



# Coringa News



17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Kia Ora,

## Saturday's Match

- A Stableford competition off the Mixed or Silver tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
  - Mixed tees Option, see information below.
- Shootout

## Raffle

Paul Snape 18, Murray Angus 16, Bruce Fuller 54, Chris Innes 30, Peter Cottrell 60, Rouan Buitendag 34

The program until the end of November – 2024

	19	Sat	Stableford - Mixed / Silver tees Shootout
	20	Sun	<b>Interclub</b> <b>Thompson MacDonald</b> – Semi-finals – TBC <b>Over 50's</b> - Weedons <b>Presidents</b> – away game vs Avondale
	21	Mon	<b>Coring – Course Closed</b>
	22	Tue	<b>Coring – Course Closed</b>
	23	Wed	<b>Coring – Course Closed</b> – Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	24	Thu	<b>Course open</b>
	26	Sat	Russian Roulette – Blue / Silver tees

			Shootout
	29	Tue	Ladies; Net Putting Twilight
	30	Wed	<b>XTRA - WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT</b> – Stableford – Silver Tees 10.30 am start; \$10 Members. \$15 Visitors
	31	Thu	Ladies; Net Putting, (Last day for ringers Men; Irish Stableford – Yellow tees
<b>November</b>	2	Sat	Stableford – Black/White tees Shootout – Final Round
	3	Sun	Interclub Metro A – Away game vs Clearwater Metro B – Away game vs Waimairi Beach
	5	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Twilight
	6	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 – entry fee.)
	7	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	9	Sat	Par – Blue / White Tees <b>Shootout – Top 10 Final @12.30pm</b>
	10	Sun	Interclub Presidents – Home game vs Rawhiti
	12	Tue	Ladies; Stableford Twilight
	13	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	14	Thu	Ladies; Nett – Throw out worst 2 Men: Stableford - White tees
	15	Fri	<b>SHOW DAY- COURSE OPEN</b>
	16	Sat	American Stableford – Mixed / White Tees
	19	Tue	Ladies; Nett Twilight
	20	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 10.30 am start; entry fee \$10 members \$15 visitors.
	21	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Men: Par - Yellow tees
	23	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees State of Origin – Match play on handicap
	24	Sun	Interclub Metro A – Home game vs Templeton Metro B – Away game vs Harewood
	26	Tue	Ladies; Closing Day – AGM, Lunch
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	28	Thu	Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	30	Sat	<b>AGM @9.30am</b> Christmas Hamper Day – Shotgun Start after AGM Mixed Team Stableford Competition – White / Yellow Tees

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **COURSE NEWS**

Green speed is 10.3 feet.

This week was a busy one trying to cut another wire to wire cut of the course and get ready for coring. The greens are showing some signs of stress as they are not taking in much water at the moment. The coring next week will sure help and then with we will apply our wetting agent with a bit of fertilizer. As we start irrigating, we have found the odd problems which we will continue to fix as we go.

You'll notice the sand for coring has arrived (all piled up at the end of the driving range – over 80 cubic metres, or 4 big truck's worth).

Next week the course is close from Monday morning through to Wednesday afternoon for coring – weather forecast looks good – fingers crossed all goes to plan!!

Rohan

### **TUESDAY CREW**

It was a cold miserable day but still had a good turn out – they are a dedicated bunch of members!!

More work on the gardens around the clubrooms, tidy up work around the tees cutting back some of the grass around the fridges and a bit of work in the Café and Pro Shop for those not willing to brave the cold!!

Next week we will be out on Tuesday to help Rohan and the team with coring (this isn't a big core like six months ago so hopefully won't be too much work and not too long till they are back running true again).

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Kevin Walkers done an excellent job again managing the Club's membership. He's confident the bulk of it has been done now.

In terms of final numbers, we currently have around 585 members (this includes around 35 students whose membership ends 31 November). This is roughly where we expected / hoped to finish up.

We now expect to see a steady flow of new members over the next 10 months, probably building back up to around 650 members again by the end of August next year.

This is great for our club, very healthy membership numbers and really sets us up well for the next twelve months.

Once again – big than you to Kevin for managing this for us – it's a huge amount of work – well done!!

## INTRODUCING JARRED MILLS

Hi, I'm Jarred. I am an NZPGA teaching professional and have been coaching for the last 17 odd years at Riccarton driving range. I will now base myself at your fantastic golf course while I'm waiting for my new coaching premises to be built. If you ever see me out on the range feel free to say hi or talk some golf.

If you're considering getting a lesson with me you can book through my website [www.jmillsgolf.co.nz](http://www.jmillsgolf.co.nz).

Look forward to seeing you out there - Jarred

### MIXED TEES – This Saturday

A reminder how this works,

The course is made up from a combination of Black, Blue and Yellow tees.

Print your card as per normal, selecting "mixed tees" option

While you are on the course you will need to check your card to know which tee block is to be used for each hole.

Example; b = Black, u = Blue, y = Yellow

Here is the layout of the holes.

1b - 2y - 3u - 4y - 5b - 6u - 7u - 8b - 9y - 10u - 11y - 12b - 13y - 14b - 15u - 16y - 17u - 18b

The course has been rated through dotgolf, so all scores count towards handicapping, and for the shootout.

This is intended as a fun alternative to the usual playing options, so nobody needs to feel intimidated by the thought of playing the Black Tees, if you look closely, you will see there are only two holes that present a more significant challenge than you are used to, holes 8 and 14.

Overall, the Mixed course is only 300m longer than the White/Silver options.

The Silver tees option will be available to those who are not ready to give the mixed tees a try. The Best Gross competition will be off the mixed tees.

### CORINGA AGM – 9.30am, 30<sup>th</sup> November

Pencil this date into your diaries, and be sure to come along.

Our annual Xmas Hamper Tournament – shotgun start will begin shortly after the meeting has finished. All welcome.

### CAFE / BAR NEWS

Come and check out the improved range of food options that Bev has been adding to the cabinets in the Clubhouse.

Bev is trying hard to tempt your tastebuds with new ideas. Give them a go and let her know what you think.

We have also added a range of wines to the chillers both upstairs and in the ProShop.

Most of these wines are available in one glass (187ml) bottles to keep the taste fresh and clean. Look for:

- Yealands - Pinot Gris and Rose
- Brancott - Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, or Pinot Noir
- Lindauer Sparkling 200ml range (ask Bev for a bubbles glass)

And for those wanting to share a red with friends we are stocking

- Grant Burge Fifth Generation and Ink Shiraz in 750ml bottles

You will also find the return of the Dry Canadian Club Soda in the chiller this week.

Paul Snape.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to Coringa to

Clark, Sam

Gregory-Hunt, Oliver

Lee, Toyon

McArthur, Nicholas

Pithie, Campbell

Watts, Frewen

## **CLUB SPONSORSHIP – Peter Timbs Meats**

It's with much pleasure that the board can announce, **Peter Timbs Butcher - Bishopdale** have again offered the club sponsorship.

Thanks very much to **Andy Ashby** for arranging.

Once again, the sponsorship will be in vouchers and a percentage of this will be incorporated within the Coringa Open prize pool. The match committee hope to use the remaining vouchers within the Saturday match competition program.

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Metro A**

Coringa hosted Waitikiri last Sunday, the team had a close match, but in the end came away with the win, 4.5 - 3.5.

### **Metro B**

Coringa hosted Russley last Sunday at home and I was excited for the 1st round of metro B, I was looking forward to an energetic morning, it was cold and wet, bugger.

I had a cunning plan to play off the silver tees seeing that we'd played them on Saturday which would be an advantage, we lost 6.5 to 1.5, but I've always thought it's harder to play at home due to the weight of expectation. On to the positives Paul Monson had a win and Chris Choie had a half to give us some respect, cheers lads, but in spite of the loss I had a great day and would like to thank the guys who gave up their day to represent the club I really appreciate it, and well done to Mike Alridge getting a win for the A's and to Franks team getting another win.

James Willetts

### **Thompson MacDonald Trophy**

On Sunday we played the last game of the round robin competition against Waimairi Beach at Coringa. The team had a good 5-1 victory and confirmed our place as the top qualifier for the semifinals.

Our team won 8 of the 9 matches and Nelson Gaw won the Max Walker Salver for best record in the competition with 8 ½ wins. He shares this trophy with a Rawhiti player with the same record. Isaac Preece was also unbeaten with 6 ½ wins.

**Semi-Finals 9.30am Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
at Templeton Golf Club**

**Coringa vs Harewood  
McLeans Island vs Rawhiti.**

All our boys are coming into some good form and we look forward to a good match this weekend. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Frank Young

**LADIES GOLF NEWS**

**Thursday:** This week we played Stableford. 1<sup>st</sup> Janet with 17 Stablefords 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Healey with 15 Stablefords and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ellen with 14 Stablefords

Next week we play Stableford. Duty person is Janet Harland.

**Saturday:** No game was played. Due to a few Saturday players on holiday, there will be no game until November. If you are wanting to play on Saturdays with the 9-hole ladies please contact Myra [myrastory46@gmail.com](mailto:myrastory46@gmail.com)

**Sunday:** Rained off

**Tuesday:** Rained off

No Game at Coring next week due to Coring. However, 2 slots have been booked for the 9 holers at Templeton, teeing off at 10am.

**9 Hole Coringa Open Tournament** was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout of 65 players from 11 Clubs around Canterbury. The overall Stableford winner was Jane Trotter from Russley. The winner of the Gail McCreanor Trophy, was Janice McPhail



We had lots of very positive comments about our Course. A Big thankyou to Rohan and his team. I would also like to thank the Ladies Committee who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Tournament go without a hitch. Also thankyou to Margaret Shepard, Irene Ling, Niki, Bev, and Barry. Their input also made things run smoothly.

**18- Holers** are back to teeing off at their normal time of 9-9.30am. Due to Coring next week one group are going to Weedons on Monday and there is another group going to Templeton on Tuesday. Please contact Jane Gin for more information about Templeton.

## **General News**

**9-hole Champs.** Currently nearing the end so should be able to name the winners in the next week or so . Yesterday Myra and Tracey Played with Myra the winner. Congratulations Myra for being our nine-hole Club Champion.

**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](mailto:leigh72mcewen@icloud.com) ph. 0274340872.

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.

If you want any more information, 18-holers please email me at [jimmykatie57@gmail.com](mailto:jimmykatie57@gmail.com) and I will send you all the details or go onto relevant Clubs website or Canterbury Golfs website.

## *9 Hole Tournaments*

**Canterbury Golf Women's 18 Hole & Mixed 9 Hole Christmas Tournaments** Friday 29 November 2024 Rangiora Golf Club. For players with 18 hole & 9 Hole club membership. Maximum handicap index 35.6 for 18 Hole / 54.4 for 9 Hole. Entry fee - \$30 (18 Hole) / \$20 (9 Hole) - payment by online. See Canterbury Golf website for more information

## *18 Hole Tournaments*

**Waimakariri George Golf Club** Women's Canadian Foursomes Tournament. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Entry Fee \$40 per person. Max. Handicap 40.4

**McLEANS ISLAND GOLF CLUB WOMEN'S OPEN TEAMS STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT.** Friday 1st November. Open to those with Handicaps 0-40 ENTRY FEE: \$80.00 per TEAM OF FOUR.

**Ellsmere ladies Golf Club** 4 Ball best Ball Nett 8<sup>th</sup> November. Entry fee \$35

**BOTTLE LAKE GOLF CLUB Open Ambrose Tournament** G Smith & J Smith Trophies .17th November 2024 Entry \$25 per person members \$35 per person non-members.

**Waitikiri Golf Club** Women's Christmas Open. Sunday 1 December 2024 Entry \$40 per person

**Cheviot Golf Club Century 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025.** For more information, please email Jen le Pine [tim.jen@scorch.co.nz](mailto:tim.jen@scorch.co.nz)

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

## MENS REPORT

### **This Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Match of the day will be a Stableford competition off the dual Mixed / Silver Tees

- Shootout.

### **Last Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Was a 4BBB competition off the Silver Tees.

It was such a beautiful day, and I was amazed to see the effects of the “fairway coring” (done near the end of winter) coupled with the spring growth, the fairways were looking the best I have seen them in years, Rohan and team continue to do a fabulous job with the course.

Best Gross of the day was won by new member Woo Bong Kim with a fantastic score of 72.

Although new to Coringa, Woo Bong is a very well-known golfer in Canterbury, playing Woodward cup for Waitikiri, and has also represented Canterbury Masters, - Welcome to Coringa Woo Bong.

### **A few milestones out there today,**

We had our highest entry into the best gross comp, (31) of course some of us just like giving a donation.

We had our highest entry into the birdies competition (96), which is 90% of the field, and to top it off we saw a whopping 87 birdies scored today, which could be a record as well?

A couple of special mentions must go out to John Hillary, and Graham Sheets. Both men were playing in the same group, and both men made 2's on a par 4.

John's 2 came on hole 3, he obviously must have chipped in because I've seen him putt before – he makes Harv look good, lol

and Grahams 2 came on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Congratulations to you both on your marvelous achievement.

### **Results Highlights - 4BBB**

Remember you can view the full Saturday results early in the week, on our website and facebook page.

1st	Michael Smith/Dale Ware	61
2nd	Bev Gordon/Lindsay Smith	62
3rd	Mal Ashton/Philip Olsen	63
4th	Lin Wang/Peter Mckay	64
5th	David Cross/Robert Pryce	64
6th	Lex Halford/Peter Cottrell	64
7th	Lloyd Bell/David Potter	64
8th	Graeme Falloon/Trevor Lee	64
9th	Roy Wang/Paul Monson	64

**Best Gross** Woo Bong Kim (72)

**Nett Eagle Hole (1)** Jordan Coffin, Bruce Fuller

**Birdie Hole (16)** Adam Fincher, Frank Young, Paul Hansen, John Deacon

**Nearest to pins** Paul Snape (5), Andrew Mackway-Jones (7), Spencer Wicks (13), Robert Tibbotts (17),

**2's Jackpot** Not Struck



**2's** John Hillary 3, Paul Snape 5, Leighton Sparks 5, Paul Monson 5, Oliver Snape 5, Duncan Shaw-Brown 5, Mal Ashton 7, Andrew Mackway-Jones 7, Dale Ware 7, Michael Smith 7, Spencer Wicks 13, S Y Park 17, Peter McKay 17, Woo Bong Kim 17, Graham Sheets 18

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**21<sup>st</sup> October – Coring** The course will be closed for three days, while green maintenance is undertaken.

**30<sup>th</sup> November** AGM – 9.30am - Followed by Shotgun Start – Xmas Hamper Day.

## WEDNESDAY GOLF

We had our mid monthly '**The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' (Members \$10 / Visitors \$15 Entry) Watering Tournament on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October with 34 playing for our usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at '**New World, Bishopdale**' and closest to pins through '**Hancocks**'.

### Results

<b>Division One</b>		<b>Division Two</b>	
Lex Halford	35	Michael Wilton	41
Murray Brown	35	Iain Findlater	38
Jennifer Cho	35	Kerry O'Neill	38
Greg Sweet	34	Michael Smith	37
Rex Pankhurst	34	Young Hae Lee	36

## THURSDAY GOLF

We had 20 Thursday Men for Thursday golf on a sunny spring day. The course was presented in excellent condition and the greens were rolling true. We had visitors today from Bottle Lake and Apiti.

Scoring was good today with Phil Olsen winning on 2 up on countback from Tom White also on 2 up. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Gus Eathorne on 1 up, in 4<sup>th</sup> place was Peter Cottrell on square and in 5<sup>th</sup> place was Lex Halford on square.

There were 2 two's today and these went to Robert Pryce on 17 and Lex Halford on 7.

The most honest golfer today was Wing Gin and he won a ball for his 11 down. When asked about his round Wing, replied " I had no wins, 11 losses and 7 halves. A solid round off losses.

### Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Phil Olsen	2 up
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom White	2 up
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gus Eathorne	1 up
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Cottrell	Square
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lex Halford	Square

Phil Olsen

## TWILIGHT GOLF

Another good turnout for twilight, visitor numbers remain consistently high with people coming from all over Christchurch to play and enjoy twilight golf at Coringa.

Top prize winners tonight

Angela Cordon (Waimairi)	22
Darren Weekes (McLeans)	19
Ryan Den Boer (Flexi)	19
John Deacon	18

NOTE – the course will be closed next week – so we will take the week off and resume on the 29<sup>th</sup>

Twilight Golf - Members \$5.00      Visitors \$10

Coringa Burger & Fries \$15.00

Plenty of prizes and raffle opportunities if your golf is not great  
Check facebook for updates

### **AND NOW....**

- **Face Cream**

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked.

"To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

"What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"

- **Voodoo Doll**

I was sitting on the sofa last night watching TV, when my wife from the bedroom yelled, "Do you ever get pains on the chest like someone's got a voodoo doll and they're stabbing it?" I replied, "No."

Then she asked, "How about now?"

## MEMBERS CORNER

### **NEW MEMBERS PLAYING ON SATURDAY'S**

It is wonderful to see many of our new members playing on Saturday's.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our existing members for looking after our new members and making them feel welcome.

We were all new at one point, and we can all remember what it was like.

Our friendly atmosphere is something to be proud of, and creates a wonderful culture within the club.

If there are more members out there who would like to give Saturday golf a go, please let me know, I will be more than happy to help you get started.

### **BOYS ON TOUR**



Last week this photo appeared in my inbox, along with a cheeky comment on Malcolm's golf, I assumed it was just a rowdy "Boy's Trip" and published it as such,

One of the participants felt it prudent to set the record straight, and provide a more accurate account.

See below.

*I felt it was fitting to say THANKS !*

*It was an absolute pleasure to have the opportunity to be part of the Malcolm Wratt led research tour, As you will be aware 3 courses in South Canterbury were visited, and a number of areas were given the once over by the 9 astute golfers, these included*

*Green fees*

*Cart hire*

*Fairways, Greens, and Bunkers*

*Trees*

*Local rules*

*Signage*

*Bar prices, hats in the clubhouse and board remuneration was also queried.*

*Lots of notes were taken, discussed and documented at the end of each day, sometimes these would go late into the evening! (Malcolm is very strong on accuracy)*

*The golf was secondary for us all ( which will be apparent when viewing the scores )*

*The (non-funded ) research tour results will now be discussed and recommendations made over the next few Saturdays, Tuesday nights, Wednesday's and Thursday's.*

*I am hoping these tours can continue with any recommendations made, looked at seriously.*

*I personally don't want to see lakes introduced, would like to ban blue golf balls, reduce the bar prices for the top 20 spenders and see the flag at half-mast when board members don't break 100.*

*I will leave the rest till you have read through the 120 pages of "Stuff "*

*Alan Smith*

Alan, I am truly amazed that such a high-profile group of intellectuals as yourselves, have undertaken such an important task without any funding. I'm quite sure our governing golfing bodies (Canty Golf, and NZ Golf) would be only too happy to provide funding for future trips, you should ask them. 🙄

### **Cart Warning:**

I'm starting to wonder if there should be a buggy competency or memory test undertaken by all electronic self driven golf buggies implement through NZ Golf.

There have been so many stories about buggy controller issues where the electronic self propelled buggies have continued to wonder away from the owner over the last couple of years.

On Saturday I saw the results of an aging John Hilliary completely forgetting about is buggy, as it wonders off the course and into the forested area near the third tee block.

Obviously over it tumbled.

Poor aging John in the club room later acknowledged that he's 55 years old. He tried to explain that he had just eagled number two hole and completely forgot about the buggy or controller.

When is the board bring in a buggy licence requirement, anyhow members be warned there may be a buggy heading towards you!

Dave Harvey



Can you guess where this photo of Murray Angus was taken?



Clue – We had a nice shot of Drambuie in the club afterwards.

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

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