



Coringa *News*



18th December 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- A Stableford competition off the Blue / Silver tees for men, Yellow tees for women.
- Summer Ringers

Program until the end of January - 2026

| | | | |
|----------------|----|-----|--|
| | 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) |
| | 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 |
| | 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 10.1 feet.

This week on the course, most of the green grass in the rough has been cut, the rest of the rough seems to be dying away just nicely so we can hopefully save on maintenance costs.

Tuesday night / Wednesday's rain was a sight for sore eyes as we got a much needed 32mm rain.

New Tee's

We are now mowing 15 and 17 almost every day. They will be fertilized on Friday before the rain. For the rest of the tees, they will be getting some starter fertilizer next week. We will keep a watch on them and let the grass grow and the tees firm up over January with the plan to hopefully have them in play next February (fingers crossed)

Merry Christmas

Rohan

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Coringa to our new members who have joined us this week

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Still, Harrison | McMillan, Mitchell | Lynch, Oliver | Lee, Young Ran |
| Lee, Jung Jin | Kyle, Murphy | Kim, Jay | Hutton, Riley |
| Doust, Ethan | Cranswick, George | Shao, Shou-Chao | Shao, Ciao-Yu |

THE RANGE - Heli Golf Competition.

Play a round at The Range - anyone can enter and you can enter as many times as you like. Each entry will go into the draw for you and two friends for a return helicopter ride up to Terrace Downs including a round of golf! Not only that, but there will also be prizes for top three Gross and Stableford scores! Your best score will be the one counted! For more info visit www.therangegolf.co.nz for terms and conditions.

POWERADE / COCA COLA – CHRISTMAS HAMPER DAY

What a fantastic day had by all, it was a lot of fun with some amazing golf being played. With 110 entries, this was our biggest closing day tournament that I can remember.

A huge thank you must go out to all our sponsors of the day,

- Powerade / Coca Cola,
- Mitre 10
- New World Bishopdale
- Vieceli Family

Also a big thank you to the women's group who donated and put together the Hampers, they were awesome.

The course looked and played awesome, thanks to our hardworking greenkeeping team. Thanks also to Bev and James in the Bar / Cafe.

David Harvey, collaborates a lot with our sponsors to provide all our prizes, and during the prize giving he was giving me lots of reminders to make sure I thank the right people, and he did a fantastic job so I didn't forget anyone, thanks Harv.

I finally sat down to enjoy a nice cold beer, and all of a sudden I was overcome with a wave of embarrassment and shame, of all the people I gave thanks to, I forgot to include the people who did all of the work to support me. Most notably, Harv and Sharon, who organised the prizes and getting them to the course – set them up ready for the prize giving, Garry Puddy, Phil Olsen and Barry in the shop, who did a great job processing all the entries, Margaret and Walter who looked after the raffles, and Gordon, who collated the results. A massive thank you to all of these people, but most of all – Thank you to all of you who came along to make this another memorable closing day celebration.

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK

The holiday season is finally here, and it's time for all of our volunteers to take a small break to recharge, so we can come back and do it all again next year

- Today's Newsletter is the final one for the year – and resumes on 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.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Twilight golf, resume again in the new year, check the program, for details,

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, so too will the raffles.

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

The Shop will be open with all your refreshments needs after your round of golf. As with every year we ask members to do their part to help look after our shop staff, by being patient when they might be busy, and to keep the outside table area's tidy while enjoying the beautiful weather.

SUMMER RINGERS

Ringers took a short break last week. But will resume this week,

Remember ringers will continue through the holiday period, so you can continue to improve your position on the table.

Entries are still open, with a one-off entry fee of just \$10 it's well worth joining in the fun and watching your scores improve each week through the summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Foley Cup – matchplay on handicap

This is such a fun event, and it is the only individual match play event we run with no divisions, this means you can very often find large handicap differences between opponents, What golfer wouldn't want to receive a 25 shot head start, Our defending champ from 2025 is Seamus O'Cromtha

VETS Cup

This competition is open to all Men over 55yrs, This is played over 5 Stableford rounds, spread over the next 4 months the aggregate score from the best 3 rounds determines the winner,

Last years champ Doug Ames, won it in convincing fashion, and to top it off he only played the bare minimum 3 rounds to do it,

INTERCLUB

PRESIDENTS

Played at Bottle Bottle Lake today going down 5 to 3. Winners on the day were Malcolm Wratt, Jason Wu and Lloyd Bell. 4 of the other games went down to the 17th so proud of the guys for sticking it out. We have break now until 25th January when we're away to Waitikiri

David Cross

METRO A

Last game before the Christmas break was a home game against Waimairi Beach. It was a very close contest with the team walking away with a 4-4 draw. John Gaw, Roy, Tim, and Albert each won their match. Special mention to Patrick Truong for making his Interclub debut. Even though his match ended with a 2 down result, he played very well against a much lower handicap and was all square even up to number 17.

The team are currently 5th on the table, so we have a bit of ground to make up on the leaders when we come back next year.

Olly Snape.

METRO B

6-2 win against Harewood this week, which pushes us up to 2nd place behind Clearwater who have played 1 game more than us, so the team is placed very nicely as we go into the Christmas break, Looking forward to doing it all again next year,

Kyle Charlwood

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 20th December

Our final competition of the year will be a Stableford off the Blue / Silver tees
Summer Ringers

Last Saturday 13th December.

As highlighted above, was our Closing day tournament,
We had an awesome turnout, fantastic weather, and a brilliant course, so there were no excuses for bad golf.
There was such a lot going on, so I never really got to hear many stories from the course, but I'm sure I wasn't the only one feeling sick to my stomach, as I stood on that final par 3, (hole 13) knowing that wherever this ball goes, my team has to play it from there. The pressure was unbearable, thinking of all the terrible places this ball could go – I struck it ok, but it went into the right hand bunker, Team mate – James Laris steps up and hits a fabulous bunker shot, stopping 2ft from the pin, I go next, and promptly blade my ball off the back of the green. Next up Moonsook Chun – she hits an amazing bunker shot, and from the minute the ball leaves the bunker, we can tell it's going to go in, it's tracking all the way and sure enough, a birdie two – all because of my tee shot, (I planned that all along)

Now the pressure goes onto my team mate – Phil Olsen, we have two holes left, and we need to use one of his tee shots. He's played well today so we're not worried, he promptly steps up on hole 14 and smashes his ball..... straight into OB – oh noo.

Final hole, we have to take Phil's drive wherever it goes, I don't even bother to hit. He's nervous, contemplating hitting a 5-iron. But we talk him out of it, Back yourself Phil!

Thankfully he hits a good shot, not his best, but under that kind of pressure, it was good enough for the team to finish well.

I'm sure many teams had similar stories to tell, and I hope you all had just as much fun as we did.

WEDNESDAY GOLF

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

On **Wednesday 17th of December** we were programmed 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**', but once again weather had an impact and we cancelled the tournament with the heavy rain forecast and eventuated.

We will have our next mid month tournament on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

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

Wow, what a great turn out for the “Doug Ames” Legends Day Tournament with 26 players enjoying a great day and sharing a drink and some stories of Doug’s 50 years as a player at Coringa Golf Club.

What a legend Doug is, firstly celebrating this month 50 years as a Member, and then today presenting the club a Legends Trophy and how appropriate was it the first winner of the trophy was another club legend Peter (Swampy) Marsh. Doug was thrilled Peter won as only last year Doug beat him in the Club Champs Masters. Doug also won the Vet’s Cup last year, what a competitor he was.

Doug Ames pictured today with all his Thursday golf buddies



Todays Results

As mentioned Swampy won the Legends trophy, second was Richard McCaskill, in 3rd place was Tom White on 38 points on countback from Keith Yardley on countback from Robert Pryce also on 38 points. In 6th place was John Matthews on 37 points.

There were two 2's today by Duncan Shaw-Brown and David Potter.

The most honest golfer today was Greg Carr who played solidly for his 26 points.



TWILIGHT GOLF

Wow! What a fantastic turnout for Twilight Golf tonight!

⛳ 81 players

⛳ 72 meals

⛳ 3 extra Stablefords if you wore a Christmas themed hat and shirt....and weren't there some fabulous outfits!

Thanks for a great evening everyone! We look forward to starting Twilight again on Tuesday, 13 January.

Check out the Coringa facebook page to see some awesome photo's from tonight's twilight.

<https://www.facebook.com/CoringaGolfClub/>

And Now...

- **Gender**

You may not know that many nonliving things have a gender.

For example...

1) Ziploc Bags-

They are Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

2) Copiers-

They are Female, because once turned off, it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.

3) Tire-

Male, because it goes bald and it's often over-inflated.

4) Hot Air Balloon-

Male, because, to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.

5) Sponges-

Female, because they're soft, squeezable and retain water.

6) Web Page-

Female, because it's always getting hit on.

7) Subway-

Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

8) Hourglass-

Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

9) Hammer-

Male, because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.

10) Remote Control-

Female..... Ha! You thought it'd be male. But consider this-it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying.



If anyone has any news, jokes or stories to share with the club please contact meEmail
v.hetaraka@gmail.com

Txt, 022 458 8199

Vance Hetaraka