



# Coringa News



30<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Kia Ora,

## Saturday's Match

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

## Raffle

9 Andrew Wight, 52 Gavin Walkinshaw, 26 Johnny McKay, 11 Mandy Walsh, 10 David Harvey, 6 Gavin Walkinshaw.

Program until the end of December - 2025

<b>November</b>	1	Sat	Stableford – Black/White tees <b>Shootout – Final Round</b>
	2	Sun	Interclub Presidents – away game vs Rawhiti Metro A – away game vs Waitikiri
	4	Tue	9-hole; Stableford Twilight
	5	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> – 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 <b>Shootout – Top 10 Final @12.30pm</b>
	9	Sun	<b>COURSE CLOSED</b> <b>Hackers Group Booking</b>
	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	<b>AGM @9.30am</b> Followed by <b>GOLF WAREHOUSE / MITRE 10 tournament</b> \$10 entry -Team Stableford competition. Shotgun Start
	16	Sun	<b>Interclub</b> Metro B – home game vs Clearwater
	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	Couse 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
<b>December</b>	2	Tue	Twilight
	3	Wed	<b>Lone Star Group CHRISTMAS WATERING TOURNAMENT</b> – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee).
	4	Thu	Men; Stableford – Yellow Tees
	6	Sat	Irish Stableford – Black / Silver Tees

			<b>Summer Ringers begins</b>
	7	Sun	Interclub
	9	Tue	Twilight
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Men; Christmas Tournament – Stableford Silver Tees
	13	Sat	<b>Christmas Hamper Day – Shotgun Start \$20 entry 4-person Team Ambrose Competition.</b>
	14	Sun	Interclub
	16	Tue	Twilight – <b>Final night for 2025</b>
	20	Sat	Final regular Saturday Competition for the year Stableford – Silver Tees Summer Ringers
	25	Thu	CHRISTMAS DAY – Pro Shop Closed
	26	Fri	BOXING DAY – Course Open
	27	Sat	Holiday Competition - \$5 entry – Stableford Blue Tees Summer Ringers

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **COURSE NEWS**

Unfortunately, we didn't get a chance to take the green speed this week but I would think that after the coring it will be around 8 feet. We are relatively happy with how the greens are looking, especially considering the conditions. Next week they will get some more fertilizer and we will also be giving them another light sanding to help fill in any remaining core holes.

We only started the rough today (Thursday) due to some sad family events that meant staff needed time off work. We will try hard to get as much as we can done, already today we have done about a third of the course with having the mower going nonstop. Hopefully we will get it all done, but if not, I'm sure the members will understand that family comes first.

And thanks to all those Members who played through the week and had to endure no water on course or toilets. We have now isolated 6 tee blocks for the new rebuild and only have to isolate 4 more blocks (quick explainer - while we are only doing four holes, there are multiple tee blocks on each hole). This will be done next week – should take a day to do this.

Quick update on the Tee rebuild - MCL didn't start Tuesday as planned due to the weather, however they will start tomorrow Friday – starting on hole 17. This means 17 is the one hole with a temporary tee this weekend.

Next week – As well as the work on the Greens, the course will get another wire-to-wire cut and we will isolate the last few tees.

Busy time of year!!!

Rohan

## **PRO SHOP UPDATE**

Just a quick reminder that Roy Wang is now working in the Pro Shop, Wednesday to Sunday. Roy started last night with Nic and by all accounts it went well. Will be great having Roy there to help members out and serving any visitors or guests taking advantage of the summer evenings.

## **AGM / CONSTITUTION**

Another reminder that the AGM this year will be held on Saturday, November 15. You should have all received a draft version of the new Constitution. Please email any feedback or suggested changes to [board@coringagolfclub.co.nz](mailto:board@coringagolfclub.co.nz) by the **8<sup>th</sup> November** so this can be collated and properly considered at the AGM (thanks to those that have done so already).

The other papers for this meeting (including Chairman's report and Financials) will be emailed out shortly.

Looks like we will have several vacancies to fill at the AGM.

Two of our Board members (Brian Docherty and Dave Harvey) have decided to have a break and step down, so ideally, we are looking for at least one or two more Board members. Anyone who is interested can apply (or maybe have a chat with a current Board member and see what's entailed).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to Coringa to our new members

Blandford, William	Jang, Rebekah	Lee, Sanhyon	Malcolmson, Alan
Flaszynski, Aaron	Flaszynski, Daniel	Ha, Jungim	Lee, Hyung Rok
Mulitalo, Javan	Murray, Sam	Parmenter, Joshua	Pithie, Ron
Robbins, Matthew			

## **SHOOTOUT**

Well this is it, the final round of our year long competition, and your final chance to advance up the table,

Alan Wicks, by turning in a personal best score of 47pts has all but cemented his spot as the top qualifier, but don't write off Colin Harrison yet, he is equally capable of shooting a 45pt round, go get him Colin!!

Iain Findlater has found some last minute form to firm up his position in the top 10, climbing 5 spaces. Murray Angus, Vance, and Gordon McCoy, sit precariously on the bottom of the top 10, where there are numerous players within striking range to take us all out,

Peter Bailey, Harry Lim, Garry Puddy, Mandy Walsh, Wing Gin, and Andy Williamson, only need one final good round to upset the current order, good luck to you all.

The Shootout has been booked for next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Start time is scheduled for 12.30pm, any ties for 10<sup>th</sup> position will have a 1-hole play-off / shootout on the first hole, (before the main shootout begins.)

## Current Top 15 contenders

Alan Wicks	39.0
Colin Harrison	38.2
John Kim	37.8
Spencer Wicks	37.7
Iain Findlater	37.6
Mal Ashton	37.5
John Haddon	37.5
Murray Angus	37.2
Vance Hetaraka	37.2
Gordon McCoy	37.1
Peter Bailey	37.0
Harry Lim	36.9
Garry Puddy	36.8
Mandy Walsh	36.8
Wing Gin	36.7
Andy Williamson	36.7

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy month coming up at the course, here are some of the things to look out for,

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Christchurch Hackers** - Course Closed until 1.30pm
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Canterbury Anniversary Day** – Public Holiday – Course open
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November – AGM**– 9.30am with golf to follow.
  - Golf Warehouse / Mitre 10 Tournament
  - \$10 entry – random draw – Shotgun start
  - Team Stableford competition.
  - Prizes sponsored by Golf Warehouse and Mitre 10.
- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Foodstuffs** – Course closed.
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – State of Origin** – Crusaders vs Highlanders.
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Hamper Day**, - Shotgun Start – 4 person Ambrose competition,

## INTERCLUB

### Presidents

Sundays match was away to McLeans Island and we ended up going down 3.5 to 4.5 which I thought was a great effort by the guys. Winners on the day were Chris Innes, Jason Wu and John Rowley with a half from Robert Tibbotts. Our next outing is away to Rawhiti this coming Sunday - November 2nd.

David Cross

## **Blank Cup – rounds 8 and 9**

This Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the team play their final 2 rounds of the regular season at Bottle Lake. The morning round will be against Christchurch, and the afternoon round will be against Clearwater. The team has done a fantastic job this year and we are all rooting for you to make the playoff's best of luck team!

## **Metro A**

The team is going along nicely, with a good start to the season, This Sunday the team is playing away at Waitikiri.

## **Metro B**

Our first game of the season was scheduled for this Sunday with a home game against Clearwater, Due to our freshly cored greens, we want to showcase our awesome course at its best, so we have postponed the match until the 16<sup>th</sup> November

## **LADIES REPORT**

**18-Holers:** This week they played Stableford and threw out the 2 worst holes  
Next week They play for the Jane Sharp Trophy.

### **9-Holers (mixed):**

**Thursday:** this week they played counting Putts. 1<sup>st</sup> was Micheal with 17 Putts and 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice McPhail with 18 Putts

Next week we play for Betty McBirdie. Person on duty 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) . no game played last Saturday.

**Sunday:** last Sunday: Just a friendly played

**Tuesday** This week we were rained off

Next week we play for Val Sutherland Trophy. Duty person is Janice McPhail

## **General News:**

**Mixed 9-Hole Club Championship.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Plate was played today and won by Judith Bennetts

Carly Shaw has now been entered into Canterbury Golfs Champion of Champions. She plays this at Kaiapoi on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Currently we do not have the tee off time. Will let you know next week when it is.

## **Tournaments:**

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE NOICE 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](mailto: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.

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

## MENS REPORT

### **This Saturday 2nd November**

Will be a Stableford competition off the Black / White tees,

- Shootout. - Final scoring round.

**BLACK TEES** – It's always good to let people challenge themselves at the pinnacle of what Coringa has to offer – but I do need to stress – with our full Saturday fields, pace of play must be maintained, regardless of what tee block you choose to play.

I don't want to see this option taken away in future, so please select your tee option with this in mind, Anyone can play the Black tees, but you must be able to keep up with the group ahead of you, even if they are on the white tees,

### **Last Saturday 25th October.**

#### **Apology on scoring malfunction**

Last Saturday, the match computer did not process the “nett eagles”, and “twos” within the competition,

We were able to manually sort through to check for twos, but it was near impossible to do the same with the nett eagles. It would have taken us hours to go through all the scores.

Therefore, we made the on-the-spot decision to cancel the nett eagles for today, and jackpot the money into next week's competition.

I am terribly sorry this happened, I know nett eagles are very difficult to come by, so I can understand the disappointment if anyone has missed out on the opportunity this week.

This week was a 4BBB competition off the Silver tees,

As always the scoring was very good, but it was especially notable considering the greens had just undergone their annual coring.

Best gross today went to repeat winner Walker Lin with a 74

Best individual score goes to Alan Wicks, with a personal best gross 79, “nett 62” (47 stablefords)

What an incredible achievement, I'm sure it wasn't easy carrying your 4BBB partner on your shoulders all day, just as well Smithy's not too heavy. Well done Alan!

Wonderful to see so many new members within the prizes again this week,

Results.

#### **4BBB nett**

Alan Smith / Alan Wicks	59
Ben Potter / Nick Somerville	63

Nicola Preece / Nelson Gaw	63
Wayne Te Mete / Graham Sweetman	64
Max Keene / James Parker	64
PJ Michel / Alton Michel	64
John Haddon / Sue Brown	64
William Lin / Patrick Guo	64
David Cross / Andrew Wight	65
Rouan Buitendag / Robert Tibbotts	65

**Best Gross** Walker Lin 74

**Nett Eagle Hole (\*\*\*)** Not drawn

**Birdie Hole (14)** Walker Lin, Nelson Gaw, Richard Kingsbury, Liam Longley, Spencer Wicks, Patrick Guo, Daniel Bushby, David Potter, Robert Tibbotts, Allan McLelland, Ben Potter, Kyle Charlwood, Peter Zhu, Jacky Zhang, Oliver Snape, Alan Wicks, Jonathan McKay

**Nearest to pins** Wei Lin 5, Peter Cottrell 7, Richard Kingsbury 13, Nic Preece 17.

**2's Jackpot** Not struck

**2's** Andy Williamson 5, Nelson Gaw 5, Kyle Charlwood 17, Ram Thapa 7, Walker Lin 7, Albert Yee 7, Patrick Guo 7, William Lin 7, Richard McCaskill 7, Seamus O'Cramtha 5. Richard Kingsbury 13

## WEDNESDAY

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

We had a fifth Wednesday this month and we had 29 participants at the tournament on **Wednesday 29th** with a \$10 members entry and \$15 for non members and prizes from our friends **at New World Bishopdale** and closest to pins purchased through **Hancocks**.

The greens were slow after the week and a half of coring, sanding and lots of growth over the long weekend and wet Tuesday, which you would have thought would have meant no low scoring. Not at Coringa with division one paying down to 37 stablefords and division two down to 34. Look out Saturday when the bouncing stops!

## **Coringa members results.**

### **Division One:**

1st.	David Stead.	42
2nd.	Geoff Miller.	39
3rd.	Garry Puddy.	38
4th.	Alton Michel.	37(C/B)
5th.	Colin Peters.	37(C/B)

### **Division Two:**

1st.	Doug Hillstead.	38(C/B)
2nd.	Russell McGregor.	38
3rd.	Gavin Walkinshaw.	37
4th.	Graham Sweetman	35
5th.	Jim Skedden.	34(C/B)

### **Hancocks closest to pin competition.**

5th Hole B Ashley  
17th Hole. Alton Michel

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

We will have our usual monthly fundraising **Wednesday 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry) tournament** on Wednesday **5th of November** with our usual prizes and therefore three of seven prizes in each.

Then on the **Wednesday 19th of November** we will have our mid month **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$10 members entry and \$15 for non members) tournament** on Wednesday with our meat prizes from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins purchased through **'Hancocks'**.

### **Christmas 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Tournament.**

Then on the **Wednesday 3rd of December** we will have our end of year and Christmas **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (Entry fee to be decided upon) tournament** with our usual prizes from our friends at **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'**, **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins purchased through **'Hancocks'**.

I will once again be inviting staff from the 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' to participate within the tournament.

Book yourself and your group in.

Harv

## THURSDAY

On a sunny/windy Spring morning we had a field of 16 players turn up for the Thursday Golf tournament. Today's round was an Irish Stableford.

In first place today was Peter McKay who played extremely well for his 77 points, in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Duncan Shaw-Brown also on 77 points, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Paul Carpenter on 75 points, in 4<sup>th</sup> place was Jim Jenkins on 73 points and in 5<sup>th</sup> place was Seamus O'Cromtha on 70 points.

We had one 2 today, this went to Lloyd Bell who also won the closest to the pin.

The most honest golfer today was Alton Michel who played solidly for his 46 points.

Today's hard luck story must go to Seamus O'Cromtha who played solid golf for his 70 points but this also included hitting the wrong ball twice. (Should have gone to Spec Savers)

### Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter McKay	77 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Duncan Shaw-Brown	77 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Carpenter	75 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Jenkins	73 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Seamus O'Cromtha	70 points

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

- Farmer Brown decided his injuries from the accident were serious enough to take the trucking company (responsible for the accident) to court. In court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning Farmer Brown. "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'?" asked the lawyer.

Farmer Brown responded, "Well I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule Bessie into the..."

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted, "just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'"

Farmer Brown said, "Well I had just gotten Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time the Judge was fairly interested in Farmer Brown's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule Bessie."

Brown thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side."

He continued, "I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans."

"Shortly after the accident a highway patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Then the patrolman came across the road with his gun in his hand and looked at me."

Finally, farmer Brown came to the end of the story. "The patrolman looked at me and said, 'Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her. How are YOU feeling?"

## **MEMBERS CORNER**

### **Great Job by our Greens staff.**

Annual coring of the greens is always filled with mixed emotions, it usually comes at a time when the greens are running at their best, so it is sad to see them poked full of holes, but you know that once the healing process has completed, the greens will be better than ever, so that is a good thing. It's super strange how well people play on cored greens, I witnessed some superb putting on Saturday, sadly none of it was by me,

I do want to say a huge thank you to our greens staff, who always do a fantastic job on the course, I understand last week's coring was intensely challenging with the poor weather conditions and some equipment malfunctions, but the team did an amazing job, **THANK YOU TEAM!**

### **Potential new member to the greens team (nah just joking)**

After the fantastic job done by the greens team, I was very surprised to hear about one individual who obviously felt like the greens needed a bit more sand,

This individual hit his tee shot into the right hand bunker on hole 5, and whilst trying to extract his ball from the bunker, he also extracted a whole lot of sand from the bunker, I think the bunker was a couple of feet deeper by the time he left it.

Anyway, with a fresh layer of bunker sand all over the green it obviously helped, because once he finally got out of the bunker, he had an 8 foot putt, which he drained, to score a 10 on the hole, You do the math on how many bunker shots he had!

I'm sure the greens team would be grateful for the extra hand, but now they have an empty bunker that needs to be refilled, so maybe they'll just stick to the team they have for now, thanks for your help though!

## **Fame and Fortune**

Last week I was sitting in the clubhouse, drowning my sorrows, thinking about all the things that went wrong in my game today, and just by chance, I happened to be sitting right next to the 3 people I featured in last week's newsletter, just in case you missed it, Richard Maguire ran his golf cart into the bunker, Clinton Chase was digging holes in the 12<sup>th</sup> tee block, and Michael Homan did something awesome that could not be believed.

Usually people are happy to be featured in the news, you can't buy this level of fame!! so I was expecting high-5's and free beer to flow my way, I was not expecting all the whining and carry on that I heard from this bunch of cry babies as they ganged up on me. He's picking on us again!!!

I'm joking of course, One of the things that makes Coringa an awesome club, is the wonderful friendly culture and sense of humor of our members,

Thank you to all of you who offer up your stories each week; you make Coringa awesome!



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

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