



Coringa News



19th February 2026

Kia Ora

Saturday's Match

- A Stableford competition off the Black / Silver tees, Yellow tees for women,
- Summer Ringers.
- Shootout
- Vets Cup 3rd round

Raffle Winners

50 Chirs Innes, 47 Paul Snape, 43 Garry Puddy, 60 John Gaw, 12 Trevor Lee, 56 Angus Mercer

Program until the end of March - 2026

February	21	Sat	Stableford – Black / Silver tees Vets Cup 3rd round Summer Ringers Shootout
	23	Mon	Interclub Women 18-hole Silver at Waimairi – vs Clearwater Women 4's at Bottle Lake – vs Amberley Women 6's at Akaroa – vs Harewood
	24	Tue	Ladies: Nett

			Twilight
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies: 9-hole; Stableford Trophy 18-hole; Lilah Edgar/Acacia Stb R1, Shootout R1 Men: Irish Stableford – Silver tees.
	28	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White Tees Summer Ringers Shootout
March	1	Sun	Interclub Metro B – away game vs Templeton
	2	Mon	Interclub 9-hole – at Kaiapoi vs Tai Tapu Silver - at Russley vs Clearwater 4's - all 16 teams playing at Coringa COURSE CLOSED FROM 9.30am to 1.30am
	3	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy Twilight
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT - Stableford – White tees 10.30am start (\$20 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies; 9-hole; Best Nett Trophy 18-hole; LGU R2 / Putting R2 , National Teams (Nett) Men; Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	7	Sat	4BBB Nett – White Tees Summer Ringers – Final round Shootout
	8	Sun	Interclub Presidents – home game vs Hagley
	9	Mon	Interclub Silver – at Harewood, vs Weedons 6's - at Hororata, vs Akaroa
	10	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy Twilight
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies; 9-hole; Rose Bowl (Foursomes) 18-hole; Nancy McCormick Foursomes R1 , Coringa Foursomes Q Round Men; Stableford – White Tees
	14	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White Tees Shootout

	16	Mon	Interclub 9-hole – at Harewood vs Ellesmere Silver – at Clearwater, vs Waimairi Beach 4's - at Russley, vs Kaiapoi 6's - All teams playing at Coringa COURSE CLOSED 9.30am to 12pm
	17	Tue	Ladies; Rose Bowl (foursomes) Twilight
	18	Wed	Wednesday Tournament – Stableford – Silver tees 10.30am start – entry fee \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors.
	19	Thu	Ladies; 9-hole; LGU 18-hole; Nancy McCormick Foursomes R2 Men; American Stableford – Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Par – Black / White tees Shootout
	23	Mon	2026 CANTERBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE CLOSED – until 2pm Interclub 9-hole – at Avondale vs Russley Silver – at Tai Tapu, vs Harewood 4's - at Kaiapoi, vs Waimairi Beach 6's - at Clearwater, vs Rangiora
	24	Tue	Ladies; 4-clubs and Putter Twilight - Champion of Champions Final
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies; 9-hole; Stableford Trophy 18-hole; Visitor's Day Men; Irish Stableford – White Tees
	28	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Vets Cup – 4 th round Shootout
	29	Sun	Interclub Metro A – final round – away game vs Christchurch Metro B – Final round – played at Waimairi Beach, against Bottle Lake Presidents – Final round, played at McLeans Island vs Harewood.
	30	Mon	Interclub 9-hole – at Waimairi Beach vs Silver – at Waitikiri, vs Tai Tapu
	31	Tue	Ladies; Fun game – (duty person to decide) Twilight – Final night

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 9.9 feet.

We have had 42mm of rain this week, the course is a bit wet in a few areas so if you're out in a golf cart just beware.

We weren't able to get out onto the course Monday/Tuesday due to the rain and even Wednesday was a bit damp, but we have been out today and will go again tomorrow to catch up on the rough mowing. This week the big job was to do the path on the 15th men's tee block which is now finish and looking great.

Over the next 3-4 weeks we will start to spray for weeds in greens, tees and fairways so just keep an eye out for the sign. This is all on when the weather is right - we need cool dry and no wind to do the job.

Next week - we are looking at doing a full cut of rough

TUESDAY VOLUNTEER GROUP

The Working Bee was cancelled on Tuesday due to the very wet weather.

However, following some great work by Phil Olsen, Ecan has donated quite a large amount of Mulch for us to use around the course.

Thanks Phil and Ecan.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Coringa to our new members

Armstrong, Stuart Falloon, Matthew Ford, Harrison Gong, Xiao

Wells, Joseph Harris, Sebastian Everard, Lucca Kelly, Stuart
McFarland, Miles Schollum, Felix

FOLEY CUP - Final

A fitting end to our first Trophy event of the year, with a fantastic final match.

Thank you to all competitors who participated this year,

Congratulations to Trevor Lee and Paul Tonkin on making this year's final.

It was a very close battle – with Paul giving up 7 shots to Trevor by handicap,

After 18 holes the match was still even, so it required a playoff to find a winner,

The playoff only went for one extra hole, and was won by Paul.



Congratulations Paul Tonkin

Foley Cup Champion for 2026.

2026 CORINGA OPEN – Saturday 18th April

It's not often I get the chance to say this but it is with great pleasure I can announce that almost all of the tee times for our **2026 Coringa Men's and Women's Open**, programmed for Saturday 18th April, have been booked and paid for hopefully. When I spoke to Nic on Thursday we had only two unbooked times available. What an outstanding achievement to almost fill all the 120 tee times within a week. It demonstrates what a great active heart there is within the club, to support our annual

fundraising tournament. Thanks to all those members who have booked and those members who have invited guests to play within it!

This week I have had confirmation of our corporate sponsors and thanks must go those;

Golf Warehouse Group.

The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group.

Peter Timbs, Bishopdale.

New World, Bishopdale.

Mitre 10, Papanui.

Goodman Fielder.

New Corporate Sponsors;

Nil this week.

If there are any members who may know of any potential corporate or individuals sponsors, I could approach to provide sponsorship for the tournament, please let me know, either through David.harvey@xtra.co.nz or my cell 0211499070.

Participation.

The tournament is again limited to a maximum of 120 entries. The entry fee has again been agreed to by the board at **\$35 for members and \$50 for non club members**. The first 120 entries and payments made to either the Pro Shop or direct to the club account will receive priority entry.

We are using the **Main account is 03 0854 0594498 000** for registration purposes;

Malcolm will be managing the participation sheet and the club account to ensure payments are made to ensure we won't go over the 120 maximum.

Again, we will have a reserve group of names once we reach our maximum numbers. These names historically have been used to backfill late withdrawals. So if you have missed out to date get your name in the reserve sheet.

The tournament has both a Gross competition with one prize for the low handicapped golfers and a Stableford competition with three divisions of at least ten prizes per division for the rest us. All competitions are available to both Men and Women.

Men play off the blue tees and Women off the Yellow tees.

Once again this year there will be a 'hole in one' competition with a free Coringa membership to the first to achieve, a spot prizes of an 'Odyssey' putter valued at \$500 purchased through Golf Warehouse and a sausage sizzles provided by New World, Bishopdale, plus many other bonuses to those who attend.

It's a chance for you to play and experience the course at it challenging best!

Historically the tournament is a good fundraiser for the club with many raffles, with a great range of vouchers organised through businesses, restaurants and coffee shops within our western suburbs, donated items or meat purchased through friends at New World, Bishopdale.

A number of our members have previously made donations of goods and others have made a monetary donation, which I then use to purchase vouchers. These donations can be made through the Pro-Shop. Some members have also asked about the use moneys held on their member club cards being used for that purpose. I have been told that staff can manage the use of the club card balances for this purpose through the Pro-Shop till. To assist Malcolm I have provided the Pro-Shop with Donations Sheet to record all donations made.

Donations have been received this week from and thanks to;

Nil this week.

Harv

SHOOTOUT 2026

Shootout 2026 is now underway,

The comp runs all year, so you still have plenty of time to enter, but the sooner you enter, the sooner you can start posting scores.

The entry sheet will remain in the shop for a few weeks, so those who missed out can add their names,

There is a one-off entry fee of \$20, with all entry money going towards prize payouts at the end of year shootout,

For any new members, this is a fantastic event to take part in, it runs all year long with the climax in November where the top 10 players of the year, do battle in a 9-hole shootout.

Don't forget women are eligible to compete as well, the more the merrier.

The results are posted on the club website every week, but it's very early, so there won't be much to see for a few weeks, once people have played 10 games it becomes worthwhile watching, but until then, play some good golf and post some good scores.

SUMMER RINGERS

[Click here to view the latest results](#)

After the completion of Round 10, we continue to see Joseph Reeves (49.500) hold a comfortable lead of the top spot on an increased net score of 43.500 after his handicap index took another adjustment. He's leads from Liam Longley (18.943) who improves 1 spot into second spot on 51.057, a reduced margin of 7.557 separating them. Iain Findlater (13.922) drops a spot into third position on 51.078, 1.600 ahead of improving Alan Wicks (15.322) up 5 places in fourth on 52.678. Roy Wang (7.167) moves up 14 spots into fifth position on 52.833.

Currently all 50 competitors are under net par after the ninth round, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the narrowing of the range of net scores as the field compresses.

There were only 10 new birdies or better recorded last week, bringing the overall total to 201, with the highlights this week being, the +3 round of 76 carded by S Y Park (1.486) off the Blue tees, with a solitary birdie on Hole # 10 and four bogeys. Roy Wang (7.167) shot +5 round of 78 including 3 birdies in a stretch of the first four holes on the back 9. There were no additional new eagle carded by the field this week, the total stands at 10.

Dean Harvey (-0.467) continues to lead the birdies or better statistics with a tally of 3 eagles and 10 birdies, followed by Roy Wang (7.167) with 13 birdies, Spencer Wicks (4.325) with 2 eagles and 8 birdies then Seok Yong Park (1.583) with an eagle and 9 birdies. then followed by Mal Ashton (9.013) and David Harvey (9.470) with 9 birdies each. Those with 8 birdies include Kyle Charlwood (10.713), Leighton Sparks (8.588), Vance Hetaraka (12.667) and Justin Velluppillai (6.850) with 8 birdies.

There are now 44 players so far, to have registered bogey or better on every hole.

The hardest ranked holes determined by the numbers of birdies or better carded after Round 8, the hardest hole is Hole # 2 with three birdies recorded by the Ringers field. With Hole # 6 next, conceding four birdies to the field. Next comes Holes # 5, # 9 and #10. The easiest hole has been Hole # 1 with 22 birdies or better by different players. The next easiest is Hole # 4 with 21 birdies or better by different players, then followed by Hole # 4 with 21 birdies or better then Hole # 12 with 20 birdies.

Group Leaderboards:

Group A - 12 players (Range -0.467 - 10.713)

1	Roy Wang (7.167)	52.833
2	Kyle Charlwood (10.713)	54.288
3	David Harvey (9.470)	54.530

Group B - 19 players (Range 10.714 - 15.789)

1	Iain Findlater (13.922)	51.078
2	Alan Wicks (15.322)	52.678
3	Vance Hetaraka (12.667)	53.333

Group C - 19 players (Range 15.790 - 49.500)

1	Joseph Reeves (49.500)	43.500
2	Liam Longley (18.943)	51.057
3	Keith Yardley (24.143)	52.857

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.

Here are some of the field statistics to date in the 2025/26 Summer Ringers Competition:

	This Week	Last Week
Number of Competitors	50	50
Range of Gross Scores (Field)	57 - 93	57 - 94
Range of Net Scores (Field)	43.500 - 65.200	42.560 - 65.200
Range of Net Scores (Top 20)	43.500 - 54.989	42.560 - 56.025

	This Week		Last Week	
	# of Players	%	# of Players	%
Under Net Par	50	100.00	50	100.00
Eagles or Better	7	14.00	7	14.00
Birdies or Better	42	84.00	42	84.00
Players with Multiple Birdies or Better	35	70.00	34	68.00
Bogeys or Worse to Discard	30	60.00	37	74.00
Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard	6	12.00	10	20.00

The weather outlook is looking alright for Saturday with a forecasted high of 20, being partly cloudy with nor'easterlies before nor'westerlies in the afternoon, after an overnight low of 9. See you out there...happy golfing.

Kevin King
Ringers Convener

INTERCLUB

METRO A

Second to last game of the season was away at Bottle Lake. It was a very tough day out with the wind and unfortunately the team went down 6-2. Captain Olly got the win with Tom Grimshaw and Neal Shaw getting halves. Special mentions to Neal Shaw and Joe Jones for their first canterbury golf Interclub matches, and Tom Grimshaw for playing his first game of the season. Last game is on the 29th March against Christchurch and a win is needed to get into the semi finals
Olly Snape

METRO B

The team suffered a loss on Sunday, going down 5.5 / 2.5 against Waimairi Beach, Winners on the day were Jack Fuye Li and Kyle Charwood, with Chris Choie contributing the half. Just 2 games left in the season, and we will need to win both to keep our finals chances alive.

PRESIDENTS

Sunday 15th we played away at Everglades. The day turned out not as good as we were hoping for with only James Willetts and Willie Stewart gaining wins for Coringa. Next outing is a home game against Hagley on March 8th.

David Cross

OVER 50'S

The Coringa over 50's side has done it again. They are Canterbury champs (for the 6th time). After their round at Waimairi GC on Sunday 15th Feb (with windy testing playing conditions) the boys did enough to get across the line. Scores =

WooBing Kim 78

John Rademakers 79

Mike Boshoff 84

Lin Wang non-counter

A huge shout out goes to Murray Brown, Rouan Buitenhag, Mike Boshoff, Ian Donaldson, WooBong Kim and Lin Wang for their availability during the 6-round comp.

John Rademakers



18-HOLE LADIES and MIXED 9-HOLERS

18 Hole Ladies report

Today we played Joan Bisset nett.

25 ladies participated.

The first was Cathy Seo with net 67.

2nd Joanne Joung nett 72

3rd Bianca Hwang nett 73

4th Pricilla Moon nett 73

Next week we are playing Lilah Edgar/ Acacia and Shootout.

Mixed 9 Holers report

Thursday: This week we played LGU. 1st was Ellen, 2nd Chris, and 3rd Leigh

Next week we play for the Stableford Trophy. Duty person is Chris Hendry

Saturday: If you are wanting to play on Saturdays with the 9-hole Ladies please contact Tracey Bruce. tracey.bruce@cdhb.health.nz. Last Saturday Anne M won with 18 Stablefords; 2nd was Carly with 17 Stablefords. This coming Saturday, no game is being played.

Sunday: The Sunday game. Tee times booked for around 10am. Last Sunday 1st was Ellen with 21 Stablefords, 2nd Carly with 17 Stablefords.

Tuesday: This week we were rained off.

Next week we play Stableford + the Longest Drive on No 2. The duty person Judith Bennetts

Interclub last Monday 9-hole Interclub team were supposed to play Everglades at Templeton.

Unfortunately, this was rained off. This coming Monday they play Avondale at Russley.

Tournaments:

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE NOTICE BOARD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS IN THE CLUB HOUSE

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.

For 9-hole players, if you are wanting to enter any tournaments, can you please do this yourself. Do not forget to send in your Handicap, ID and Index

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 21st February

- A Stableford competition off the Black / Silver tees
- Vets Cup – 3rd Round
- Summer Ringers
- Shootout

Last Saturday 14th February

Was an Irish Stableford round off the Blue / Silver tees

[Click here to view the full results sheet](#)

Best Gross today was won by S Y Park with 76,

Irish Stableford

Great scoring in the divisions,

The top score of the day was Robert Tibbotts with an impressive 85pts. Followed by some very good scores of 81 by Greg Buchanan, and Malcolm Wratt,

Matthew Robinson collected top prize in Div One Blue with 80pts,

Great to see some new members collecting prizes, and also wonderful to see one of our veteran members up on the prize list as well, Congratulations Doug Densem, on collecting a share of the nett eagle prize as well as collecting 3rd prize in his division.

In a very large field, we had one of the fewest number of 2's with just 9x two's recorded today, Rohan must have had some tough pin positions, (either that or all the good golfers were in away today)

Starting times,

I was a little disappointed to hear some reports of starting times creeping out again,

And this in turn leads to some frustration shown later in the day,

Reportedly times were already 15mins behind by 9.30am, this should not be happening while the longer starting tees are in play,

Everyone is doing a great job focusing on their pace of play, but it appears our starting time is beginning to slip, with the slip originating somewhere in the early groups,

Please be ready to tee off on time.

WEDNESDAY GOLF

There were 31 participants playing for ten prizes within this Wednesday's two division competition. The weather was great and back to summer with the course looking a picture considering the rain Christchurch has received.

The best scoring occurred in Division One with Brian Docherty and John Kim scoring 37 points.

Coringa members results.

Division One:

1st.	Brian Docherty.	37(C/B)
2nd.	John Kim.	37
3rd.	Walter Scott.	36(C/B)
4th.	David Harvey.	36
5th.	Bob Zhuang.	35(C/B)

Division Two:

1st.	Gavin Walkinshaw.	36
2nd.	Richard McCaskill.	35(C/B)
3rd.	Wayne Te Mete.	35(C/B)
4th.	Mandy Walsh.	35
5th.	Angela Chen.	34

Closest to pins.

No 7. Charlie Sue
No 17. David Harvey

The group then heads to Ellesmere next week. For those interested in a coffee before golf, we meet at 10 am at the Suburban Eatery, Leston. Some of us think it's the best part of the day often!

March 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry) tournament

We will be having our monthly '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry)** fundraising tournament on **Wednesday the 4th of March** with our usual prizes from our friends at '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**', '**New World Bishopdale**' and wine purchased through '**Hancocks**'. As usual there will be three divisions of seven prizes in each. Let's hope the weather holds as Wednesday golf is be challenged.

Thanks to the 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'New World' Bishopdale for your continuing support of the club and these tournaments throughout the year.

Book yourself and your group in through the Pro Shop.

Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$10 / \$15 entry) tournament

Then on the **Wednesday 18th of March** we will have our mid month '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$10 members entry and \$15 for non members) tournament**, with our meat prizes from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins purchased through '**Hancocks**.'

Once again please book a tee time.

Harv

THURSDAY

Today's game was a par round off the yellow tees for the twenty five players that turned up.

The greens were in great shape and unless you got into the positives you weren't in the prizes today. Well last week I said it was the first time that I can recall that there were three players all with the same number of points in first place. Well, this week there were four players all on plus one so again it came down to countback rules.

First place on countback went to Ian Armstrong, second place to Graeme Bennetts, third place to Robert Pryce and taking fourth place, John Robertson.

There were six twos today, one each to David Potter, Ian Armstrong, Peter McKay and Peter Cotterell. However, Robert Pryce, who got two twos forgot that there is no monetary prize for doing this on a Thursday, only two golf balls.

Closest to the pin on # 17 went to Peter Cotterell who managed to get his two from less than twelve inches.

The most honest golfer today went to a player who is consistently inconsistent. If he isn't in the prizes like he was last week, he manages to get the honest golfer ball prize. Congratulations go to Peter (Swampy) Marsh who manage a respectful minus 13.

The next game is on Thursday, 26th February, and will be an Irish Stableford off the white tees.

If anyone is interested in joining the Thursday Men's Group, please feel free to come along and have your card printed by 9.30am. The cost is \$5 and well worth the entertainment and pleasure of meeting and playing with other golfers.

Robert Pryce

TWILIGHT GOLF

Cancelled this week due to the bad weather,

And Now...

- **Walking economy....**

A guy is walking down the street with his friend. He says to his friend, "I'm just a walking economy."

His friend replies, "What do you mean?"

"It's like this: My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and the combination of these factors is putting me into a deep depression.

- **Skinny Dippers**

Ron, an elderly man in Australia, had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond at the back.

It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some orange and lime trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence, and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

Ron frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding the bucket up Ron said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

MEMBERS CORNER

STOP PICKING ON SWAMPY

I had to laugh last week, after I sent out the newsletter, I received a reply from a concerned citizen,

“After reading your recent Newsletter, I am not sure I ever want to play with you on a Saturday as it seems like you’re only playing to get material for the Newsletter. Poor old Swampy”

Oh dear, my apologies to the Swampy sympathizer, but it’s not my fault, I swear Swampy does this stuff on purpose just so he gets the attention,

The latest example, on Saturday I was 250km away in Greymouth, and at 11.09am my phone beeps with an incoming txt msg,

“Someone leaving their destruction on the new tee blocks. Guess who???”

Followed by this picture,



I was horrified to see this act of vandalism to our course,

But I was relieved that it couldn’t be Swampy’s fault, cos I can see him up ahead near the golf cart,

It turns out this was in fact Swampy’s handiwork, Clinton volunteered to stay back and fix the divot for him, not to be kind, but just so that he could collect photographic evidence of the crime, that is mean Clinton!!

You can’t trust anyone Swampy!

CORINGA ON TOUR IN GREYMOUTH

Last weekend a group from Coringa travelled to Greymouth for the annual Westland Classic Tournament.

It was an awesome event, and we all had a great time over there,

I had the pleasure of playing both days with Bev Gordon, Lindsay Smith and Paul Hansen,

Bev and I were haggle partners on the first day, and we just wiped the floor with our opponents, Bev was awesome,

The next day though, Bev and I wanted to throw the balls up again, but the boys wanted revenge, so we stuck to the same partners, long story short, we let them win, we couldn’t beat them up two days in a row, it would be embarrassing,

An awesome weekend of golf amongst great company.

Coringa members and ex-members in the field, Ian Donaldson, Paul Hansen, Bev Gordon, Steve and Jarred Satherley, Nick Franzmann, Chris Kay, Grant Mercer, Mandy Walsh, Andy Williamson, Vance, and of course our roving ambassador / cheerleader David Bruce,

Congratulations to Nick Franzmann on winning the title once again,



Andy Williamson

Playing a shot on the 18th hole
Greymouth Golf Club

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