



Coringa News



26th June 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- A Stableford competition off the dual Blue / Silver tees for men, Yellow tees for women,
- Shootout
- Winter Ringers

Raffles

25 Michael Homan, 8 Trevor Lee, 40 Walter Scott, 28 Garry Puddy, 37 Geoff Miller, 54 Richard Kingsbury

Program until the end of August - 2025

June	28	Sat	Stableford – Blue / Silver tees (3rd Interclub Trial) Shootout Winter Ringers
July	1	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy
	2	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	3	Thu	Ladies; LGU R6 9-hole – Betty McBirdie Trophy Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	5	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White Tees (4th Interclub Trial) Shootout Winter Ringers

	8	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	9	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	10	Thu	Ladies; Best Consecutive 9 holes 9-hole; Putting Men: – Stableford – White tees
	12	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees (5 th Interclub Trial) Shootout Winter Ringers
	15	Tue	Ladies; Stableford
	16	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	17	Thu	Ladies; Lilah Edgar / Acacia Stb R5 9-hole; LGU Men: Par – Yellow tees
	19	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees (Final Interclub Trial)
	22	Tue	Ladies; Mid-Winter Lunch – Venue TBC
	23	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	24	Thu	Ladies; Joan Bisset – Nett R5 9-hole; Stableford Trophy Men: Stableford - Yellow tees.
	26	Sat	4BBB nett – White tees Urlwin Rosebowl Qualifying (16 pairs to qualify). Shootout Winter Ringers
	29	Tue	Ladies; Stableford
	30	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - \$10 Members - \$15 Visitors
	31	Thu	Ladies; Irish Stableford 9-hole; Stableford – hidden partners. Men; Stableford - White Tees
August	2	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees Urlwin Rosebowl – 1 st round Matchplay on handicap Winter Ringers Shootout
	5	Tue	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy
	6	Wed	Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; (\$20 entry fee.)
	7	Thu	Ladies; LGU R7 9-hole; Betty McBirdie Trophy Men; Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	9	Sat	Stableford – Black / Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl – 2 nd round Matchplay Shootout Winter Ringers
	12	Tue	Ladies; Best Nett Trophy
	13	Wed	Templeton Wednesday tournament
	14	Thu	Ladies; Lilah Edgar / Acacia – Stb R6 9-hole; Match play

			Men; Par Yellow tees
	16	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl – Semi Final Shootout Winter Ringers
	19	Tue	Ladies; Nett – Hidden holes
	20	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees - 10.30 am start; \$10 Members. \$15 Visitors
	21	Thu	Ladies; Joan Bisset – Nett R6 9-hole; LGU Men;
	23	Sat	Stroke – Blue / Silver tees Urlwin Rosebowl Final Shootout Winter Ringers
	26	Tue	Ladies; Stableford NTP
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	28	Thu	Ladies; 4BBB 9-hole; Stableford Trophy Men
	30	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees, Shootout Shootout Winter Ringers – Final Round

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Greens continue to roll smoothly – speed is holding up well, 10.9 feet

This week we have had some really big frosts out on the course, which has allowed us to get out the chainsaws and do some selective tree trimming around the course. We have also been out and cut the fairways which are looking great for this time of year. Now that we have two fairway mowers, the time cutting fairways has come down to 3-hours instead of the normal 7-hour mow time.

We have also been busy this week doing some bunker maintenance, moving sand around trying to flatten some of the bunkers out so you don't have those scary downhill lies.

Next week, we are hoping to start the coring of fairways (weather dependant), so if you do see the tractor out on the fairways, please give way and let him do his job

Finally – please, please, repair your pitch marks on the greens – we put a huge amount of effort into maintaining the greens, they are arguably the best feature of the course and it's a real shame when they are pock-marked with unrepaired pitch marks!!

Thanks Rohan

SUBSCRIPTIONS

At Monday's Board meeting we agreed on the subscriptions for next year (see the full table below)

The key points to note are

- Slight increase of 2.5%, matching current rate of inflation
- Removal of the 1 year introductory and 3yr subscriptions. The Board have decided we will no longer offer discounted deals for new members, everyone should pay the same (though the Board may consider one off deals for groups of new members where appropriate).
- Removal of the 5% married couple's discount. The married discount is complicated to administer and is a little out dated these days.
- Introduction of a new 6 day subscription (Sunday – Friday). This replaces the current mid-week subscription, but is slightly cheaper. We are looking to encourage new members (and maybe existing members) to take up this option and hopefully lessen the pressure on Saturday mornings.
- For existing members shifting categories such 1st year introductory members who joined after 1 January, members shifting out of the U35 category this year and 3yr members whose term is coming to an end, they will be offered a special transition subscription of \$975 next year.

The new subscription invoices will be produced around mid August. If anyone would like to change categories, is intending to resign, or has any concerns/queries, please let us know –

office@coringagolfclub.co.nz.

Subscription Categories	Current 2024/25	Increase 2.5%*	Proposed 2025/26
Full Members - Men & Woman	\$1,100	\$30	\$1,130
Full Members - Senior, Alpha	\$980	\$25	\$1,005
6 Day Membership - Full**	n.a.	n.a.	\$925
6 Day Membership - Senior**	n.a.	n.a.	\$800
6 Day Membership - U35**	n.a.	n.a.	\$530
9 Holers	\$665	\$15	\$680
9 Holers - Senior	\$545	\$15	\$560
Summer	\$650	\$15	\$665
Summer - Senior	\$595	\$15	\$610
Under 35	\$610	\$15	\$625
Under 23	\$425	\$10	\$435
Under 16	\$180	\$5	\$185
Transistion subscription (moving categories)***	\$950	\$25	\$975

* increased % applied and then rounded to nearest \$5 or \$0,

** Sunday to Friday membership, replaces mid week membership

*** New members on 1st Year introductory for less than 6 mths and members shifting from U35 and 3yr memberships will be offered a special transistion sub of \$975

TARGET TIMES ON THE SCORECARDS

We've turned on a new feature in dot golf – a target time to start each hole. This is printed on the right hand side of your score card (albeit in fairly small printing). The idea is to remind us all what time we should be teeing off on each hole and will give us an idea if we are keeping up the required Pace of Play as we go around the course (this is especially important for those of us who play early Saturday morning – any delays we cause are magnified latter in the day).

We are all aware that Pace of Play is a contentious issue at the moment, with the shorter daylight hours and resulting in fuller / condensed fields causing issues.

There's no magic answer to this – the Board and the Match Committee have been looking at this problem periodically for years (as have Canterbury Golf and other Clubs in Christchurch).

We will keep looking for longer term solutions e.g. changes to the course layout etc, but in the meantime please do what you can within your playing groups to keep up the Pace of Play.

One of the easy ideas under "Ready Golf" – once the first two in your group have putted out, go to the next tee and tee off as soon as the fairway is clear. This keeps play moving and hopefully ensures you're keeping pace with the group in front.

TREE DONATION

John Patten has donated two sizeable Kowhai trees to the club for planting near the seventh green, where John recorded three holes in one. The trees were brought from the Big Tree Company, Sawyers Arms Road.

The Tuesday crew will work with Rohan and get the trees planted in the ground next week.

John was a long time member and heavily involved in the administration and management of the Woodward Cup side many years ago.

Thanks very much to John and his family for the generous donation and the assistance of Geoff Miller organising the purchase.

Harv

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Coringa to our new members

Begg, Andrew

Carter, Owen

Hunia, Robert

Kennelly, Steve

Mulligan, Joshua

Ameen, Saleh

Kim, Hyung Sun

WINTER RINGERS

[Click here to view the Ringers leaderboard](#)

The Winter Ringers competition completed its third week after an additional 2 registered competitors bring the total to 37, with handicap indexes ranging between 1.5 to 32.8. Again, the entry sheet was not displayed on the counter for those players who started before 9.00am but if you decide to enter in the next few weeks, then any previous qualifying rounds played and recorded on the dotgolf website will be included in the composition of your Ringers score.

This is a competition that everyone can compete in and have a fair chance of winning and it does not favour the high handicappers.

The entry fee is \$10 and field is divided into three equal groups that are dynamic, that is the composition of each group is only finalised after completion of the last round and those with handicap indexes that border the ranges may swap between groups depending on their weekly changes in their handicap index.

Your weekly round scores will be picked up from Dotgolf website and a weekly Ringers leaderboard will be published on Facebook, the Coringa website and on the notice board in the Pro Shop.

Test your golfing prowess and beat the course hole by hole over a thirteen week period, have some laughs and earn some bragging rights over your fellow competitors. If you're having a bad round to start with, there's always something to play for as you begin to target the remaining holes left on your scorecard to improve on your Ringers score.

Get involved, don't be the one that's missing out on all the FUN...challenge yourself and see what your lowest gross/net score could be if you had the perfect composite round. Get rewarded for your efforts.

There'll be an entry sheet on the Pro Shop counter, next to the cash register, register your name on the sheet and pay your entry fee to Barry.

After Round 3 off either the Blue or Silver tees for the men and Yellow tees for the women, we saw Phil Olsen (16.2) overtake the lead over the field with an improvement of 6.10 to his net score, bringing it down to 60.800, only 0.400 ahead of newcomer Chris Innes (14.8) with a net score of 61.200, followed by Iain Findlater (14.1) who improved 21 places on 61.867. So at this early stage, there are now 34 competitors who are currently under net par but with another 10 rounds to play, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the range of net scores in the field compresses.

There were 18 birdies or better recorded, with a number of competitors scoring multiple birdies in their round this week, namely Graham Free (7.7) with an eagle and 3 birdies, Duncan Shaw-Brown with 2 birdies as a result of two 2's on the back 9 and Iain Findlater (14.6) with 2 birdies also as a result of two 2's. There are 28 players with a birdie or better. Fourteen of the birdies have been scored on Hole # 12, with the next best being Hole # 13 with 7. The Hardest holes to attain birdies or better are Holes # 2,8,9 and 18.

Graham Free's eagle was secured on Hole # 12 and was the second one recorded by the field, the first was achieved by Spencer Wicks in the first week round also on Hole #12. The highlight of this weeks round was the birdie scored by Greg Carr (31.4) on Hole # 3

Here are some of the field statistics to date in the 2024/25 Winter Ringers Competition:

	This Week	Last Week
Number of Competitors	37	35
Range of Gross Scores	69 - 112	69 - 112
Range of Net Scores (Field)	60.800 - 76.100	64.600 - 84.200
Range of Net Scores (Top 20)	64.600 - 66.167	64.600 - 71.000
	# of Players	%
Under Net Par	34	91.90
Eagles or Better	2	5.41
Birdies or Better	28	75.68
Players with Multiple Birdies or Better	13	35.14
Bogeys or Worse to Discard	37	100.00
Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard	18	48.65

The weather outlook for this Saturday is not looking favourable for the fourth round, it has a forecasted high of 11, showers with southwesterlies after an overnight low of 4.

See you all out there on the course this Saturday and a few more Ringers registrations. Happy Golfing.

Kevin King
Ringers Convener

LADIES REPORT

18-Holers: This week they played Joan Bissett Nett R4
Next week they play LGU R3

9-Holers (mixed):

Thursday: This week we played Stablefords with points going towards the Stableford Trophy. 1st on CB was Chris with 19 Stablefords and 2nd also with 19 Stablefords was Janice McPhail.

Next week they play for the Betty McBirdie Trophy. Duty person is Anne Morgan

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 Carley with 19 Stablefords and 2nd was Myra with 17 Stablefords.

Sunday: last Sunday Anne Morgan was 1st with 19 Stablefords and on CB was Loida with 17 Stablefords and 3rd Ellen also with 17 Stablefords. Booking for 9 Hole players at 10am next week.

Tuesday: This week we played Stableford 1st was Janice McPhail with 21 Stablefords, 2nd Myra with 20 Stablefords

Next week we play for the Val Sutherland Trophy. Duty Person is Judith Bennetts.

General News:

Mid-winter lunch. This is being held at Bishop Brothers on the 22nd of July at 1pm. So put this date in your calendar. I have put up a notice for people to indicate who is coming as well as the menu. We need to know numbers by Friday 12th July.

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

18 Hole Tournaments

Hawarden Women Open Tournament Wednesday 11th June 2025. TWO GRADES – Senior & Junior

Amberley Women's Open Thursday July 3rd. Gross, Nett, Stableford. Entry Fee \$35

KAIKOURA WOMENS TOURNAMENT 8th - 10th SEPTEMBER Gross, Nett & Stableford Handicaps: 0 – 40. Entry Fee \$35

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 28th June

Will be a Stableford competition off the Blue / Silver tees, Shootout, Winter Ringers

Last Saturday 21st June.

Was an Irish Stableford competition off the Blue / Silver tees.

The weather was a bit dicey, with a couple of wintery showers blasting through, but overall it was pretty good. The course is holding up well to the winter conditions and greens are running as good as ever.

The twos jackpot is not getting much time to build up, it usually goes weeks without a winner, but just lately it has been getting struck almost every week, and this week we had two winners, Duncan and Iain, congrats men, bad luck on the timing though.

Top score this week goes to Dean Harvey, with a gross 76, well done Dean.

We had quite a few high scores this week, with 6 people scoring above 80 points,

Well done Richard Norris with the top score of 86, followed closely by Gordon McCoy 85, Hsing Yu Chen 84, and Harry Lim 83, Iain Findlater and Phill Olsen topped their division with 81 and 80pts.

There were a couple of horror stories out there as well, as you know we don't usually name and shame people, but today we might have to make an exception, see more at the end of the newsletter.

Results – Irish Stableford

Blue – Division One

Jacob Hodgson	75
Isaac Preece	71
Ram Thapa	69
John Gaw	68
Jamie Pow	66

Blue – Div Two

Hsing-Yu Chen	84
John Kim	78
Mike Arlidge	76
Chris Choie	74
Grant Morris	72

Silver – Div One

Iain Findlater	81
Phill Olsen	80
Duncan Shaw-Brown	77
Murray Angus	73
Terry Hampton	68
Young Hae Lee	68

Silver – Div Two

Richard Norris	86
Gordon McCoy	85
Harry Lim	83
Garry Puddy	78
Andrew Wight	74
Peter Cottrell	73

Best Gross Dean Harvey (76)

Nett Eagle Hole (9) Geoff Miller, Mandy Son

Birdie Hole (1) Dean Harvey, Issac Preece, Rohan Ware, John Haddon, Nelson Gaw, Jesse Guise,

Nearest to pins Paul Hansen (5), Olly Snape (7), Steve Satherley (13), Tim Donaldson (17),

2's Jackpot

Iain Findlater 7, 13 and Duncan Shaw-Brown 13, 17.

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Iain Findlater 7,13, Duncan Shaw-Brown 13,17, Terry Hampton 5, Oliver Snape 7, Billy Nehoff-Bates 13, Melissa Newburn 17, Mike Boshoff 5, Gilbert McKinnon 5, Jason McCauley 13, Issac Preece13, John Rademakers 17, Richard Kingsbury 17, Chris Choie 7

Upcoming Events

26th July - **Urlwin Rosebowl** – Pairs match-play on handicap

WEDNESDAY

The group headed south to Ellesmere this week and found we had a couple of special guests with us, Alan Smith and Tuesdays birthday boy Gordy McCoy. What a pleasure to have these club statesmen coming out and sharing their wise words. I might add both can get rid of a few. Anyhow one of them demonstrated what a competitor he was with a club in his hands and the other demonstrating what a lucky man he has been in life.

The weather was nice, and temperatures bounced between warm and chilly. We had fourteen which was great considering the forecast. Unfortunately, the nor westerly wind got up and it made the greens very challenging for most of us, as they were the fastest I have seen out there. Very similar in speed to ours after a good roll. The green keeper played and he picked up first in Division One and his assistant finished second in Division Two.

The day's golfing results once again had the 2 shot PCC indication on Dotgolf as an indication of how challenging the course was.

Coringa members Results;

Division One:

5th	John Kim	34
6th	David Harvey	32(B/L)

Division Two:

2nd	Gordon McCoy	37(B/L)
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Terry Hampton thought he had two closest to pins but only brought home one after what he described as two great shots.



Raffles and what a great result for the group.

Chris Chun Two meat packs

Paul Snape Two meat packs

Alan Smith Three meat packs

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

We then have our main fundraising Wednesday 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' (\$20 entry) tournament on Wednesday the **2nd July** 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.

Once again we have a total of 21 prizes of seven each within the three divisions and there will be two meat raffles.

Remember tee times start at 10 so to ensure your tee time, please make a booking through the Pro-Shop or just turn up and you'll get put into a four.

Lets hope for a good turn out.

Harv

THURSDAY

On a cool and clear winter morning we had a field of 13 players turn up for the Thursday Golf tournament. Todays' game was an American stableford off the yellow tees.

The course was in good condition and playing well.

In first place today was Doug Ames (without anti-biotics on board) who played extremely well for his 56 points, in second was doctor John Maasch on 55 points, in 3rd place was Tom White with 54 points, and in 4th place was Dougie Densem on 53 points and this was on countback from Duncan Shaw-Brown and Brian Docherty.

There were 2 two's scored today and they both went to Duncan Shaw-Brown on holes 5 and 11, well done Duncan.

The most honest golfer today was won by Lloyd Bell who played superbly for his 43 points.

Results

1 st	Doug Ames	56 points
2 nd	John Maasch	55 points
3 rd	Tom White	54 points
4 th	Doug Densem	53 points

AND NOW....

- **A man tells his doctor "Doctor, my girlfriend is pregnant, but we always use protection and the rubber never broke. How can she be pregnant?"**

The doctor considered his question for a moment, and then began to tell a story:

"I have a friend who is an avid hunter and never misses a season. One day, he was setting off to go hunting. In a bit of a hurry, he accidentally grabbed his umbrella instead of his gun. As he neared a lake, he came across a large beaver sitting at the water's edge. Since he only had his umbrella, he couldn't shoot the magnificent creature."

"Whimsically, he raised his umbrella, aimed it at the animal as if it were his hunting rifle, and said 'bang, bang'. Miraculously, the beaver flinched twice as if it had just been shot, then fell over dead."

"Now, what do you think of that?" asked the doctor.

The man said, "Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that beaver."

Doctor: Good!! You understood the Story. - Next patient please.

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- **Scientists took out the left half of a man's brain**

They asked him to count to 10 he goes "246 810" so they put the left half back in and remove the right half. They ask him to count to 10 again he goes "37215. They put the right half back in and go ahead and remove both halves and ask him to count to 10 he goes "look I'm the best at counting and I have the best numbers no one has better numbers then me And my fourth grade math teacher let me tell you she was the greatest math teacher at the time she said you have the best numbers ever so watch I'm going to count to 10" on my phenomenal counter. I'm going to count them tremendously.

MEMBERS CORNER

First a couple of comments about the good golfers

Hole in One – Jay Kim

Congratulations to Jay Kim, who scored a hole in one while playing at Weedons on Sunday
The feat was achieved on the short par 3 – 16th Hole.

While this didn't occur during a recognised competition, it is nevertheless an amazing achievement that very few have the pleasure of experiencing. Well done Jay.

Best Golfer in the Clubhouse

Last Saturday I got quite a shock, when I looked at the tv screen and saw Gordon McCoy's name on the top of the leaderboard, surely this is a mistake, Barry must have entered the wrong numbers??? Gordon was well pleased with himself as he basked in the glory of his 85 points – well done Gordon. Anyway, Gordon is finishing up his beer, he is ready to go home and celebrate his victory, just one last glance at the leaderboard before I go – wait ??? What – who the heck is Richard Norris???? Richard had just posted 86pts, haha.... it was a very funny reaction, Still very good to see Gordon playing well again, and congratulations to Richard.

Now the bad golfers. I thought I could name and shame these people, but I just can't do it. Payback could be too brutal.

What is the worst Stableford score ever. - remember also this is Irish Stablefords

My playing partner was having a very rough day, over the first 6 holes, he amassed a whopping total of 4 points, this included 4 non-scoring holes. He bounced back ok though and scored 24 points over the next four holes. Overall not too bad, I thought it had the potential to be the worst round ever.

Another chap, had an even tougher day at the office, this poor hack managed just 6 points in the first 9 holes, I asked him how is this possible? from hole 7 the points are doubled!
It turns out it's possible if you score zero points on these holes. - Yea I feel your pain.

Another dejected soul, normally this fella is always up for a bit of banter, but he played so terrible, his playing partners just couldn't help but feel sympathy for him.

Anyway, he has a quick beer then heads off home.

Next minute I'm getting a txt msg from him. it goes like this.

“Hey Vance. You know, shooting 98 wasn't the worst thing to happen to me today”

Oh no what's happened? I wondered, - car crash? Speeding ticket? Waiting for more info..... nothing?

What was??

Being mistaken for you 🤔 🤔 🤔 🤔

You cheek buggar I thought to myself, then I replied

Why, are you a handsome left hander too?

Great to see he could still have a laugh after a horror day,
We all have these days, it's especially tough playing in these winter conditions, but we are past the
shortest day now, things can only get better, and warmer from here.
Good golfing everyone.

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

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