



Coringa News



4th December 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- An Irish Stableford competition off the Black / Silver Tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- Summer Ringers begins

Raffle

41 Dave Harvey, 53 Gav Walkinshaw 10 Kevin Walker, 55 Mel Newburn, 49 Richard Maguire, 24 Gav Walkinshaw

Program until the end of January - 2026

December	6	Sat	Irish Stableford – Black / Silver Tees Summer Ringers begins
	7	Sun	Interclub Presidents – home game vs Templeton Metro A – home game vs Harewood
	9	Tue	Twilight
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Men; Closing Day – Stableford Silver Tees
	13	Sat	Christmas Hamper Day – Shotgun Start 10am

			\$20 entry 4-person Team Ambrose Competition.
	14	Sun	Interclub Presidents, away game vs Bottle Lake Metro A – home game vs Waimairi Beach Metro B – home game vs Harewood
	16	Tue	Twilight – Final night for 2025
	18	Thu	Men; Legends Day
	20	Sat	Final regular Saturday Competition for the year Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees Summer Ringers
	25	Thu	CHRISTMAS DAY – Pro Shop Closed
	26	Fri	BOXING DAY – Course Open
	27	Sat	Holiday Competition - \$5 entry – Stableford SilverTees Summer Ringers
January	1	Thu	NEW YEARS DAY – Course open
	3	Sat	Holiday Competition \$5 entry - Stableford – Blue tees Summer ringers
	8	Thu	Ladies Men's – Opening day – Stableford – White tees
	10	Sat	Normal Saturday Competitions resume Stroke – White tees Foley Cup Qualifying (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1st Round (Men over 55yrs) Summer ringers
	13	Tue	Twilight – 1st round for 2025
	15	Thu	Ladies: Men: Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	Par – Black / White tees Foley Cup - 1st round Match-play – White tees. (Competitors can go in match of the day.) Summer ringers.
	18	Sun	Interclub Metro A – home game vs McLeans Island, (Rescheduled from Nov) Presidents; away game vs Waitikiri
	20	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	22	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	24	Sat	OPENING DAY – competition TBA
	27	Tue	Ladies: Twilight:

	28	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Watering Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies: Men: Par - Yellow tees.
	31	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees. 2nd round Foley Cup – White tees Vets Cup 2nd round SHOOTOUT BEGINS – (\$20 entry fee)

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 10 feet.

Last weekend unfortunately we lost irrigation on the course due to our pump cutting out Saturday night, which meant the course had no water for the whole weekend. Some of our greens did suffer, but not to worry, we are on the case, and they are already showing good healthy signs. This week the greens received fertilizer, wetting agent and an application of preventative fungicide.

The good news is the rough got a full wire to wire cut and the course is looking amazing, (so I've been told). In front of the 13th green, unfortunately we were not able to get to this area due to the contractors needing us to install the new irrigation in the 4th and 8th tee blocks, it is at the top of the list to do next week!

New tees - the 15 and 17th have been fertilized and will get an application of wetting agent tomorrow (Friday). We will be looking at giving them their first mow towards the end of next week maybe the following Monday, all depends on the weather. Update on 4/8 tees, the shapers have been in, and I believe they will be hydroseeded early next week.

Next week in front of 13, we have a few irrigation jobs, and we will be doing some bunker work.

Rohan

NEW TEE BLOCKS

I received word this week there has been some confusion over the playability of the newly turfed Tee Blocks, and apparently someone has actually played a ball and taken a divot in this area. I am sorry this is my fault (Vance), I had just assumed the taped off area was enough of a sign to deter entry. Anyway, Rohan is going to tape the area with **KEEP OUT** tape and mark it as **GUR** so there should be less confusion going forward.

These area's are **NO PLAY ZONES** and as such you do not have the option to play the ball as it lies. If your ball lands in these area's, just leave it there. If you have hit a shot so poorly that it has finished there, you really don't want that ball back – please don't walk in these newly turfed areas.

Drop area, same as with any GUR, “nearest point of relief no closer to the hole”

TUESDAY WORKING GROUP

Another very good turnout today, so thanks to the 14 guys that were able to attend today's working Bee. A bit of a frustrating day with our normally very reliable truck wanting a rest today.

However, we still got some great work done with guys planting Mondo Grass in the cart shed garden area. This grass was donated by Alan Smith; thanks Alan I think we have put them to good use. If any other club members have plants they no longer want and would like to donate them, please let us know. Other team members were busy with the Weed Trimmers cutting back the long grass around our native plants. We also got around the Sponsors Tee markers cleaned up and the signs cleaned. Number 5 path was raked out and some tree branches trimmed back.

Below is a photo of Phil Olsen using our recently purchased pole chainsaw. A Huge thanks to the Thursday Men that contributed from their funds that allowed us to purchase this item which will assist us a lot when tree trimming around the course.

Thanks guys, it is really appreciated and thanks Phil for arranging the purchase.

Mike and Murray were also busy with the weed spraying and Pudds was out on the tee surround mower again.

One of our newer team members had to be dragged from the course today, everybody else had left and it was raining quite hard, so I went looking for Paul Wilson, still diligently attacking that long grass. I talked him into hanging up the weed trimmer for the day.

Good work Paul, thanks for your efforts.



Thank you also to Paul Snape, for a great morning tee.

Harv has now made the booking at Waimairi Beach for Monday the 15th of December for our volunteers golf day and we still have 3 places left, so if you have forgotten to put your name down or would like join the other volunteers, please contact Harv 021 149 9070 or david.harvey@xtra.co.nz
Harv / Brian

STATE OF ORIGIN – HIGHLANDERS VS CRUSADERS

Last Saturday – 29th November

Due to the terrible weather, the match was cancelled this year.

I wish that were true, the Highlanders team put on quite the dominant performance, and wiped the floor with the home team Crusaders, winning this year's contest 14 – 7.

The Highlanders took an early lead among the morning groups, but as the later groups started to roll in, things were looking much better for the Crusaders who at one point came back to all square, but that was the closest we got, as the tail end of the field rolled in, the Highlanders broke away to a huge lead.

Congratulations Highlanders, you were well deserved winners, with many of you playing really well and going on to win prizes in the match of the day.

Thank you to all of those who participated in this contest, It's such a lot of fun and awesome to see the banter and camaraderie within the clubhouse,

Let's get them next year Crusaders; we need to get our flag flying in the clubhouse again.



SUMMER RINGERS

Summer ringers are back!!

Most of us are very familiar with this competition, but for those entering for the first time, here is a wee description of how it works. It's super easy.

All you have to do is

- Pay your one-off entry fee of \$10
- Write your name on the entry sheet, in the shop.
- Play in the Saturday Match of the day through the summer.

Your scores are updated every week, (posted on the club website)

for example, if your best score on the first hole is a 5 (par) and this week you score a 4 (birdie) your score will be updated with the new score, and so on it goes for every hole you improve,

By the end of the summer, the people with the lowest gross or nett in each division will be the winners.

Give it a go – all are welcome

A huge thank you once again must go to Kevin King, who does an amazing job organising and running this competition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DAY / CLOSING DAY - Saturday 13th December

- **10am Shotgun Start** – 4 person Ambrose competition,
- \$20 entry – with great prizes to be won.
- Cards printed by 9.30am, so draw can be made and play gets underway on time.
 - NOTE, I know it seems a waste to print cards although they won't be needed for scoring – but It just makes things 100% easier for the match organisers, to see handicaps and to organise the groupings.
- Raffles

All are welcome. We want to see as many people as possible participating in our final tournament of the year, 9-hole golfers, 6 day golfers – all are welcome to join us on our closing day.

The Ambrose format provides a low pressure / fun environment for all levels of golfer.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK

The holiday season is fast approaching, and it is a good time for many of our volunteers who give their time during the year to take a small break.

- Final Newsletter for the year – 18th November – resumes 8th January
- Bar / Cafe closing – Closes Sunday 21st December – re-opens Saturday 10th January
- Normal Saturday Competition – Final day 20th December – resumes on 10th January.
- Twilight golf – Final day 16th December – resumes 13th January

As always, during this break period there will still be refreshments available in the shop, and we will continue to run a smaller version of our Saturday competition for those staying in Chch,

FOLEY CUP and VETS CUP (over 55yrs)

These will be our first competitions kicking off early in the new year, and both begin on our first weekend back after the holiday, get ready for another year of competitive golf at Coringa.

VETS CUP change – stroke play to stableford

We are looking to make a small change to the upcoming Vets Cup, Changing the format from a Stroke competition to a Stableford competition, Historically this has played as a Stroke competition, but with the increase in field numbers and the constant battle with pace of play, Stroke rounds often have a negative effect on pace.

Please let me know if you have any concerns with this change
Vance.

INTERCLUB

PRESIDENTS

Sadly the team came up a bit short and was beaten by Russley 4.5 to 3.5. The showing was quite close with 3 of the games going to the 17th. Winners on the day were Jason Wu, Barry Stringer and David Cross with Steven Satherley having the drawn match. 2 more games to go now before the big fella in the red suit comes. 7th December against Templeton at Coringa and 14th December away to Bottle Lake.

David Cross

METRO A

Last Sunday was round 5 for metro A. Unfortunately the second away game for the season was a 6.5 to 1.5 loss against Templeton with Mike Alridge winning and Roy Wang picking up a half. There were some great matches however with a couple of Coringa lads having 1 down results. Two home games before Christmas to pick up vital points and currently the team has two wins and two losses from the first four games.

Oliver Snape

METRO B

The team had a good win on Sunday, 6-2 vs McLeans Island, Well done team, a great start to the season with two away wins and a draw, keep it up.
Kyle Charlwood.

LADIES REPORT

Tuesday and Thursday, turn up between 9-9.15 am and play with whoever else is there.

Saturday: If you are wanting to play on Saturdays with the 9-hole Ladies please contact Tracey Bruce. tracey.bruce@cdhb.health.nz .

Sunday: The Sunday game will continue through the holiday season. Tee times booked for 10am

Trophy Winners 9 Hole:

As Carly Shaw was unable to attend the AGM and prize giving, her trophy for 9 Hole Club Champion was presented to her at twilight on Tuesday Night.



Carly Shaw

9 – hole Club Champion

Hamper Day Dec 14th. The ladies are putting together a basket of goodies to raffle. Can everyone Please bring items that can go into the basket. No Alcohol. I will leave a box in the lady's office for items to be put in there. Big thank you to those who have contributed.

Tournaments:

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

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.

As this is the last newsletter from me until the newsletter starts up on the new year, All the best to you all for the Festive Season.

Ladies Opening day and the Rynne Rumble (18 holers vs 9 Holers) will be on Thursday 22nd of January 2020

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 6th December

An Irish Stableford competition off the Black / Silver tees,
Summer Ringers begins

Last Saturday 29th November.

Was an American Stableford competition off the White tees,
Best Gross winner today was Dean Harvey with 72

Terry Hampton was the best scorer among the divisions today with 59pts only narrowly edging out Peter Bailey who came in with 58pts, well done to you both, great scoring.

There were numerous high scores out there with multiple people on 57 and 56pts, all who collected prizes this week,

Congratulations to our nearest to pins winners this week, I heard some of those shots were very very close this week, with some people feeling very sure they were going to win the prize with their great shot, only to find out someone coming through after them had taken it off them, well done.

Richard Norris, obviously wasn't put off by my attempt to publicly shame him last week, as he casually absconded with the nett eagle prize this week, a nice little payday and a great run of form for Richard,

Saturday Results.

I am sorry, it's a busy time of year and I keep running out of time,
Please view the results on the club website by clicking the link below.

[Click here to view Saturday's results](#)

WEDNESDAY

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

We had our first Wednesday and Christmas tournament of the month with 84 participants on **Wednesday 3 of December** with prizes from our friends at **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** and **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins purchased through **Hancocks**.

The greens were rolling very nicely with a number of visitors commenting favourably on the overall condition of the course. Once again for this Christmas tournament the scoring was very high with the outstanding scores of 42 being scored in Division Three by a new member Jim Jenkins and a club stalwart Andrew Wight. Then 41 was recorded by Paul Snape in Division One and by Steven Smith in Division Two. In Division Two to pick up a prize you needed at least 39 points.

For once we had 32 out of the 84 playing to or better than their handicap, while only eight two's were scored.

Thanks must go to Rohan and his staff on the current condition of the course.

Fortunately the rainy weather forecast stayed away and all of those playing were off the course prior to it's arrival.

As usual there were seven prizes within each division included Lone Star and Joes Garage Group vouchers, two hams, a leg of lamb, meat and a further spot prize of yet another Lone Star Group Voucher. The spot prize was won by Paul Hansen.

I would like to thank 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'New World, Bishopdale' for the ongoing sponsorship and assistance throughout the year.

It was great to have one of our numerous club hole sponsors, Jarrod Mills from 'The Range' out playing within the group.

Coringa members results.

Division One: (Less than 15.0)

1st.	Paul Snape.	41
4th.	Paul Hansen.	40
7th.	Richard Kingsbury.	37(C/B)

Division Two: (15.1 - 20)

1st.	Steven Smith.	41
3rd.	Paul Carpinter.	39
6th.	Garry Puddy.	36

Division Three: (20.1 plus)

1st.	Jim Jenkins.	42(C/B)
2nd.	Andrew Wight.	42
6th.	Doug Hillstead.	40

Hancocks closest to pin competition.

5th Hole Lindsay Smith
7th Hole. Craig Frampton
13th Hole. Dave Stead
17th Hole. Bruce Sampson

The group is off to Templeton next week and if there are people who wish to play, please contact the Templeton Pro-Shop to book a tee time.

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

On **Wednesday 17th of December** we will have our last 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**'.

We will then have another mid month tournament on Wednesday 21st January.

Could I lastly thank Bev and Nic for the work they do around the club rooms when these tournaments are on and my assisting volunteers Walter Scott, Garry Puddy and Kevin Walker.

Harv

THURSDAY GOLF

On a sunny Summer morning we had a field of 16 players turn up for the Thursday Golf tournament. Todays competition was a stroke round and the monthly Jerry Attick trophy.

The course is in superb condition, the fairways and greens are back to their best and a credit to the green staff.

Playing on a top course deserved some good golf and some of our golfers delivered awesome rounds. In first place was Duncan Shaw-Brown who had a nett 69, in second place on countback was John Matthews who had a nett 73, on countback from David Potter on nett 73, on countback from Lloyd Bell also on nett 73. In 5th place on countback from 2 others was Peter Cottrell on nett 74.

David Potter was close to a hole in one on 17 today his ball sitting close to the hole, he did get his 2.

There were 2 two's today and these went to David Potter on 17 and Tom White on hole 7.

The most honest golfer today was Phil Olsen who played steadily for his nett 84, rumours are Phil had a 9 on a par 3 and took most of the sand out of the right hand bunker.

Results

1 st	Duncan Shaw-Brown	nett 69
2 nd	John Matthews	nett 73

3 rd	David Potter	nett 73
4 th	Lloyd Bell	nett 73
5 th	Peter Cottrell	nett 74

Dates to Remember

11th December 10.00am Thursday Mens' Xmas Closing Day

Bert Fifield Trophy Best score of the day

Geoff Bassett trophy Best average stableford score over the year

18th December 10.00am Thursday Mens Legends Day

(Legends Day and presentation of this new trophy donated by Doug Ames)

A note to any of our Thursday Men who are no longer playing, you are most welcome to join us for the Xmas lunch at 2.00pm

And Now...

- **A Push Please**

A man is in bed with his wife when there is a knock at the door. He rolls over and looks at his clock, and it's 3:30 in the morning. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time," he thinks, and rolls over.

Then a louder knock follows. "Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife. So he drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is a man standing on the porch. It didn't take the homeowner long to realize the man was drunk.

"Hi there," slurs the stranger. "Can you give me a push??"

"No, get lost! It's half past three. I was in bed," says the man and he slams the door. He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened and she says, "That wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the babysitter and you had to knock on that man's house to get us started again? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost?"

"But the guy was drunk," says the husband. "It doesn't matter," says the wife. "He needs our help and it would be the Christian thing to help him."

So the husband gets out of bed again, gets dressed, and goes downstairs. He opens the front door, and not being able to see the stranger anywhere he shouts, "Hey, do you still want a push?" And he hears a voice cry out, "Yeah, please." So, still being unable to see the stranger he shouts, "Where are you?"

And the drunk replies, "Over here, on the swing."

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MEMBERS CORNER

Donation from Margaret Sheppard

A huge thank you to Margaret,

Last week I received an email from Nic, telling me Margaret had dropped off a \$200 donation for our upcoming Hamper day. What an incredibly generous gift Margaret, thank you so much. We will be sure to add this to the prize table on Hamper day.

Taking one for the team

I received this photo from an anonymous source, showing Robert Tibbotts ball stuck in the base of a tree during his interclub match on Sunday,



Under normal conditions I would expect this player to take an unplayable drop to safe guard against injury or damage to his club, but when you're playing interclub it's imperative you put the team first, So I hope you proved how much of a team man you are and played the shot from there Robert

Water Fountain on hole 15.

Last week it was quite warm, and so I was a bit thirstier than usual,

As I walked past the water tap on hole 12, I very cleverly calculated that I had enough water on board to last me until the 15th hole where I could refill with nice cold fresh water at the fountain.

To my horror, I got to the 15th hole with my empty water bottle, only to realise the water fountain is inside the KEEP OUT zone of the new tee block.

Oh no, how am I going to last the final 4 holes with no water, I could die of dehydration!!

Do I risk tip-toeing over the new grass? Imagine an elephant tip-toeing over your car – bad idea.

I had no choice, I had to go on without water, but clearly this affected my golf, as the score indicates, and I'm sure it's the only reason I lost my state of origin match against Phil Olsen, your lucky day Phil.

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

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