



Coringa News



15th April 2026

Kia Ora

Saturday's Match

- CORINGA OPEN

Raffle Winners

33 Lloyd Bell, 4 John Haddon, 51 Michael Homan, 16 David Harvey, 52 John Haddon, 13 Paul Snape

Program until the end of May - 2026

April	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

CLUB NEWS

Bill West

Many of our newer members won't know Bill, due to ongoing health problems Bill stopped playing golf a few years ago,
Bill was a long-time member, and just like all of us at Coringa, he loved golf, and he loved spending time at the course among good people,
He was always friendly and approachable, and he easily got on well with everyone, a lovely man to be around.

I can still very clearly remember the last time I saw Bill in the clubhouse,
He had just got a new haircut, and was looking quite sharp, but very sheepishly he told us the story of how he came to have such a flash haircut,
He walked into a place, and was greeted by a lovely young woman who began to cut his hair, well during the course of the haircut he learned this lovely young woman was in fact a man, (don't ask me how he found this out) initially shocked, and surprised, and unsure of what to think, he eventually came away from the place feeling really pleased with everything, the service was fantastic, and the haircut was pretty good too,
What was funniest still, as he told this story, many of the men listening knew this hairdresser, he/she was quite well known in Christchurch and was very well liked, hearing this made Bill feel even better about his experience,

Bill leaves behind many good friends at Coringa, and we all cherish those memories of when he was an active part of the club.

Tonight our love and prayers go out to Bill's family, and his wife Barbara,
Rest in peace, Bill.



Douglas Ames

Doug was one of our longest serving members, having been a member at Coringa for 50yrs Up until a couple of months ago, he was still a very active member playing every Saturday, and Thursday, and he maintained his competitive edge right to the end, in his final year he won the Vets Cup, and the Masters Club Champs, and has etched his name on many other trophies over the years as well,

As a long-time member, Doug lived through many phases of Coringa Golf, many ups and downs over the years, he was a fount of knowledge,

He told many wonderful stories from Coringa's history, the Saturday night Dinners and Dancing along to the Band or DJ, what an amazing moment in time that was, his vivid memories could easily transport you back in time,

My lasting memory of Doug is this,

No matter how wonderful those past memories were, he was always grateful for where the club was today, he was extremely proud and complimentary of all those who volunteer at the club, from the Board members, the various committees, and all the other volunteers who give up their time to support the club, and he always made sure to show his appreciation, Thank You Doug, we will miss you.

Our love and thoughts go out tonight to Doug's family and wife Kathy,
God bless,



COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 11 feet. Steve has been busy out on the course getting all the rough cut for this weekend. The greens have had some Iron for a little bit of color and are looking sharp, they will get another mow and roll tomorrow and mow Saturday so expect speeds around 11.5 feet, wind speeds during the day doesn't look much but will get up towards the end of the round. Pins will be cut on the greens depending on wind direction, so we are all set for the Coringa Open. The 2 wet areas we open last week are now finish; number 4 just needs the turf replace.

New tees,

The new tees have been hydroseeded and now we wait and watch them grow.

Watering during the day, as same as last time with the new tees we need to keep them moist throughout the day so that means we need to have irrigation going (and yes, that means during the Open)

Water times are as follows

8:58am on 16 fairway for 8 minutes

11:58am on 2 fairway for 8 minutes

4:58 pm on 3 fairway for 8 minutes

Rohan

TUESDAY VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to the guys that were able to attend today's working bee.

Although we had a few regulars away, we still managed a very good turnout of twelve very keen men and we achieved a lot.

Our main focus today was to continue the work on the carpark fence and we made great progress with excellent team work. See photo below.

This is a very big job but it is starting to take shape and looking excellent.

Other tasks completed today by the Tuesday Volunteer Crew were:

- Sand boxes around the course filled.
- Rubbish bins on the course emptied and sorted.
- Errant range balls collected and given back to the pro-shop.
- The red leaves around the 14th green (that damage the grass) were removed and dumped.
- Trimmed around the tee marker signs and cleaned them as well as all the sponsors signs.
- Weed sprayed the cart shed garden in preparation for mulch.
- Weed sprayed the bunkers.

While out on the course today, I was very pleased to see how great the course is looking with the rough cut, the course is looking very tidy for the Open.
If anybody is keen to join the Tuesday working bee crew, just turn up on a Tuesday at 9am, there is always plenty to do.



2026 CORINGA OPEN – Saturday 18th April

We have finally arrived at the big weekend for Coringa and the 128 participants of our **2026 Coringa Men's and Women's 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'New World, Bishopdale' Open and fundraiser on Saturday the 18th April.**

Once again the tournament has both a Gross competition with one prize for the low handicapped golfers and a Stableford competition with three divisions of twelve prizes per division for the rest of us. The prizes start at a \$200 voucher and process through to \$50 vouchers. All competitions are available to both Men and Women and all ties sorted by countback as normal at Coringa, There will be 3 divisions, so you will have a one in four chance of collecting a prize. Not too bad odds!

Tee times start at 9.13 and all the participants are on the course off Number One and Ten tee blocks by 10.58. Please note these tee times are seven minutes apart so keep up your pace.

Men play off the blue tees and Women off the Yellow tees. Please note play will be held up until all the field has started so first off travel at a speed that means you don't arrive at either one or ten in two hours from start and before the last group have started, as it's your group that will be waiting.

It's your chance to play and experience the course at its challenging best!

The majority of prizes come from our major corporate sponsors 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.

[FULL SPONSOR LIST - click here](#)

A full list of our Corporate, Golf club and Club member sponsor / donors will be on tables within the club room,

Dave Stead will be the starter on Number One tee between 9.13 and 10.58.

Chris's Cottrell will be the starter on Number Ten between 9.13 and 10.58.

Doug Densem and John Matthews will undertake the course marshalling role.

Thanks to you all.

Once again we will have '**New World**', **Bishopdale sausage tent**. I've worked through the details with the owner Jason Dobson and it will be located by the green on nine. Food will be available from around 10.30 through to midday. Please remember the food is for the whole field so early visitors please don't eat too much too early, so the later field doesn't miss out!

Thanks to **Phil Olsen** who is putting his tent up once again for Jason's use and chairs for Chris and Dave.

Once again the board has offered a membership for the season 2026-27 for **the first hole in one achieved**. Please record the time the achievement occurs, as if not recorded, you may miss out on this outstanding opportunity!

This year the '**closest to pin**' competition on holes five, seven, thirteen and seventeen are co-sponsored in conjunction by '**The Goodhome**', **Wigram** and '**Resene Paints**', **Tuam Street, Christchurch branch**.

This year the '**specialty prize**' competitions on holes number three, five, eight, ten, eleven, and sixteen are co-sponsored in conjunction by **James Howard and 'Goodman Fielder'**. Jamie dropped off the bottles of spirits this week and Jason McCauley has arranged vouchers which are well worth winning!

Two's balls for the tournament have been sponsored by a great ex-clubman **Gus Eathorne**.

Once again historically the tournament is a good fundraiser for the club with many raffles, with prizes being a great range of vouchers organised through local restaurants, coffee shops and firms and paid for by generous corporate and member sponsorship.

There will be two hundred ticket \$10 raffles with twenty prizes within each. That's a one in five chance of winning. There will also be five of our usual tournament fifty ticket meat raffles purchased through friends at '**New World, Bishopdale**' .

Margaret Shepard and Anne Morgan will be selling the raffles from the Proshop and later in Café / Bar. Thanks Margaret and Anne.

Walter Scott and Kevin Walker will be drawing all the raffles as soon as they are sold. Thanks Walter and Kevin.

There will be an auction of another of **Paulette Scott's** wonderful pieces of art. Thanks for the generous support Walter and Paulette.

Lastly a big 'thank you' to the following members for organising sponsors;

Dean Harvey
Bev Gordon and Lindsay Smith.

I hope everyone enjoys the day, the challenge the course will generate and you all walk away with either a competition or a raffle prize of some substance.

This will be my last Coringa Open and Fundraiser I will organise. I believe it is time for fresh ideas and energy.

Thanks to those who have supported me through this and the previous tournaments particularly considering the changes the board and I have implemented.

Harv

18-HOLE LADIES and MIXED 9-HOLERS

18 Hole Ladies report

We played PAR competition today.

1st Vivian Lee

2nd Yun Ok

3rd Jung Min

Next week, we are playing Lialah Edgar/ Acacia and Shootout R2

Jenny Ahn

Mixed 9 Holers report

Thursday: This week we played LGU/ Best Nett. The winner was Leigh with Nett 31. Then by lot 2nd was Chris with 37 Nett and 3rd also with 37 Nett, Janet.

Next week we play for the Stableford Trophy. Duty Person is Chris Hendry

Saturday: If you are wanting to play on Saturdays with the 9-hole Ladies please contact Tracey Bruce. tracey.bruce@cdhb.health.nz . 1st was Janice McPhail with 20 Stablefords and 2nd Anne Morgan with 18 Stablefords. No game this week because of the Coringa Open.

Sunday: The Sunday game. Tee times booked for around 10am. Last Sunday we were rained off.

Tuesday: This week we played Best Nett with points going towards the Best Nett Trophy. 1st equal was Micheal and Vaughan both with 32 Nett. Sharon was 3rd with Nett 34. Janet got a birdie on Hole no 7. Sharon had a weasel on Hole 5.

Next week we play stableford and if any players are available for a Rose Bowl match. The duty person is Ellen Buttriss.

Interclub last Monday: They played Ellesmere at Waimari Beach and won 51/46. Well done team!!

Next Monday – they play the Everglades at Tai Tapu.

A Big THANK YOU to all the ladies that donated items toward the lady's raffle that is part of the Coringa Open.

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 18th April

- The CORINGA OPEN, good luck to all participants

Note all regular Saturday competitions are on hold this week, Shootout, Two's Jackpot, Birdie hole and net eagles all take the day off this week, resume again next week

Last Saturday 11th April

Was an Irish Stableford competition off the Blue / Silver tees

Best Gross today was won by Jay Jung with a fantastic round of 72, That's the 2nd time Jay has won in the past month, great to see you in good form.

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

Some very good scores out there today, Jay Jung, Graham Sweetman and Min Jung had the best scores of the day with 82pts, Robbie Chisholm won Div 3 Blue with 77pts and Charlie Su won Div 2 Blue with 75pts,

Nearest to pins – sponsored by Hancocks

Hole 5 – Geoff Waller

Hole 7 – Will Patchett

Hole 13 – Richard Kingsbury

Hole 17 – Michael Oulsnam

Birdie hole (#6) – Rouan Buitendag, Oli Taylor

Nett Eagle Hole (#3) - not struck

2's Jackpot

Geoff Waller, 5, 17

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SATURDAY TWO'S - PRIZE PAYOUT

Please see last week's newsletter for information on why we want to change,

I have received great feedback regarding the proposal, everyone is very understanding of why we want to change, but people are still very keen to see twos continue playing some role in our competitions,

The best suggestion I have received so far is,

- Draw a lucky number the same as we do for the Birdie and nett eagle prize, and whoever has a two on that hole receives the prize, the only numbers in the draw would be the 4x par 3's plus any other hole where a 2 is scored,

UPCOMING EVENT

ANZAC Trophy – Saturday 25 April

Last year we cleaned off the dust from this Trophy, and played it for the first time in several years, the event was well supported, and everyone had a great day,

This year Anzac Day falls on a Saturday, rather than trying to run a separate competition, we are going to incorporate this trophy within the regular match of the day.

The Trophy will go to the best Stableford score of the day.

WEDNESDAY GOLF

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

There were 60 participants playing for fourteen prizes within **Wednesday 15th of April** mid month **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$10 members entry and \$15 for non members)** tournament, within a two division competition for meat prizes from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins purchased through **'Hancocks'**.

The weather was great and no wind which made a lovely autumn's day. It almost felt like we were back to the summer we missed out on. The course looked a picture with the green staff continuing to work on the wet areas around the course. The greens are just starting to speed up so look out Saturday!

The best scoring occurred in Division One with Lloyd Bell shooting a fabulous 77 only one short of his age. That meant 46 stablefords. What an outstanding round Lloyd! A number of us thought we were playing well but not within Lloyd's world. Congratulations,

The Division Two winner was also won by Grace Han with an outstanding score of 41 stablefords. Congratulations.

Coringa members results.

Division One:

1st.	Lloyd Bell.	46
3rd.	Paul Snape.	39(C/B)
3rd.	John Kim.	39(C/B)
5th.	Kyungwook Kim.	39
6th.	Brian McOscar.	38(C/B)
7th.	David Harvey.	38(C/B)

Division Two:

3rd.	Kerry O'Neill.	39
4th.	Lindsay Thorn	38(C/B)
5th.	Alton Michel.	38
6th.	Garry Puddy.	37
7th.	PJ Michel.	36(C/B)

Closest to pins.

No 13. Paul Wilson

No 17. Murray Brown

The group heads south to Ellesmere next week. For those interested in a coffee before golf, we meet at 10 am at the Suburban Eatery, Leston, for what some of us think is the best part of the day!

There are five Wednesday's this month so will have another tournament at home on the 29th.

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

We will be having an extra Wednesday **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** tournament on **Wednesday 29th of April (\$10 members entry and \$15 for non members)** with our usual meat prizes from our friends at **'New World Bishopdale'** and closest to pins purchased through **'Hancocks'**.

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

Then we will have our monthly **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry)** fundraising tournament on **Wednesday the 6th of May** 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 including the three **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** \$50 vouchers.

Book yourself and your group into both tournaments through the Pro Shop please as tee times are being booked early from 10 am through.

Harv

THURSDAY

On a glorious autumn day, 20 players turned up for today's game which was a par round off the yellow tees.

Seven players beat par today, with first place on countback going to Russell McGregor on countback from John Robinson who both had plus two. There were five players on plus one with John Matthews taking third place from Wing Gin in fourth. The other players on plus one were Duncan Shaw-Brown, Alton Michel and Bernie Croft.

There were two twos, John Matthews on # 5 and Alton Michel on # 7.

Closest to the pin on the 17th was John Matthews who had a great day picking up three prizes.

The most honest golfer today went to David Cross on minus six.

The next game is on Thursday, 23rd April and will be an Irish Stableford off the silver tees.

If anyone is interested in joining the Thursday Men's Group, please feel free to come along and have your card printed by 9.30am. The cost is \$5 and well worth the entertainment and pleasure of meeting and playing with other golfers.

Robert Pryce

MEMBERS CORNER

US Masters 2026

Wow what an exciting finish to this year's edition of the Masters,

On Friday, Rory looked like he was going to run away with an easy victory, holding onto the largest ever lead after 36 holes, but by Saturday afternoon, there were multiple players with a real shot at taking the title,

Cam Young, Sam Burns, Shane Lowry, and Justin Rose were all up there in a great spot heading into the final day,

What a finish, Everyone faltered at some point, including Rory, but he managed to hang in there to finish just one shot of world no1 Scottie Scheffler,

Congratulations Rory, I'm sure winning the Masters is nice and all, but just imagine if you were to win the coveted Coringa Open, you could retire on top of the world,
Anyway - your 2027 Coringa Open invite is in the mail.



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

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