



Coringa News



20th March 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- A Par competition off the dual Black / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- Shootout

Raffle Winners

Dennis Cochrane 32, Andy Williamson 18, Kim Stevens 47, Richard Kingsbury 26, Richard Maquire 25, Michael Homan 32

Program until the end of April - 2025

March	22	Sat	Par – Black / White tees Shootout
	23	Sun	Interclub Metro A – Final Round – all teams playing at Coringa 9am Course Closed until 2pm
	24	Mon	Interclub – Women 18-hole Silver – at Russley, vs Waitikiri
	25	Tue	Ladies; Mixed Tees Twilight – last night for Champion of Champions.
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	27	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy – Longest Drive

	28	Fri	COURSE CLOSED from 10am AWCI Tournament
	29	Sat	Stroke – Blue / White tees Vets Cup – 4th Round Shootout
	31	Mon	Interclub – Women 18-hole Silver – at Waitikiri, vs Rangiora
April	1	Tues	Ladies: Val Sutherland Trophy Twilight – Final night – Pairs Ambrose
	2	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	3	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie Men; Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	5	Sat	CORINGA OPEN 18-Hole Men's and Womens Open
	6	Sun	Interclub President's - Final Round at Harewood (vs Clearwater)
	7	Mon	Interclub – Women 18-hole Silver – All Teams at Coringa (Coringa team has bye) 18-hole 4's - at Amberley Beach Coringa 1 vs Templeton Coringa 2 vs Rangiora 9-hole – at Harewood vs Everglades
	8	Tues	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	9	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	10	Thu	Ladies; Stableford – Foursomes (Rosebowl) Men; Stableford – Silver tees
	12	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees Shootout
	14	Mon	Interclub – Women 18-hole Silver – at McLeans Is, vs Waimairi Beach 18-hole 4's - at Ellesmere Coringa 1 vs Lincoln Coringa 2 vs Christchurch 9-hole – at Avondale vs Christchurch SOUTH ISLAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP Course Closed from Monday to Thursday -
	15	Tue	SOUTH ISLAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP Course Closed
	16	Wed	SOUTH ISLAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP Course Closed
	17	Thu	SOUTH ISLAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP Course Closed
	18	Fri	EASTER FRIDAY – Course Open
	19	Sat	Irish Stableford – Mixed / Silver Tees Shootout
	20	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY – Course Open

	21	Mon	EASTER MONDAY – Course Open
	22	Tue	Ladies; Stableford – Foursomes (Rosebowl)
	23	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	24	Thu	Ladies; Stableford Trophy Men; Par – Yellow tees
	25	Fri	ANZAC Day - Course Open
	26	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver Tees Vets Cup – 5th and Final Round Shootout
	28	Mon	Interclub – Women 18-hole 4's - at Waimairi Beach Coringa 1 vs Waimak Gorge 1 Coringa 2 vs Tai Tapu
	29	Tue	Ladies; Putting
	30	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors

CLUB NEWS

Grace Tomlinson.

Grace passed away on the 9th March 2025. She was one of the very early lady members at Coringa. She was one of the best golfers of her time with a Handicap of 11 and played in the Silver Interclub Team. She participated in everything from a variety of Committees to being Ladies Club Captain. She gave up golf only about 12 years ago due to poor health. She was a lovely lady. Welcoming anyone new into the club. She was also great to play with. The older lady members of the club have very fond memories of her. RIP Grace.

Anne Morgan

Course News

Green speed is 9.5 feet. This week Dean and Rohan are away learning lots at Turf Days. On the course, greens and surrounds were fertilised on Tuesday before the 27mm of rain hit. Steve and Doug have done a great job over last two days maintaining the course. Next week, We start to work towards the Coringa open, sand greens Wednesday lower height on the greens plus start to roll greens
Rohan

Tuesday Volunteers

A huge **THANK YOU** must go out to the crew from **Fulton Hogan** this week,

Laying 70 ton of chip down onto our carpark.

A big thank you must also go out to **Brian Docherty** for organising and co-ordinating the operation, which began last week with Grading, Levelling and Rolling the site, and this week laying the chip,

None of this would have been possible without Brians enormous efforts, he has spent months chipping away at this, getting people on board, and getting everything to line up, the result is our first major carpark maintenance in many years,

I haven't seen it yet, but Nikki has commented that it looks fabulous.

you have done an amazing job Brian, thank you!!

Thank you also to Dave Harvey who was out there in the terrible weather alongside Brian, and thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted along the way.



CORINGA MENS and WOMENS OPEN - 5th April 2025

The draw has been completed and entered into dot.golf for the 128 participants who have entered and paid for entry into our sponsored 2025 Coringa Open and fundraiser.

Our principle sponsors are;

- **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group',**
- **'Peter Timbs, Bishopdale',**

- 'New World, Bishopdale',
- 'Goodman Fielder', and
- 'Golf Warehouse Group, Christchurch'.

Members who have offered donations this week include;

Jane and Wing Gin
Harry Lim
Lin Wang

Active members arranging sponsors;

Green staff have once again referred me to **PowerTurf**.

This means that the prize table will be better than last year!

If there are any club members who have contacts or friends who may wish to assist the club with sponsorship, could you please contact David Harvey on David.harvey@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 1499070.

There may be members who wish to assist with the purchase of prizes or provided prizes or cash directly to assist with the raffles table for the tournament, please leave your donations with the Pro-shop or contact me, either on email or phone. Once again thank to those members who have already assisted, or committed to or previously assisted.

Volunteering members:

Anne Morgan and Margaret Sheppard (Raffle sellers)
James Willetts
Murray Brown

If there are club members who wish to assist by volunteering on the day, please let Vance or myself know and we will allocate jobs.

Harv

INTERCLUB

The final round of the Metro A competition will be held this Sunday with all teams playing their final round at Coringa, We will be playing against Christchurch.

The course will be closed until 2pm

Thank you to our Metro A and B team managers Mike Arlidge and James Willetts for giving up their valuable time to manage the teams this year, without dedicated people like you we wouldn't be able to field teams in these competitions, Thank you!

LADIES REPORT

18-Holers: last week they played Nancy McCormick Foursomes R1

1st Gi Moon Choi & Moonsook Chung Nett 72

2nd Jenny Ahn & Joanne Joung Nett 79

3rd Mandy Son & Vivian Lee Nett 79

This week they play Nancy McCormick Foursomes R2

Next week is visitors' day

9-Holers (mixed):

Thursday: this week they played LGU. 1st by Lot, Janice McPhail with Nett 35 2nd Anne also with Nett 35, 3rd Jay with Nett 36. Also 1 Rose Bowl game was played between Janice Healey and Sandy against Myra and Chris. Janice and Sandy were the winners. Next week they play Stablefords with points going towards the Stableford trophy. 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 . Last Saturday they did not play

Sunday: Playing Stablefords, 1st was Fay with 21 Stablefords, 2nd on CB Jay with 20 Stablefords and 3rd Ellen, also with 20 Stablefords. The course is closed this coming Sunday. A group are going to the Bob Charles Centre to have a putting completion. We will be there at 10am if anyone else wants to join us. Can you please Txt me on 0272900816 if you are planning to come.

Tuesday: This week 4 started to play but the weather got the better of them so they came in early. Next week they play Stablefords. Duty person is Janice McPhail.

General News:

Interclub: This week: Silver played Russley at Tai Tapu and they Drew

4s: Coringa 1 played Akaroa and won 1.0/3.0 Coringa 2 play Waimakariri Gorge 1 and won 4.0/0. Games were played at Russley.

9 Hole Mixed played Tai Tapu at Rangiora and lost 66/63

Next week groups playing on the 24/3/25

Silver play Harwood at Rangiora

4s: Coringa 1 & Coringa 2 play do not play until the 7th

9 Hole mixed play do not play until the 7th April

Good luck to all the ladies playing

Under 19 National Tournament- Dave Harvey is looking for volunteers for this. See further information within this newsletter and if you can help, email him. There will be female players so Dave would like to have some ladies present to assist.

Tournaments: For 9-hole ladies, can you please let Leigh know when you are wanting to enter tournaments and she will send your entry in. leigh72mcewen@icloud.com ph. 0274340872.

18-hole ladies. If you are wanting to enter any tournaments, please do this yourself. Do not forget to send in your Handicap, ID and Index.

If you want any more information, 18-holers please email me at jimmykatie57@gmail.com and I will send you all the details or go onto relevant Clubs website or Canterbury Golfs website.

9 Hole Tournaments

HANMER SPRINGS GOLF CLUB LADIES 9 HOLE STABLEFORD TOURNAMNET WEDNESDAY 9 TH APRIL 2025 Entry 9 Holes \$20, 18 Holes \$35

18 Hole Tournaments

Tai Tapu Golf Club Women's 18-hole Team Stableford Tournament, Friday 4th April. Entry fee \$120 per team of 4

HANMER SPRINGS 18 HOLE STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY 9 TH APRIL 2025
Entry \$35

WEEDONS COUNTRY CLUB Ladies Team Stableford Friday 11 April 2025. Entry Fee \$40 per person

Waitikiri Women's Team Tournament, 17th April \$160 per team

Akaroa Ladies two-day Tournament. 12 & 13th May 2025. Entry fee \$80 per person

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

Results from 8th March

Once again my apologies for the mix-up, we have already decided Puds is not allowed to go on holiday again!

The results were posted on the club website early in the week, all payments have been processed.

[Click here to view 8th March results](#)

This Saturday 22nd March

Will be a Par competition off the dual Black / White tees.

Just remember for handicapping and shootout scores, if you have a bad hole you cannot pick up until you have scored a net double bogey or worse, (ie zero stableford points.)

Last Saturday 15th March

Was a Stableford competition off the dual Blue / White tees,

A very hot day greeted the 99 match entries, with a 50/50 split over the two tees,

Top score of the day went to Drew Butcher, scoring an impressive 69, which included 3 birdies, 1 eagle, and a single bogey. However, playing off a +3hcp meant Drew would have had to shoot a near course record to feature among the top Stableford scores of the day.

Numerous great scores out there today, Yunmi Ok and Nick Frampton with 43 points, Priscilla Moon 42, and Robert Tibbotts on 41, oh yeah there was also this one guy who came in with 45pts, (obviously a good golfer)

In total we had 11 people score 40pts or better, wow! Great scoring.

Robert Pryce, you had nearest to pin on 5 but didn't make your two, that missed putt cost you \$100!! you better get out and practice your putting this week!!, bad luck mate, I'm sure you're not the only one kicking yourself, as there were many missed opportunities on hole 5, and a few missed opportunities with the 2's jackpot.

The hard luck story of the day, (I won't mention his name cos we don't shame people here)

One player went through the front 9 holes playing well with 19 pts, the next 4 holes yielded a further 10pts taking his total to 29, you might wonder if he started preparing his victory speech about now, because something terrible happened, he finished his round with 30 pts??? 1 point in the last 5 holes??

I would normally be very happy to poke fun at someone's misfortune, but it could easily have been caused by the heat of the sun taking its toll, which can have very serious consequences, so I don't want to joke about it this time. See more below...

Member Welfare

On Saturday, although it was a beautiful day and I teed off reasonably early (9am), I felt the full force of our NZ sun beating down, and although I was covered with sunscreen, I felt like the sun was going right through my clothing, it was so hot I used my umbrella to block out the sun, all the while ignoring people making fun of me, asking me if I was expecting rain? although it was hot, I never suspected it was anything out of the ordinary,

Later I discovered at least 2 people had taken ill, most likely because of the heat.

Michael Homan was one such individual, I have to commend the numerous people who noticed, and instantly recognised Michael was having some difficulty, Jesse Guise, Eddie Kotze, John Hillary, Richard Maguire and many others, also thank you to David Harvey in assisting Michael during this time,

On Sunday Michael sent through this email

Yesterday following golf, I took a bit of a turn.

I'm fine now but I do wish to express my appreciation at the assistance a number of people provided. It was genuinely appreciated and shows exactly what makes the Coringa Golf Club and its people so special.

My thanks to all.

Michael Homan.

Results and Prize-giving this week was presented by James Willetts who did a fantastic job

Thank you James, well done.

Blue – Div One

Rob Gillespie	40
John Hillary	38 c/b
Spencer Wicks	38
Mike Arlidge	37 c/b

Blue – Div Two

Vance Hetaraka	45
Bruce Clark	40
Kevin King	40
Jon Kemp	40

White – Div One

Yunmi Ok	43
Robert Tibbotts	41
Iain Findlater	40
Peter McKay	39

White – Div 2

Nick Frampton	43
Priscilla Moon	42
Keith Yardley	40
Greg Carr	38

Best Gross Drew Butcher (69)

Nett Eagle Hole (8) Peter Marsh, Priscilla Moon

Birdie Hole (5) Not struck

Nearest to pins	Robert Pryce (5), Rob Gillespie (7), Allan McLelland (13), Murray Brown (17).
2's Jackpot	Not struck
2's	D Harvey 7, R Gillespie 13, D Butcher 13, S Wicks 13, R Maguire 13, J Guise 7, J Hadden 7, A McLelland 13, L Halford 13, K Murtha 17, M Ashton 17, N Frampton 7.

WEDNESDAY GOLF

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (\$10 / \$15 Entry) Tournament:

We had our middle month Wednesday **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$10 / \$15) tournament** on Wednesday the **19th March**, there were 33 playing for our usual meat prizes and vouchers from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins purchased through **'Hancocks'** within the two divisions.

There was some good scoring considering the strong southerly conditions and greens which are starting to speed up.

It's been noted by some within the Wednesday Group that a recently added attendee Greg Carr seems to be taking home meat every tournament. I've heard whispers "when's Greg returning to Thursday's so some of us others get the chance to pick the prizes up!"

Coringa members results:

Division One:

1st	James Ko	39
3rd	Brian Docherty	35(C/B)
4th	David Harvey	35
5th	Paul Snape	34

Division Two:

1st	Greg Carr	38
2nd	Cathy Seo	37(C/B)
3rd	Anna Min	37
4th	Michael J Smith	36
5th	Ian Carruthers	35

We are off to Ellesmere the following Wednesday the 26th. Those interested in a coffee before the tournament please meet at the Suburban Cafe in Leeston at 10.

We then have our main fundraising Wednesday 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry) tournament on Wednesday the **2nd April** with the usual prizes provided by 'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' of three \$50 vouchers, meat prizes from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins purchased through **'Hancocks'**. Come out and enjoy the course with a good chance of winning.

Remember there will be a total of 21 prizes of seven each within the three divisions.

We are hoping for a good turnout.

Remember to guarantee your tee time through the Pro-Shop.

Harv

THURSDAY GOLF

On what was another great autumn day for golf, 22 golfers turned out for Thursday golf, which was a stableford competition off the yellow tees. The course was in great order, with good fairways and reasonable fast greens. This obviously suited our winner who has taken a liking to the Thursday competition backing up his win last week by taking out first place again today.

The winner this week was Keith Yardley with 39 points. Second place went to John Robinson with 38 points with Nick Frampton in third place on 37 points on countback from Peter Marsh in 4th place. Robert Pryce took 5th place on countback with 36 points.

There was one two today, by you guessed it, Lex Halford who also took out closest to the pin. Great play Lex.

The hard luck story of the day went to Doug Ames with 25 points.

Confirmation of the results were:

Keith Yardley	39
John Robinson	38
Nick Frampton	37
Peter Marsh	37
Robert Pryce	36

Robert Pryce

TWILIGHT

Twilight Cancelled this week due to weather,

Next week will be the final scoring opportunity for the Champion of Champions competition,

Our final twilight for 2024/25 will be 1st April, we will be having a fun final evening with a two-person Ambrose competition. Don't miss out!

Champion of Champions top 10 with 1 round to go,

Name	Average 10 Rounds
Mandy Walsh	20.4
Wendy Weekes	19.6
Mat Chavez	19.3
Barry Hall	18.9
Greg Carr	18.7
Lindsay Smith	18.6
Jesse Guise	18.2
Bruce Coppins	18.0
Daron Weekes	18.0
Haydn Storey	17.9

Twilight Golf - Members \$5.00 Visitors \$10

Coringa Burger & Fries \$15.00

Plenty of prizes and raffle opportunities if your golf is not great
Check facebook for updates

AND NOW

- I childproofed my house. Somehow they still got in!
- Today, I asked my phone, "Siri, why am I still single?" It activated the front-facing camera
- When I told my date I worked with animals, she found it really sweet and asked more about my job. So I told her: "I'm a butcher."
- A Roman walks into a bar, holds up two fingers and says, "Five beers, please."
- Two cows were standing in a field. "Have you heard that mad cow disease is going around?" asked the first. "Yeah," the other cow replied. "Makes me glad I'm a penguin."

MEMBERS CORNER

Canturbury Golf – RULES COURSE

If any members are interested in brushing up on their golf rules knowledge, this course would be a valuable resource to make use of, click on the link below for all the details.

Interclub players, committee members, or anyone interested in learning a bit more, follow the link and enroll today, I have already enrolled myself so you won't be there alone.

Cost; \$20,

Time and Dates; 7pm - 9th and 14th April, with an optional exam on 16th April.

Location; Papanui Library.

[Click here to read full details - rules course](#)

RULES QUESTIONS

If anyone has any rules related questions please feel free to ask, we often hear of situations that arise on the course where we don't always know the correct ruling, but together we can easily find out, and pass on our learning to others.

Question this week,

Can you take practice swings, or ground your club in a bunker,

Answer – One very important consideration to this answer, - "is your ball in the same bunker?"

No - If your ball is not in the same bunker, then yes swing away with your practice swings,

Yes – If your ball is in the same bunker, you cannot test the conditions of the bunker by taking a practice swing in the sand or deliberately grounding your club in the sand,

Personal Best Round at Coringa

It's always great to see when someone has a great round at Coringa,

Most of us see enough bad golf that we can truly appreciate when someone has a good day.

I had my day last Saturday, shooting my best ever score off the Blue tees, 76 (45pts)

Thank you to all of the kind comments from many people, it was something quite special for me, especially knowing full well it might never happen again,

I was asked by a couple of people, if I knew something special was happening out on the course? and honestly I didn't, I hit some great shots, but I also hit some of the same rubbish shots I am familiar with so no difference with my ball striking, my short game was ok but still chunked a couple of chips, and my putting was good, but nothing spectacular, I holed a couple of great putts, but also missed a couple that I should have made,

So overall, I have no idea why I played well today, but I know one thing for sure, as with anyone who plays their best round of golf, it is often followed up by the worst round ever, so there will be many eyes looking to see if I can break 100 this week, this is probably not a good week to play Black Tees, but I'm sure I'll give it a go anyway.

Oh by the way, I still lost the haggle and had to buy the first beer, how embarrassing!! I blame my partner.



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

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