



9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# Kia Ora,

## Saturday's Match

 This week is a Russian Roulette competition off the Blue tees for men and the Yellow tees for women.

**Russian Roulette** - In a Russian Roulette competition, a team of 2 players have their Stableford scores multiplied together for each hole.

For example, Bob and John score a 2 and a 2 on the first; this will make their combined score a 4. However, if Bob had a 0, this will make their combined score 0 even if John played well.

• **The Shootout.** We now have over half of the players who completed 10 qualifying scores with several more getting close.

#### **Raffles**

Keith Yardley 55, Sy Keelan 2, John Matthews 51, Mike Smith 14, Andy Williamson 29, Andy Williamson 41

The program until the end of June – 2024

11	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue tees Shootout.
13	Mon	Ladies; Interclub Finals – neutral venue TBC.
14	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
15	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT
		(Previously postponed due to weather)

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16 Thu Ladies; Stableford Trophy	
Men: Par - Yellow tees  18 Sat Stroke – White tees	
	o to qualify)
Qualifying - Howarth Salvers (best 8 in 3 grade Shootout	es to quality)
19 Sun Course Closed – until 1pm	
Christchurch Hackers Golf Group	
21 Tue Ladies; Stableford – Hidden Partners	
22 Wed Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament	
23 Thu Ladies; L G U	
Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.	
25 Sat American Stableford – Blue / White tees	
1st round Matchplay Howarth Salvers – (Silv	er/White tees
on handicap).	
Shootout	
28 Tue Ladies; Stableford - NTP	
29 Wed Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT	
- Stableford – White Tees	
10.30am start; (\$10 members - \$15 visitors)	
30 Thu Ladies: Visitors Day – 9-hole.  Men: Stableford – White/Silver tees	
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16	Sun	CANTERBURY 4BBB CHAMPIONSHIP
		COURSE CLOSED
18	Tue	Ladies: Best nett Trophy
19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees
		10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
20	Thu	Ladies: Fun Game – TBC
		Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
22	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. (2 <sup>nd</sup> interclub trial)
		Howarth Salvers – Final (Silver tees on handicap)
		Shootout
		Winter ringers.
25	Tue	Ladies: Stableford Trophy – LD
26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
27	Thu	Ladies: Stableford Trophy – LD
		Men: American Stableford – Yellow tees
29	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees (3rd Interclub trail)
		Shootout
		Winter Ringers

# **CLUB NEWS**

#### **Course News**

Green speed is 10.5 feet. Overnight we had a good 15mm of rain out on the golf course, as this is really good for the course, we still will have no recovery from the hot dry summer now that the soil temperature has dropped below 8 degrees, it's like we have had no autumn.

While this is unfortunate, we will still have the course at its best.

The greens have been fertilized, the greens also have a bit of disease in them which was spray last Thursday but the fertilizer might have bought it back to life, so we are keeping a very close eye on it. As for this coming Saturday re mowing of the greens, it could well be a frost with temperatures getting down below 3 degrees. The call on mowing the greens will be made Friday lunch time.

The plan over the next coming weeks depending on weather is Core tees, mini tine and sand topdress greens and start on irrigation problems, We will also be making some repairs to the top end of 14<sup>th</sup> green.

#### Rohan

Note – as indicated last week,

We have now shifted the OB line on the left-hand side of hole 2.

So instead of being out in the middle of the paddock of overgrown grass, the line is now much closer to the edge of the long grass and more likely to catch any wayward tee shots.

#### **New Members**

# **Reciprocal Rights Card**

There has been some confusion among our members regarding the reciprocal rights card. A reminder that this arrangement is only in partnership with Bottle Lake and Weedons Golf Clubs. We have had reports that members are trying to use these cards at other clubs.



Pictured is the 2022 version of the card,

This year's card is yellow and includes the letters WG = for Weedons

#### PROSHOP RAFFLE

We will be running a monthly Titleist ball raffle in the Pro shop - all proceeds going towards more Native tree plantings

Check it out next time you're in the shop (and of course, buy a ticket or three!!)

Titleist Golf Ball Monthly Raffle:

\$5 per ticket

First Prize - One Dozen Pro V1 or One Dozen alternative Titleist Golf Balls Second, Third and Fourth Prize – one 3-ball sleeve of Titleist Pro V Golf Balls (or alternative Titleist 3 ball sleeve) **Conditions apply** 

#### **HOWARTH SALVERS**

This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Match-play Competition for the year, following in the footsteps of the very successful Foley Cup won by Greg Carr,

This competition is slightly different with players competing within 3 handicap divisions, so although it is still played on handicap, the handicaps differences will be a much tighter dispersion.

The qualifying round is next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, with the top 8 from each division going on to the match-play rounds.

The defending champs are,

Seniors Brian McOscar. Charlie Longley Intermediate Hugh Little, Junior

We have a lot of new members playing in the Saturday matches, this is a fantastic opportunity for you get some match-play experience, and to play with other people, be sure to give it a go,

There is no entry fee for this competition, just enter your name on the sheet in the pro shop next Saturday.

#### **GEOFF BASSETT MEMORIAL**

You may notice there is a 9am booking this Saturday, set aside for the Geoff Bassett Memorial. Geoff and Val were long-time members of Coringa, so it is with great pleasure that we welcome their family to Coringa for the day,

Please show them the Coringa hospitality that would make Geoff and Val proud.

See more about Geoff and Val in the member's corner.

Vance

# **INTERCLUB**

#### 9-hole Ladies

Congratulations to the ladies team, who successfully won their semi-finals match against Waitikiri, They will meet Tai Tapu in the finals, to be held at Harewood Golf Club, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10am Best of luck ladies.

# Simon Cup - Thompson / MacDonald trophy

The Simon Cup has now been split into 2 divisions, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> division being called, the Thompson / MacDonald Trophy

Coringa will be fielding a team in this year's competition, due to the interest shown by members, and thanks to Frank Young having kindly put his hand up to be a player/manager of the team,

Interclub trials will begin in June, so all players interested in taking part in this competition will have an opportunity to earn a place on the team, (see trials format below)

#### Blank / Simon Cup – Interclub Trials

The Interclub trials will start on 15th June 2024 (aligned with the Saturday morning competition).

Trial Format -

Sat 15th June Blue Tees

Sat 22nd June Blue Tees

Sat 29th June Blue Tees

Sat 6th July Blue Tees

Sat 13th July Blue Tees

Sat 20th July Blue Tees

Sun 21st July - Team announced (assuming no weather interruptions)

Sat 27th July or mutually agreed Sunday (June /July) - Reserve Day

1st Interclub matches are scheduled for Sunday 4th August 2024 Blank Cup at Coringa – 9.30am start Simon Cup – venue to be confirmed. 9.30am start

#### Trial Rules -

- 1. Gross score less ESC's (adjusted scores) tracked. The ultimate average score determines the final ranking.
- 2. Trialists are required to complete a minimum of 5 rounds. Those who complete 6 rounds will be averaged over 6 rounds.
- 3. Automatic selection is awarded to the first 6 past the post.
- 4. Selectors reserve the right to exercise 'Selector's choice' for the remaining 2 spots.
- 5. 3 Reserves will be announced too Reserves are free to be released to play other events, but Blank Cup obligations remain their priority even if it is a last-minute call-up.
- 6. Anyone who withdraws before completing a full trial round due to poor play will receive a score of 99!
- 7. Trialists are expected to team up so they may score each other's cards—otherwise, the election of a non-trialist scorer is subject to the selector's prior approval.
- 8. No gimme putts, as the Trial forms part of the Saturday competition. 2 stroke penalty for those in breach.

Players wishing to participate must notify Pro Shop or John Rademakers at <u>john.rademakers@xtra.co.nz</u> or Ph 027 2237705 by 10th June 2023.

When registering please provide your email address and phone number.

**Thanks** 

John Rademakers/ Murray Brown / Frank Young

# **COURSE CARE**

I have had several members approach me in recent weeks, they are obviously very proud of the condition our course is in, and the amazing job being done by our greenkeeping team. They have asked me to remind members about doing our part to keep our course looking amazing.

## Repairing divots

Repairing divots is super easy to do, but there is only one preferred method to do this. Replace the whole divot into the damaged area, lightly stamp down the divot into place, if the divot doesn't completely cover the damaged area, add a very light dusting of sand to the exposed soil.

Remember to pick up a sand bucket from the first tee

NEVER FILL THE DIVOT AREA WITH SAND AND THEN PLACE THE DIVOT ON TOP OF THE SAND

**Rake Bunkers** 

Our greenkeepers are spending a lot of time and effort trying to keep our bunkers in the best possible condition, so you can understand how frustrated and disappointed they might be when they constantly find the bunkers are not being raked.

This is also a frustration for members who find themselves having to play a bunker shot out of someone else's footprints,

I personally have never seen or played with anyone who didn't rake a bunker after they have finished, and I expect this is the case for most of our members, but... someone is doing it?

I don't want anyone to be pointing fingers, or blaming a certain person or group, eg green fee players are easy to blame,

As always, just be sure that it is not you, do your part, and if you happen to be in a bunker with someone else's footprints, please rake them as well when you are finished.

## Repairing Pitch Marks,

There are many ways to repair pitch marks,

The preferred method of repair is as follows

Insert the repair tool at an angle in the back of the pitch mark, then gently push the turf back to the centre of the mark, work your tool around the mark, and then tap down flat with your putter, NEVER INSERT THE TOOL AND LEVER THE TURF UP – this will cause root damage and leave a brown mark that takes longer to heal.

# How to repair a pitchmark Yes No

**Correct Method** 

**Incorrect Method** 

# **LADIES GOLF NEWS**

Games played at Coringa: Thursday:

(Mixed 9-Holers) today we played Stableford. 1st Graeme McPhail with 17 Stablefords, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Dermott with 16 Stablefords, 3<sup>rd</sup> Leigh McEwen with 14 Stablefords. Closest to the pin on Hoke 17 Leigh McEwen.

Next week we play for Stableford Trophy. Duty person is Jay Pollock

# Saturday:

1st was Anne M with 22 Stablefords and 2nd was Sue with 21 Stablefords.

Next week a slot has been booked for 9.06am for 9 holes. Players who do not play during the week will be playing for Best Nett Trophy. If you are wanting to play, please go onto Dot Golf and put your name down, or contact Myra directly. myrastory46@gmail.com

**Sunday.** 1st was Anne K with 22 Stablefords, 2nd was Jay with 21 Stablefords and 3rd was Janet, on count back, with 17Stablefords. A slot has been booked for 10.04am this coming week.

## Tuesday.

(Mixed 9-Holers): Today we played for the Val Sutherland Trophy. 1st on countback with 19 Stablefords was Janice McPhail 2nd also with 19 Stablefords was Chris Next week we play for the Best Nett Trophy. Duty person is Janet Harland

**Interclub: Our Amazing 9-hole interclub team is in the finals.** Last Monday they played Waitikiri and won 71/70.

Next Monday Coringa plays Tai Tapu in the finals. They play at Harwood. Tee off is at 10 am. If anyone wants to go and support them, please let Janice McPhail know on 0210320346.

#### **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\_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 number.

Due to the large number of Tournaments coming in, I will only print in the newsletter the place and date. If you want any more information,18-holers please email me at <a href="mailto:jimmykatie57@gmail.com">jimmykatie57@gmail.com</a> and I will send you all the details. 9-holers, please contact Leigh.

Waitikiri Golf Club Women & Men (For Nine Hole Registered Players Only) Monday 20 May 2024 Entry Fee \$20.00

**ASHBURTON GOLF CLUB WOMEN'S OPEN TOURNAMENT. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.** Entry fee \$25. For 18 -hole players. Handicaps 0 - 40.4.

BOTTLE LAKE GOLF CLUB Women's Team Stableford Tournament 17th May 2024. \$25 per person \$100 per team of 4

Kaiapoi Golf Club Gardeners' Delight Ladies team Stableford. FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024. HANDICAPS 0 – 40.4. ENTRY FEE \$100 PER TEAM

Russley Golf Club Women's Canadian Foursomes Tournament. May 30th Entry fee \$80 per team

Waimakariri golf Club Women's Open and 2 BBB Teams Tournament. May 31<sup>st</sup>. Entry fee \$40 per person

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

# **MENS REPORT**

# This Saturday 11th May

Will be a pairs match, Russian Roulette off the Blue Tees for men, Yellow tees for women. If you are in a 3 you may still play, just hand your cards in together at the end of your round. Shootout continues.

## Last Saturday 4th April

Saw 89 playing in the match of the day – a Stableford round off the Black / White tees. Only 24 played off the Black tees, with 65 clever people opting for the white tees,

The course is still in beautiful condition, playing firm with a good amount of roll as we get closer to the winter months,

Once again, some fabulous scoring, with Wing Gin taking top honors this week on 44 points. Spencer Wicks managed to take out the Black division by countback from Roy Wang, both players scoring 41 points,

Spencer came so close to winning the best gross prize as well, but this time came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the countback to Rohan Ware, with both scoring a 75, good effort from the Black tees.

Great round also by Mike Dimond with 42, and fantastic to see new member Stephen Gillespie playing in his first match of the day, among the prize winners.

Results of the day, (Stableford

Black		White – Div 1	
Spencer Wicks	41	Paul Hansen	39
Roy Wang	41	Albert Yee	39
Daniel Bushby	40	Geoff Miller	38
Rohan Ware	38	Stephen Gillespie	36
Jamie Pow	37	Frank Young	36
White – Div 2		White – Div 3	
Wing Gin	44	Mike Dimond	42
Trevor Lee	40	Jim Anderson	40
Lloyd Bell	39	Harry Lim	37
Nick Frampton	38	Gordon McCoy	36
Terry Hampton	37	Peter Marsh	35

**Best Gross** Rohan Ware (75)

**Nett Eagle Hole (7)** Not struck

Birdie Hole (5) Wing Gin, David Cross,

Nearest to pins Rouan Buitendag (5), Harry Lim (7) Oliver Shea(13) Paul Hansen (17)

2's Jackpot Not Struck

2's Oliver Shea 13, Spencer Wicks 13, Kerion Murtha 17, Paul Hansen 17,

Wing Gin 5, David Cross 5, Terry Hampton 7, Trevor Lee 13, Mike Dimond

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#### Nett Birdies – Black tees.

If you were in the clubhouse on Saturday, you may have noticed the results screen was displaying an unusually high number of birdies off the black tees.

This was due to the birdie's competition being accidentally entered on the computer as Nett Birdies, But fear not, we were very easily able to manually check the score cards for the birdie hole, and unfortunately no one off the Black tees had a birdie on hole 5.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# • 1st June - Winter Ringers

Another of our fantastic fun competitions at Coringa,

For new members who haven't played this before, it is easy to enter, and a lot of fun.

Pay your one off \$10 entry fee, play in the Saturday match of the day, and watch your scores improve each week. competition runs through till the end of August, with all entry money being paid out to the winners, regular weekly updates are posted on the club website.

# • 9th June – Canterbury Champion of Champions

This year's event will be played at Rangiora golf club, Representing Coringa will be John Rademakers, Paul Snape, and Oh Young Kim

## 15<sup>th</sup> June - Interclub Trials – Blank and Simon Cup

Start sharpening up your game, and get ready for interclub season,

The trials are held over 6 rounds, with 5 rounds needed to qualify, the top 6 qualifiers are auto-selected to the team, with the remaining 2 spots being selectors choices.

# • 16th June - Canterbury 4BBB Championship

This year's event will be played at Coringa, so a great opportunity to showcase our course to the best golfers in the Province, and a good home course advantage for our Coringa members who are entering this year.

Vance Hetaraka

# **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

A disappointing number of only eight headed out to Templeton this Wednesday but the results were outstanding considering the numbers playing.

David Stead was 6th in Division One with 35 Stablefords on count back.

Geoff Miller was 4th in Division Two with 38.

Doug Hillstead was 5th in Division Three with 38 on count back.

# 'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (Members/ Visitors \$20 Entry) Tournament:

With the forecast of a strong and wet southerly predicted for the first Wednesday of the month I cancelled the tournament which we will now have our monthly May 'Lone Star and Joes Garage

**Group'** (\$20 Entry) Watering Tournament on Wednesday 15th May. We will be playing for our usual usual \$50 'Lone Star' and 'Joes Garage Group' vouchers and meat prizes and raffles from our friends at 'New World Bishopdale' and closest to pins provided through 'Hancocks'.

Remember this tournament starts at 10.30 am and only groups authorised by me can start before that time. Please don't just turn up and put pressure on the Pro-shop staff play early. The tournament times run from 10.30 through to 11.30 am and remember some participants may want to start after 11 so you will have to wait until all the field is in for the prize giving.

There are five Wednesdays this month so we will use the **29th of May** as a chance to have another tournament. This will be a mid monthly **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' tournament (\$10 / \$15 entry)** for our usual meat prizes from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and no closest to pins provided through **'Hancocks'**.

Come out and have a game. We'll organise you into a four.

Harv

# THURSDAY GOLF

We had a small field of 12 turn up for golf today on a cool autumn day which did turn into a fine sunny day but there was a cool breeze. We had a special guest today being greenkeeper Steve Satherley who is currently on holiday.

Today's game was a stableford round off the white tees. Scoring was tough with only 2 players playing to their handicap. In first place was Phil Olsen on 37 points, in second place was Paul Gnad on 36 points, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the consistent Doug Densem on 31 points and in 4<sup>th</sup> place Keith Yardley on 30 points.

Todays winner of the "Most Honest Golfer" award was Steve Satherley who was not happy with his putting. We told him we would pass on his comments to the greenkeeper.

No two's today and no-one owning up to any hard luck stories.

# **Results**

Phil Olsen
 Paul Gnad
 Boug Densem
 Keith Yardley
 Stablefords
 Stablefords
 Stablefords
 Stablefords

#### AND NOW....

#### A lady walks into a pet shop

She sees a beautiful parrot with a sign on its cage: \$10

The lady asks the pet shop owner, "Why so cheap?" The owner says "This bird used to live in a house of disrepute, so it says a lot of inappropriate things." The lady can't pass up the deal and decides to get the bird anyway.

She gets the bird home and the first thing the bird says is "Finally cleaned up this dump, and the new madam isn't bad looking." The lady finds it amusing. Her two teen daughters get home and the bird says "New girls in the house, business will be booming tonight." The girls are shocked but laugh it off. A few hours later the woman's husband gets home and the bird says "Hey Jim."

#### A man is stranded on a desert island,

all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck in the horizon. He thinks to himself, "It's not a ship." The speck gets a little closer and he thinks, "It's not a boat." The speck gets even closer and he thinks, "It's not a raft." Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She comes up to the guy and says, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years," he says.

She reaches over and unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes.

He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag, and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asked, "How long has it been since you've had a drink of whiskey?"

He replies, "Ten years!"

She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on her right sleeve, pulls out a flask and gives it to him.

He takes a long swig and says, "Wow, that's fantastic!"

Then she starts unzipping a longer zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you've had some real fun?"

And the man replies, "Wow! Don't tell me that you've got golf clubs in there!"

# **MEMBERS CORNER**

#### **Geoff and Val Bassett**

I never had the privilege to meet Geoff and Val,

With the family playing at Coringa this week, I reached out to some members to learn a little more.

The Thursday men play for the **Geoff Bassett Cup** each year, and Keith Yardley usually looks after this one, so I reached out to Keith first to tell me a little about this trophy.

I did not know Geoff all that well. He was always very cheeky and a lot of laughs in the clubhouse.

The Geoff Basset trophy is a competition a bit like the shootout.

It is played for by the Thursday group and is based on the average of your 10 best stableford rounds over the course of the year. There are usually 25 – 30 players with 10 qualifying rounds. The competition generates a lot of interest towards the end of the year as the average range of scores is normally very tight and generally goes down to the last day.

Current holder is Seamus. Previously Jimmy Anderson won two years in a row.

#### Keith.

I also caught up with Peter Bailey on Saturday, and he was able to tell me quite a bit about Geoff and Val as well,

It was obviously a different era back then, as Peter told me all about the many long hours spent at Coringa, Playing golf during the day, then having dinner along with dancing and a live band at night, It seems the dance floor in the middle of the club room, was actually used as a dance floor, my goodness things have changed a lot.

Doug Ames very kindly wrote the small piece below, Thank you Doug, Keith and Peter for your very helpful insights.

Geoff and Val joined Coringa golf club in the early 1980s and became stalwart members for many years.

I played regularly with Geoff both as a Thursday vets' player and on Saturdays with Geoff and Bob Grice.

His wife Val played alongside the Thursday and Saturday ladies for many years. In the early 1980s I used to run a disco evening when Margaret and Ray Sheppard were our lovely caterers for the evening. Geoff and Val were regular attenders at the popular social event.

The professional at the time was Geoff Smart in the pro shop who loved to have a dance up in the clubhouse after a long day in the shop.

Geoff and Val loved the caravanning with golfing friends Barry and Pam McCeogh whom they met at Coringa Geoff will be remembered every time the trophy is played for

## Doug Ames.



# Coringa Hero of the week.

I don't know who this guy is, but he is obviously an athlete with cat-like reflexes, who risked his life and limb to climb up and rescue Murray Angus' golf ball from the tree on hole 11.

Notice though how Pete had to stay sitting in the golf cart so it didn't topple over,

How tempted do you reckon Pete was to jam his foot on the accelerator at this exact moment.



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