



# Coringa News



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## SATURDAY'S MATCH

This Saturday the match of the day is a Stroke round off the Blue tees.

It is also another round for the Shootout. So far 42 have entered in the Shootout so we are looking for more entrants, then we can guarantee a 13-man final. At present we need another 5 – 6 to do this. If you have forgotten to put your name down, do so asap so as many of your scores as possible can be counted.

### Last week's raffle winners:

Peter Monopoli (10); Dennis Rea (31); James Willetts (38 & 45); Kevin Walker (40).

The proposed programme until the end of May is:

<b>April</b>	3	Sat	Stroke – Blue tees Shootout
	6	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	7	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees – 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	8	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men's Group – Stableford - White tees
	10	Sat	Stroke – White tees. (Kornz Trophy match play with Alpha Group after midday) Vets Cup 4th round Shootout.
	12	Mon	Ladies 0 Interclub Pegasus
	13	Tue	Ladies – Stableford NTP
	14	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	15	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men's Group –Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	CORINGA OPEN – 18 holes off Blue tees [Gross and Stableford.] Shootout

	19	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Templeton
	20	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / NTP
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	22	Thu	Ladies – Fun Game TBA Men’s Group - Stableford – Yellow Tees
	24	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees Vets Cup 5th and final round Shootout
	25	Sun	Anzac Day – Course Open
	27	Tue	Ladies – Stableford Foursomes (Rose Bowl)
	29	Thur	Ladies – Stableford Foursomes (Rose Bowl) Men’s Group – Team Stableford - White tees
<b>May</b>	1	Sat	Stroke – Black / White tees Shootout
	3	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Semi-final TBA
	4	Tue	Ladies – Val Sutherland
	5	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees – 10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)
	6	Thu	Ladies – Betty McBirdie Men’s Group – Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	8	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout
	10	Mon	Ladies – Interclub Final TBA
	11	Tue	Ladies – Best Nett Trophy / LD
	12	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	13	Thu	Ladies – Stableford Trophy Men’s Group – Stableford – White tees
	15	Sat	Russian Roulette –Blue / White tees. Shootout.
	18	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.
	20	Thu	Ladies – Visitors Day 9-Hole Men’s Group – Par - Yellow tees
	22	Sat	Stoke – White tees; Qualifying Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 4 grades to qualify) Shootout
	25	Tue	Ladies - Stableford
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	27	Thu	Ladies - LGU Men’s Group – Stableford - Yellow tees.
	29	Sat	American Stableford – White tees 1st round Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout

## CLUB NEWS

### Course Report

#### Mowing:

Currently mowing with fairway mower, which is causing too much compaction. This will be sorted once new mowers arrive.

#### Fertiliser:

Going in with regular 6-8 week programme with slow release fertiliser, This should help encourage the growth across the course. This depends on the amount play the small tee blocks get.

#### Irrigation:

Applying Fifty/90 to help retain the moisture in the soil.

#### Controlling Thatch:

Top dressing of tees, this requires a sand spreader. Divots soil/sand seed all par 3s week to week during growing season.

#### Tees:

Yellow 9th tee will be re-turfed and leveled in May

Coring all tees 5/8 with solid tines between May and August

White tees out of play all of August for renovations.

Spraying & Fertilizing: has started and will continue throughout the year.

Hope this helps to keep you in the loop as we try to keep our wonderful course in tip top condition

Mike James

Course Convener

### Club house Renovation

This week renovation began on the Clubhouse.

It is exciting that we have got ourselves into a situation where we can now look at significant improvements to the exterior and interior looks of our space.

While some of the work is specialist in nature and we will have to pay for that, there is plenty that we can do as members that will save money and allow us to do more.

Scaffolding is in place, and work on the new butynol surfaces on the roof and the water blasting of the tiles can be started in the week before Easter.



## Working Bees

On your next visit to the Club, you will notice work has begun on the exterior clean-up. (see above).

Russell and Pete water blasted the roof tiles to hurry up the moss removal. Be warned – take your sunglasses. Next **Tuesday 6 April** we will be starting to sand and paint the fascia board around the roof and help would be appreciated. There is also still a bit of work to do to get the house ready for rental. Please be ready for a 9.00am start.

**Thursday 8 April** will be the next workday where we will continue the Clubhouse painting and preparation for the butynol replacement. It feels great to have finally begun tidying up our Clubhouse. Make sure you take the opportunity to leave your mark. Work will continue over the next few months as we start at the outside top and work our way down to ground level before doing the same inside.

Many thanks to those who have already helped out and don't worry if you haven't yet as there's still plenty to be done. Please let Project Manager Russell McGregor know if you can help in any way. Join the team and share the fun!!!

## THE MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, is Easter weekend and the match of the day is a Stroke competition off the Blue tees.

Last Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, saw 31 individuals entering the Par match off the Black tees and 45 off the White tees. We were able to have two divisions in each group on a course that continues to improve and I continue to receive compliments on the condition of the course especially the greens! . Well done Rohan and your team!

There were two cards not submitted in the White tee divisions by Wing Gin and Harry Lim. Harry contacted Barry and asked him to check the rubbish tin outside the pro shop as he had thrown away their Saturday cards and handed in their Friday cards. The question to be asked is why both the Friday and Saturday cards hadn't been entered.

Saturdays outstanding scores came in the Black tees Division Two with Bazza Stringer scoring plus 6, from Kyle Charwood and John Maasch on plus 5, and in Division One Harry Pihere scoring plus 5. Well played guys. While the scores off the white tees were much less impressive with only Courtney Wilson plus 2 and Harry Lim plus 1 in Division Two, with the remaining significant scores from Ian Butcher, Wing Gin and Gordy McCoy all square. Obviously the shorter course was more challenging!

I had the great pleasure to play with John Maasch off the black tees last Saturday and how well did he play. The only issue I need to share was his performance on the 17th. John hits a bullet off the tee block but hard to the right. I looked up and thought either Billy Hallett's or Jerry Kuipers' cars would be hit. Luckily, it hits a tree before the cars and bounces hard left. Onto the white tee block and rolls across onto the shingle path some three steps behind the white and yellow marker. John still in shock drops it onto the tee block still behind the yellow mark and hits this superb iron to less than two feet. A big smile on his face and yet another plus for the card. The Jackpot was not struck. The Nett Eagle was on hole number 16 and was won by Mark Searle, a nice figure of \$39. Richard Kingsbury again picks up the birdie hole number 7, but this time with Rhys Morris a nice figure of \$75.

### Course Condition:

We have Autumn conditions, so the **Leaf Rule** now applies. That means if you hit your ball into an area of leaves and you cannot find your ball after three minutes looking, you can then declare the ball lost and hit a replacement ball, without penalty where you believe your ball was lost.

I have received several complaints about the failure of some to repair pitch marks on the greens and failure to rake bunkers after playing your shot. Particularly with the bunkers please have a look as you walk past and if you see old foot marks, give the bunker a rake. Please try to maintain and improve the conditions for everyone.

*This is not what we want to see in our bunkers!*

I want to make an apology for the positioning of tee marker on the 18th hole on Saturday. I got an admission from Jerry Kuipers that he was taking the Micky out of the match and course committees for the marker positions on the course by moving the black tees in front of the blue and white markers. Nice joke Jerry and I had a wee smile on my face as I placed my ball within the black markers.

#### Meat/ Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

There are still several prizes which have not been picked up for a while, so please check the board. Wipe your name off the white board and get the prize from the freezer.



#### Upcoming events:

Kornz Cup Saturday 10 April from 11.30 am.

Coringa Open Saturday 17 April Arrive at 10am for Shotgun start at 10.30.

#### Coringa Open

There are currently 68 names who have registered or paid to enter the Open and the Alpha Group has committed to 3 or 4 groups. This means we are getting close to the sub-committees hope of having 100 to 120 participants playing off the Blue tees.

The sub-committee has received sponsorship at this stage from our friends at the Lone Star and Joes Garage Group, New World Bishopdale, and Placemakers at the moment. As it stands there will be in excess of \$2000 worth of prizes, for what will be two or three divisions, plus a closest to the pins, sponsored by Placemakers. Bishopdale New World will also be putting on a sausage sizzel! I am looking for a tent to put between the 9th green and 10th tee block.

If you haven't got your name down and paid to guarantee entry on the sheet in the Pro Shop, then I suggest people do asap as the field is filling fast. The goal for the Match Committee is to get members to invite guests to play. Book your two or four!

Lastly we are still looking for members to assist with prizes or who know firms or a friend who may be interested in sponsoring a hole for the day with either product or services or vouchers, could you let me know?

#### Closest to the Pin:

Previous week (27 March)

David Harvey

This week (3 April)

Maurice Owen

Following Week (10 April)

John Maasch

We currently have sponsorship through to mid-June 2021, but that time is rapidly approaching. We are always looking for more people of come forward.

If there is anyone who would like to sponsor the \$40 for the closest to the pin, could you approach and make payment to either JB, Puds or myself.

#### Match Committee Meeting:

The Match Committee of Chris Cottrell, Vance Heteraka, James Willetts, Dennis Cochrane, John Maasch, John Brettell, John Matthews, Garry Puddy and myself met on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

Issues Discussed:

1. Agree to keep club length placing on fairways within Local Rules. (Consistent within USGA rules when allowed)
2. Agree to keep free drop from roots and stones within Local Rules.
3. Agree to continue to pay out for twos within the Saturday competition. Accept challenge for supplying balls for Wednesday and Thursday competitions
4. Match Programme April to June confirmed. Vote of 6 to 3 carried that Saturday competitions will be a combination of single and some multi tee matches.
5. Winter programme to include more white and yellow tee use.
6. Implement Leaf Rule (see above).
7. Joes Garage, Lone Star and Bishopdale New World Coringa Open update and role tasking.
8. Representative side trials and possible managers discussed.
9. Joes Garage and Lone Star Watering Tournament update.

Get out there and enjoy an ever improving course playing shorter and shorter – remember Winter is on the way!.

David Harvey  
Men's Captain

## **THE LADIES REPORT**

### Friday,

On Friday, Janice Mc, Janice H and Sandy went to Ellesmere for a 3 persons team tournament. The weather and course were perfect, and we came away winning third prize as well as a few raffles which we all shared - great day, good golf.

### Saturday golf

We had six ladies turn up for golf on yet another lovely morning. Irene Ling came in first with 22 stablefords, Tracey Bruce with 20 and Myra Story with 19 had good scores also, so well done. Saturday's tee off is 9.04 am this Saturday.

### Sunday golf

The predicted high was 28 degrees.....just four of us played with Cecilia winning with 16 stablefords and Fay second with 15 stablefords.

### Tuesday golf

We had ten ladies competing in a stableford / hidden partners competition. First with 34 points Cecilia Yon / Janice Healey and second with 32 Ellen Buttriss / Padma De Silva.

The closing of Pound road caused late arrivals on Tuesday morning, (road closure 28<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April).

### Thursday Golf

We had eight players turn up to play for the McBirdie Trophy. Winner was Myra Story with 20 stablefords, second Cecilia Yon with 19 and Leigh McEwen 17 Stablefords. Elaine McGowan was awarded the Heather Spoon for hitting not one but two trees.

Have a Lovely Easter break and see everyone next Tuesday.

Myra Story

## **INTERCLUB**

### **Metro B:**

The final round robin match resulted in a draw (4 – 4) v, Harewood at Waimairi Beach. This means the team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place (on a countback of games won), and they will play Bottle Lake in the semi-final on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at a venue yet to be announced.

Good luck to Scott and the team – bring the trophy home!

### **Presidents:**

Last weekend, in our third to last game, we were hosted at Shirley by the Christchurch Golf Club. It was a great day and the team enjoyed the match. While their greens have been a little slow recovering from therapy it was the Coringa Gents who coped best and won the match 5 – 3. Our

Overstaying Professional (or is that Professional Overstayer???) again featured with a win in his first round there. Other winners were Albert Yee, Murray Angus and Captain Pete Marsh. Lex Halford and Russell McGregor had nail-biting halves which was enough for a good win. With two rounds left we are five points behind Templeton who this week were defeated by Everglades at their place.

Our next round is at Harewood on 18 April.

### WEDNESDAY GOLF

#### Wednesday Watering Tournament:

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of March we have our \$10 Tournament, with only 15 participants playing for seven meat prizes from New World Bishopdale, plus two closest to the pins.

The significant results include Peter Marsh and Ian Butcher both scoring 38 stablefords, from David Harvey and Peter Monopoli on 35.

Again, the full results are posted on the Coringa website.

### THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

The weather forecast was not great, but we had a good field of 26 on what turned into a nice sunny day. It was a pleasure to welcome Michael Moore as a visitor for the day and it is hard to believe he has been away for 4 years. The speed of the greens undid him on the front 9, but his touch certainly returned after that.

We played a Stroke round off the Yellow tees for the Jerry Attick Trophy and it would be fair to say the winner probably admits to being in that category. A great effort from John Brettell with a nett 65!!!!

Full results as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Brettell	65
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Butcher	70 ( Where is immigration???)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Allan Harrison	70
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Anderson	73
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Little	74
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lex Halford	74

There were two's for Tom White and Ian Butcher.

Looking forward to a fine day and a good field next week when we will have a Stableford round off the White tees.

Good Golfing

Chris Cottrell

For Thursday Men



## TWILIGHT GOLF



Twilights for 2020 / 2021 concluded this week with 31 participants on a cool but otherwise pleasant evening. Altogether 108 people enjoyed Twilights over the summer period.



**The Champion of Champions** was won by Jamie Pow with a 10 game average of 20.2, (shown here with Paul Snape presenting the prize), followed by Russell McGregor (19.8) and Hugo Pow (19.6).

The notable results for the final night are:

### Men:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Garry Puddy	22
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adan Fincher	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scott Ward	19
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie Pow	18 by lot
5 <sup>th</sup>	Oliver Shea	18 by lot
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Ashby	18

### Ladies:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Courtney Wilson	18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tracey Bruce	14

Full results are on the Coringa web site.



Prizes for the evening



## **AND NOW**

### **Pirate Problems**

A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said, 'Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible.'

'What do you mean?' said the pirate, 'I feel fine.'

Bartender, 'What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before.'

Pirate, 'Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now.'

Bartender, 'Well, OK, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?'

Pirate, 'We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really.'

Bartender 'What about that eye patch?'

Pirate, 'Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them shit in my eye.'

'You're kidding,' said the bartender, 'you lost an eye just from bird shit.'

Pirate, 'It was my first day with the hook.'

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

John Brettell