



# Coringa *News*



**29th January 2026**

**Kia Ora**

**Saturday's Match**

- A Stableford competition off the Blue / White tees,
- Foley Cup – 2<sup>nd</sup> round match-play
- Vets Cup – 2<sup>nd</sup> round
- Summer Ringers.
- Shootout begins.

**Raffle Winners**

**Raffle 1**

23 P Truong, 20 M Oulsnam, 47 R Kingsbury, 54 K Stevens, 5 K Yardley, 51 J McKay.

**Raffle 2**

34 A McLelland, 50 M Newburn, 19 M Oulsnam, 43 J Haddon, 25 A Wight, 3 M Walsh

**Raffle 3**

15 M Angus, 33 G Carr, 53 R Kingsbury, 21 BRS, 30 L Thorne, 19 R McGregor

Program until the end of March - 2026

<b>January</b>	31	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees. <b>2nd round Foley Cup</b> – White tees <b>Vets Cup 2nd round</b> SHOOTOUT BEGINS – (\$20 entry fee)
<b>February</b>	1	Sun	Interclub Metro A – away game vs Avondale Metro B – home game vs Avondale Presidents – home game vs Clearwater
	2	Mon	Interclub 9-hole; at Waitikiri – vs Templeton Women 18-hole Silver at Weedons – vs Rangiora Women 4's at Christchurch – vs Avondale Women 6's at Harewood – vs Clearwater
	3	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy Twilight
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies; 9-hole; Ambrose 18-hole; LGU R1 / Putting R1 Men; Stroke – Yellow Tees
	6	Fri	<b>Waitangi Day – Course Open</b>
	7	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. Semi Final Foley Cup. Shootout Summer ringers
	10	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy Twilight
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies; 9-hole; Nett Putting 18-hole; Orana/wyber Q Round Men: Par - Yellow tees
	14	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / Silver tees <b>Final Foley Cup</b> Summer Ringers Shootout.
	15	Sun	Interclub Over 50's / 60's - R6 at Waimairi Beach Metro A – away game vs Bottle Lake Metro B – home game vs Waimairi Beach Presidents – away game vs Everglades

	16	Mon	Interclub 9-hole; at Templeton – vs Everglades Women 18-hole Silver at Rangiora – vs Russley Women 4's at Amberley – vs Templeton Women 6's at McLeans Is – vs Christchurch
	17	Tue	Ladies: Stableford Twilight
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10,30 am start; entry fee \$10 members \$15 visitors.
	19	Thu	Ladies: 9-hole; LGU 18-hole; Joan Bisset Nett R1 Men: Stableford - Silver tees
	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: Stableford – Yellow tees.
	28	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White Tees  Shootout
<b>March</b>	1	Sun	Interclub Metro B – away game vs Templeton
	2	Mon	Interclub 9-hole – at Kaiapoi vs Tai Tapu Silver - at Russley vs Clearwater
	3	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy Twilight
	4	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> - 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 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 Par – Yellow 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
	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; Stableford – Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Par – Black / White tees Shootout
	23	Mon	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
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies; 9-hole; Stableford Trophy

		18-hole; Visitor's Day Men	
	28	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Vets Cup – 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 TBC.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **COURSE NEWS**

Green speed is 10.1 feet.

It's been a few wet weeks out on the course, we have had 92mm of rain in the last 2 weeks. Due to the wet weather conditions, it was perfect conditions for disease. Unfortunately we were unable to spray Monday or Tuesday, but we got out there Wednesday and hit the disease with some fungicide. The greens should start to recover over the next week or so. We have had a little problem with the rough mower but it's back up and running and we will be out to cut 4 laps of every fairway this week.

### New tees

With having all this wet weather, I have decided to hold back the opening for one-week, new open date is the 14th of February. They are now getting cut at 12mm which our normal cutting height. They have been sprayed this week with Primo max and some iron. We have also continued with tidying of paths and surrounding areas of the new tees.

### Next week

With it being a short week, we have a big decision if we go a full wire to wire cut of the course. We would like to, but we'll see how things go....

### Rohan

## **TUESDAY VOLUNTEER GROUP**

A smaller turnout today but got some great tasks completed.

Russell and Barry did some repairs to the driveway entrance and have installed some new poles to guide people onto the driveway correctly.

Paul and Walter did a great job of weed trimming around the native area by the 12th Tee Block. They then assisted in picking up debris off the course from our recent winds.

Harv and I trimmed the large bush that was overhanging the 11<sup>th</sup> Tee Block and inhibiting the grass cutting around that area. ( Puds will be happy now)

We also trimmed some overhanging branches between the 2<sup>nd</sup> green and the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee walkway. We used the recently acquired Pole Chainsaw; this saw was purchased with the funds mainly provided by the Thursday Men's Golf Group. The saw is great to use and does a fabulous job, so thanks again to the Thursday men.

We then also picked up debris around the course.

Mike Smith was busy weed spraying all bunkers ( I don't know why, he never goes in any).

As we still have quite a few of the team away, we have decided that there will be no organised working bee next Tuesday. However, if you get sick of sitting around there is always some gardening to be done. Around the cart shed could do with a tidy up.

Someone could also pick up all the stray golf balls down the left-hand side of the practice fairway.

Another job is to weed trim around the sponsors' signs and also clean them.

We have some great projects coming up that will be managed by Russell:

- Removing and rebuilding the fence around the carpark.
- Repair the clubhouse roof.
- Build Aggregate bins with the Keystone Blocks donated by Grow Landscaping.
- Russell also organised someone to locate the cables around the carpark fence and the soak pit by the carpark entrance today. Now that we know where the location of these cables, we can organise getting the soak pit dug up and cleaned out so that it drains and this should stop the water pooling around the carpark entrance. Which in turn will eliminate the constant potholes forming.

A big thanks to the guys that were able to attend today, it is always appreciated!

Harv / Brian

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to Coringa to our new members

Noah Dysart  
Trent Lawn

Michael Gardner  
Lenny Peck

Naomi Warrander

Nelson King

## **FOLEY CUP**

Round 2 match-play resumes this Saturday,

There are some quality match-ups, and I expect to see some very competitive matches.

Good luck to you all.

## Round 2 draw and tee times

9.34	Michael Homan	vs	Trevor Lee	Kyle Charlwood	vs	Peter Cottrell
9.41	Colin Harrison	vs	Roy Wang	Chris Choie	vs	Paul Tonkin

## VETS CUP

This week is the 2nd round of the competition, if you haven't already entered you may still do so, There is no entry fee, just write your name on the sheet in the pro-shop.

This competition is open to Men over 55yrs.

It is played over 5 rounds, the aggregate stableford score from the best 3 rounds determines the winner,

## SHOOTOUT 2026

This year-long competition has been rightly claimed as one of the BEST competitions we run at Coringa.

The competition begins this Saturday, January 31st, and runs for the duration of the year with the final scheduled for early November.

It is open to ALL members, men and women, who play in the Saturday match of the day.

It is a Stableford competition and throughout the year the 10 BEST Stableford scores of each player are used to determine the top players to qualify for the final in November.

Once you enter all you need to do is watch the weekly update on the Coringa website to follow your Progress.

Entry fee for the competition is a one-off payment of \$20 and all entry fee money is allocated to the prize winners. You may enter at any time during the year, but obviously the sooner you start recording scores, the better.

## **The Final: - SHOOTOUT**

In November, the top 10 players will compete in the final round shootout,

The shootout is played over 9-holes, it starts with 10 players, and at the completion of each hole, the person with the worst score is eliminated,

1 person is eliminated on every hole, until a winner is declared on the final hole.

The more entries we have the better the competition (and the higher the prize money!), so please get involved and if there are questions about the competition, feel free to ask me or anyone who has been involved in the competition in the past, it is always a lot of fun.

The current holder of the SHOOTOUT TROPHY is Mal Ashton

## SUMMER RINGERS

After the completion of Round 7, Liam Longley (19.340) who did not play this round, retains the top spot on 52.660. He's ahead of Jonathon Kemp (18.280) who also took the week off remains in second spot on 53.720, a margin of 1.060 separating them. Alan Wicks (15.271) holds third position on 53.729, 0.471 ahead of Colin Harrison (17.800) in fourth. With Vance Hetaraka (12.729) improving 5 spots into fifth position on 54.271.

Currently all 50 competitors are under net par after the seventh 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 birdies or better recorded last week, bringing the overall total to 162, with the highlights this week being, the +1 round of 74 carded by SpencerWicks (4.167) off the White tees, with two birdies and three bogeys. Roy Wang (7.414) shot an improved round this week with a +4 under round of 77 which included 3 birdies on the back 9 and 7 bogeys. There were no additional new eagles carded by the field this week, the total stands at 9.

Dean Harvey (+0.280) continues to lead the birdies or better statistics with a tally of 2 eagles and 10 birdies, followed by Spencer Wicks (4.100) with 2 eagles and 8 birdies then Seok Yong Park (2.050) with and eagle and 9 birdies. Roy Wang (7.680) is next with 10 birdies, then followed by Leighton Sparks (8.900), Kyle Charlwood (10.480), Vance Hetaraka (12.729). David Harvey (9.700), Mal Ashton (8.960) and Justin Velluppillai (7.060) with 7 birdies each.

There are now 39 players so far, to have to registered bogey or better on every hole.

The hardest ranked holes determined by the numbers of birdies or better carded after Round 7, the hardest hole is Hole # 9 with two birdies recorded by the Ringers field. With Holes # 2, # 5 and # 10 next, conceding three birdies each to the field. The easiest hole has been Hole # 4 with 19 birdies or better by different players. The next easiest is Hole # 12 with 18 birdies or better by different players, then followed by Hole # 1 with 15 birdies or better then Hole # 17 with 14 birdies.

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

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>
Number of Competitors	50	50
Range of Gross Scores (Field)	59 - 113	59 - 124
Range of Net Scores (Field)	52.660 - 69.150	52.660 - 69.550
Range of Net Scores (Top 20)	52.660 - 58.140	52.660 - 58.200

	<b>This Week</b>		<b>Last Week</b>	
	<b># of Players</b>	<b>%</b>	<b># of Players</b>	<b>%</b>
Under Net Par	50	100.00	50	100.00
Eagles or Better	7	14.00	7	14.00
Birdies or Better	40	80.00	38	77.55
Players with Multiple Birdies or Better	32	64.00	31	62.00
Bogeys or Worse to Discard	40	80.00	41	82.00
Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard	11	22.00	14	28.00

The weather outlook is looking great for Saturday with a forecasted high of 22, fine with light winds, after an overnight low of 12. See you out there...happy golfing.

Kevin King  
Ringers Convener

## INTERCLUB

### **PRESIDENTS**

Last Sunday the team played Waitikiri. We were pretty much outgunned 7 to 1 with our only point being halved matches by James Willetts and Steve Satherley. We're hoping to do better this Sunday playing at home against Clearwater.

David Cross

### **OVER 50's**

The Coringa over 50's team produced a solid effort at McLeans Island GC last Sunday 25th January. Results mean the team is now in first place, albeit by a paltry 3 strokes.

Gross Scores as follows -

Woo Bong Kim 75

John Rademakers 75

Mike Boshoff 77

Lin Wang Non-Counter

The final round of the Canterbury Competition remains on Sunday Feb 15th at Waimairi Golf Course.

Fingers crossed

John Rademakers

### **OVER 60's**

The Over 60's side had a couple of regulars unavailable so needed the help of Terry Hampton and John Haddon to come up with a side to play at our neighbours McLeans Island.

Fortunately, the weather held and we all finished without too much rain. The three scoring performances come from Terry Hampton, David Harvey, and Paul Hansen. We currently sit in seventh position.

Paul Snape and Puds will be back for the last round at Waimairi Beach hopefully.

Harv

## LADIES REPORT

**Thursday:** Today we had our opening day. 14, 18-Hole ladies played and 9 Mixed 9 Holers.

Traditionally we play for the Rynne Rumble Trophy. This year the 9-Holers won with 17.7 stablefords to 16.41

### **18 Hole Ladies report**

Today we played the Opening Day Competition that was postponed last week.

The top three stableford won prizes.

1st Helen Pan 41

2nd Bianca Hwang 40  
3rd Cecilia Yon 40

#### Interclub Result

18-hole 6' team played Hororata at Rawhiti last Monday. We won 4.5/1.5.

We will play Stableford next week.

Jenny Ahn

#### **Mixed 9 Holer's report**

**Thursday:** This week we played Stableford. 1<sup>st</sup> was Fay with 21 Stablefords, 2<sup>nd</sup>, on count back, Roger Bailey with 20 stablefords and 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet also with 20 Stablefords

Next week We play for the Betty McBirdie Trophy. The Duty Person is Anne Morgan

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

**Sunday:** The Sunday game. Tee times booked for around 10am

**Tuesday:** Next week we play for the Val Sutherland Trophy. The duty person is Leigh McKewen.

**Interclub** Next Monday 9-hole Interclub team have their first game. They will be playing Templeton at Waitakere. Good luck ladies.

#### **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 31st January**

- A Stableford competition off the Blue / White tees
- Foley cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round match play
- Vets cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round
- Summer Ringers
- Shootout

#### **Last Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT**

The weather played havoc with us for the entire week, with all midweek golf being cancelled due to rain, the chances of us holding our tournament were very slim, all weather apps and websites were showing different forecasts so it was near impossible to predict what was going to happen, With such an unpredictable outcome, I was astonished to see that everyone who had booked in had turned up to play golf – wow you guys are all nuts, Thank You All.

The weather held off, and we had a fantastic day, with 123 entries, Unfortunately, it didn't all go to plan, and with the sheer volume of people all turning up at the same time, our poor card printing kiosk just couldn't keep up, so our timing ran behind, and we weren't able to carry out our usual pre match briefing, Thankfully the majority knew what they were doing, where they were supposed to be, and how the scoring worked, so we sent people out onto the course to get ready for tee off, and in the end we were able to get started right on time,

I hope everyone had a good day of golfing, my group had a lot of fun, even though at times the golf was pretty rough, team games are always a nice change of pace.

For all the tournament results visit the club website, or click on the link below

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

### **Some of the highlights from the day**

#### **Winners – The Shanks**

One thing about trialing a new format, no one really knows what a good score is, so when Nelson Gaw came into the pro shop, crying and complaining about his terrible golf, and shanking the ball, he genuinely thought his team score would not be good enough for a prize,

It is curious, you would tarnish the whole team with the name though, I'm sure the other 3 players of the team, Andrew Wight, Mike Arridge and Spencer Wicks, are not shakers, especially after carrying you to victory.

Well done team,

#### **Best Dressed**

This was quite a fun addition to the day,

Normally we get a huge participation for this contest, people love dressing up, but not this year, I think the dank and gloomy weather all week, may have dampened the colourful spirits of many.

Not to worry though the judges were on the case for those who did manage to dress up.

A huge thank you to PJ and Alton for selecting our winners, they did a fantastic job, and had one clear objective in selecting their winners – “who stood out the most on the course?”.

This year they selected Bev Gordon, and Olly Snape, unfortunately I didn't get any photo's, but it was quite obvious to everyone there why they were chosen,

Well done to Bev and Olly.

#### **2's Jackpot** – we had 4 winners who cleaned up the jackpot,

Congratulations to Angus Mercer, Robin Wah, Robert Tibbotts and Richard Kingsbury.

## **Thank You's**

As always, we can't run these days without the support and help of our members, and staff,

Thank you to

Shop Staff - Barry, Roy, Nic

Bar / Cafe – Bev, Izzy, James,

Course – Rohan, Steve, Dean – the course was in amazing shape considering the full week of rain.

Raffles – David Harvey,

Match Committee, - Puds, Isaac, James, Jenny, Anne, Olly, Cook, and Phil

I also need to make special mention of this person, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time where the match organisers have been late coming in from the course, and a member has taken the initiative and started collecting and collating the tournament results,

Thank you to Mal Ashton for picking up the role this time, it was very much appreciated and a huge help to me and the team.

Thank you also to the members who did a wonderful job of looking after our new members joining us for the first time,

And finally, thank you to all our members who participated in the day, you all made it a great day.

## **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

The Wednesday competition is back and the group headed down the road to Ellesmere with only 7 members travelling. The weather was great but the greens were a challenge for many of us, as they are being kept long in the anticipation of hot weather arriving! Many of us will be asking when! Our best performer was Kevin Walker with an outstanding 38 points and unfortunately our only prize winner.

### **Coringa members results.**

#### **Division One:**

4th. Kevin Walker. 38

#### **Division Two:**

We had two raffles going to Ian Carruthers and David Harvey.

No closest to pins.

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

We will be having our usual monthly 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry) fundraising tournament on **Wednesday the 4th of January** 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.

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.**

The group then heads to Templeton the following week.

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

Then on the **Wednesday 18th of February** 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**

After two false starts the Thursday Men's Group finally got, what was a beautiful day with 20 golfers turning up to enjoy the first competition for the year.

Phil Olsen had done a great job organising the Thursday competition, but he relinquished the role and Robert Pryce took over responsibility with David Potter providing ongoing support.

Todays' game was an Irish Stableford round off the white tees, and it was therefore appropriate that first place this week went to Robert Pryce with 80 points, having had one of his best rounds at Coringa, on countback from the veteran, Doug Densem. Third place went to Graeme Bennetts, who has returned to play Thursday golf after a long absence with 76 points. Fourth and final place for today went to Paul Gnad who struggled a bit on the first nine but came home with a blistering last six hole to get 75 points.

There was one two today on # 5, Robert Pryce, who came the closest he has ever got to having a hole in one.

Closest to the pin on # 17 went to another veteran, Keith Yardley. Unfortunately, he didn't get his two.

The most honest golfer today went to Alan Penney a visitor from Waimakariri Gorge, with 55 points.

Confirmation of results:

Robert Pryce	80
Doug Densem	80
Graeme Bennetts	76
Paul Gnad	75

The next game is on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, a stroke round off the yellow tees for the Jerry Attick Trophy.

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 and David Potter (Coordinators)**

### **TWILIGHT GOLF**

Twilight what a night. 75 players. 50 burgers great turnout thankyou

Top 5 winners tonight

1. Glenn Fyall. 23 by lot
2. Alan Hemingway. 23
3. John Maasch. 22 Welcome back
4. Bailey McConchie 21 by lot
5. Daron Weekes 21 by lot

Closest to pin 17th Alan Hemingway

The worse round of the night goes to Lyanne Fitzgibbon and secures the toilet paper. Willy Stewart if you were there it would have been split!!!

Just had clearance from the club captain we are opening the front nine so those members and visitors that have not been at twilight come on out and enjoy a great night at Coringa.

To celebrate Paul's return, we are having a western night on the 10th of February. What does this mean - stablefords on offer for a western hat and outfit. With a barbecue dinner. Stay tuned

### **And Now...**

#### **• Casino Money**

A man spent a weekend gambling in Las Vegas casinos, and he won \$100,000. He didn't want anyone to know about it, so when he came back home, he immediately went out to the backyard of his house, dug a hole and planted the money in it.

The next morning he walked outside and found only an empty hole. He noticed footsteps leading from the hole to the house next door, which was owned by a deaf-mute. On the same street lived a professor who understood sign language and was a friend of the deaf man. Grabbing his pistol, the enraged man went to awaken the professor and dragged him to the

deaf man's house. He screamed at the professor:

"You tell this guy that if he doesn't give me back my money I'll kill him!"

The professor conveyed the message to his friend, and his friend replied in sign language: "I hid it in my backyard, underneath the cherry tree."

The professor turned to the man with the gun and said: "He's not going to tell you. He said he'd rather die first."

## **MEMBERS CORNER**

### **The best golf shot of the day**

Last Saturday, I was playing behind a rough looking group of men,

On the par 5 - 4<sup>th</sup> hole we were waiting to tee off, up ahead of us one member of the group was waiting for the green to clear, you know what it's like waiting impatiently, we are all on the tee box whining among ourselves, "come on hurry up, you can't hit it that far"

Finally, he hits the ball, it looks like a pretty good shot, "Ok, now hurry up, get out of our way"

As we step in to hit our shot, we hear cheering coming from up ahead, next we see fist-bumps all round, what's happened we wonder? Oh, he must have hit the green for the first time today, big woop! Who cares? "Move on for crying out loud"

As we're approach our tee shots, we look ahead to the green, and we can see this man has actually almost made an Albatross 2 – his ball is sitting very close to the hole, alright I concede - that was worth a fist-bump and cheering.... and worth the wait, well done John Hillary, great shot mate.

### **Missing in action.**

This story involved the same group as above,

When we got to hole 5, there was a small wait on the tee, so we got to hear all about John's fabulous shot into the green, the other players in the group were, Rik Rogers, John Haddon, and Richard Maguire,

While we were waiting, Richard asked an innocent question, where's the 4<sup>th</sup> member of our group?

I tried to explain, Clinton had a last-minute emergency, that he couldn't get out of,

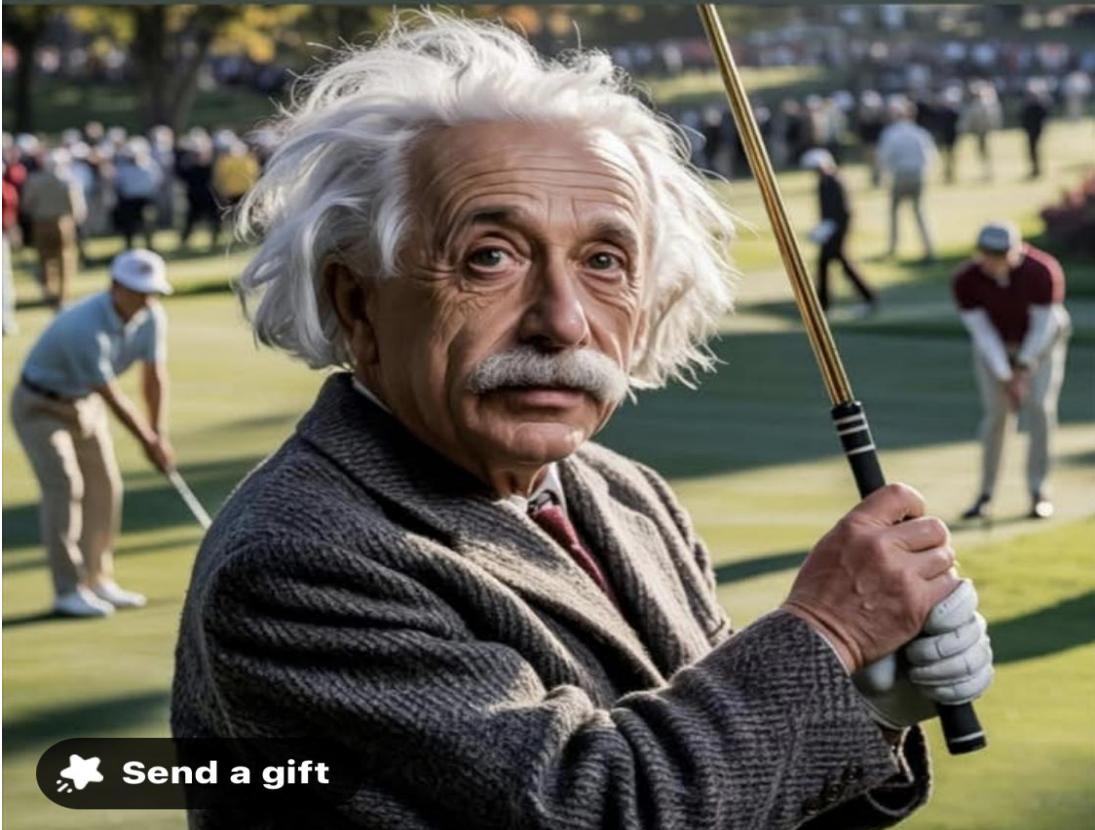
Wow, you should have heard all the comments from the boys, (including my group,) Nah, he's just a wimp, scared of a little rain,

Things started to get real when the conversation turned to punishment for his absence, he should be flogged, or at least suspended, or we should banish him to another golf club,

This then led to a funny conversation about which is the wimpy-est golf club in Chch that would take him, it was very amusing to hear some of the clubs mentioned, (I can't publish though)

I thought these were your mates Clinton, sorry pal, I tried to cover for you. Haha,

IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T LIKE GOLF  
IT'S KIND OF A SMART PEOPLE SPORT ANYWAY.



Send a gift

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

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