



Coringa News



16th October 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- A Stableford competition off the dual Blue / Silver tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- Shootout

Raffle

14 Greg Carr, 57 Mike Smith, 40 Peter Cottrell, 44 Nick Frampton, 7 Barry Nelson, 55 Keith Yardley

Program until the end of November - 2025

October	18	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees Shootout
	19	Sun	Interclub Presidents; away game vs McLeans Island Metro A – home game vs Russley
	20	Mon	Coring – Course Closed
	21	Tue	Coring – Course Closed
	22	Wed	Coring – Course Closed Ellesmere Watering Tournament

	23	Thu	Coring – Course Closed
	24	Fri	COURSE OPEN – Barring any bad weather delays, or equipment malfunctions - Coring should be finished by Thursday.
	25	Sat	4BBB nett – Silver tees Shootout
	28	Tue	Ladies; Stableford Twilight golf
	29	Wed	XTRA - WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10.30 am start; \$10 Members. \$15 Visitors
	30	Thu	Ladies; Janet Sharp Bisque Par 9 hole; Putting (Last day for Ringers) Men; Irish Stableford – Yellow tees
November	1	Sat	Stableford – Black/White tees Shootout – Final Round
	2	Sun	Interclub Presidents – away game vs Rawhiti Metro A – away game vs Waitikiri Metro B – home game vs Clearwater
	4	Tue	9-hole; Stableford Twilight
	5	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 – entry fee.)
	6	Thu	Ladies; Joan Bisset Nett R9 9-hole; Stableford
	8	Sat	Par – Blue / White Tees Shootout – Top 10 Final @12.30pm
	9	Sun	Course closed until 1pm – Hackers tournament
	11	Tue	9-hole; Stableford Twilight
	12	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	13	Thu	Ladies; Lilah Edgar / Acacia Stb R9 9-hole; Nett (Throw out worst 2 holes)
	15	Sat	AGM @9.30am Followed by shotgun start
	18	Tue	9-hole; Nett Twilight
	19	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees - 10.30 am start; entry fee \$10 members \$15 visitors.
	20	Thu	Ladies; McLeans vs Coringa 9-hole; Stableford
	22	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees
	23	Sun	Course closed – Foodstuffs tournament

	25	Tue	9-hole; Stableford Twilight
	26	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	27	Thu	Ladies; Closing Day – McKenzie Trophy 9-hole; AGM Closing Day - Stableford
	29	Sat	American Stableford – White Tees State of Origin – Match play on handicap
	30	Sun	Interclub Presidents – Home game vs Russley Metro A – away game vs Templeton. Metro B – away game vs McLeans Island

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 10 feet.

This week has been a busy one as we get ready for coring next week. The greens have been fertilized with their renovation fertilizer, really for coring. The tees have also been fertilized and also got an application of wetting agent.

The course has had a full wire to wire cut, and we are not sure how much grass cutting we will do next week as coring takes our full attention.

We have sprayed holes 4/8/15 and 17 tees with roundup to kill any unwanted grass/weeds before the complete rebuild of those tees that starts on the 28th of October (more on this below). They are still playable they just a pale blue tinge which is just a dye we use so that we know exactly where we have sprayed (and don't spray anywhere but the target area).

Next week – Coring!!!

We will be going in with a 1/2" hollow tine at 80-100mm deep at about 1.4km per hour. Cores will be removed and then 65m³ of sand will go on your greens. Fingers crossed for good weather!!!

A reminder the course will be closed next week until Friday for greens maintenance (Coring)

This is a good time to use your reciprocal cards at Weedons, Bottle Lake, Waimairi Beach and Templeton, Please contact the club's Pro-Shop in advance to play and check on course availability. Note, I have been advised that Templeton has no space available on the 23rd and 24th.

BOARD UPDATE

The Board met on Monday afternoon and there were a couple of important items to update the Club.

AGM date – now 15 November

We have shifted the AGM date to Saturday, 15 November. Unfortunately, this is the Saturday of Show weekend, which isn't ideal, but was the only weekend in November which we could get all the Board in Christchurch. Vance has been kind enough to accommodate the new AGM dates and subsequent shifts to the playing program.

We will circulate the AGM notice and various reports etc in the next couple of weeks (spoiler alert – the Financial Results for the 2024/25 are probably the best the club has ever seen!!)

Constitution

Our Club (like many others) was formed as an Incorporated Society. The Act governing Incorporated Societies has been updated, and all Incorporated Societies need to update their Constitutions to reflect the changes required by this new Act.

The changes required by the new Act don't materially alter the way our Club operates. We have redrafted our Constitution using the suggested template from Golf NZ as a guide. We will shortly circulate the draft for comments. Once we have feedback, we will make any necessary changes and then present this version at the AGM to hopefully be agreed at the meeting.

Tees redevelopment program (this is a big one!!)

For some time now the Board have been considering a program to redevelop all of the Tee blocks at the course. After reviewing the various tenders received and clarifying some final points, we have chosen a contractor (MCL) and the Board have decided to commit to Year 1 of this plan.

Before getting into the details of what will happen this year, the Board thought it was important to explain some of the background to the decision.

Background

We believe the Course is looking better each year, with the Greens continuing to be a strength of the Course. Our Fairways are improving each year with program of fertiliser, coring, reseeding, spraying out of weeds, root pruning, removing trees etc. The Bunkers have improved with regular dumps of new bunker sand.

However, our Tee blocks are not at the same standard as the rest of the course.

Part of the reason is around the original course design.

Coringa was designed as a long course - the current Blue Tees were originally the standard White Tees.

The decision was made some 10+ years ago that the course was too long and a new 'White' course was created by shortening seven holes, moving the tees forward onto the yellow tee blocks. This shortened the course but meant moving a lot of volume onto the yellow tee blocks that are generally smaller and not designed for this amount of traffic.

Ideally the Club would have redesigned these Tee blocks when it changed the course, but didn't have the money.

About five years we still didn't have the money to redo the tee blocks but instead introduced the Silver course to take some of the load off the affected tee blocks (the Silver course uses a different set of yellow tee blocks so spreads the load a little more evenly and gives the Tee blocks a chance to recover).

Again this isn't ideal but bought us some time.

Situation today

Our Tee blocks are in a poor state. The Yellow tee blocks which we are using now for the White/Silver courses are too small and sometimes wrongly positioned for the amount of play they get.

Other Tees blocks are poorly designed, with split levels that are unnecessary and limit the available playing space.

On most blocks the grass and playing surface has deteriorated over time, with many blocks not level and with poor cover of grass.

The overall plan

We want to redo **ALL** the tee blocks across the course, ensuring they are all up to standard, correctly positioned, level, properly sized and with good quality grass (we want to change the Tee blocks to a Rye grass variant – this is a quicker growing, tougher grass that should improve the grass cover on the Tee blocks)

We expect this to take us roughly four years – there is only so many blocks we can do in a year and only so much we can afford in a year.

The total cost of this work will be around \$200k (spread over four years). At this stage we expect the bulk of the work will be done by MCL, overseen by Rohan and his team (we need specialist contractors with the right equipment and expertise)

We have also decided (after some debate) to do this hole by hole e.g. do all the tee blocks on a hole at the same time. It's more practical to do it this way rather than spreading temporary tees and contractors across the course. It also ensures we bring all the tee blocks up to a good standard.

What's the Plan for this year?

This year we will be doing four holes - #'s 4, 8, 15 and 17

The plan for each hole is;

Hole no 4 – resurface black and blue tee blocks. Reposition/rebuild the yellow tee block, moving towards the middle of the fairway away from the fence line and the surrounding trees/shrubs.

Hole no 8 – resurface the black and blue tee blocks. Resurface and enlarge (double the size) of the yellow tee block

Hole no 15 – resurface black / blue tee block. Rebuild yellow tee block, enlarging it and removing trees surrounds the block

Hole no 17 – rebuilt black/blue tee block, relevening it and clearing trees/shrubs around the block. Relevel and resurface the existing yellow tee block

The first stage is underway – the existing tee blocks that are being rebuilt have been sprayed with Roundup to kill the grass. Temporary tees are place until Friday. After this, the Tees will be back in play until the Contractor starts on course (scheduled for 28 October).

At this stage we expect the work to take a few weeks and hope to have the tees back in play early in the new year.

Once we've seen the results, had a chance to evaluate the work and the lessons learnt, we will then work through plans for the next lot of tees in 2026.

We hope this gives you some understanding of what's planned and why. It's a big commitment for the Club but one that's consistent with the Club's focus of continually improving the quality of the Course.

It will mean some short term disruption and the use of temporary tees on the affected holes. We hope you'll bear with us while this happens – we believe the long term results will be well worth the short term pain.

Finally a special thanks to Rohan and his team – its going to be a busy couple of months for them as they oversee this work plus the normal busy spring season with coring, spring grass growth etc. On behalf of the Club, we appreciate the great work your guys are doing!!!

TUESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those that were able to attend the Working Bee today.

It was a small crew, but we got some good jobs completed.

- Barry cleaned and emptied all the onsite rubbish bins.
- Carpark potholes repaired, thanks for your help Malcolm.
- Phil, Lindsay (welcome back Thorny) and Chris did a great job of tidying up the garden by the Cart Shed.
- Walter and Murray finished weed trimming around the 12th as well as some other small jobs.

Thanks Paul for putting on the morning tea.

Next week we need four guys to assist the green staff with picking up the removed corings and we will continue to do some more jobs that are on the list.

Can you let me know if you are keen to assist with the Coring work, please?

Brian

SHOOTOUT

Only 3 rounds left to improve on your scores for those trying to make the top 10, and for those trying to finish as top qualifier, good luck to all,

Current Top 15 contenders

Colin Harrison	38.2
Alan Wicks	37.9
John Kim	37.8
Spencer Wicks	37.7
Mal Ashton	37.5
John Haddon	37.5
Murray Angus	37.2
Vance Hetaraka	37.2
Gordon McCoy	37.1
Peter Bailey	37.0
Iain Findlater	37.0
Harry Lim	36.9
Garry Puddy	36.8
Wing Gin	36.7
Mandy Walsh	36.6

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Coringa to our new members.

Barrett, Hayden	Barrett, Zach	Bruin, Christopher	French, Jon
Fu, Jielian	Grimwood, Nick	Meates, Kevin	O'Connell, Phil
O'Connell, Sharon	Spain, Tait	Park, Hyosuk (Sophia)	Pilditch, Alistair

2025 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Masters – Greg Carr vs Peter Cottrell

Greg and Peter played their final's match on Saturday,
Peter started on fire, going 3up after 3 holes, this gave Greg a bit of a wake up call and he was able to stop the bleeding,
Greg also had the advantage of 13 strokes up his sleeve, so with a little momentum going into the back 9, he was able to overcome Peter, winning 2/1 on the 17th hole
Congratulations, Greg.

All finalists will receive a small payment on their club cards.
\$30 for winners,
\$20 for runner up.

INTERCLUB

Metro A

The team played their season opener on Sunday with a home game against Clearwater,
An awesome first round effort with a 5/3 win, well done team.

Thompson MacDonald Trophy

The team played their final round on Sunday, needing a win to secure a semi-finals berth; the team fell agonizingly short with a 3 – 3 draw against Avondale, and missed out on the play-offs by 0.5pts.
Bad luck team, you all did a fantastic job this year,
Thank you to all the players who filled the team roster this year,
And a big thank you to our team managers, Scott Calvert, and Isaac Preece

LADIES REPORT

18-Holers: This week they played

Next week as the course is closed the ladies are making their own arrangements to play

9-Holers (mixed):

Thursday: played Championship games or stableford. Stableford game played and won by Judith Bennetts with 19 Stablefords.

Next week Course booked at Weedons. Tee off time 9.30

Saturday: If you are wanting to play on Saturdays with the 9-hole Ladies please contact Tracey Bruce. tracey.bruce@cdhb.health.nz . a very hot and windy day. Nobody won

Sunday: last Sunday, no game played Course was closed

Tuesday No game played

Next week Course bookings have been made at Templeton. Tee off 10am

General News:

9 Hole Coringa Tournament: Even though the rain tried to spoil things those that played enjoyed themselves. Lots of great compliments about the course. We had a great raffle table and thanks to Dave Harvey and his team some great prizes to give to the winners. The overall winner was Chris Hendry with 24 Stablefords, winning the Sandalwood trophy. Chris also won the Gail McCreanor Memorial Trophy that is given to the top 9 Hole Coringa player.



Missing 1 red tartan tina with a highland cow on it. Had morning tea in it for the tournament.

Mixed 9-Hole Club Championship: Carly and Anne Keh played with Carley the winner.
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.

18 Hole Tournaments and 9 Hole Tournaments

See notice board in the foyer of the club House

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 18th October

Will be a Stableford competition off the Blue / Silver tees,

- Shootout. - just 3 scoring rounds left.

Last Saturday 11th October.

Was a Stableford competition off the Black / Silver tees,

Best gross today went to Walker Lin with a very respectable 78 from the Black tees,

Angus Tucker topped the Black Division with 39pts,

On the Silver tees, John Kim was the top score with 41, followed by Max Keene and Richard Norris,

Great to see some of our new members winning prizes.

Highlight of the day goes to Paul Tonkin, collecting the 2's jackpot with 3 two's on holes 7, 13 and 17, Paul also picked up a share of the nett eagle hole and got 2nd place in Div 1, good day for you Paul, well done!

Black tees

Angus Tucker	39
Sung-Gyun Hong	37
Rob Gillespie	36
Leighton Sparks	36

Silver – Div 1

John Kim	41
Paul Tonkin	37
Johnny McKay	37
Vance Hetaraka	36
Daniel Bushby	36
Oliver Shea	35
John Deacon	36

Silver – Div 2

Max Keene	40
Jacky Zhang	36
Patrick Truong	36
Duncan Shaw-Brown	35
Wing Gin	34
Peter Zhu	34
Cook He	34

Silver – Div 3

Richard Norris	40
Peter Marsh	37
James Parker	37
Hamish Finnie	36
Kevin King	35
John Rowley	34
Kim Stevens	34

Best Gross

Walker Lin 78

Nett Eagle Hole (17)

Vance Hetaraka, Paul Tonkin, Jacky Zhang

Birdie Hole (1)	Dean Harvey,Vance Hetaraka, Lin Wang, Andrew Wight, Duncan Shaw-Brown, Rob Gillespie, Jason McCauley, Spencer Wicks
Nearest to pins	Dennis Cochrane 5, Johnny McKay 7, Dean Harvey 13, Jacky Zhang 17.
2's Jackpot	Paul Tonkin 7, 13, 17
2's	Paul Tonkin 7,13,17, John Haddon 5, Richard Maguire 7, Ben Potter 7, Murray Angus 13, Dean Harvey 13, Vance Hetaraka 17, Jacky Zhang 17

WEDNESDAY

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

Today we played the rescheduled tournament postponed from 1st October,

Results

Div 1

1st	John Kim	41
2nd	Chris Innes	41
3rd	Joanne Joung	41
4th	David Stead	39
5th	Kerion Murtha	38

Div 2

1st	Graham Sweetman	45
2nd	Richard McCaskill	42
3rd	Anna Min	41
4th	Russell McGregor	40
5th	Garry Puddy	38

THURSDAY

On a sunny/windy warm/cold Spring morning we had a field of 21 players turn up for the Thursday Golf tournament. Todays round was a par round off the yellow tees.

We had 8 visitors today from Weedons Golf Club.

In first place today was Seamus O'Cromtha who played great golf to be 2 up for his round, in 2nd place was Les Smith also on 2 up, in 3rd place was Phil Olsen on 1 up, in 4th place was Greg Duff all square and in 5th place was Tom White also all square.

We had 3 two's today, these went to Tom White, Seamus O'Cromtha and Kevin Finch.

The most honest golfer today was Brian Wooller (Weedons) who played solid golf to be 11 down for his round.

Results

1 st	Seamus O'Cromtha	2 up
2 nd	Les Smith	2 up
3 rd	Phil Olsen	1 up
4 th	Greg Duff	All square
5 th	Tom White	All square

Phil Olsen

And Now...

- A golfer hit his drive on the first hole 300 yards right down the middle. When it came down, however, it hit a sprinkler and the ball went sideways into the woods.
He was angry, but he went into the woods and hit a very hard 2iron which hit a tree and bounced back straight at him.
It hit him in the temple and killed him.
He was at the Pearly Gates and St. Peter asked him "What are you here for?"
The golfer replied, "Two"

- **Hearing aid...**

John: I got this great new hearing aid the other day.

Mary: Are you wearing it now?

John: Yup. Cost me four thousand dollars, though. But it's top of the line.

Mary: What kind is it?

John: Twelve-thirty.



"OH, ALL RIGHT THEN. GO PLAY GOLF."



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