



Coringa *News*



11th December 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- **POWERADE / COCA COLA - CHRISTMAS HAMPER DAY**
- Shotgun start at 10am. - cards printed by 9.30am.
- 4-person Ambrose

Raffle

13 Robbie Chisholm, 2 Trevor Lee, 28 Garry Puddy, 4 Andrew Mackway-Jones, 21 Doug Densem, 8 David Harvey

Program until the end of January - 2026

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| | 13 | Sat | Christmas Hamper Day – Shotgun Start 10am \$20 entry 4-person Team Ambrose Competition. |
| | 14 | Sun | Interclub Presidents, away game vs Bottle Lake Metro A – home game vs Waimairi Beach Metro B – home game vs Harewood |
| | 16 | Tue | Twilight – Final night for 2025 |
| | 18 | Thu | Men; Legends Day |

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| | 20 | Sat | Final regular Saturday Competition for the year Stableford – Blue / Silver Tees Summer Ringers |
| | 25 | Thu | CHRISTMAS DAY – Pro Shop Closed |
| | 26 | Fri | BOXING DAY – Course Open |
| | 27 | Sat | Holiday Competition - \$5 entry – Stableford SilverTees Summer Ringers |
| January | 1 | Thu | NEW YEARS DAY – Course open |
| | 3 | Sat | Holiday Competition \$5 entry - Stableford – Blue tees Summer ringers |
| | 8 | Thu | Ladies Men's – Opening day – Stableford – White tees |
| | 10 | Sat | Normal Saturday Competitions resume Stroke – White tees Foley Cup Qualifying (16 to qualify on handicap) Vets Cup 1st Round (Men over 55yrs) Summer ringers |
| | 13 | Tue | Twilight – 1st round for 2025 |
| | 15 | Thu | Ladies: Men: Par - Yellow tees |
| | 17 | Sat | Par – Black / White tees Foley Cup - 1st round Match-play – White tees. (Competitors can go in match of the day.) Summer ringers. |
| | 18 | Sun | Interclub Metro A – home game vs McLeans Island, (Rescheduled from Nov) Presidents; away game vs Waitikiri |
| | 20 | Tue | Ladies Twilight |
| | 22 | Thu | Ladies: Men: Stableford - Yellow tees |
| | 24 | Sat | OPENING DAY – competition TBA |
| | 27 | Tue | Ladies: Twilight: |
| | 28 | Wed | Ellesmere Wednesday Watering Tournament |
| | 29 | Thu | Ladies: Men: Par - Yellow tees. |
| | 31 | Sat | Stableford – Blue / White tees. 2nd round Foley Cup – White tees Vets Cup 2nd round SHOOTOUT BEGINS – (\$20 entry fee) |

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 10.2 feet.

The rough only got two laps around every fairway as the rest is drying up in this warm weather.

We had a water leak last weekend behind the 13 tee that we fixed so we could keep the new tees nice and moist. The difficult area in front of 13 green has been turfed and looks nice and tidy again – hopefully it comes through the hot weather OK.

New Tees - the new tees have all been hydroseed, so we expect in 7 days' time to have them germinate, the new front block on 4 is looking very smart. 15 and 17 have had their first mow and will get fertilized next week, for the rest of them will get their starter fertilizer soon.

Next week - we get the course ready for some short weeks, apply fertilizer to the greens and tees, some more bunker work and assess what rough needs to be done

Rohan

NEW TEE BLOCKS - GUR

Remember

These area's are **NO PLAY ZONES** and as such you do not have the option to play the ball as it lies. If your ball lands in these area's, just leave it there. – please don't walk in these newly turfed areas.

Drop area, same as with any GUR, free drop within 1 club length “nearest point of relief no closer to the hole”

TUESDAY WORKING GROUP

Thank you to all that were able to attend the working bee today, it was a great turnout with 14 attending.

A big thanks to Glen our onsite Firewood Supplier as he was there bright and early with Harv to remove the big tree on the edge of the carpark.

This tree needed to be removed as it is in the path of the new fence that Russell and helpers will build next year.

If you are looking for firewood for the winter, call out and see Glen, he will give you a good deal. Once the team carted and cleaned up from the removed the tree, we also dealt to some fallen branches around the course that needed to be cut up and carted away following the recent strong winds. We had our truck and tipping trailer up and running again today, thanks to Rohan.

We then finished tree trimming on number 6 and the 16th. Phil put the new pole saw to great use clearing the low hanging branches that inhibit mowing the rough.

Puds was busy on the surrounds mower and Mike and Murray continued with the weed spraying program.

Barry Nelson was also out on the course very early and filled up all the sand boxes.

Thanks, Russell, for the great morning tee.

That is our last working bee for 2025, and we have some really good projects lined up for the New Year which will all assist with the presentation of our course.

Anybody wanting to join the Tuesday crew, watch the Newsletter for our 2026 start date and just turn up between 8.30 and 9am on Tuesdays.

Next Monday the crew is heading to Waimairi Beach for a relaxing game of golf to wind up our year. Thanks to all the volunteers that have given their time in 2026, so willingly to assist in the running of the club and keeping our course great.

Harv / Brian

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Coringa to our new members who have joined us in the past month

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| Harding, Jon | Hardy, David | Kemp, Joe | Park, Joengsook (Maria) |
| Paterson, Zane | Gilbertson, George | Ling, Michael | Patchett, Will |
| Singh, Jahrell | Toplis, Jake | Fukofuka, Sunia | Knill, Dominic |
| Lintott, Jaxon | Han, Seth | Ahn, Anne | Banks, Roy |
| Kim, Juah | Oung Rulr, Kim | Slaughter, Jack | Choi, Houn Sook (Grace) |
| Oh, Gwan Yeol | | | |

Quick update on Membership – with the Uni students gone for summer membership is still a very healthy 656 playing members

Interestingly Coringa was the no.1 course in terms of rounds played in Canterbury (as per Canterbury Golf). We are up 7.6% in terms of round played this year (in comparison, across NZ the number is 0.2%, and in the Canterbury region -1.7%)

We must be doing something right !!!

POWERADE / COCA COLA – CHRISTMAS HAMPER DAY

Come and join us for our annual closing day tournament – it's going to be an awesome fun day

- **10am Shotgun Start** – 4 person Ambrose competition,
 - Cards printed by 9.30am, so draw can be made, and play gets underway on time.
 - Those sharing carts, let the organisers know to pair your cards together.
- **\$20 entry** – with great prizes to be won.
- **Raffles** – there will be plenty of meat raffles to be won, and of course our annual Xmas Hamper raffle, very kindly donated and organised by the ladies group. A huge thank you to them.
 - Our wonderful club patron Margaret Sheppard will be out at the course to sell the raffles

All are welcome. We want to see as many people as possible participating in our final tournament of the year, 9-hole golfers, 6 day golfers, left handers, Australians- - all are welcome to join us on our closing day.

The Ambrose format provides a low pressure / fun environment for all levels of golfer.

SUMMER RINGERS

A great start to the 2025/26 Summer Ringers Competition with 40 participants entered so far... with a number of others still to register. Don't miss out on this FUN competition that runs for **13 rounds** as you try to achieve your best gross score on each individual hole with the weekly rounds counting down to the final week in early March 2026. Put your name down on the Ringers Entry sheet in the Pro Shop this Saturday(s) and pay your \$10 entry fee. Any qualifying round played prior to entry fee being paid will be included. If you start having a few bad holes during your round, all is not lost as you can refocus on the holes left and bettering the best carded scores on them.

After the completion of Round 1, Andy Willianson (14.7) leads the overall Leaderboard on 65.300 with Liam Longley (20.1) second , a margin of 2.600 separating them. Tim Donaldson (8.4) and David Cross (17.4) are next in equal third place on 68.600, only a margin of 0.700 from second. With Beverly Gordon (25.2) holding fifth position on 68.800.

There are currently 16 competitors who are under net par after the first round, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the narrowing of the range of net scores as the field compresses.

There were 28 birdies or better recorded last week, with the highlights being the round of 74 carded by Dean Harvey (+0.2) and the first two eagles carded by the field, by Iain Findlater (13.9) and Alan Wicks (15.2) both carding their eagles on the par 4 Hole # 15.

Iain Findlater (13.9) leads the birdies or better statistics with a tally of 1 eagle and 3 birdies, followed by Spencer Wicks (4.0) with 3 birdies each. Richie Maguire (10.7), Kyle Charlwood (10.7), Leighton Sparks 9.4), Roy Wang (7.9) and Dean Harvey (+0.2) are all next with 2 birdies.

There are only 2 players so far, to have registered bogey or better on every hole.

The hardest ranked holes determined by the numbers of birdies or better carded after Round 1, is Holes # 2,5 and 18 with no birdies recorded by the Ringers field. The easiest hole has been Hole # 15 with 5 birdies or better by different players. The next easiest is Hole # 14 with 3 birdies or better by different players.

Here are some of the field statistics to date in the 2025/26 Summer Ringers Competition:

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| Number of Competitors | 40 |
| Range of Gross Scores | 74 - 107 |
| Range of Net Scores (Field) | 65.300 - 84.900 |
| Range of Net Scores (Top 20) | 65.300 - 73.300 |

| | <u># of Players</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| Under Net Par | 16 | 40.00 |
| Eagles or Better | 2 | 5.00 |
| Birdies or Better | 18 | 45.00 |
| Players with Multiple Birdies or Better | 7 | 17.50 |
| Bogeys or Worse to Discard | 40 | 100.00 |
| Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard | 37 | 92.50 |

The weather outlook is looking good for Saturday with a forecasted high of 21, fine with northeasterlies after an overnight low of 7. See you out there...happy golfing.

[Click here to view ringers update](#)

Kevin King
Ringers Convener

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK

The holiday season is very close, and it is a good time for many of our volunteers who give their time during the year to take a small break.

- Final Newsletter for the year – 18th November – resumes 8th January
- Bar / Cafe closing – Closes Sunday 21st December – re-opens Saturday 10th January
- Normal Saturday Competition – Final day 20th December – resumes on 10th January.
- Twilight golf – Final day 16th December – resumes 13th January

Saturday Competition over the xmas break

For the 2-week period over the holidays, we will continue to run an official Saturday competition, but it will be a slimmed down version,

All of the usual jackpots, Nett Eagles, Birdies, Two's, and nearest to pins will be taking a well earned rest.

- \$5 entry – Stableford competition, divisions determined by numbers playing.
- Hole in one's count as official.
- Summer Ringers will continue

FOLEY CUP and VETS CUP (over 55yrs)

These will be our first competitions kicking off early in the new year, and both begin on our first weekend back after the holiday, get ready for another year of competitive golf at Coringa.

VETS CUP change – stroke play to stableford

We are looking to make a small change to the upcoming Vets Cup, Changing the format from a Stroke competition to a Stableford competition, Historically this has played as a Stroke competition, but with the increase in field numbers and the constant battle with pace of play, Stroke rounds often have a negative effect on pace. Please let me know if you have any concerns with this change

Vance.

INTERCLUB

PRESIDENTS

Very proud of the guys today. We had a 5 to 3 win over the Templeton team in very warm and blustery conditions. A couple of outstanding wins to Jason Wu 8/6 and Chris Innes 7/6 while the other 3 winners were Robert Tibbotts, Barry Stringer and Steve Satherley. The remaining 3 matches went all the way to the 17th and 18th. A lot of great comments on how well the course was presented so our thanks to Rohan and his team.

David Cross

METRO A

The team had a good win against Harewood, 4.5 / 3.5

OVER 50's

After an average day at the office, the Coringa over 50's team sits in 2nd place, one stroke behind the current leaders.

Gross Scores as follows -

75 Mike Boshoff

76 Lin Wang

77 Ian Donaldson

78 John Rademakers

Next round is at Chch GC on Sunday 11th January 2026

John Rademakers

OVER 60'S

This week the side turned up at Avondale and three performed very well although one got lost on the course.

The three scoring scores this week were;

Paul Hansen 70

Terry Hampton 71

Garry Puddy 75

The side is sitting seventh in the Gross and 5th in the Nett competition.

Two players are sitting high within the individual competitions.

Harv

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 13th December

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AMBROSE COMPETITION

Last Saturday 6th December.

Was an Irish Stableford competition off the Black / Silver tees,

Great to finally see a new name win the best gross prize, congratulations to Isaac Preece with a very respectable 77 off the very difficult black tees

We might have to introduce drug testing on a Saturday, starting with Andy Lee who amassed a whopping 95 points, wow!

I did a quick check of Andy's round, thinking he must have had a spectacular last 6 holes when the points were tripled, but no, he just played a solid 18 hole round. A great round Andy, well done

Poor Kim Stevens must have felt hard done by, shooting a fantastic round of 85pts only to be a long way back in 2nd place to Andy.

It was very funny, when Kim walked into the clubhouse during the prizegiving, his score had just been announced, so as soon as he walked through the door the whole club started clapping and cheering for him, poor buggar - he had no idea what was going on.

Congratulations also to Andy Corbett taking first place in his division, great to see a new name on the prize list, scoring 86pts.

Overall the scoring was very high, with 11 people scoring 80 or more points, those of us languishing in the mid-50's had no chance.

Congratulations to Murray Brown, collecting the 2's Jackpot,

NEW PAR 3

After Saturday's round, we discussed changing hole 15 to a Par 3, as it was obviously playing way too easy today, with 3 people scoring 2's on the par 4 hole. That is the first time I've ever seen this. Congratulations to Iain Findlater, Jacky Zhang and Alan Wicks on scoring a 2 on the par 4 15th.

I have to make special mention that Alan's 2, was even more spectacular in that it came from the Black tees – wow!! Alan “big boy” Wicks, drove the green on a 375m hole - leaving himself a 5ft putt, which he holed.

Yes I know, the black tees were moved forward to the temporary tee zone, it just makes for a better story this way.

Well done to all 3 men.

Saturday Results.

[Click here to view Saturday's results](#)

WEDNESDAY

The group headed off to Templeton this week and there were a good number of members playing on a very dry and boney fairways and nicely paced greens. Unfortunately with Christchurch at this time of the year the wind got a bit stronger as the day went on. There were some outstanding scores from our members with obviously a number of hams heading home.

Division One: (-4 - 14.5)

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| 4th. | Mandy Son | 38(C/B) |
| 5th. | Dave Stead. | 38(C/B) |
| 7th. | Geoff Miller. | 37(C/B) |

Division Two: (14.6 - 19.9)

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| 4th. | Alton Michel. | 40(C/B) |
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Division Three: (20 >)

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| 3rd. | Bill Blair. | 40(C/B) |
| 4th. | Bob Zhuang. | 39(C/B) |
| 6th. | PJ Michel. | 39 |

Gross:

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| 7th. | Richard Kingsbury. | 80 |
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Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$10/ \$15 entry) tournament

On **Wednesday 17th of December** we will have our last mid month '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' (\$10 members entry and \$15 for non members) tournament with our meat prizes from our friends at '**New World Bishopdale**' and closest to pins purchased through '**Hancocks**'.

We will then have another mid month tournament on Wednesday 21st January but the real Watering Tournament circuit does not start again until the first Wednesday of February at home of course.

I hope all the many participants and the sponsors of our first Wednesday tournament have a great Christmas and New Year 2026.

Harv

THURSDAY GOLF

On a sunny Summer morning we had a field of 16 players turn up for the Thursday Mens Xmas Tournament. Todays' round was a stableford off the silver tees. We were also playing for the Bert Fifield trophy which is for the best stableford round on the day.

The course was in superb condition, the fairways and greens look and play well.

The scoring was very good today, with 2 players scoring 41 points. First place on countback was Duncan Shaw-Brown from John Matthews also on 41 points. In 3rd place was Paul Carpenter on 39 points, in 4th place was David Potter on 37 points and this was on countback from Seamus O'Cromtha.

Robert Pryce was closest to the pin on hole 17 and he had much pleasure crossing off David Potters name and putting up his. Unfortunately for Robert he missed his 2 but David got his. There were 2 two's today and these went to David Potter on 17 and Seamus O'Cromtha also on hole 17.

The most honest golfer today was Swampy, he played some good golf for his 22 points.

Results

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| 1 st | Duncan Shaw-Brown | 41 points |
| 2 nd | John Matthews | 41 points |
| 3 rd | Paul Carpenter | 39 points |
| 4 th | David Potter | 38 points |
| 5 th | Seamus O'Cromtha | 37 points |



Duncan Shaw-Brown

Bert Fifield Trophy winner 2025

The Bert Fifield trophy is awarded to the best score on closing day. The winner this year was Duncan Shaw-Brown who won on countback from John Matthews.



Paul Gnad

Geoff Bassett Trophy winner 2025

The Geoff Bassett Trophy is awarded to the player who has the best average stablefords accumulated over the year. Paul who had an average of 38.80 points won narrowly from Paul Carpenter in 2nd place who had an average of 37.90.

Some fun facts from our results during the year –

Most wins on a Thursday - Paul Gnad 5

A bunch of others had 3

This award gives me great pleasure –

Those that won the most honest golfer ward most often during the year –

A tie between John Mathews & Robert Pryce who managed to achieve this feat 4 times each

Highest Stableford Score recorded during the year – **Paul Gnad – 43**

Lowest Stableford score recorded during the year -

A tie between Lloyd Bell & Seamus O'Cromtha with **20** .

Lloyd on 23 January & Seamus on 23 September

Finally a honourable mention to Wing who played consistently during the year but never lead the field home and also never picked up the most honest golfer award.

A mention also to David Potter who played a lesser number of rounds than Wing but also never won nor tailed the pack.

18th December 10.00am Thursday Men Legends Day

Next Thursday is the last competition for the year

(Legends Day and presentation of this new trophy donated by Doug Ames)

Phil Olsen

TWILIGHT GOLF

Twilight continues for 1 more week, with our Christmas night on Tuesday, 16 December featuring our popular dinner. Wear a hat or colourful shirt for extra Stablefords. Enjoy raffles and plenty of banter. Tee-off is from 5:00 to 5:45 pm. All are welcome.

And Now...

- Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Suddenly, over the public address system the Captain announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!"

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, "Esther, did we pay our \$5,000 IRD Tax penalty yet?"

"No, sweetheart," she responds.

Abe, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks, "Esther, did we pay our American Express card yet?"

"Oh, no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the check," she says.

"One last thing, Esther. Did you remember to send checks for the Visa and MasterCard this month?" he asks.

"Oh, forgive me, Abie," begged Esther, "I didn't send that one, either."

Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss in 40 years.

Esther pulls away and asks, "What was that for?"

Abe answers, "They'll find us!"

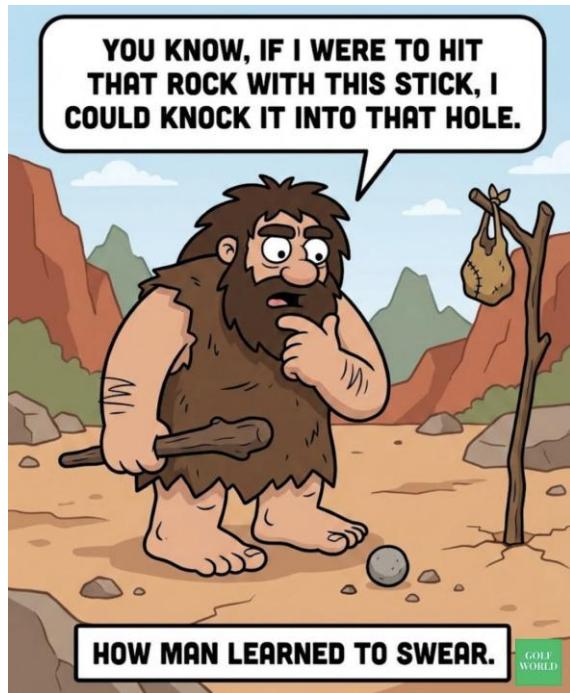
MEMBERS CORNER

New bench seat on 16th tee

Members may have noticed the new seat on the 16th tee block.

This has very kindly been donated by the Alpha group, in loving memory of long serving member Pil Jung Eum. (Cooks father)





A drunken man staggers into a Catholic church and sits down in a confession box and says nothing. The priest coughs to attract his attention, but the man says nothing. The priest knocks on the wall three times in an attempt to get the man to speak. Finally the drunk replied: "there's no paper in this one either".

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

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