



# Coringa News



22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

Kia Ora,

### Saturday's Match

- A Stroke round off the dual Blue / Silver tees for men, yellow tees for women.
- Urlwin Rosebowl – Pairs Matchplay – finals
- Winter Ringers
- Shootout

### Raffles

Mandy Walsh 19, Andy Williamson 38, Robert Pryce 26, Peter McKay 56, Peter Cottrell 40, Rouan Buitendag 48

The program until the end of September – 2024

<b>August</b>	24	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl Final Shootout Winter Ringers
	25	Sun	Interclub Presidents – Home game vs Everglades
	27	Tue	Ladies; Best Net Trophy
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies; Stableford NTP Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	31	Sat	Stroke – <b>FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> Black / Blue / White tees

			Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout <b>Winter Ringers – Final Day</b>
<b>September</b>	1	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – Played at Templeton vs Bottle Lake Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Home game vs Greendale
	3	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men: Stableford - White tees.
	7	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White / Yellow tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	8	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – Played at Harewood vs Christchurch Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Home game vs Rawhiti Presidents – Away game vs Christchurch
	10	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies; Nett – Hidden Holes Men: Par - Yellow tees.
	14	Sat	Stroke – FIRST MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout [for non-championship players]
	15	Sun	Interclub Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Away game vs Russley
	17	Tue	Ladies; Girls Day Out – TBA
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; \$10 Members. \$15 Visitors
	19	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout (for non-championship players)
	22	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – 2 Rounds played at Christchurch Vs Templeton (am), Vs Avondale (pm)  Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Away game vs Avondale Presidents – TBC
	24	Tue	Ladies; Putting
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies; L G U

			Men: Irish Stableford - Yellow tees
	28	Sat	Stroke – FINALS DAY [36 / 18 holes for finalists – begin at 8:00am] Nonparticipants - Match of the day TBC Shootout
	29	Sun	<b>COURSE CLOSED</b> <b>Interclub</b> <b>Over 50's &amp; 60's - all teams at Coringa,</b> Thompson MacDonald Trophy – Away game vs McLeans Island

## CLUB NEWS

### BOARD UPDATE

The Board met on Monday and there were a few things discussed that we felt were worth updating the Club on.

1. Rohan took us through the results of the **recent soil tests conducted on the greens** by Living Turf. They show positive trends over the last 12 months on the key markers, particular PH levels and organic material. Both metrics are heading in the right direction, which reflects what we are all seeing each week. As you can imagine, it was a relatively easy decision to **continue with the Living Turf fertiliser program for the next twelve months** – not only are the results great, by having targeted fertiliser program based on soil tests we are actually applying less nitrates and other chemicals to our course.
2. We talked through a **course reseeding proposal**. Basically, this involves over reseeding (or overseeding) the key areas of our course (fairways, tees, surrounds) each year (initially a 5 year program). This will promote stronger, denser grass growth in all these areas (ideally something we should be doing regularly but to the best of our knowledge, hasn't been done since the course was established).

After some discussion it was decided to proceed with this (including buying the new seeding machine). It costs a bit of money, just over \$25k for the new seeding machine and roughly \$10k in seed each year (hence the discussion!!), but we think this is an exciting step forward for the Club – we've seen what a difference the coring machine, sand spreader and turf cutter have made around the place – we think over time this could do the same for our fairways and tees/surrounds.

We've ordered the machine and Rohan's hoping to put it to use this spring.

3. **Debt repayment.** We've been working hard over that last five years to clear the Club's debts. On Monday we agreed to repay the last big chunk of debt that the Club has outstanding.

Over the last six years we've paid (or repaid) around \$500k of debt and interest, with this last payment now largely clearing the Club's debts.

It's a major milestone for the Club - getting rid of the debt removes a significant issue that has always hampered our Club and takes away a whole lot of risk going forward.

[Note: full disclosure - there are still two other loans, one to NZ Govt for around \$10k and one to IGQ for just over \$40k, however we aren't looking to repay either of these early – the NZ Govt loan is relatively cheap money at 3% interest and the IGQ loan is being offset against lease payments, so both of these we will just let them wind out over the next couple of years.

## **COURSE NEWS**

Green speed is 10.5 feet (funny how quick we all get use to faster greens – the comments we hear regularly now is how the greens are little slower than people are use too!!)

This week the focus was on maintenance and preparing for the spring growth which is not far away. The greens, tees and fairway mowers all had their cutting blades replaced and sharpen and also any servicing done, all in preparation for the spring growth season.

Steve and Max were out doing some tree trimming on the cold frosty mornings and also tidying some of the old stumps down hole 6.

Big job next week is putting sand into the new bunkers on 8. We will also be giving the fairways and a bit of rough their first cut for the season.

Rohan

## **TUESDAY CREW**

Again, great turn out. Lots of little jobs to do around the course, from cleaning out the gutters on the GK shed, putting up some of the new signs around the place, though to tidying up the gardens in front of the clubrooms and putting the finishing touches to the new paved area for storing the rubbish bins and empty kegs.

Next week will be a big day – we will hire a tip truck and help Rohan with filling the new bunkers on hole number 8 (these should be in play next week and all ready for Club Champs qualifying rounds).

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All the new invoices for 24/25 season were sent out last Friday (huge job, special thanks to Kevin Walker for managing all this on the Club's behalf).

So you all should have your invoice now.

Those of you that have paid already, Thank You!! Same to everyone that has their DD set up, relax and we'll look after the rest.

Anyone that wants to make a change to category, wants to resign, wants to move to DD payment, or has a question about their invoice, please either contact us asap ([office@coringagolfclub.co.nz](mailto:office@coringagolfclub.co.nz)) or pick up a DD form from the Pro Shop.

Would be great to get all the invoicing queries and changes sorted before the end of the month and we can then all concentrate on golfing rather than admin!!

Thanks

## **CANTERBURY GOLF AWARDS EVENING**

This was held last Friday at Christchurch Golf Club.

Congratulations to Malcolm Wratt, receiving the prestigious “**Administrator of the Year**” award.

I was fortunate to attend the function, and while I was very proud of Malcolm, It was a proud moment for Coringa as a whole, with the award highlighting the growth and progress of the club.

Malcolm delivered a stirring speech which resonated throughout the room, acknowledging all the Staff, volunteers, and our members who form the backbone of Coringa.

Congratulations Malcolm. Congratulations Coringa!

[Click here to see the Awards](#)

[Click here to read the citations](#)

## **CHANGE TO MATCH PLAY – PLAYOFF HOLE SEQUENCE**

The match-committee have deliberated this week, over the current process being used for a sudden-death playoff in match-play events.

In recent years we have adapted to using holes 1 and 9 if any extra holes are required, players would continue around this loop until a winner is decided.

This was implemented approximately 5 – 6 years ago to allow competitors to stay closer to the clubhouse, and was introduced during a time when the course wasn't as busy as it is now.

However, with the sharp increase in members and green fee players playing on a Saturday, using this sequence of holes has become increasingly difficult to manage, and causes a lot of disruption to

1. Green fee players waiting on the first tee.
  - Green fee players are a vital part of the club's continued success and growth,
2. Members having their round delayed on hole 9.
  - We already know that the later starters have a slower round, this interruption compounds the delay even more.

**New Process.** (This is a return to the old process)

Any extra holes required for match play events, will start at hole one, and continue in sequential order until a winner is found. Eg 1, 2, 3,

This has been done in the past, and we know it works well,

It does create a disruption to the first tee, but a single disruption is much easier to manage, than the potential for multiple disruptions.

the only downside is, you could finish a bit further away from the clubhouse than you would prefer.

Because the Urlwin Rosebowl competition is already under way, the new rule will come into effect as of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. So, if there is any playoff required this Saturday, you may use the 1 – 9 loop for the final time.

## WINTER RINGERS

### **Only 2 rounds left to play.**

After Round 12, the third of five rounds for the month of August, we saw Andy Williamson (16.433) consolidate his lead over the field, his overall net score decreased by 1.978, to be on 48.567. Peter Marsh (31.075) moves up 1 place into second spot with his net score of 48.925. Robert Tibbotts (14.450) improves 7 places into third spot on 49.550 after shooting an impressive round of 76 with 4 birdies, two carded in each half of the course. He is followed by Alan Wicks (18.767) who maintains fourth spot on 50.233. The most significant movers this week were Richard McCaskill (23.673) up 3 places into fifth spot on 50.327, Kyle Charlwood (10.008) moving up 19 places to ninth spot on 51.992, Scott Calvert (13.955) up 11 places to lie in eleventh on 52.045 and Robert Pryce (22.150) up 18 places to lie in eighteenth on 52.850.

### **Group Leaderboards:**

#### **Group A** - 12 players (Range 5.433 - 11.382)

<b>1</b>	Kyle Charlwood (10.008)	51.992
<b>2</b>	Mal Ashton (7.883)	52.117
<b>3</b>	Ram Thapa (11.033)	53.967

#### **Group B** - 19 players (Range 11.383 - 17.164)

<b>1</b>	Andy Williamson (16.433)	48.567
<b>2</b>	Robert Tibbotts (14.450)	49.550
<b>3</b>	Matt Vieceli (16.467)	51.533

#### **Group C** - 19 players (Range 17.165 - 31.075)

<b>1</b>	Peter Marsh (31.045)	48.925
<b>2</b>	Alan Wicks (18.767)	50.233
<b>3</b>	Richard McCaskill (23.673)	50.327

**NB:** Please remember that the groups remain dynamic and is based on your average handicap index calculated on all qualifying rounds you've played to date.

There are no competitors who are currently over net par, with all players now under the net score of 66, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the range of net scores in the field compresses.

There were another 24 new birdies or better recorded last week, bringing the total to date of 203. Mal Ashton (7.882) continues to hold the lead in these statistics with a tally of 1 eagle and 11 birdies, followed by Kyle Charlwood (10.008) who scored an impressive eagle with his approach shot on Hole # 9 and has 9 birdies to his name. David Harvey (8.273) is next with 10 birdies, followed by Robert Tibbotts (14.450) with 9 birdies. Andy Williamson (16.433) and Scott Calvert (13.955) are next with 8 birdies each.

There are 22 players so far, to have to registered par or better on every hole. Those still to have a single bogey to discard on their scorecards are Matt Vieceli (14.467) on Hole # 17, Jesse Guise (13.450) on Hole # 13, David Cross (15.630) on Hole # 13, Tim Donaldson (11.391) on Hole # 4, Albert Yee (8.250) on Hole # 9 and Scott Calvert (13.955) on Hole # 14.

The hardest ranked hole determined by the numbers of birdies or better carded, are Holes # 2 & # 15 with only 4 birdies recorded, next is Hole # 5 with 4 birdies registered on it by the Ringers field. The easiest hole has been Hole # 12 with 24 birdies by different players. The next easiest is Hole # 1 with 23 birdies by different players, then Hole # 14 with 17 birdies.

[click here to view latest ringers update](#)

Kevin King

Ringers Convener

## **INTERCLUB**

All last Sunday's interclub was cancelled / postponed due to the bad weather, these games will be rescheduled for a later date.

### **Presidents**

Our season begins this Sunday with a home game vs Everglades.

## **LADIES GOLF NEWS**

### **Thursday:**

(Mixed 9-Holers) Today we played LGU. 1<sup>st</sup> was Graeme McPhail with Nett 32, 2<sup>nd</sup> Myra with Nett 34 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ellen with Nett 35

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

**Saturday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Myra with 22 Stablefords, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracey with 19 Stablefords. 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. This coming Sunday we tee off around 10am.

**Tuesday.** This week we played Stableford Hidden Holes. 1<sup>st</sup> Myra with 10 Stablefords 2<sup>nd</sup> Judith with 9 Stablefords and 3<sup>rd</sup> Leigh with 8 Stablefords

Next week we play Best Nett with points going towards the Best Nett Trophy. Duty person is Leigh McEwen

**18- Holers** are back to teeing off at their normal time of 9-9.30am

### **General News**

On behalf of the ladies, I would like to congratulate Malcom Wratt for the Canterbury Golf Award he won for Administrator of the year.

9-hole Champs: ladies, please indicate on the sheet in the lady's locker room if you can play in the competition. The more the better.

**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.

*9 Hole Tournaments*

**Canterbury Golf Men's & Women's 9 Hole Tournament.** Rangiora Golf Club Monday 2 September 2024. Entry Fee \$25

**Avondale Golf Club** 9 Hole Open for Ladies and Men Monday 30 September 2024 \$20 entry fee to be paid on the day.

*18 Hole Tournaments*

**BOTTLE LAKE GOLF CLUB** WOMENS CANADIAN FOURSOME'S PAIRS Friday 6th September 2024. 18 Holes Multi-Tee start \$60 per pair Open to All Hcap's

**METHVEN LADIES GOLF** Pink Lady Stableford Teams Tournament MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024 4 Players per Team Handicaps 0 to 40.4 Entry Fee \$30 Per Player.

**2024 KAIKOURA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT** Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th SEPTEMBER 18 Hole 4BBB Stableford. Entry Fee \$40 per person. Limited to first 66 pairs

**AVONDALE GOLF CLUB, LADIES TEAM STABLEFORD THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>** Septembers Max Handicap index 40.9 \$100 per team. Limited to the first 20 pre-paid teams.

**SCARGILL TEAMS STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 2024** Entry Fee \$100/team

**Waimairi Beach Golf Club (Inc)** Women's Team Stableford Tournament Friday 20 September 2024. Handicap Index 0 – 36.0. Teams of 4 Players \$40/Player - includes lunch

**Rangiora Golf Club.** Ladies Team Stableford. THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2024. \$140 per Team of 4

**EVERGLADES GOLF CLUB** Ladies Team Stableford Tournament Thursday 10 th October 2024. ENTRY FEE: \$100 per team. Open to 18 hole registered players only

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

## **MENS REPORT**

### **Urlwin Rosebowl – Pairs Matchplay off handicap**

Last Saturday's semi-finals were drama packed with no one willing to give up on the chance to advance to the finals.

**Game 1** - Gordon McCoy and Tim Donaldson vs Kyle Charlwood and Ram Thapa.

A tough match, with Kyle and Ram both shooting 79 and 80 respectively. This was equally matched by Tim, who also scored an admirable 81 after starting with a double on the first. I'm sure Gordy would be quick to say, "it's about time you pulled your weight Tim!"

Gordon, who apparently was useless today, let Tim do all the work.

Well wouldn't you know it, on the final hole, with the match locked up all square, with the clubhouse crowd watching on, Gordon stole the show, getting an extra shot on the final hole, he makes a remarkable par save (net birdie) to win the match.

I was a bit concerned Gordy may have injured himself after his Tiger-esk fist pump,

Well done guys.

**Game 2** – Allan McLelland and Michael Smith vs Alan Wicks and Spencer Wicks

Watching from the clubhouse, we couldn't tell what was happening on the 18<sup>th</sup> green, there was no obvious emotions from either team, we didn't see any fist pumps or cartwheels? So we just assumed the match was already over - boy were we wrong!!

I later found out McLelland and Smith were 1up coming down the last, Al Wicks was getting a shot, and he birdied the hole, virtually guaranteeing the match going into extra holes.

What an epic playoff battle it was, with 9 extra holes required to find a winner,

At one point I was worried these guys might have got lost, so I went out on course to find them.

(someone suggested I take the defibrillator out there for Smithy)

I witnessed some amazing golf, but also some very tired and weary golfers, poor Alan Wicks was so worn out, he hadn't even realized the match was over, wondering why his opponents were picking up



their coins off the green when Spencer still had a birdie putt to come. Game's Over Alan, you already won it!

Congratulations to our finalists,  
This Saturday is set for an awesome match-up between  
Gordon McCoy & Tim Donaldson Vs Alan & Spencer Wicks

### **This Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Will be a Stroke round off the dual Blue / Silver Tees,

- Urlwin Rosebowl – Final
- Winter Ringers - (The penultimate round)
- Shootout.

### **Last Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Was an American Stableford competition off the dual Blue / Silver tees.

Match entry numbers were up over 100 again, but with fewer players opting for the Blue tees today, most likely due to the very chilly weather conditions,

Top golfer of the day goes to James Howard, with a best gross of 75.

Biggest burglar of the day, goes to Peter Marsh, playing off a 30hcp, he shot a 94. (net 64)

Lucky for him he had an inspirational haggie partner leading the way - (nah - mostly I was getting in the way – riding his coat-tails)

Pete might have been the biggest burglar, but he wasn't the only burglar out there,

Robert Tibbotts, Robert Pryce and Kim Stevens all exceeding 60pts. Great golfing men.

### **2 two's on par 4's**

A couple of special mentions must go out to Jonathan Kemp, and Kevin Walker, who both scored 2's on par 4's,

- Jon's 2 came on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole, his drive found the right side trees, so a carefully crafted punch-shot 6-iron was needed to extract himself from the woods, the ball ran up onto the green, tracking straight into the hole.
- Kevins 2 came on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 170m out, with a sweetly struck 5-iron, he was amazed as he watched it disappear down the hole.

That's an awesome achievement guys, congratulations

### **Beginners Luck**

Great to see many of our new members playing in the Saturday competition,

I met 3 of these new members, playing in their first Saturday match of the day.

Jamie Gifkins, Jack Mackintosh and Jared Hancock.

I found out Jamie got his name on two of the nearest to pins, which unlucky for him didn't last out the day, but when I asked if he nailed the putts for two 2's, he got one of them, but the other one just lipped out. How awesome that could have been, winning \$100 on your first match of the day.

Bad luck Jamie, if you had known what it was worth, I'm sure you would have holed that 2<sup>nd</sup> putt.

Main results of the day – American Stableford

#### **Blue Tees – Division One**

Barry Stringer	57
Oliver Shea	56
Scott Calvert	56

#### **Silver Tees – Division One**

Robert Tibbotts	62
Brian Docherty	57
Brian McOscar	57

Kevin Walker	55	Kerion Murtha	56
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### Silver Tees – Division Two

Gus Eathorne	57
Andy Williamson	57
Joanne Joung	57
Ethan Clark	56

### Silver Tees – Division Three

Peter Marsh	63
Robert Pryce	61
Kim Stevens	61
John Rowley	59

**Best Gross** James Howard (75)

**Nett Eagle Hole (11)** Phil Olsen, Roy Wang

**Birdie Hole (16)** Robin Wah

**Nearest to pins** Charlie Longley (5), Rouan Buitendag (7), Oliver Shea (13), Sue Brown (17),

**2's Jackpot** Not struck

**2's** Kyle Charlwood 5, Jamie Gifkins 7, Sue Brown 17, **Jonathan Kemp 9**, Andy Williamson 13, Rouan Buitendag 7, Olver Shea 13, Roy Wang 13, **Kevin Walker 15**

## UPCOMING EVENT

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

As usual there will be five (5) divisions who all play off different tees and handicap divisions. Your Grade will be determined by your handicap, or age (masters div), as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. There will be entry sheets in the pro shop next week, be sure to put your name down on the correct sheet.

Senior	<8.5	Black Tees
Intermediate	8.6 - 12.5	Blue Tees
Junior A	12.6 - 17.0	Blue Tees
Junior B	17.0>	White Tees
Masters	Over 65 years	White Tees

### Qualifying

There will be two qualifying rounds on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Your best score from either of the two rounds will count towards qualifying,

The top eight qualifiers in each grade go into the matchplay draw. (Any ties decided by countback)

14<sup>th</sup> Sept – first round match play

21<sup>st</sup> Sept – second round (semi-final)

Finals – are scheduled for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and B are 36 holes, while Masters will be an 18-hole match play event.

**Note; Finals date clashes with the Mens South Island Masters, so if any finalists are selected for the Canterbury squad, the Seniors Final will be postponed to the following Saturday.**

## WEDNESDAY GOLF

We had our mid June monthly 'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (Members \$10 / Visitors \$15 Entry) Watering Tournament on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August with 32 playing for our usual meat prizes and raffles from our friends at 'New World, Bishopdale' and closest to pins through 'Hancocks'.

Coringa members among the prize winners

3 <sup>rd</sup> Kevin Walker	40
4 <sup>th</sup> Brian Docherty	38
5 <sup>th</sup> Jonathan McKay	38
6 <sup>th</sup> David Stead	37

Next week we are off to Ellesmere. For those interested in playing arrive at the course around 10.30am.

## THURSDAY GOLF

On a beautiful winter day we had a great turnout of 25 starters for the Thursday Mens' Golf.

Today's competition was a stableford round off the yellow tees.

We had one visitor today from Waimari Beach.

Scoring was very good with 9 players playing to or beating their handicaps.

In first place was Tom White who was in top form scoring 40 points, in second place was John

Matthews also in very good form of late with 39 points, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Greg Carr with 38 points.

We then had 6 players on 36 points and the lucky 2 to win on countback were John Robinson and Kerry O'Neil.

There were 2 two's today and these went to Lex Halford and Keith Yardley.

The most honest golfer award went to Andy Ashby who played solidly for his 26 points.

### Results

1	Tom White	40
2	John Matthews	39
3	Greg Carr	38
4	John Robinson	36
5	Kerry O'Neil	36

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

- My dad quit his job to pursue his dream in archelogy.  
His career is now in ruins.

I'm reading a horror book in braille.  
Something horrible is about to happen.  
I can feel it.

My girlfriend dressed up as a policewoman and told me I was under suspicion  
of being good in bed.

After 2 minutes all charges were dropped due to lack of evidence.

- **Rules Interpretation**

John and Bob were two of the bitterest rivals at the club. Neither man trusted the other's scorekeeping. One day they were playing a heated match and watching each other like hawks. After holing out on the fourth green and marking his six on the scorecard, John asked Bob, "What'd you have?"

Bob went through the motions of mentally counting up. "Six!" he said and then hastily corrected himself – "No, no.... a five."

Calmly John marked the scorecard, saying out loud "Eight!" "Eight?" Bob said, "I couldn't have had eight."

John said, "Nope, you claimed six, then changed it to five, but actually you had seven."

"Then why did you mark down eight?" asked Bob.

John told him, "One stroke penalty, for improving your lie."

## **MEMBERS CORNER**

### **Daniel Hong**

Poor Daniel found himself in a spot of bother last Saturday,

Playing the last hole of the day, he hits a decent drive, which is only a fraction off line, travelling just left of the fairway, but when he gets down to where his ball should be sitting in the left rough his ball is nowhere to be seen.

Eventually it is found but he had to take an unplayable drop.



Small tree left of fairway on 18, just before tall tree.

Good thing you took a drop Daniel, I reckon your playing partners Keith Yardley and Mike Dimond would have tried to play the ball from there if it was theirs. Lol

### **Course Care**

We are nearing the end of Winter, the days are already getting longer, and despite our recent cold snap, the weather is starting to warm up, which means it's not long before the grass starts growing like mad and the greenkeepers will be flat out trying to keep it under control.

The course has held up well over winter, but we are noticing a lot of unrepaired or very badly repaired divots out there on the fairways,  
With the volume of people playing, we need everyone to do their part in looking after our course,

### **Repair your divots, using this preferred method,**

1. If you have taken a large divot with a wedge or short iron, the grass heals/recovers quicker if you find the fresh divot and put it back into the hole carved out by the club. It also keeps the course much tidier.
2. Only if your divot has exploded into a million bits, and cannot be recovered, then you should use your sand bucket, add just enough sand to fill the hole, (do not overfill your divots)

### **Rake the Bunkers**

I still get a lot of reports from frustrated members about the unraked footprints in the bunkers,

Everyone who plays golf is aware, if you go into a bunker, you must rake it flat when you have finished,

I'm not going to speculate on who is doing this, or not doing this. As I have personally never seen anyone not rake a bunker after they have played out of it.

The greens staff rake the bunkers every week, so please do your part, if you go into a bunker rake it when you are finished

If you find unrepaired divots or unraked bunkers out on the course, you don't need to report it to anyone, just fix it if you are able to do so without causing any delays, and who knows, you might be repaid with some good golfing luck out there.

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

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