



Coringa *News*



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Kia Ora,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Welcome back to another action-packed year of golf at Coringa.

Saturday's Match

- Stroke; off the White tees for men, yellow tees for women.
- Foley Cup – Qualifying round
- Vets Cup – 1st round (Men over 55yrs)
- Summer Ringers.

Raffle Winners– Note, on the last competition day of 2025, we forgot to order the meat for the raffles, so all raffle winners from the 20th December received \$10 onto their club cards instead.

44 Robbie Chisholm, 35 Rouan Buitendag, 35 Jon Kemp, 21 Jon Kemp, 1 Keith Yardley, 28 Trevor Lee

Program until the end of February - 2026

January	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
	11	Sun	Interclub Over 50's / 60's - R4 at Christchurch
	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)
	19	Mon	Interclub Women 4's at Templeton – vs Weedons 2
	20	Tue	Ladies Twilight
	22	Thu	Ladies: Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	24	Sat	OPENING DAY – competition TBA
	25	Sun	INTERCLUB Presidents; away game vs Waitikiri Over 50's / 60's - R5 at McLeans Island
	26	Mon	Interclub Women 6's at Rawhiti – vs Hororata
	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)
February	1	Sun	Interclub Metro A – away game vs Avondale Metro B – home game vs Avondale Presidents – home game vs Clearwater
	2	Mon	Interclub

			Women 18-hole Silver at Weedons – vs Rangiora Women 4's at Christchurch – vs Avondale Women 6's at Harewood – vs Clearwater
	3	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy Twilight
	4	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	5	Thu	Ladies; Men; Stableford – Yellow Tees
	6	Fri	Waitangi Day – Course Open
	7	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees. Semi Final Foley Cup. Shootout Summer ringers
	10	Tue	Ladies: Best Nett Trophy Twilight
	11	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	12	Thu	Ladies; Betty McBirdie & Stableford Trophy Men: Par - Yellow tees
	14	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / Silver tees Final Foley Cup Summer Ringers Shootout.
	15	Sun	Interclub Over 50's / 60's - R6 at Waimairi Beach Metro A – away game vs Bottle Lake Metro B – home game vs Waimairi Beach Presidents – away game vs Everglades
	16	Mon	Interclub Women 18-hole Silver at Rangiora – vs Russley Women 4's at Amberley – vs Templeton Women 6's at McLeans Is – vs Christchurch
	17	Tue	Ladies: Stableford Twilight
	18	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees 10,30 am start; entry fee \$10 members \$15 visitors.
	19	Thu	Ladies: Mixed Tees Men: Stableford - Silver tees
	21	Sat	Stableford – Black / Silver tees Vets Cup 3rd round Summer Ringers Shootout
	23	Mon	Interclub

			Women 18-hole Silver at Waimairi – vs Clearwater Women 4's at Bottle Lake – vs Amberley Women 6's at Akaroa – vs Harewood
	24	Tue	Ladies: Nett Twilight
	25	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	26	Thu	Ladies: LGU Men: Stableford – Yellow tees.
	28	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White Tees Shootout

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Greens are running at 10.1.

The Greens were fertilized on Wednesday. The whole course has been cut and is ready for opening day. The new tees have been fertilized as well and are filling out nicely.

Just a reminder please rake bunkers and repair your pitch marks.

Finally, congratulations to Rohan on winning the NZ bowls singles on Monday

Dean

BAR / CAFE

Normal operation resumes this Saturday, it will be great to have Bev and James back on deck serving up hot chips and cool beverages.

A huge thank you to Barry, Nic, and Roy who looked after all our essential needs over the holiday period.

Thank you also to all our members who helped keep the outside table area clean and tidy.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Coringa to our new members

Bain, Hunter	Baker, Ian	Baker, Justin	Bromwich, Alan
Butler, Jason	Chae, Yunho	Kim, Min Jae	Kim, Soeun
Park, Daeho	Clinton, Mitch	Dilger, Carlin	Francis, Mark
Fyall, Conor	Fyall, Glenn	Gow, Adam	Jeon, Beop Ju
Kim, Jenny	Kim, William	Lee, Cheol Woo	Lester, Jonny
Mills, Josh	Milne, Andy	Payton, Simon	Reeves, Joseph
Rhodes, Matthew	Robinson, Matthew	Stephens, Tim	

FOLEY CUP

This is the first Trophy competition of the year,

This Saturday is the qualifying round to find the top 16 who then go on to a match-play on handicap competition over the coming weeks. (4x Match-play rounds in total)

This is a great competition to start the year, where players of all abilities can compete in the same Grade.

This is also a very good place for new members to get a taste of match play, it's a lot of fun, and a great introduction to competitive golf in a low-pressure environment. Give it a go.

Last year came down to an action-packed final between Seamus O'Cromtha and Roy Wang.

Both men played fantastic golf right through the competition so it was fitting that they should meet in the final, a great match-up with Seamus coming out victorious,

There will be an entry sheet in the Pro shop. (No Entry Fee required)

The draw will be posted on dot.golf by Sunday afternoon,

Matches are booked from the usual time of 9.30am.

Round 1 – 17th January

Round 2 – 31st January

Semi-final – 7th February

Finals - 14th February

VETS CUP

This annual event kicks off this Saturday.

This competition is open to all Men over 55yrs,

This is played over 5 designated rounds, spread over the next 4 months

the aggregate score from the best 3 rounds determines the winner,

The first round begins this Saturday, Just enter your name on the entry sheet in the Pro shop.

(No Entry Fee required)

If you haven't played this before, give it a go,

Last year's winner was Doug Ames, who won it in commanding fashion. Who can take honors this year?

SUMMER RINGERS

After Round 4 to the 2025/26 Summer Ringers Competition with 45 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 4, we see Iain Findlater (13.60) overtake the overall Leaderboard on 56.400 ahead of last weeks leader David Cross (16.70) second , a margin of 0.900 separating them. Liam Longley (19.525) improves 20 places into third position on 57.475, 0.150 ahead of Peter Marsh (32.375) in fourth. With Vance Hetaraka (13.125) improving a spot into fifth position on 57.875.

There are currently 43 competitors who are under net par after the fourth 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 11 birdies or better recorded last week, bringing the overall total to 97, with the highlights this week being, the bogey-free round of 68 carded by Dean Harvey (+0.067) with 5 birdies, four of them achieved on the front 9. There were no additional eagles carded by the field this week, with the total still being 5.

Dean Harvey (+0.067) leads the birdies or better statistics with a tally of 1 eagle and 7 birdies, followed by Spencer Wicks with 8 birdies then Leighton Sparks (8.967) and Roy Wang (7.775) with 6 birdies each, then followed by Iain Findlater (13.600) with 1 eagle and 4 birdies, followed by Mal Ashton (9.950) and Vance Hetaraka (13.125) with 5 birdies each.

There are now 23 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 4, remains Holes # 2 with no birdies recorded by the Ringers field. Hole # 18 was finally conquered by Clinton Chase (11.500). The easiest hole has been Hole # 12 with 13 birdies or better by different players. The next easiest is Hole # 4 with 11 birdies or better by different players, then followed by Holes # 3 with 10 birdies or better then Holes # 14 and # 15 with 9 birdies each.

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

	This Week	Last Week
Number of Competitors	45	43
Range of Gross Scores	64 - 96	66-96
Range of Net Scores (Field)	56.400 - 76.000	56.900 - 74.500
Range of Net Scores (Top 20)	56.400 - 61.800	56.900 - 62.900

	This Week		Last Week	
	<u># of Players</u>	<u>%</u>	<u># of Players</u>	<u>%</u>
Under Net Par	43	95.56	39	90.70
Eagles or Better	5	11.11	5	11.63
Birdies or Better	33	73.33	29	67.44
Players with Multiple Birdies or Better	21	46.67	21	48.84
Bogeys or Worse to Discard	41	91.11	40	93.02
Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard	18	40.00	19	44.19

The weather outlook is looking good for Saturday with a forecasted high of 25, cloudy with Northeasterlies after an overnight low of 15. See you out there...happy golfing.

Kevin King
Ringers Convener

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24th – Opening Day

- The official start to our year begins with our annual opening day tournament,
- We will finalise the format for this year's tournament, and post details in next week's newsletter. (we have already played our traditional "Teams Stableford" and "Ambrose" so we are hoping to try something a bit different this time)

January 31st – SHOOTOUT 2026

- This year's edition of the shootout will begin at the end of January and runs through until November, this is a great way to keep you motivated on playing good golf throughout the year,

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 10th January

Welcome back to Saturday golf with a Stroke round off the White tees,

- Summer Ringers
- Vets Cup
- Foley Cup qualifying.

All the regular competitions and jackpots are back in play again, incl best gross, two's, nearest to pins, birdies, nett eagles, and meat raffles.

Holiday golfing

I took a complete break from my computer over the holidays, and I didn't take any notes during this time, so it was a great time to do something stupid on the course without getting yourself embarrassed in the news. For all holiday results please check out the Coringa website for details.

A few of the standout highlights during this period,

20th December

Mal Ashton, fires a personal best round 71 – for 46pts.

Oliver Shea collects the two's jackpot,

Kim Stevens wins the net eagle jackpot.

27th December

Robin Wah scores an amazing 46pts, and new member William Fitzgerald won Div 2 with 43pts.

Some crazy good scoring in each division today, I played with Pete Marsh who was sure he would win with his 42pts, it was only good enough for 4th place, haha you need to play better Pete.

3rd January

Ross McAskill takes top honors with 43pts, I played with Ross the previous week and he was rubbish, how could he score 43pts??? - nah just kidding, Ross was great, awesome to see him scoring better this week.

Dean Harvey fired a very nice round of 68 – 5 under par, well done Dean,

Bring back the 2's jackpot!!

Last year, I took great pleasure having a laugh at all the people who scored two 2's during the holiday break while the jackpot was on holiday, Murray Brown, Oliver Shea and Nelson Gaw, "hahahaha your timing is terrible"

Well, isn't golf just the cruellest game, I haven't scored two 2's in years, and suddenly out of nowhere it happens. Great timing! 😞 😞 😞

Hole in One

Congratulations to Jihoon Yang, who scored a hole in one on hole 17

Unfortunately this didn't occur during a club competition to enable a bar tab, but still a wonderful personal achievement – well done Jihoon.



WEDNESDAY GOLF - The first Wednesday watering tournament for the year will be held on the 5th February

THURSDAY GOLF – Competition resumes next Thursday 15th January

A huge thank you must go to Phil Olsen who has managed the Thursday group over the past couple of years, Phil has done a fantastic job, and put in a lot of work to keep this running, Thank you Phil.

Phil steps down now and has handed the reins over to Robert Pryce, ably assisted by David Potter. Thank you very much men, it takes dedicated volunteers like yourselves to keep the club ticking over.

TWILIGHT GOLF – Twilight kicks off again next week, 14th January.

And Now...

- **An old man goes to the Wizard ...**

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a "Curse" he has been living with for the last 40 years.

The Wizard says "maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you."

The old man says without hesitation ""I now pronounce you man and wife"".

MEMBERS CORNER

Now for the biggest golf news story of the new year. Bowls!!

Congratulations to our head greenkeeper Rohan Ware, in winning the national bowls title. Well done Rohan, we are incredibly proud of your achievement.

[Click here to read the full story of Rohan's fantastic win](#)



Hazardous objects on the golf course.

You wouldn't think of golf as being a rough sport, but I've recently come to learn, the golf course can be a dangerous place, so you better make sure you be careful out there,
Just a few of the dangers out there,

Rabbit holes to step in, Bunkers to drive your carts into, Ice during the winter, Sun exposure during Summer, Lightning and thunderstorms, Gale force winds, just to name a few, and this doesn't even begin to cover all the golfing hazards, such as stray golf balls, stray golf clubs from angry golfers, dangerous cart drivers,

A part of being a golfer, is you know all about these hazards, you know each time you come to golf you have a personal responsibility to be careful out there. But, last Saturday I discovered a new, previously unknown threat to the golfing public,

I hit a good shot off the first tee, but as I approached the ball, I saw it had nestled hard up against one of the pine trees,

After I assessed the lie, (I was screwed) I took a step back, calling out to my playing partners to see if I could scam my way out of this with a dodgy tree root ruling.

As I stepped backwards, I was attacked from behind, my legs stopped moving, but my top half kept going, and I went down, it all happened in slow motion, I was powerless to stop myself, and the whole time I was just hoping like mad that this wasn't going to hurt too much.

Crash!!! I hit the ground hard.

- I lay there for a second, feeling for any pain – nothing, that's a good start.
- next I started to check if I was covered in any mud, - no, all good,
- Finally, I looked back at the clubhouse, just to make sure no one had seen me, yes! All clear Yay!

As I stood up I looked to see what had attacked me, you wouldn't believe it,
The most dangerous hazard on the golf course last Saturday was this lethal terror,



Beware of the sneaky pine cone,

It lay's there quietly, looking safe enough, but
catches you out when you're not looking,

What do you suppose my playing partners did?
Not only did they laugh, but they told everyone
all about it, thanks guys, I think I need new
friends.

It's not easy to transition from a humorous story, to a sad one,

But I wanted to close out this week's newsletter with a sad farewell to a dear and beloved friend of the club – Bear, who passed away over the holidays.

Bear has been a part of the club for a number of years, and could be seen every weekend walking the fairways of Coringa with his master Chris Choie, poor old Bear had to witness some terrible golf over this period thanks to Chris, Kyle, Ram and Sy, but during his time he became something of a celebrity within the club,

He was never shy about being photographed, always turning up in the group photos, and he was such a gentle, and well-behaved companion.

Farewell Bear – you will be missed.



One of my favourite photo's.

Bear is getting ready to bite Rouan's hand,
"Get him Bear"

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