



Coringa News



26th March 2026

Kia Ora

Saturday's Match

- A Stableford competition off the Blue / White tees
- Shootout

Raffle Winners

16 Murray Angus, 42 Murray Angus, 36 Neal Shaw, 12 Mandy Walsh, 44 Robbie Chisholm, 35 David Harvey

Program until the end of May - 2026

	27	Fri	Course open (tournament cancelled)
	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 18-hole 4's - all teams at Coringa, - Course Closed
	31	Tue	Ladies; Fun game – (duty person to decide)
April	1	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	2	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Betty McBirdie Trophy Ladies; - LGU R3 / Putting R3 , Home Links Men; - Jerry Attick Trophy - Stroke (Yellow)
	4	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees Shootout
	7	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Val Sutherland Trophy
	8	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	9	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Rosebowl (Foursomes) Ladies; - Joan Bisset Nett R2 Men; - Stableford (Silver)
	11	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees Shootout
	12	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents – Semi Finals at Coringa
	13	Mon	Interclub 9-hole; R9 @ Ellesmere v Waimairi Beach 18-hole Silver – all teams playing at Coringa – Course Closed 4's - at Avondale vs Christchurch 6's - at Rangiora vs Rawhiti
	14	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Best Nett Trophy
	15	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	16	Thu	9-hole mixed; - LGU Ladies; - Par (Stableford) Men; - Par (Yellow)
	18	Sat	CORINGA OPEN 18-Hole Men's and Womens Open
	20	Mon	Interclub Ladies; 4's - at Waimairi Beach vs Bottle Lake 6's - at Christchurch vs McLeans Island
	21	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Rosebowl (Foursomes)
	22	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament

	23	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Stableford Trophy Ladies; - Lilah Edgar/Acacia Stb R2, Shootout R2 Men; - Irish Stableford (Silver)
	25	Sat	ANZAC DAY Stableford – Blue / Silver tees Shootout
	28	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Nett - (Hidden Holes)
	29	Wed	XTRA WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	30	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Stableford Trophy Ladies; - LGU R4 / Putting R4 Men; - Stableford (Yellow)
May	2	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout Vets Cup – 5 th and final round
	5	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Val Sutherland Trophy
	6	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	7	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Betty McBirdie Trophy Ladies; - Canadian Foursomes Men; - Jerry Attick Trophy - Stroke (Yellow)
	9	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout
	12	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Best Nett Trophy
	13	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	14	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Fun Game (Duty Person to decide) Ladies; - Rhona Day R1 Men; - Stableford (White)
	16	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees Shootout
	19	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Fun game (Duty Person to decide)
	20	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	21	Thu	9-hole mixed; - LGU Ladies; - Lilah Edgar/Acacia Stb R3, Shootout R3 Men; - American Stableford (Yellow)
	23	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout
	26	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Stableford
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Stableford Trophy

			Ladies; - Joan Bisset Nett R3 Men; - Irish Stableford (White)
	30	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout
June	1	Mon	Kings Birthday Holiday

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 10.6 feet - we are starting to speed the greens up for the Coringa Open which is not too far away.

The tyre for the rough mower has arrived and Steve has been out to give the course a tidy cut so it should be a little easier to find your golf ball this weekend.

We had a few irrigation issues, mostly wiring around the club house (including the putting green) which is why it's a little dryer than the course greens, we are working though it this morning to find the fault.

We have also completed spraying of weeds in the fairways.

Next week - short week with Easter, main focus is to give the greens a sand top-dress and fertilize.

Rohan

TUESDAY VOLUNTEER GROUP

A big thanks for the great turnout today!

We had fourteen good keen men out today and we had a very productive day.

We were able to get the remaining sixty-three fence post concreted into place.

There is still quite a bit to do on this project but concreting the posts into place was the most labour-intensive portion of the project.



We had another large pine tree felled on the border of Coringa and IGQ, once again, thanks to Glenn!
There is another one coming down next Tuesday.

Two of the team did a great job in weeding the large Cart Shed garden area. This area is now ready to apply some of the donated Ecan woodchips.

The ongoing job of weed spraying the cart paths kept another two team members busy.

The tee block surrounds were also mowed today.

We will have a few away next week so our focus will be on cleaning up the area around the carpark fence posts in preparation for the next stage.

Assisting on the cleanup of the second felled tree on the Coringa and IGQ border.

If there is time and resources available, we will get some more areas prepared for the woodchip spreading.

VETS CUP

This Saturday is the 4th round of the Vets Cup

Nigel Foster and Charlie Longley currently sit at the top of the table, but they will need to continue their good form if they want to stay there, Peter Cottrell is only one point behind with a few others well within striking range,

[click here to view the leaderboard](#)

Don't forget, one great round can catapult you up the leaderboard so everyone still has a chance to win this year's title.

Good Luck

SHOOTOUT 2026

The shootout is quietly chugging along in the background, it's way too early to worry about your position on the table, we won't start putting the table in order until we get a few people across the 10-round mark,

We are already 8 rounds in, but only 4 people have played every round so far, Mal Ashton, Spencer Wicks, Adam Gow and Peter Marsh.

I have removed the entry sheet from the shop, but it is never too late to join the shootout, it runs most of the year, so if there is anyone else interested in giving it a go, please let me know.

Vance.

8min Tee Spacing Trial

Week Two of Trial

Things are continuing to flow nicely, with tee times running without delay, and no signs of any excessive delays on hole 5, afternoon rounds finishing in 4.20hr.

Marshalling

I wasn't able to get out onto the course on Saturday as all the carts were out on hire, but I was paying attention to the times people were finishing their rounds, and it was a very similar result to last week, people right throughout the latter part of the day were finishing their rounds in around 4.20hr, which is very good. Unfortunately we had another group this week who let us down, by losing quite a bit of ground to the group in front and were not able to get back in position. I know things can happen on the course that puts you behind, lost balls etc, but please make some effort to get back into position,

Booking Sheet

While the pace of play is going really well, one of the most notable side effects of this change is the reduction to available tee spaces in the booking sheet.

We knew this coming in, which is why it was such a difficult decision to make the change.

Unfortunately, we can't have it both ways, if we bring back the 7mins, yes we open up more slots, but we also bring back the 5hr rounds,

Some Frequently asked questions - regarding the Friday morning booking – for Saturday.

- **Why 6.30am? why Friday?**
 - Quite simply, this is how it has always been, changing it might be better for some, but will likely annoy those who are already entrenched in this Friday morning routine.
- **Can people pre-book via admin / pro shop.**
 - No, this has been done in past years, but this practice has now been stopped, so everyone, regardless of their position within the club, has the same chances to book in.
 - There will always be special circumstances that the board may make an exception for, but this is extremely rare,

- **Why is the booking sheet already full at 6.45am**
 - Members are organising themselves better now, pre-planning in advance for one person in the group to make the group booking.
- **What happens if I miss out – booking sheet is full**
 - Don't panic! Spots usually open up during the week, keep checking the booking sheet throughout the week, people often pull out.

Week three of the trial is this Saturday,

You will notice the bookings for the following week will remain set at 8mins, We will need to digest the overall results of the trial, and the board will need to make the final call on how we proceed, I know it won't be an easy decision to make, Vance.

2026 CORINGA OPEN – Saturday 18th April

I have completed the draw for the 128 participants for our **2026 Coringa Men's and Women's 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Open, on Saturday 18th April.**

The draw will be available within the Proshop and on-line through the club website. I hope the staff will enter the draw into Dotgolf next week.

Once again the tee times start at 9.13 and all the participants are on the course off Number One and Ten tee blocks by 10.58. These tee times are seven minutes apart. If you are start early you need to travel at a pace to ensure you don't arrive at either the first or tenth tee block before all the field has started. I am hoping to have tee block starters and marshall's on the course to ensure the course flows and no pace of play issues.

Could I ask for two volunteers to start tee block one and ten and two more volunteers to marshall the course.

An audit of payments has been completed and only one person is yet to pay. Please ensure the appropriate payments either through the Pro-Shop or **clubs main account 03 0854 0594498 000.** The entry fee is **\$35 for members and \$50 for non club members.**

Currently we have the following names as reserves;

Esther Park

Enju Jung

Younghee Jung

Kyungwook Kim

Andy Lin

Isabelle Lin

Historically many of the reserve names have been used to backfill late withdrawals but they are only single positions and very really will a four be needed. Therefore if you want to only play within a group of your four friends then please tell the Proshop to remove your name from the list. Should there be a four who withdraw then I will remember your group.

A wee reminder that 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 of us. All competitions are available to both Men and Women and by countback for simplicity as normal at Coringa.

Men play off the blue tees and Women off the Yellow tees. It's a chance for you to play and experience the course at it's challenging best!

This year's major corporate sponsors are and thanks must go to these firms;

Golf Warehouse Group.
The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group.
Peter Timbs, Bishopdale.
New World, Bishopdale.
Mitre 10, Papanui.
Goodman Fielder.

Corporate Sponsors and thanks to;

Goodhome, Wigram.
Full Monty's Entertainment, Rolleston.
Harewood Tavern.
Avonhead Tavern / One Good Horse and X Golf Avonhead.
Speights, Tower Junction.
Coco Blacks, Bishopdale.
Resene Paints, Hornby.
Powerturf.
The Range.
Glenn the firewood man.

If there are any members who may know of any potential corporate or individual sponsors, that I could approach to provide sponsorship for the tournament then please let me know, either through David.harvey@xtra.co.nz or my cell 0211499070. I'm out looking for prizes and sponsors over the next couple of weeks.

Once again historically the tournament is a good fundraiser for the club with many raffles, with a great range of vouchers organised through local restaurants and coffee shops, donated items or meat purchased through friends at New World, Bishopdale.

Donations have been received in the last couple of weeks from and thanks to;

Ross MacAskill.

James Angus.

Mandy and Andy Williamson.

Jamie Howard. (Has offered a number of prizes which will be included within the competitions of the day.)

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

Harv

18-HOLE LADIES and MIXED 9-HOLERS

18 Hole Ladies report

We were going to have Visitors' Day today but we cancelled the competition due to bad weather.

Here is a mid-season update on our interclub teams.

The Silver team has faced some challenges this year, but they continue to put in great effort and remain committed.

Our 18 hole 4's team is sitting in 4th place in Zone 2 with 3 matches remaining. If they can secure strong results in the remaining games, a semi-final spot is still within reach.

The 18 hole 6's team is sitting in 3rd place. They are progressing well at the moment and with a strong finish in the last 3 matches, they have a very good chance of advancing to the semi finals.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and encouragement for all our teams.

Jenny Ahn

Mixed 9 Holers report

Thursday: This game was rained off.

Next week we play for Betty McBirdie. Duty Person is Janice Healey.

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 Morgan was 1st with 19 Stablefords and 2nd Carly with 16 Stablefords

Sunday: The Sunday game. Tee times booked for around 10am. Last Sunday 1st Jay with 21 stablefords and 2nd Ellen with 20 Stablefords.

Tuesday: This week they played with 4 clubs and a putter. 1st was Janice McPhail with 22 Stablefords, 2nd Judith Wilson with 21 Stablefords and 3rd Janet with 20 Stablefords. Ellen and Anne, and Chris and Sharon also played the first of the Rose bowl matches. The winners were Ellen and Anne by a very small margin.

Next week we play a fun game whatever the person on duty wants to do. The duty person is Judith Bennetts.

Interclub last Monday the 9-hole Interclub team played Russley at Avondale. They won 72/65. Well done team.

Next Monday they play Harewood at Waimairi Beach.

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 28th March

- A Stableford competition off the Blue / White tees
- Shootout
- Vets Cup – 4th round.

Last Saturday 21st March

Was a Par competition off the Black / White tees

Best Gross today was won by repeat winner Walker Lin with 75, a great score off the Black tees today.

Par - [Click here to view the full list of results](#)

Scoring today wasn't quite as high as we have seen in past weeks, I found the greens very tough, and started losing confidence with the putter, but later I heard many stories of people who had the same trouble, sadly, their bad news made me feel much better,

Top score of the day goes to Chris Innes with a +4

This was followed up by +3 from Daniel Hong, Graham Sweetman and Naomi Warrander who unfortunately were all in the same division, so had to be split by countback.

Nearest to pins – sponsored by Hancocks

Hole 5 – John Kim

Hole 7 – David Cross

Hole 13 – Olivia Guan

Hole 17 – Robbie Chisholm

Birdie hole (#6) – Nelson Gaw, Walker Lin, Angus Tucker, Jason McCauley

Nett Eagle Hole (#18) - John Kim, David Potter,

2's Jackpot

Not struck

WEDNESDAY GOLF

The group of fourteen plus an ex Coringa member Lucy Ritchie and her group of friends headed down the road to Ellesmere this week. It was great to have Lucy playing within our group. The greens had historically been damaged in coring a couple of months ago and are in the process of regrowth which means the greens were very slow, so many of us experienced the challenge the greens provided.

The days outstanding round came from Kevin Walker who shot a great 80 therefore 38 stablefords which included three birdies with fabulous putting. One of those earned Kevin the monthly jackpotted net eagle prize of \$80. Well done Kev who carried Walter to beat Malcolm and myself for the Lotto ticket.

Coringa members results in the top six:

Division One:

3rd. Kevin Walker 38

5th. Richard Kingsbury 36

Division Two:

Nil

The main competition of day for many of us was the winners of the raffles:

Alton Michel and David Harvey

April '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 1st of April** 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.

Book yourself and your group in through the Pro Shop.

Harv

THURSDAY

Golf Cancelled today due to weather.

TWILIGHT GOLF

Well that's a wrap for another twilight season. 70 players enjoyed a great night with a 2 person Ambrose to finish off a great season and the announcement of the the top 3 players and eventual winner of the champion of champions

Coringa would like to thank all our helpers of the the twilight year. Paul and Russell [good to have you back) Backup cooks. Bev, Lindsay, Andy and Mandy. Pocket rocket Izzy, score keeper Olly Snape junior and the young lady in the starters box keeping me honest Nicky.

winners tonight

S Broadbent / A Cordon. Score 30

N. Gaw / J Guise. Score 31.25 (bragged last week that they were going to win second is not good enough)

Matthew / Mj by lot 31.25

P Snape / M Wratt 31.5

T Grimshaw / Dad Grimshaw 31.75

Champion of Champions

1st. Daron Weeks. 20.6

2nd. Wendy Weeks 20.0

3rd equal. Barry Hall & Carly Shaw. 19.9

Comment from Vance,

I want to give a huge thank to Gordon McCoy for the fabulous job he has done once again, He does an amazing job, backed by a fantastic support team,
Thank You Gordon and team.

Now, I want to share with you something I received this week,
Gordon is quite a well-known member in the club, but for those of you who don't know him, he is quite a character, with a larger-than-life personality – it's fair to say he sometimes pushes the boundaries during his public speaking within the twilight circles, if it weren't for his wonderful humor and personality, I'm sure I would have hundreds of complaints.

Anyway, I received an email with this ominous heading – **Twilight experience at Coringa - feedback** my heart sank, Oh No, here it is, he's finally crossed the line – what's Gordon done now,

Email

To Coringa Club officials

I wanted to say what a great experience it has been at your twilight event on Tuesdays throughout the summer

We have been bringing 6-8 each week – 4 adults plus two under 23's from our group are now members 😊

The course is in great condition with the new tee boxes and irrigation for dryer times. The organisation by Gordy and the team has been exceptional with some great banter and laughter. The food provided and price charged has been top notch

I have shared the positive word among my connections, and we look to having more from our wider group attending when it starts again in October

Thanks again

Winter well

Regards

Richard

(one of The Cricket Dads)

Fantastic feedback Richard, thank you.

And Now...

- **The Twenty and the One**

A well-worn one dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the county. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the one dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church ..."

The twenty dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

MEMBERS CORNER

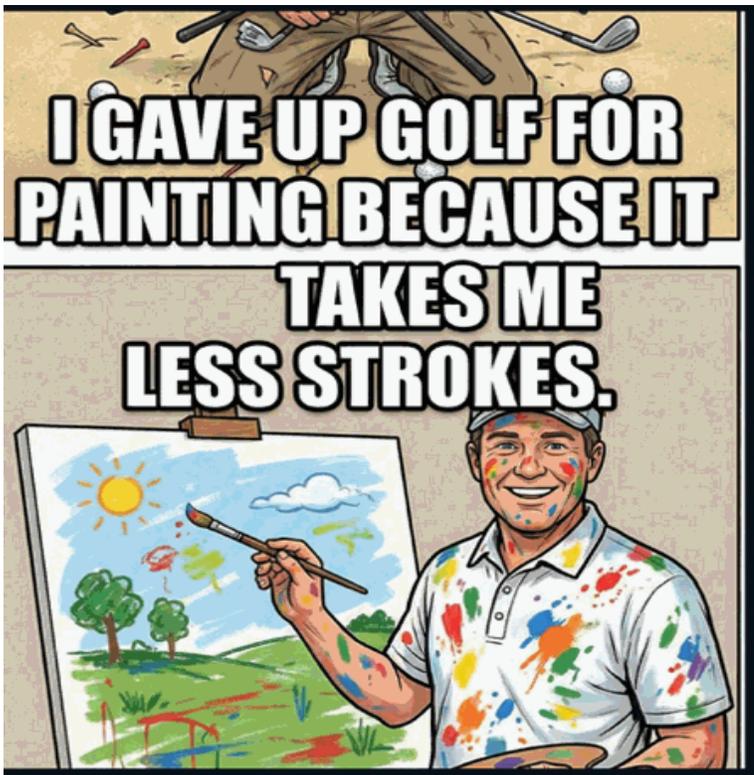
Great set of golf clubs for sale .

Very Cheap, or swap for set of lawn bowls

I was amazed to see David Harvey within the prizes this week, he was in such a bad state when he came off the course, vowing to give up golf.

He had just come back from a golf trip, and I don't think it went very well, his golf clubs were already being advertised on Trade Me, and his application to join Burnside Bowling Club is currently under review,

Poor Harv, you'll be ok mate, especially with the support of all your good golfing buddies, I heard one of them sent you this picture (below) for encouragement.



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

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