Coringa News



31st July 2025

Kia Ora,

Saturday's Match

- A Par competition off the dual Blue / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women,
- Urlwin Rosebowl – 1st round matchplay
- Shootout
- Winter Ringers

Raffles

27 Russell McGregor, 14 Andy Williamson, 25 Andy Williamson, 15 Grant Morris, 21 John Haddon, 17 Garry Puddy

Program until the end of September - 2025

August	2	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees Urlwin Rosebowl – 1st round Matchplay on handicap Winter Ringers Shootout
	3	Sun	**Interclub** Blank Cup – at Bottle Lake – vs Hororata

			Thompson MacDonald - away game vs Christchurch
	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 – 2nd round Matchplay Shootout Winter Ringers
	10	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – at Avondale – vs Harewood Thompson MacDonald – Home game vs Russley
	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
	17	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – at Hororata – vs Bottle Lake Thompson MacDonald – away game vs Greendale
	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	Today's competition sponsored by **PETER TIMBS MEATS** Stroke – Blue / Silver tees **Urlwin Rosebowl Final** Shootout Winter Ringers
	24	Sun	**Interclub** Thompson MacDonald – away game vs Harewood

			Presidents – home game vs Avondale
	26	Tue	Ladies; Stableford NTP
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	28	Thu	Ladies; 4BBB 9-hole; Stableford Trophy Men
	30	Sat	Stroke – FIRST QUALFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees, Shootout Shootout Winter Ringers – Final Round
	31	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – at Templeton – vs Pegasus Thompson MacDonald – Home game vs McLeans Is
September	2	Tues	Ladies; Val Sutherland Trophy
	3	Wed	**Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT** Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; ($20 entry fee.)
	4	Thu	Ladies; LGU R8 – Joan Bisset Nett R7 9-hole – Betty McBirdie Trophy Men; Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees
	6	Sat	Stroke – SECOND QUALFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White / Yellow tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	7	Sun	Interclub Blank Cup – at Pegasus vs Templeton Presidents; home game vs Christchurch
	9	Tue	Ladies; Best nett Trophy
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	Ladies; Veterans Rose Bowl 9-hole – Nett (Hidden holes Men: Par - Yellow tees.
	13	Sat	Stroke – THIRD QUALFYING ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White / Yellow tees Match of the Day – Stroke off 3 tees Shootout
	14	Sun	Interclub Thompson MacDonald – away game vs Rawhiti

	16	Tue	Ladies; Girls day out – TBA & TBC
	17	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30 am start; $10 Members. $15 Visitors
	18	Thu	Ladies; Reserve Day or Stableford 9-hole – LGU Men: Stableford - Yellow tees
	20	Sat	Stroke – FIRST MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day – Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout [for non-championship players]
	21	Sun	**Interclub** Blank Cup; at Harewood vs Russley and Avondale Thompson MacDonald; away game vs Waimairi Beach Presidents; away game vs Waimairi Beach
	23	Tue	Ladies; Stableford
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	25	Thu	Ladies; Lilah Edgar/Acacia Stb R7 9-hole – Stableford Trophy Men: Irish Stableford - Yellow tees
	27	Sat	Stroke – SECOND MATCH PLAY ROUND – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Black / Blue / White tees Match of the Day –Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout (for non-championship players)
	28	Sun	Thompson MacDonald; home game vs Weedons
	30	Tue	Ladies; Putting
October	4	Sat	Club Champs FINALS DAY 36 / 18 holes for finalists – begin at 8:00am

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed is 10.6 feet, this week we have been out on the mowers, mowing 5 laps of rough around most of the fairways and all fairways have been cut also. With the big frost on Monday, we started to tidy up the tree behind the 13th green, we still have a bit to do, and we will on the next frosty morning.

We had some time Thursday, so we went back and lifted some more sprinklers, all the front nine done.

Next week we will be back to coring fairways, also start the back nine sprinklers.

Rohan

THE RANGE - monthly voucher giveaway **https://www.therangegolf.co.nz/**

The first Voucher for a 1hr range session, was drawn from the Saturday field on 26th July
The winner this month was John Haddon.

URLWIN ROSEBOWL – Pairs match play on handicap,
Last Saturday was the qualifying round, This year we had 42 entries, (21 pairs)
Qualifying is the top 16 pairs,
We had multiple teams with equal scores, so all qualifying positions were sorted by countback.

Remember, lowest handicapper in the group goes back to zero, and all others in the group adjust accordingly,
Example from first group,
Brian is the low handicap on 12, Murray and Paul are on 13, and Terry is on 16
Brian gets 0 shots, Murray and Paul get 1 shot, and Terry gets 4

We have 1x woman golfer playing, which is a really good thing to have our ladies getting involved,
I would love to involve more ladies to play this competition.
Try not to overthink the math about this, just think of it like any other haggle you might play with your mates, “we are not playing for sheep stations” so just have fun out there. It's best nett on the hole – easy.
One tip I would encourage the opposing team is to identify early, before starting, or by carrying a yellow card, to see which holes Mandy gets her shots.

Keep up the pace of play
Match play competitions tend to get a bad rap as a cause for slow play,
As we are looking closely at overall pace of play, we will be paying particular attention to see if there is any truth to this, Please don’t let this be true – keep up the pace of play.

COURSE MARSHALLING
A big thank you to John Maasch for picking up this responsibility last Saturday,

Jenny Ahn will be on the course this Saturday, Jenny is new to the match-committee, and is already making valuable contributions to the team,
Many of you might not know Jenny yet, so if you see her out there be sure to say hello or give her a wave.
Remember all our marshals are volunteers, and Jenny has given up her game of golf to help us out.

Right now we are only observing what is happening out there, we are not taking any actions as yet,
So far all indications are, most people are doing what they should be, with the occasional outliers who fall behind, but most people who fall behind, are making the effort to get back on track.
Once again, we had just one group this week who fell out of position and weren't able to make up the lost ground – a different group from last week,

In future we will transition from the observing role to a more active role, engaging more with slow groups to help get them back into position, but for now we will continue to monitor, and let people get used to having us out there.

INTERCLUB

PRESIDENTS
Presidents grade interclub is scheduled to get under way on 24th August 2025 and go through until the end of March 2026. There are 13 games against the other clubs in our zone and are played on Sundays. We provide a team of 8 players. Those eligible to play must be financial members of Coringa golf club and have an index between 10.0 and 24.0. Those interested are asked to write their details on a sheet that will be in the golf shop from this Saturday.

David Cross
Team manager 021 306 832

BLANK CUP and THOMPSON MACDONALD TROPHY
Interclub season kicks off this Sunday – good luck to both teams
Blank are at Bottle Lake and Thompson MacDonald are playing at Christchurch.

Look out for two of our members who are playing Woodward Cup this year,
James Howard – playing for Harewood,
Dean Harvey – playing for Templeton,
Also, Melissa Newburn will be playing her 9th consecutive season for Christchurch in the Pollock Cup starting next Sunday.
All the best for a good season to you all

WINTER RINGERS

Click here to view Ringers results

The Winter Ringers competition completed its eighth week, with no additional competitors to the field. The handicap indexes ranging between 1.883 to 33.475. 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.

After Round 8 off the White tees for the men and Yellow tees for the women, we saw Peter Marsh (33.475) stoically hold on to the lead over the field, with an improvement of 1.075 to his net score, bringing it down to 50.525, increasing his lead to 1.404 ahead of Gordon McCoy (21.071) with a net score of 51.929, followed by Chris Choie (16.000) who jumps up six places in third place on 54.000. So at this early stage, all 39 competitors are currently under net par but with another 4 rounds to play, the leaderboard will change dramatically over the coming weeks and the range of net scores in the field compresses.

There were an additional 20 new birdies or better recorded bringing the total to 117, with the four competitors to score multiple birdies in their round this week, namely Mal Ashton (7.580) with 3 birdies, two on the back 9, David Harvey (9.000) with three birdies on the front 9, John Haddon (10.825) with three birdies on the back 9, including two 2's therefore taking out the two's jackpot, Spencer Wicks (1.883) with two birdies on the back 9 and Angus Tucker (10.350) with two birdies, one in each 9. There are now 34 players with a birdie or better. Sixteen of the birdies or better have been scored on Hole # 12, with two of them being eagles, with the next best being Hole # 14 with 14 including two eagles. The Hardest hole to attain birdies or better is Holes # 2 and 9 with one recorded birdie, with Hole # 18 being the next hardest.

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

	This Week	**Last Week**
Number of Competitors	39	39
Range of Gross Scores	63 - 88	65 - 89
Range of Net Scores (Top 20)	50.525 - 58.500	51.600 - 60.286
	# of Players	**%**
Under Net Par	39 (39)	100.00 (100.00)
Eagles or Better	4 (4)	10.26 (10.26)
Birdies or Better	34 (33)	87.18 (84.62)
Players with Multiple Birdies or Better	27 (27)	69.23 (69.23)
Bogeys or Worse to Discard	27 (32)	69.23 (82.05)
Double Bogeys or Worse to Discard	5 (7)	12.82 (17.95)

The weather outlook for this Saturday is promising for the ninth round, it has a forecasted high of 11, partly cloudy with southerlies developing after an overnight low of -1.

Have a good weekend on the course this Saturday and I'll catch up with you all on Saturday. Happy Golfing.

Kevin King
Ringers Convener

LADIES REPORT

18-Holers: This week they played Irish Stableford
Next week they play LGU R7
9-Holers (mixed):
Thursday: This week no game was played.

Next week we play for the Betty McBirdie 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 . Last Saturday they played Stablefords. Tracey with 18 Stablefords and Myra with 15. Next weekend it is Stableford with points going towards the weekend Stableford Trophy.
Sunday: last Sunday no competition, played a friendly. Next weekend it is Stableford with points going towards the weekend Stableford Trophy.
Tuesday: This week we played Stableford. 1st On CB, Micheal with 21 Stablefords, 2nd Janice Healey with 21 Stablefords and 3rd with 19 Stablefords Ellen.

Next week we play for the Val Sutherland Trophy. Duty Person is Anne Morgan.

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

Russley Golf Club WOMEN'S & MEN'S 9 HOLE TOURNAMENT, Affiliated 9-hole players only. **Monday 15 September 2025.** Entry fee $20

18 Hole Tournaments

Amberley Women's Open Thursday 7th August (NEW DATE). Gross, Nett, Stableford. Entry Fee $35

Rawhiti Golf Club Ladies Team Stableford, Friday 22nd August 2025 Entry Fee $160.00 Per Team ($40 Per Person) handicap index 0-38.9

WEEDONS COUNTRY CLUB Ladies Team Stableford and Open Friday 29 August 2025. Entry fee $40.00 per person Grades: 0 to 40.4

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

Avondale Ladies Team Tournament 11th September $100 per team. Max handicap 40.9

Greendale Golf Club Women's Team Stableford Tournament Teams of Four 18 Hole Members, Friday the 10th of October. Grades 0 – 40.4. Entry fee $35 per person

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 2nd August
Will be a Par competition off the Blue / White tees,
Urlwin Rosebowl – 1st round matchplay
Shootout.
Winter Ringers

Last Saturday 26th July.
Was a 4BBB competition off the White tees.

Top gross score of the day was Rohan Ware with 76,
There were many highlights of the day,
Mandy Son and Jung Min topped the field with a superb team effort 62,
Mel Newburn and Sue Brown were a close second with 63,

John Haddon had an outstanding day at the office, posting a personal best round 77, in the process he also collected the twos jackpot and a nearest to pin prize, he also won the spot prize giveaway for the 1hr range session at "the range"
If only John had a decent partner he might have won the 4BBB too, oh well, you don't have to win everything,
Well done John, it's always neat to see people having a good day.

Congrats also to Chris Choie, taking out the nett eagle hole on hole 16 and collecting the max payout, I just happened to be riding alongside this group at the time, (course marshal giving them the hurry up!!) and I saw Chris hit 3 of his best shots of the day on this hole, awesome golf Chris.
Russell McGregor also made a birdie on the 12th hole while I was watching on, perhaps I'm the reason people are playing well, maybe I should be getting a cut of their winnings??

Results 4BBB nett

Mandy Son/Min Jung	62
Melissa Newburn/Sue Brown	63
Russell McGregor/Douglas Densem	64
David Harvey/Lindsay Thorn	64
Robert Tibbotts/John Haddon	65
Leighton Sparks/Andrew Mackway Jones	65

Russell McGregor/John Matthews	65
Jesse Guise/Michael Homan	65
Michael Smith/Allan McLelland	65
Terry Hampton/Brian Docherty	65
Joanne Joung/Chris Chun	65

Best Gross	Rohan Ware (76)
Nett Eagle Hole (16)	Chris Choie
Birdie Hole (2)	Justin Valluppillai, Joon Su Kim, John Park
Nearest to pins **Sponsored by Hancock's**	Mandy Son (5), Allan McLelland (7), Kyle Charlwood (13), John Haddon (17),
2's Jackpot	John Haddon 13, 17.
2's	John Haddon 13,17, Mal Ashton 5, Phillip Olsen 7, Kyle Charlwood 13, Nelson Gaw 13, Angus Tucker 17, Andy Williamson 17

Upcoming Events

23rd August - Peter Timbs Meats Saturday Competition,

Club Championships – beginning 30th August with the first of three qualifying rounds.

WEDNESDAY

No golf this week due to the wet weather.

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

We have our main fundraising Wednesday 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' ($20 entry) tournament on Wednesday the 6th August 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.

Let's hope for a good turnout.
Harv

THURSDAY

On a cold Winters morning we had a field of 15 hearty players turn up for the Thursday Golf tournament. Todays' game was a stableford round off the white tees. The players found conditions tough with a cold wind and heavy underfoot.

Scoring was tough today with only two prize winners playing below their handicaps.

In first place today was "Swampy" Peter Marsh who had 40 stablefords, this was a great game by Pete today and I am sure Vance will be happy to know his partner for Saturday is peaking at the right time.

In second place was Paul Carpinter on 37 points and In 3rd place was Paul Snape who had 35 points, In 4th place was Doug Densem on 34 points and in 5th place was Phil Olsen on 33 points.

Closest to the pin on hole 17 was Russell McGregor.

There were three 2's today, Russell McGregor and Phil Olsen on hole 17 and Keith Yardley on hole 7.

The most honest golfer today was John Matthews who played solidly for his 22 points narrowly beating Russell on 23 points.

Results

1st	Swampy	40 points
2nd	Paul Carpinter	37 points
3rd	Paul Snape	35 points
4th	Doug Densem	34 points
5th	Phil Olsen	33 points

Phil Olsen

AND NOW....
A guy walked into a bar in Glasgow and asked for a pint.
The barman poured the pint and asked for a Penny !
A Penny ???
The Barman said yes! 100 yrs ago that's what we charged.
We are charging the same today !
Thanks.

A few hours later the guy went to the Bar and asked for a pint.
After getting his pint, he said to the barman, those 2 guys over there
came in after me and they have not bought a drink !
The Barman says they are the meanest people in Scotland,
they are waiting for Happy Hour. !!!!!!

An Old Honest Golfer
An old golfer was hitting his ball from near a water hazard and his club fell into the water.

When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?

The golfer replied that his club had fallen into the water and he needed the club to have a chance to win the tournament and supplement his meager pension.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden club. "Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

The golfer replied, "No"

The Lord again went down and came up with a silver club. "Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

Again, the golfer replied, "No".

The Lord went down again and came up with an iron club. "Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

The golfer replied, "Yes".

The Lord was pleased with the golfer's honesty and gave him all three clubs to keep, and the golfer went home happy.

Sometime later, the golfer was walking with his wife along the water hazard, and she fell into the river.

When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?"

"Oh Lord, my woman has fallen into the water!"

The Lord went down into the water and came up with Kate Upton. "Is this your woman?" the Lord asked?

"Yes," cried the golfer. The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The golfer replied, "Oh, forgive me Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'No' to Kate Upton, you would have come up with Jennifer Anniston. Then if I said 'No' to her, you would have come up with my woman. Had I then said 'Yes,' you would have given me all three. And Lord, I am an old man not able to take care of all three women in a way that they deserve ... that's why I said

'Yes' to Kate Upton.

And God was pleased!

The moral of this story is: If a golfer ever tells a lie, it is for a good and honorable reason and only out of consideration for others!

MEMBERS CORNER

You know, some people will do anything to get their name in the newsletter, and while I applaud most efforts, I have to draw the line with this blatant act of Insurance and ACC fraud by non-other than the club policeman and well know club celebrity – Peter Bailey, yes I know, who would have thought??

It's already well known that John (Dutchy) Rademakers has had some troubles driving his electric golf trolley, having been involved in many accidents and very recently having been involved in a hit and run on the course, taking down one of his playing partners,
We can't be too rough on John though, electric trolleys are quite a new concept, (only coming out in the last 50yrs, haha,)

Anyway, sneaky ole Pete, playing alongside Dutchy sees an opportunity to extort money out of Dutchy and his insurance company, as well as claim damages from ACC. (What a deviously clever plan Pete)

I'm not sure what hole they were on, but at some point, Peter "accidentally" walked right in front of Dutchy's trolley, and let it run him down, knocking him to the ground in obvious agony – Peter should have been an actor,
I'm sure Greg Carr was in on the scam too, coming to Peters assistance, playing up the damage done to poor Pete,
Now I expect this kind of behavior from the Aussie, but not from the policeman???

All kidding aside, what really happened?
The batteries in Dutchy's remote control went flat during the round, so as he was trying to stop his trolley, it wouldn't respond and drove it straight into Peter.

Seriously, if you are booked in with Dutchy anytime soon, I would check all your insurances are up to date.

The rigged haggle

There was a malicious story going around on Saturday, that I lost my haggle after being 4up with 5 to play, yeah it's true.
I don't even know what happened, as we teed off on hole 14 we were 4up, one of my opponents hit 2 balls out of bounds, so we only had 1x opponent left to worry about, Pete Marsh,
We've got this won easy, we might as well shake hands now, anyway, Pete makes a miraculous par while getting 2 strokes on the hole, so he wins the hole,
He then goes on to win all the next 4 holes.
All I can say is, he is my partner in the Rosebowl this week, he had better play like that again!!.

READY GOLF REMINDER – First person to putt out heads to the next tee block

This is one of the most poorly understood ready golf actions that people find difficult to perform.

Why? - is it because

- It feels like you are disrespecting your playing partners by walking away,
- You feel it is your duty to hold the flag,
- You don't think it helps with pace of play

Surprisingly - This is also one of the easiest and quickest ways for your group to catch up when you have lost ground on the group ahead, and by doing this simple act it also produces additional benefits for your group,

- It shows the groups behind you, that you know how to play ready golf, and they can see you are making an effort.
- It takes pressure off the last person's in your group putting, by knowing you are looking ahead and ready to tee off, they can take their time with their putt, not having to rush it.
- It gives you a little extra time on the tee, so you don't have to rush your tee shot.
- It saves a lot of time – you'll be surprised how fast you can catch up with the group ahead.

There are good ways to do this, and bad ways,
The bad way– you walk off to the next hole, but instead of being ready to tee off, you're busy messing around marking your scorecard, or doing something else,

The good way, - You have finished putting out, someone hands you the flag,

- Lay the flag on the ground, (the last person to putt can put the flag back in,)
- Walk off to the next tee – if the fairway is clear you can start getting ready for your tee shot, set up ball, think about what shot you are going to play, etc.
- Once the second person comes to the tee block, you are all ready to tee off, with the 2nd person acting as your spotter,
- 2nd person tees off, while you are their spotter,
- While 3rd and 4th people are teeing off, you can mark your card for previous hole.

Give it a try – even if you haven't fallen behind, just practice it so that you know you have this tool at your disposal when you need to catch up,

Ready Golf and Pace of Play – vs - Feeling rushed
While we are going through these education and marshalling exercises, it is important to remember,
You should never have to feel rushed or under pressure to play your shots,
If you are finding that you or your group are struggling to keep up, and always feeling under pressure, please let me know, I would love to help you.

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