the Urlwin Rose-bowl competition playing off the same tees in their semi-finals. The draw is on the website.

Urlwin Rose-Bowl Winners:

Barry Stringer & Scott Ward won 1 Up
Kevin King & Albert Yee won by default
Vance Hetaraka Heteraka & Jonathan Kemp won 4/3
Russell McGregor & P Snape won by default

Good luck to those playing and the ongoing winners will be booked to play the final at 10 am on the following Saturday. All depending on the COVID-19 decisions.

Last Saturday, the 14th of August, was a Stableford competition off the dual Silver or Yellow (Irons match) tees. It was great to see 84 entered the dual competitions and thirty individuals thought they were good enough to enter the gross prize competition. That's what it's about having a go and you thinking you're good enough on the day. No matter what tee we play you should always think there is that game in there to score your record off the assigned longest tee of the day. Unfortunately, with the hour long storm that came through 38 individuals didn't return their cards so the chances of winning were greatly increased.
I have to admit I did feel a bit sorry for Chris (Two Shots) Cottrell who was playing in the Yellow tee competition with Walter Scott and myself and was keen on carrying on after 19 stablefords on the front nine.
When I did enter the club rooms and announced to those present who had completed their rounds that I had decided to abandon the match of the day, immediately I was met with a very unhappy crowd! I have to apologise to those present that took me literally, as it was just a joke! I heard a certain group decided to drink their way through their grief at a chance of missing out on prizes, but really Gordy McCoy (21 stablefords) and Swampy Marsh (19), were those scores really likely to pick up a prize, no matter what the weather was like! It was fortunate their close friend Alan Smith was there to help both through their grief!

The notable scores in the Silver competition of the day went to Walker Lin with a gross prize of 72 and 36 stablefords in Division One, while Division Two had Paul Snape, Phil Olsen, and Duncan Shaw-Brown all on 36 on count back and in Division Three Andrei Cotigan had 40. In the Yellow tee iron competition in Division Two Graham McMillan scored 39 and Clinton Chase won Division One with only 30.
The Jackpot was not struck again and has pooled to $226. The birdie hole was number 8 and won by Jamie Howard and Isaac Preece and a nice pay out of $55 each. The Nett Eagle was number 1 and not struck and has pooled to $33.
I can't say all the results were great scoring; but it shows if you are hard enough to complete the round you never know what score becomes a winning score! Ha-ha. The full results are available on the website.

Canterbury Golf Sunday Competitions:
The Metro A side has been registered with Canterbury Golf under the management of James Willetts. Thanks very much for taking on the role James. I am still seeking someone to manage the Metro B side. If anyone is interested, please let me know. I hope the Metro A and B and Presidents side managers will work together to share players.

Upcoming events:

4th & 11th of September	Qualifying for Club Championships (Subsequent Rounds 18, 25 September and 2 October)

Closest to the Pin:

Previous week (14 August)	Chris Choie
This week (21 August)	Malcolm Wratt
Following Week (28 August)	Mike Dimond

We currently have sponsorship through to November 2021 but are actively looking for more people of come forward and have a turn. If there is anyone who would like to sponsor the $40 or provide the appropriate value prizes for the closest to the pin, could you approach James Willetts, Vance Heteraka, JB, Puds or myself.

Match Committee Meeting 14th August:
The committee meet and discussed several issues. If any member wish to view the minutes, please just email me on David.harvey@xtra.co.nz and I will provide.

Membership Welfare:
Russell McGregor (The Boss):
It was great to see 'The Boss' with his sore shoulder back out on the course last Saturday supporting Paul Snape in the Urlwin Rose-bowl. I'm sure it won't be long, and I'll be writing his name down back in the prizes. Russell's support was obviously well received by Paul who was one up against Jerry Kuipers and Keith Yardley at the ninth before the weather got to our senior statesmen. Great to hear there is no obvious damage to your shoulder Russell.

Comment:

Canterbury's weather recently and now this COVID-19 Delta outbreak up North can be a challenge to us all but golf friendship and the opportunity to get out onto our fabulous course is our happy place!
I lastly just want to acknowledge this nice text from Paul Hansen on Sunday adding salt to the wound of not completing our round on Saturday. Paul very nicely put it *"It is noted that the shorts brigade all pulled the pin yesterday! Lovely conditions on the back 9*". Isn't that what friendship all about, and yes, I was soft! Sorry and hard luck Two Shots!
David Harvey
Men's Captain

LADIES REPORT
Hopefully Covid will not stop the following 9 Hole Tournaments.
Please contact Leigh on 0274340872 if you want to play in any of them.

- Amberley 6th September. 9am registration with 9.30 tee off. $20
- Waimakariri Gorge - 20th September morning tea at 10am with tee off at 10.30. $25

Saturday
Rained off
Sunday
Five players.
1st Anne M with 17 Stablefords
2nd Janet H with 16 Stablefords
Tuesday
Lovely sunny day. Eight played for the Nett trophy plus closest to the pin.
1st and the champ of the day was Janet H with 22 Stablefords. This included 2 Pars. Janet was also closet to the pin on No 7.
2nd on count back was Janice Mc with 18 Stablefords and 3rd Jay Pollock also with 18 Stablefords
Thursday
No golf due to covid
Nine- Hole Club Champs - reminder to put your name up so the committee can work towards putting together a draw
Hopefully we will be back on the fairways sooner rather than later. Stay safe everyone
Anne Morgan

WEDNESDAY GOLF
<u>$10 Wednesday Watering Tournament:</u>
This Wednesday, the 18th of August, the $10 tournament with prizes from our friends at New World Supermarket Bishopdale was abandoned.

Please remember our next $15 'Lone Star / Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament on the 1st of September. The tournament starts at 10.30 a.m. and are focused on getting people into the clubrooms not just playing golf! The board have decided to have the kitchen open for both tournaments and Murita will be there to provide her lovely food.

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP
Finally some good weather and instead…..abandoned this week due to Covid-19. See you all next week (hopefully!)
Chris Cottrell - For Thursday Men

AND NOW
AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

A man goes into the doctor's office and said that his body hurt wherever he touched it.
"Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me."
He took his finger, pushed on his left shoulder and yelled.
He pushed his elbow and yelled even more.
He pushed his knee and grimaced with pain; likewise, he pushed his ankle and the same happened.
Everywhere he touched made him react.
"Well, that's an easy diagnosis", said the Doctor.
"Your finger is broken."

KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway.
Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting!
Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!"
"NO!" the woman yelled back, "IT'S A SCARF!"

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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