



Coringa News



8th May 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- A Stroke competition off the White tees for men, Yellow tees for women,
- Howarth Salvors Qualifying
- Shootout

Raffles

38 Garry Puddy 31 John Haddon, 47 Paul Snape, 23 Richard Kingsbury, 13 Robbie Chisholm, 22 Phil Olsen

Program until the end of June - 2025

May	10	Sat	Stroke – White tees Qualifying - Howarth Salvors (best 8 in 3 grades to qualify) Shootout
	13	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	14	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	15	Thu	Ladies; Rhona Day 9-hole; LGU Men: Par - Yellow tees
	17	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees R1 Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout.
	19	Mon	Canty Vets Course Closed

	20	Tue	Ladies; Nett - (NTP)
	21	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	22	Thu	Ladies; Lilah Edgar/Acacia Stb 9-hole; Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	24	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White tee R2 Matchplay Howarth Salvors – (White tees on handicap). Shootout
	27	Tue	Ladies; Stableford - (hidden partners)
	28	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	29	Thu	Ladies; Joan Bisset Nett 9-hole; Putting Men; Irish Stableford – Yellow Tees
	31	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees
June	2	Mon	Kings Birthday Holiday – Course Open
	3	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.).
	5	Thu	Ladies; - LGU R5 9-hole – Betty McBirdie Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.
	7	Sat	4BBB Stableford – Silver tees Howarth Salvors – Final (Silver tees on handicap). Shootout Winter ringers begins. - \$10 entry
	10	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies; - Rhona Day R2 9-hole – Fun Game - TBC Men: Par - Yellow tees
	14	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees Interclub – Blank Cup / Thompson MacDonald Trials begins (Blue tees.) Shootout Howarth Salvors – Finals (Silver tees on handicap). Winter ringers.
	17	Tue	Ladies; 4 Clubs & Putter
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	19	Thu	Ladies; - Lilah Edgar / Acacia Stb R4 9-hole - LGU Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	21	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. (2nd Interclub Trial) Shootout Winter ringers.
	24	Tue	Ladies; Stableford - (longest drive)
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament

	26	Thu	Ladies; - Joan Bissett Nett R4 9-hole - Stableford Men: American Stableford – Yellow tees
	28	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees (3rd Interclub Trial) Shootout Winter Ringers

BOARD UPDATE

The Board met on Monday and there was a lot to discuss. It's been a really busy (and successful) month or so with the Coringa Open and then the South Island Age group championships (more on this below)

Financially and Membership wise the club is going great – Membership is around 600 plus 90 Students, financially we are heading towards our best every year (and this is after having our previous best ever financial result last year).

We want to keep taking the Club forward - below is a quick summary of some of the things planned or underway for our Club

Sponsorship deals. Just signed a new sponsorship deal with Golf Warehouse. They will be a major sponsor of the Club, principally providing prizes for tournaments (as we saw in the Coringa Open where we had over \$1,000 of vouchers and prizes from them). They have also generously offered to provide a \$150 Hole in One prize to any member who achieves this in a Coringa golf match. This will be in addition to the Club current \$150 bar tab prize.

We have also confirmed Mitre 10 Mega Papanui and TDX as hole sponsors for another year and added AB Lawyers as a new sponsor of the Club.

Greens Keeping Equipment. Our new Fairway mower is about to land in New Zealand and should be with the Club by the end of May. The Club is also looking at replacing our ageing Tees and Greens mower over the next two years.

We have commissioned the building of a **new tip trailer** for use by the Greens staff and Tuesday crew. The tip trailer is a heavy duty piece of equipment that can be towed by a vehicle or tractor, has battery powered tip function to enable easy dumping of material. It will be used for all sorts of jobs such as moving sand for bunkers, unwanted cores or dirt, tree branches etc etc. We are expecting the new trailer to be here end of May – see photo below of work in progress!!



Now that winter is approaching and we don't irrigate for a few months, Richard Kingsbury is arranging to lift the **irrigation pump** out its hole in the ground (sits in a shaft about 20 feet behind the cart shed). The pump is a vital piece of equipment in summer and we need to make sure its OK - this will be the first time the pump has seen sunlight for over 20 years and its reaching the end of its normal life.

We will lift it out, get it assessed and then decide whether we can refurbish it or replace it. If we need to replace it we will get one shipped in from China.

Big thanks to Richard Kingsbury for managing all of this (tip trailer and the pump) for the Club.

Tees. With Rohan's urging the Board have committed to a three – four year program to rebuild / repair / redesign **ALL** the tee blocks around the course. This will involve using outside contractors to do the bulk of the work (as Rohan's team are fully committed maintaining the course).

Rohan is pulling together a plan of which tees to do first, we have had some initial quotes from contractors, so we will start the detailed planning over winter with the idea to start work on this in spring.

This is a major piece of work for the Club – we've only ever done piece-meal refurbishments of the tees so doing a complete revamp of all 18 holes is significant.

There will of course be some disruption while all of this happens including use of temp tees, but the end result will be a lasting improvement for the whole course.

More details on exactly what will be done will be in future newsletters

Planting. Rohan will be putting in some new trees on the area of the 10 / 12 / 16 where the gums came out recently (long term the two remaining gums there are planned for removal). He will also plant two trees by the willows on hole 4, again planning for when the willows eventually need to be removed.

We are also looking to get a planting plan done for the course – looking specifically at the trees around the course – what needs to come out and what needs to be replaced (and with what)

Hopefully this gives you some idea of the plans for the Club. We think there are exciting times ahead as we continue to see improvements around the Club and out on the Course – hope you do too!!

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 10.6 feet (Editor – they feel quick!! How the Pros play on Greens of 12 – 13 feet I have no idea!!)

This week the greens have been fertilized, and they have had some wetting agent put on them to pull the moisture down into the profile to firm the greens up a bit. We have put out some ropes between some greens and bunkers, these ropes are there to protect the surrounds.

The rough that we didn't cut last week due to the rain has now been tidied up. We have also gone out and cored a few wet areas on the course to help with drainage.

Next week we plan to give the greens a light sand top dress up help firm them up. there are a number of areas that to be turf and plus our normal maintenance.

Rohan

CAFÉ NEWS

March and April were very busy months for Coringa. We had a number of corporate tournaments, the Coringa Open, Easter, and Gavin Paterson's Memorial. Bev has put in many hours over this period but she has been helped by a good number of members serving beer and running food. Special note for well above the average contribution goes to Wing Gin (master fryer), James Willetts (newly introduced to energiser hospitality) and Mike Smith (always willing to help out).

Gavin's memorial was well-attended and we thank the many members who ran platters of food around the event. The Paterson family were very happy with the whole event and wish to thank those who have contributed in making it a memorable and fitting send off for one of our GOAT members and ex patron.

New Staff

This Saturday we welcome Sam Bartram to the Café/Bar staff. Sam will become Bev's latest helper. Sam is on the executive of the UC Golf Society and regularly plays at Coringa. He will be working Saturday afternoons and will take the reins fully when Bev goes on holiday at the end of the month. Please make a point of welcoming Sam to the team as you meet him across the bar.

TUESDAY CREW

Tuesday working bee this week saw a great turnout of about 20 members with a great deal of tidying up done on the course. Long list of jobs done – weed spraying, clearing brush back from around the yellow/silver tee on 16, helping Glenn clear up the big gum tree he felled by IGQ practise green, maintenance work in the Clubrooms to tidy up leaks etc etc etc

I'm sure those playing at the weekend will see some of their efforts and if you get an opportunity please mention to them the great work they are doing. A true sign of the club culture we have developed at Coringa in recent years.

Remember if you have ideas for the working bee group that you would like considered email your requests to board@coringagolfclub.co.nz



We also had a contracting team out cutting back the branches on the entrance way along the drive and chipping them into mulch which we can use around the course. They have a bit more work to do but it will open the driveway up again and also make it easier for trucks to enter the property.

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

Over the last couple of months we've been doing a bit of work on Reciprocal rights (mainly just confirming our arrangements still hold with them).

We have good news and bad news

Good news – we have added **Waimairi Beach** to the list of Canterbury Clubs that we have rights to a limited number of free games at. This will increase to four the number of Christchurch clubs that Coringa members get free games at (full list below)

The new relationship with Waimairi starts from 1 September – we'll give you a little more details on how many games and how you access these closer to the time.

The bad news is Balmacewen in Dunedin have decided they only need one golf course in Christchurch so will no longer offer reciprocal rights to Coringa members (but we still have rights at Taieri Lakes in Dunedin)

The full list of reciprocal right courses is shown below

Canterbury courses (limited access, typically 3 games per year)

Bottle Lake, Templeton, Weedons and Waimairi Beach (from 1 Sept 2025)

New Zealand courses

Auckland	Whitford Park
Hastings	Hawkes Bay Golf Club
Marlborough	Fairhall Golf Club
Timaru	Highfield Golf Club
Dunedin	Taiere Lakes Golf Club
Invercargill	Otatara Golf Club

Australian courses

Melbourne	Cranbourne Golf Club
Coastal Victoria	Traralgon Golf Club

DIRECT DEBIT (DD) DISHONOURS

Currently we allow members to pay their subscriptions via DD. We don't charge anything extra for this – we see it as a service for members as it enables them to spread the cost of membership over the year, and once the DD is set up and running smoothly, the administration involved is relatively straight forward.

However, if the DD dishonours due to insufficient funds, it creates a whole lot of work for our volunteer staff.

We can't have members repeatedly dishonouring DD payments.

Therefore, the Board have decided there is a three strikes policy – if in any one year, a member has three DD's dishonoured for insufficient funds, they will be asked to pay the remaining balance on their subs in full. Until they do this, their playing rights will be suspended. If there are any special reasons behind the DD dishonours the members will need to contact the Board to explain.

GOLF NEWS

HOWARTH SALVERS – Qualifying round – this Saturday 10th May

This is our 2nd Match-play Competition for the year, following in the footsteps of the very successful Foley Cup won by Seamus O'Cromtha

This competition is slightly different with players competing within 3 handicap divisions, so although it is still played on handicap, the handicaps differences will be a much tighter dispersion.

The qualifying round is this Saturday 10th May, with the top 8 from each division going on to the match-play rounds.

The defending champs are,

Seniors - Paul Snape

Intermediate - Wing Gin

Junior - Barry Stringer

We have a lot of new members playing in the Saturday matches, this is a fantastic opportunity for you get some match-play experience, and to play with other people, be sure to give it a go,

There is no entry fee for this competition, just enter your name on the sheet in the pro shop this Saturday,

The match-play rounds start next Saturday, Tee times start from 9.27am

the qualifying scores and the draw will be processed on Sunday and posted on the club website.



VETS CUP

Congratulations once again to Douglas Ames on winning this year's edition of the Vets Cup.

This continues a remarkable year for the 86yr old veteran who now adds the Vets Cup to his Trophy Cabinet alongside the Club Champs Masters Trophy

SHOOTOUT UPDATE

Almost half the field have now completed their 10 counting scores, and we are starting to see the cream rise to the top, Spencer Wicks currently sits at the top with a very narrow lead over the following pack lead by Colin Harrison, John Haddon, Harry Lim and Mal Ashton. Great to see some new names in Colin and John up there near the top, There is still a very long way to go yet, so plenty of time for those lagging behind to catch up.

Shootout Final – 8th November 2025

Top 10 – play over 9 holes.

Worst scoring player on each hole drops out until the 9th hole – only 2 players remain.

LADIES REPORT

18-Holers: This week they played Canadian Foursomes

Next week they play Rhona day Trophy R1

9-Holers (mixed):

Thursday: This week we played Stableford and NTP. 1st Chris Herndry 18, 2nd Myra Story 17...Next week they play LGU. Duty person is Ellen Buttriss . The Rose Bowl was played today and the winners were Leigh McEwen and Janice McPhail.

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 1st was Tracey with 16 Stablefords and 2nd Anne Keh with 14 Stablefords.

Sunday: last Sunday on CB, 1st Anne Keh with 16 Stablefords and 2nd Anne Morgan with 16 Stablefords. Booking for 9 Hole players at 10am next week.

Tuesday: This week we played for the Val Sutherland trophy. There were three with 19 Stableford points, so on CB 1st Micheal Healey 2nd Janice McPhail and 3rd Myra. Next week we play Best Nett with points going towards the Best Nett trophy. Duty Person is Janice McPhail.

General News:

Interclub: This week:

9 Hole mixed played Russley 1 at Ellesmere for their Semi- Final. Unfortunately, they lost but still a great effort making the semis.

Coringa 1 (4s) play Harewood at Russley on the 12th May in their semifinal

Women's Teams Championship- We have 4 ladies, Joanne Joung, Jenny Ahn, Yunmi Ok and Mandy Son, representing Coringa in the District Final, to be held at Templeton on May 20th. Originally it was supposed to held on May 2nd but was postponed. Congratulations ladies for making the final.

Winter Tee off times. Started last week **Thursday 1st May** the 18-Hole Ladies will be teeing off at 9.30. They will do a split tee of 1 and 10. 9-hole players will tee off at 10am, following on from the 18-hole ladies. The 9-hole players also will tee off on Tuesdays at 10am, the first of these being May 6th. These changes will then revert to summer tee off times after daylight saving starts.

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

Waitikiri, Mixed 9-Hole Tournament, Monday May 12th. Entry fee \$20. (9-hole registered players only)

18 Hole Tournaments

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

Cheviot Golf Club, Cheviot Woman's Open, 14th May 2025. Entry fee \$25

ASHBURTON GOLF CLUB WOMEN'S OPEN TOURNAMENT Friday 16th May Entry fee \$30 per player. !8 Hole registered players with Handicaps 0-40.4

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 10th May

Will be a Stroke competition off the White tees,
Howarth Salvors Qualifying
Shootout.

Last Saturday 3rd May.

Was a Stableford competition off the dual Black / White tees.

After a week of heavy rain, the course bounced back remarkably well and was in very good playing condition, although the scoring would suggest otherwise with only 14 people playing to their handicap

Top gross score today was Drew Butcher with 78,

Justin Velluppillai a newcomer to Saturday golf, topped the Black tee division, and was the only person to play to his handicap off the Black tees, well done Justin, and welcome to Saturday Golf.

In the other divisions, Mel Newburn, Kevin Walker and Jung Lee were the clear winners,
Congrats also to Jamie Pow for collecting the 2's Jackpot with a two on holes 7 and 17.

Results – Stableford

Black Tees

Justin Velluppillai	36
Spencer Wicks	33
Angus Tucker	32

White – Div One

Melissa Newburn	39
Ram Thapa	38
Jamie Pow	38
John Gaw	38
Paul Hansen	37

White – Div Two

Kevin Walker	40
Phil Olsen	38
Joanne Joung	36
Chris Innes	36
Robert Chisholm	34

White – Div Three

Jung A Lee	40
Harry Lim	36
Richard McCaskill	33
Trevor Lee	33
Garry Puddy	32

Best Gross Drew Butcher (78)

Nett Eagle Hole (12) Jung A Lee

Birdie Hole (3) Not Struck

Nearest to pins Walker Lin (5), Brian Docherty (7), Jiyoung Youn (13), Mal Ashton (17),

2's Jackpot Jamie Pow 7, 17

2's Jamie Pow 7, 17, John Gaw 5, Brian Docherty 7, Paul Monson 13, John Haddon 17, Mal Ashton 17, Seamus O'Cromtha 5, Colin Peters 7, Jiyoung

Youn 13, Peter Marsh 7, Kevin King 7, Walker Ln 5, Mike Boshoff 5, Angus Tucker 17

Upcoming Events

- 7th June – Winter Ringers begins
- 14th June – Interclub Trials begin

WEDNESDAY

'The Lone Star and Joe's Garage Group' Wednesday Watering (\$20 Entry) Tournament:

We had our main fundraising Wednesday **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** (\$20 entry) tournament on Wednesday the **7th May** with 85 participants playing for 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'**. The course was looking fabulous with greens running a slippery 10.6 after the use of the light roller and for a change a nice 20 degrees and windless weather.

Once again we had a total of 21 prizes of seven each within the three divisions.

Coringa members Results

Division One:

2nd	David Harvey	38
3rd	Richard Kingsbury	37(C/B)
4th	Brian Docherty	37(C/B)
7th	John Kim	36

Division Two:

1st	Joanne Joung	39
5th	Michael Smith	35(C/B)
7th	Cathy Seo	35

Division Three:

2nd	Mandy Walsh	36
3rd	Richard McCaskill	35(C/B)
4th	Peter Bailey	35
7th	Doug Hillstead	33(C/B)

The group are off to Templeton next week. Those interested please make a booking through the Templeton Proshop.

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

We then have mid month fundraising Wednesday **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** tournament on Wednesday the **21st May** with the usual 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.

We are hoping for a good turnout.

Remember no guaranteed tee time so just turn up after 10 a.m. and we'll organise you into groups.

We are then heading towards the middle of the year and have our main fundraising Wednesday 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry) tournament on Wednesday the 4th June 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.

Harv

THURSDAY

On a fine winter morning we had 15 starters in the Thursday Mens' Competition. Today's competition was a stableford round off the white tees.

The course was in excellent condition, the fairways were looking so good after a fresh cut and the greens are running well.

With conditions being so good, the course still proved hard to play and this reflected with the scoring. In first place was Paul Carpinter on 36 points, Tom White was second with 35 points and this was on countback from Phil Olsen and Doug Ames also on 35 points. In 5th place was Robert Pryce and this was on countback from Keith Yardley both on 34 points.

Closest to the pin on hole 17 was Phil Olsen.

The most honest golfer award today was hotly contested with 4 players trying to win the ball. In the end it was Doug Densem taking the honours with 25 points.

There were 2 two's today scored by Keith Yardley on hole 7 and Paul Carpinter on hole 17.

Results

1 st	Paul Carpinter	36 points
2 nd	Tom White	35 points
3 rd	Phil Olsen	35 points
4 th	Doug Ames	35 points
5 th	Robert Pryce	34 points

Phil Olsen

AND NOW....

- **A married man's prayer;**

Dear God, u gave me childhood, u took it away

U gave me youth, u took it away.

U gave me a wife..... Its been years now,
just reminding u.....

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post (from Maysville, Okla), was one of the greatest political country/cowboy sages this country has ever known.

Some of his sayings:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

MEMBERS CORNER

RULES QUESTION

I was asked this question on Saturday – Unfortunately for the person asking, the answer came too late. His ball was badly plugged, – not knowing the rule, he opted to play the ball as it lay. Taking a huge divot in the process.

With winter conditions fast approaching, this would be a good rule to remember.

The Question -

Does Coringa have a local rule in place to allow free relief for a plugged lie?

Short Answer – Nope, we don't have a local rule.

Slightly longer answer, - We don't have a local rule, because this scenario is already covered by the rules of golf.

Plugged / Embedded Ball – (Rule came into effect in 2019)

[Click Here to view full ruling details](#)

The basic ruling is, if your ball is plugged in its own pitch mark, anywhere on the course other than bunkers or penalty areas, you are entitled to free relief of one club length, the ball must be dropped.

2's JACKPOT – Close call

On Saturday, I played alongside Peter Marsh, he and I were partners in the haggles, we both played terrible, so yes we got a hiding.

One bright spot in Pete's day was his 2 on hole 7, his tee shot finished short of the green, so he had to putt up the slope at the front, to a pin near the back of the green, amazingly he hit the best putt I've ever seen, and his ball tracked all the way into the hole, yay Pete!!!.

We've all been here, you make one 2, and now on every other par 3, you stand on the tee with \$\$\$ in your eyes, thinking of all you can buy with your jackpot winnings, and of course you hit a terrible tee shot. Yes, this happened to Pete, with one exception.

On hole 17, he hit a poor tee shot, finishing behind the right hand bunker, so now he has a chip, over the bunker, I know where this chip is going, (straight into the bunker 😬)

Again, Pete astonishes everyone, hitting an amazing chip, it goes right at the hole carrying just a touch too much speed, it catches the hole goes around the flag, and unfortunately doesn't drop, A little slower, or if it hit the flag straight on, he would have had the 2's Jackpot. That would have been an awesome achievement, bad luck Pete, it's your fault we lost the haggles.

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

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