Coringa News



14th May 2026

Kia Ora

Saturday's Match

- A Par competition off the Blue / White tees for men, Yellow tees for women,
- Shootout

Raffle Winners

46 Angus Mercer, 6 Robert Pryce, 36 Angus Mercer, 10 David Harvey, 47 Garry Puddy, 9 Steven Satherley

Program until the end of June - 2026

May	16	Sat	Par – Blue / White tees Shootout
	17	Sun	**Christchurch Hackers Tournament** – **Course Closed till 1pm**
	19	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Fun game (Duty Person to decide)
	20	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - $10 Members - $15 Visitors
	21	Thu	9-hole mixed; - LGU Ladies; - Lilah Edgar/Acacia Stb R3, Shootout R3 Men; - American Stableford (Yellow)
	23	Sat	American Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout

	26	Tue	9-hole mixed; - Stableford
	27	Wed	Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament
	28	Thu	9-hole mixed; - Stableford Trophy Ladies; - Joan Bisset Nett R3 Men; - Irish Stableford (White)
	30	Sat	Stableford – Black / White tees Shootout
	31	Sun	**Course Closed – until 1pm** South Island Workingmen's Club Mixed Tournament
June	1	Mon	**Course Closed – until 1pm** South Island Workingmen's Club Mixed Tournament
	2	Tue	9-hole – Val Sutherland Trophy
	3	Wed	**Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT** – Stableford – White Tees. 10.30 am start; ($20 entry fee.).
	4	Thu	9-hole; Betty McBirdie Trophy 18-hole Women; LGU R5 / Putting R5 Men; Jerry Attick Trophy - Stroke (Yellow)
	6	Sat	4BBB Stableford – White tees Shootout Winter ringers begins. - $10 entry
	9	Tue	9-hole; Best nett trophy
	10	Wed	Templeton Wednesday Tournament
	11	Thu	9-hole; Stableford / Longest Drive 18-hole Women; Rhona Day R2 Men; Stableford (White)
	13	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout. Winter ringers.
	14	Sun	INTERCLUB TRIALS – 1st Round
	16	Tue	9-hole; Stableford
	17	Wed	WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White Tees 10.30am start - $10 Members - $15 Visitors
	18	Thu	9-hole; LGU 18-hole Women; Lilah Edgar/Acacia Stb R4, Shootout R4 Men; Par (Yellow)
	20	Sat	Irish Stableford – Blue / White tees. Shootout. Winter ringers.
	21	Sun	INTERCLUB TRIALS – 2nd Round
	23	Tue	9-hole; Nett / Putting
	24	Wed	Ellesmere Watering Tournament
	25	Thu	9-hole; Stableford Trophy 18-hole Women; Joan Bisset Nett R4 Men; Irish Stableford (White)
	27	Sat	Stableford – Blue / White tees Shootout. Winter Ringers
	28	Sun	INTERCLUB TRIALS – 3rd Round
	30	Tue	9-hole; Fun game, (Duty person to decide)

CLUB NEWS

COURSE NEWS

Green speed 10.9 feet.

Thie week on the course the main area of attack was the drainage on holes 5/10 and 14, this is all now completed and marked GUR. Steve has been busy out on the course mowing the rough a full wire to wire cut. The new tees have had their last fertilizer going into winter.

Course Issues

Drainage 5/9/10/14 and 18 COMPLETED

Tree roots on hole 1 COMPLETED

Trim around all existing drainage

Turf 5th green

Bunker machine damage (maintenance). New machine ordered – delivery June/July

Move sprinkler on 7th green

Possible water leak by 10th green

Surrounds turfing required

A number of seeping sprinklers (parts have been order).

Next week - Investigate the possible water leak beside 10 green, trimming of all existing drainage.

Rohan

PS The old red Ute has done its last circuit of the course and been put to rest. Replacing it is a new black Polaris Carry All which you may see around the course. Its great for getting the team around the place and has the added bonus of being able to tow the loaded sand spreader when this is needed.

TUESDAY CREW

Another good day around the course – the car park fence is nearly completed with just one more coat of paint and a few more bits to do (doesn't it look great!!)

Our latest recruits (Alton and PJ) were out cleaning up around the clubrooms and the cart shed, the new growth on the willows and poplars on holes 12 and 14 were trimmed, weeds were sprayed and Dave Harvey has done a great job assisting Glenn cutting down the gums around the 7th hole.

We've also had the stump grinder out again working today on the big stumps to the left of 3rd hole.

Great work everyone !

SILVER TEE OPTION – being rested from playing program
The Silver tee option has been in the playing rotation for a few years now, with the playing program alternating monthly between Silver or White tees.

With the continued growth of the club, and the high volume of rounds being played, some of our smaller tee blocks have taken a beating and have not recovered as well as we would like, primarily the yellow tee blocks on the back 9 that also share the silver tees.
While restoration work is well underway to rebuild all tee blocks, this project will take time,
To reduce the wear on these smaller tee blocks as we head into winter, we have decided to remove the Silver tees option for a while; this will be replaced by White tees.
There are still some white tee blocks that share the yellows, eg holes 2, 4 and 6, so our greens staff will monitor these for any adverse effects of over-use.

TWO TEE START – on hold.
After moving to the 8min tee times, we anticipated moving to a two tee start – more so over winter where daylight hours are much reduced.
After much thought and research – we have not yet been able to come to a decision.

There are pros and cons to both models, and we are well aware of what other clubs are doing in this space,
Before we make a change, we want to be sure this is the best move for our members, and for our club culture. We are not yet convinced that it is.
We will continue to weigh up all our options, and leave all options open.

INTERCLUB TRIALS

Blank Cup Team (8-man team + 3 reserves) and Thompson MacDonald Trophy Team (6-man team + 3 reserves) – Interclub Trials start on Sunday 14th June 2026.

This year trials will be moved from Saturday comp days to Sunday mornings starting 14th June 2026 and finishing mid-July. All things going well, both teams will be announced on Monday 13th July. **PS Please note a Thompson MacDonald Team will be entered providing a manager can be secured. Nominations accepted.**

Rules -
1. Gross scores less ESC's (adjusted scores) tracked. The ultimate average score determines each trialist's final ranking. **All trials played off the Blue tees.**
2. Blank Cup - Automatic selection awarded to the first 6 past the post + 2 selectors choices
3. Trialists aiming for the 'first 6 past the post' challenge must complete a minimum of 4 rounds. Scores will be averaged and regular updates will be notified weekly. There will be 5 Sundays set over June - early July for each trialist to complete their 4 rounds. **Those who opt to complete 5 rounds - all 5 scores will count!**

4. Selectors reserve the right to exercise 'Selector's choice' for the remaining 2 spots. Selection will be based on scores submitted and past experience.
5. 3 Reserves will be announced - Reserves will be free to be released to play other events, but Blank Cup obligations remain their priority even if it is a last-minute call-up.
6. Anyone who withdraws before completing a full trial round due to poor play will receive a score of 99!
7.Coringa Golf club has undertaken to block out enough spots each Sunday morning for players to book.
8. No gimme putts - 2 stroke penalty for those in breach.
9. 2 reserve days will be set for late July in the event of inclement weather.

Players wishing to participate must notify Pro Shop or John Rademakers at john.rademakers@xtra.co.nz or Ph 027 2237705

Cheers
Co-Selectors - John Rademakers and Murray Brown

18-HOLE LADIES and MIXED 9-HOLERS

18 Hole Ladies report

1. We played Rhona Day Cup R1 today.

1st Louise Cheong 46
2nd Priscilla Moon 43
3rd. Hannah Park 40

2.Congratulations to our 18 hole 6's interclub Team on their fantastic semi-final win last Monday against McLeans Island, 3.5/2.5.

The team will now compete in the final against Clearwater at Russley on Monday 25th May.

A sincere thank you to everyone who came along to support the players. Your encouragement was greatly appreciated. We would love to see even more club members there supporting the team at the final.

Wishing the team every success for the big day!
Jenny Ahn

Mixed 9 Holers report

Thursday: This week we played Stablefords and counted our 5 best consecutive holes. Three players got 13 Stablefords over 5 holes. On CB 1st was Janice Healey, 2nd Ellen and 3rd Sandy. Janice also got a Birdie!!!!!
Next week we play LGU. 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 week 1st was Anne Keh with 18 Stablefords and 3rd Carly with 16 Stablefords
Sunday: The Sunday game. Next week the course is closed. Last Sunday just a friendly was played
Tuesday: This week we played Best Nett with points going towards Best Nett Trophy. 1st Vaughan with Nett 34, 2nd Micheal with Nett 35 and 3rd by Lot, was Ellen with Nett 35
Next week we play a fun game, Duty Person to decided. The duty person is Janice Healey.
BIG THANK YOU TO the 9-hole players and the 18-hole ladies who did some gardening this afternoon. Quite a few bags of weeds went to the green waste pile.
Tournaments:

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE NOICE BOARD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS IN THE CLUB HOUSE

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.

For 9-hole players, if you are wanting to enter any tournaments, can you please do this yourself. Do not forget to send in your Handicap, ID and Index

Anne Morgan Ladies Club Captain

MENS REPORT

This Saturday 16th May

- A Par Competition off the Blue / White tees
- Shootout

Last Saturday 9th May
Was a Stableford competition off the Blue / White tees

Best Gross today was won by Spencer Wicks with a fantastic round of 71
Spencer also scored 41 points to take first place in Div 1 Blue.

Stableford results - click here

Top score today within the divisions goes to Robert Pryce, with 45pts, followed close behind by Kyungwook Kim on 43pts, Mel Newburn scored a very nice 2 under par gross to come in with 42

points. The big disappointment today was Murray Angus, finishing up 3rd in his division with 42 points, when he should have had 45pts – you should have played better Murray, (more to this story later) Good to see Michael Homan back to his best, posting a smooth 41pts today, and also good to see Mike Dimond break the 40pt barrier too.

Congratulations to Mal Ashton on scoring 3x two's today, picking up a share of the two's jackpot and the lucky draw hole. Congrats also John Matthews, scoring a two on hole 5, and picking up some money from the lucky draw, I was happy about this because the lucky draw was John's idea, too bad you had to share the money though John,

Nearest to pins – sponsored by Hancocks
Hole 5 – Graham Free
Hole 7 – Angus Tucker
Hole 13 – Mike Dimond
Hole 17 – Scott Ritchie

Birdie hole (#5) – John Rademakers, Scott Ritchie, Mal Ashton, Graham Free

Nett Eagle Hole (#2) - Not Struck

2's Jackpot – Mal Ashton 5,7,13, Scott Ritchie 5,17, Graham Free 5,7

Two's (#5) - John Rademakers, Scott Ritchie, Mal Ashton, Graham Free, John Matthews



VETS CUP CHAMPION 2026

Nigel Foster

WEDNESDAY GOLF

It was great to see a group of nineteen headed down the road to Templeton this week. The course demonstrated its challenges with only twelve playing to par out of ninety playing in chilly but fine conditions. The fairways are starting to recover and improve, but there is a long way to go for them!

Our outstanding rounds of the day were scored Richard Kingsbury with 38 stablefords from Shao Shou Chao in division One and a number on 37. Richard and Shou are in hot form on Wednesdays at the moment so the handicap sub committee will need to keep an active eye on both! Haha well done Richard and Shou.

Coringa members results in the top six;

Division One: (Less than 14.4)
2rd. Richard Kingsbury 38(C/B)
3rd. Shao Shou Chao. 38
6th. David Harvey. 37

Division Two: (14.5 - 21.0)
3rd. Jim Skedder. 37
6th. Kerry O'Neill. 33

Division Three: (21.1 plus)
2rd. Gavin Walkinshaw. 37

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

On **Wednesday 20th of May** we will have our 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 two closest to pins purchased through **'Hancocks'.**

June 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' ($20 entry) tournament

We will have our monthly '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' ($20 entry)** fundraising tournament on **Wednesday the 3rd of June** with our usual prizes from our friends at **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group', 'New World Bishopdale'** and wine purchased through **'Hancocks'.** As usual there will be three divisions of seven prizes in each including the three **'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group'** $50 vouchers.

Walter will be away in the USA and I will be away in Asia so Mike Smith and Chris Innes will manage the tournament on our behalf. Thanks guys.

Please book yourself and your group into tournaments through the Pro Shop from 10 am through. Don't just turn up and hope a position will be available!

Harv

THURSDAY

On another glorious autumn day, 24 players turned up for today's competition which was a stableford round off the white tees. Thanks to the men who usually play on a Wednesday for gracing us with your presence, but we would appreciate you not winning so many prizes!

The competition for placings was fierce with the spread of points being from 38 points down to 30 points. First place went to Seamus O'Cromtha with 38 points, second was Terry Hampton on countback from Malcolm Wratt with 37 points. There were three players on 36 points so on countback Doug Hillstead beat Robert Pryce for fourth place. The unlucky player also with 36 points to miss out on a prize was Graeme Bennetts.

There were seven twos today, Malcolm Wratt and Duncan Shaw-Brown on # 7, Lloyd Bell and David Potter on # 13 with Lloyd Bell just missing a hole in one by 5cm. There were three twos on # 17, Keith Yardley, Seamus O'Cromtha and Terry Hampton. I was later told that Keith Yardley didn't even make the green and putted his in from about 50m!

Closest to the pin on the 17th was Seamus O'Cromtha who obviously had a good day.

The most honest golfer today went to a veteran, Keith Yardley, who despite getting a two on # 17, could only muster 30 points.

The next game is on Thursday, 21 May and will be an American Stableford off the yellow tees.

If anyone is interested in joining the Thursday Men's Group, please feel free to come along and have your card printed by 9.30am. The cost is $5 and well worth the entertainment and pleasure of meeting and playing with other golfers.
Robert Pryce

And Now...

A man came home from work one day to find his wife sitting on the front porch with her bags packed. He asked her where she was going and she replied "I'm going to Las Vegas."
He questioned her as to why she was going and she told him "I just found out that I can make $400 a night doing what I give you for free".
He pondered that then went into the house and packed his bags and returned to the porch with his wife. She said "And just where do you think you're going?"
"I'm going too!" he replied.
"Why?" She asked.
"I want to see how you are going to live on $800 a year"!

MISSING YOUR GOLF FIX OVER WINTER – FULL MONTYS GOLF, ROLLESTON

Attached is a flyer for Full Monty's Rolleston (one of the sponsors of the Coringa Open) who are running an indoor golf comp over winter. Keen on staying warm and play some indoor golf on a winters night – see the attached flyer for more details…

MEMBERS CORNER

GERALDINE OPEN

For the period 8th to 10th May 6 Golfers from Coringa attended the
Geraldine Golf Club Open at Denfeld Golf course, Gavin Walkinshaw, Bill Blair, Jim Skeeden, Graham Sweetman, Alton and PJ Michel

The format was:
Practice round on the Friday with a haggle, Graham and PJ featured in the prizes while Jim had a payout for a two.

For the Saturday and Sunday there where 3 men's grades and 1 women's grade with the Best gross over the field for the men and women, then best net for each grade down to 5th place

On the Sunday there was a separate Stableford competition which was great if you had a bad game on Saturday, so there was still a chance, sadly we were all just off the pace however
Jim did manage to get the longest drive on the Saturday, as we say when you miss out on a prize, at least there is the raffles well Jim won one and PJ two.

They provided a BBQ lunch on the Saturday followed up with a roast and dessert for dinner, on the Sunday for breakfast we had bacon and eggs in a bun, some had seconds
or even thirds if you wanted, after your round on Sunday there was hamburgers and chips waiting for you in the clubhouse (Not as good as the Coringa burgers and chips at twilight though)

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and will be going back next year

Alton and PJ

Murray Angus – Who needs friends anyway.

We've all been here right, when you've been mates for a long time, you sometimes play little tricks on each other, especially when you are playing for a free drink, for example, you might deliberately stand on the wrong tee block, pretend you're getting ready to hit the ball, and then all of a sudden, you change your mind "Oh you go first mate, I've broken my tee"
You back off and try to contain your laughter as you watch your mate tee it up on the wrong tee block. But- you always stop him before he hits the ball.

This time was a little different, I rocked up to the 13th tee block, stood on the tee and looked through my range finder, the yardage read 110m, (from the temporary tees)
"wow 145m today" I called out "must be a 7 or 8 iron"

I then proceeded to hit my pitching wedge, finishing up the back of the green.

Murray steps up, hits the perfect shot, right on line with the pin, could be a hole in one today,
Nope - the ball was still climbing as it flew over the pin, landing in the middle of the trees beyond the green. “Oh no Murray, what have you done?”

What club did you hit? - “8 iron”
What yardage did you play for? “145m like you said”
How could you think that was 145m???? It’s 145m from the regular tee block, we are 20m forward,
What's wrong with you???

Boy he was mad at me. I’ve never seen him mad before. What I didn’t realize at the time, Murray was having a blinder, he finished with a gross 78 (42pts) his best game in years, and I caused him to have his only double bogey of the day,

By the end of the round he had calmed down, I convinced him it was his own fault for being so gullible, but I think he still holds a grudge, he’s kicked me out of his group for this week,

Sorry Murray – please take me back, I promise to be good. Haha.



Cook He – Hole in One.
Congratulations to Cook He on scoring a hole in one at Weedon’s golf club last week,
The achievement came on the 16th hole,

I believe this is Cook’s 2nd hole in one, well done.

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