

# Safe start to duck shooting season

Hunters are being praised for making a safe start to the game bird hunting season, with no injuries over the opening weekend.

The 2018 game bird hunting season opened last Saturday and runs through to the end of August. About 40,000 hunters participate annually in opening

day. Fish & Game communications manager Don Rood says credit goes to the thousands of hunters who turned out and behaved safely.

He says no incidents were reported from anywhere in the country for opening weekend.

Mr Rood said that Fish & Game, police, the Mountain Safety Council and Water Safety Council had joined forces, in the run up to the start of the season, urging hunters to make safety their number one priority. "We aren't claiming credit for an incident free start to the season, avery individual hunter description a net

to the season - every individual hunter deserves a pat on the back," he says. "But of course - all staff involved in the different

organisations would like to think that this publicity push persuaded hunters to give some extra thought to safety issues."

"As we've said repeatedly, no duck, or bag of ducks, is worth a shooting accident, Mr Rood adds.

He says opening weekend is a great occasion, with lots of tradition behind it - not only for diehard hunters but also for younger people going out with friends and family to learn hunting skills.

"This is the one date in the calendar when, traditionally - through generation after generation - people have got together and gone out duck hunting."

Fish & Game confirms that a number of shotguns were impounded, from hunters in both islands, for offences including the use of banned lead shot and unrestricted magazines. But Don Rood says; encouragingly, the number of shotguns seized appears to be down on last season.

Fish and Game, Mountain Safety, Water Safety NZ



and police combined their efforts this year to promote safety, saying it was the top priority for all hunters during the four month season. The safety message was also pushed in many regions by joint patrols of Fish & Game rangers and police.

"Fish and Game is delighted opening weekend was incident free. Congratulations go to all our licence holders for a job well done," says Fish and Game communications manager Don Rood. This group of 'gentleman' duckshooters dressed in the style of their grandfathers, for an opening day shoot at Holtby Farm, near Marton.

They gathered last Saturday, with other local shooters, at Cook's Bar and Cafe's annual duck calling and duck associated competitions, to share experiences of opening morning. Most weekend duck bags were very satisfactory, according to numerous anecdotal reports.

More duckshooting photos on Page 11.





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# Car mounted footpath and hit woman

A Marton woman was injured when she was hit by a car that veered up on the pavement in Wellington Rd about 7.45pm on Monday morning.

Two women, one in a car and one on the pavement, outside Broadway Colour Plus when a car came from behind them and mounted the footpath, narrowly missing the parked car by centimetres but hitting the pedestrian, carrying her 20 metres on its bonnet. The car smashed a sign post on the way past. The woman in the car says she heard a noise and the car appeared from nowhere.

People in the vicinity responded immediately and gave the injured woman first aid before St John ambulance crew arrived and she was taken to hospital. She was later discharged with stitches and bruising.

Police have video footage of the accident and are investigating.

# Community gets behind hockey turf ball

Rangitikei businesses have thrown their support behind an upcoming fundraiser for the construction of a full-sized hockey turf in Marton.

Tickets go on sale this Friday for The Turf Ball being held at Marton Memorial Hall Saturday 30 June. All funds raised from ticket sales and a prize auction on the night, will go towards building a water-based, full-sized hockey turf at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, which will be open for the Rangitikei community to use.



Sam McKnight from Ballance Fertiliser with organiser Meredith Carpenter in front of the proposed turf site at Nga Tawa Diocesan School.

One of the organisers, Meredith Carpenter says businesses from throughout the Rangitikei district have sponsored The Turf Ball, because they recognise what a difference a turf facility would make to families in the region.

"We are very grateful to Ballance Fertiliser for their platinum sponsorship and to all of the businesses who are coming forward to contribute with cash sponsorship and prizes. Every donation counts towards this important project for our community."

Rangitikei Hockey has one of the highest number of school hockey players per capita in the country. However currently the local primary school competition is played in Feilding, while secondary school and adult players have to travel to Wanganui or Palmerston North, to play and practise.

Tickets for the Turf Ball, including a drink and buffet dinner, cost \$85 per person or \$800 for a table of 10. Music is being provided by Twisted and a live, prize auction will be led by local auctioneer Phil Transom. Tickets can be purchased at www.turfball.co.nz.

# Poulsons celebrate 60 years

Claire and Ray Poulson are a happy mum and dad. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 28 last year but have recently received some lovely mail to mark the occasion thanks to their daughter.

They were thrilled to received congratulatory letters and cards from Queen Elizabeth 11, the NZ Governor General, PM Jacinda Adern and local MP Ian McKelvie.

The couple has lived in Marton since 1999, settling in the town after a life of moving between the North and South Islands.

They were married in Bombay,Auckland in 1957.



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Ray worked in a government job with NZ Electricity.

He says ,"We've been about a bit."He worked his way up through seven promotions, each time relocating around the country. For the first two years they lived at Mangahao village then came to Mangaweka, then Waikaremoana, Kerepehi, Kikiwa, then they came to Marton where he ran the Marton Pukepapa Rd electricity substation, before ending his electrical career in Otahuhu.

Then the Poulsons moved to Papamoa, in Bay of Plenty, where Ray was a school caretaker at the Papamoa School for 10 years and Claire was a cleaner there for 13 years. Ray also coached the boys' rugby team there.

They came back to live in Marton to be near their daughter in 1999. They have four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom were born in Rangitikei, in Taihape, Hunterville and Marton. Ray says

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The couple has lived in Mangaweka, Lake Waikaremoana, Nelson, Wairoa district (ran the Hauraki Plains electricity substation), Otahuhu and Papamoa. Ray says that after travelling around and living all over, he thinks Marton is one of the better places in New Zealand to live.

They say keeping busy has got them through 60 years togetherwhich just crept up on them.



# Ruahine Arms Fair coming up

The popular annual Ruahine Arms Fair has outgrown its Feilding venue and moved to Palmerston North this year to accommodate the 1000 plus visitors to the event.

Sales are big part of the fair but it also features modern and historic arms, militaria, collectibles, shooting sports and displays of military vehicles as well as reenactment enthusiasts.

It is a very interesting day - hence the numbers who support the fair.

The Ruahine Arms Fair is on Saturday 26 May at the Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre at 354 Main St, Palmerston North, between 9am – 4pm.

Entry is \$10 each or \$20 per family and children U12 are free. The event is sponsored by Manawatu Hunting and Fishing.

# 104 and still laughing



May Donald turned 104 last Friday and she was firing on all cylinders, according to her daughter. When asked how it felt to turn 104 she just laughed and said, "It was just another day."

She celebrated her birthday with her children, Diane, Peter and Bruce and his wife Josephine, at a birthday party put on by the staff of Edale Aged Care Centre, where May lives.

She says, "The staff put on a lovely morning tea and all the residents shared the occasion with me." May doesn't have any advice for anyone who wants to live to her age - she handed that out when she turned 100, but her great sense of humour appears to have plenty to do with it.

# Rural Women NZ Scholarships Open

Rural Women New Zealand and Access Community Health are excited to announce that this year, they will be offering a scholarship of \$3000 to a health worker who wants to further their studies in the health and/or disability fields. "We want to encourage people to pursue studies in health and/or disability fields."



National Standards provided a universal platform whereby teachers, parents, whanau and caregivers could track a child's progress. With National Standards it was easy to determine how a child was getting on at school, when intervention was required or alternatively, when a child showed exceptional ability and needed extension. The system also catered for children who changed schools, because National Standards were universal. Labour has dropped National Standards.

They haven't got a better idea though or even an alternative, despite nine years to think about it. In fact, they have no plans to replace them with anything. Apparently the Teachers Union (NZ Educational Institute - NZEI) is happy with the decision.

What this Labour-NZ First-Greens government seem to have forgotten or perhaps overlooked, is one of the main reasons why National Standards were introduced in the first place. National Standards were born to address, amongst other things, widespread concern voiced by teachers regarding their Year 9 or Form 3 students starting secondary school who were well below, where they should be, in literacy and numeracy levels.

It made it very difficult, if not impossible they said, to get them up to speed in three years and capable of achieving NCEA Level 1 - let alone Levels 2 and 3.

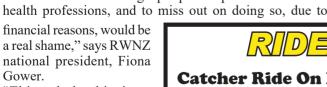
It is important to note that essentially, the premise behind National Standards was that it drew a line between the point where each individual kiwi kid started school, through until that same child achieved NCEA Level 2, by the end of their 12th year in the education system. Level 2 is the level of qualification required to start an apprenticeship or join the armed forces.

By reporting a child's progress or lack thereof, against National Standards, it was possible to ensure they were on the right trajectory. It was also possible, regardless of which or how many schools they attended, to intervene if they dropped below the so-called line.

While it may not have been perfect, it proved a great resource for parents and teachers alike. More importantly it had a significant effect on achievement levels at secondary school.

In 2008, prior to the introduction of National Standards in 2009, the average pass rates for NCEA Levels 1 and 2 were 71% and 76% respectively. Four years later in 2012 pass rates for Level 1 were 79% and Level 2 was 84%. By 2016, pass rates increased further to 88% and 90% respectively. This represents a staggering 17% increase in the number of students achieving Level 1 in the space of eight years. The increase in the number of students gaining a Level 2 qualification was 14%. In percentage terms it's impressive. But when you talk about these results in terms of people and families and lives and potential – the difference is huge.

Education is not a tool to be used to play petty politics. It's far too important for that. And to get rid of National Standards without a viable alternative – that's just crazy. It will have a detrimental effect on young New Zealanders as they chart the course of their futures.



"This scholarship is to recognise the importance in having trained health professionals wanting to work in rural sector, ensuring better health outcomes for our rural communities, " she says. Applications for the scholarship close Sunday, 1 July 2018, application forms can be downloaded off our website."



### BITS n' PIECES

**Rangitikei Heritage Weekend** - Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May - celebrates our local history in the five Rangitikei museums - Taihape, Hunterville, Marton, Mangaweka and Bulls. Theme is "Characters From The Past."

**Book Fair** - Bulls Town Hall - Friday 18 May, 1-5pm and and Saturday 19 May, 9am - 2pm. Books, CDs, DVDs, vinyls.

**Give Glamour** - collecting donated dresses, clean and in good condition can be dropped off at the Rangitikei District Monitor in Marton. Find them on Facebook "Give Glamour" to keep up to date with the most recently donated dresses. The dresses will be on sale on Saturday and Sunday of Queen's

**Pink Ribbon Brunch.....**Club Hotel, High St, Marton May 27,11.30am. To help fight breast cancer - support for this very worthwhile cause.

# Plenty to come at Marton Players

**Marton Players First Friday** open walk up performance night on May 4 was a great success - with performances from Brian Baillie, Christian Stafford and Marton Players' members.

The next open Friday night is May 18 at Marton Players Theatre, 366 Wellington Rd, Marton at 7pm. Gold coin entry - free for members.Musos welcome.

Acts coming soon - Friday June 15 - Andy Anderson and his full 5 piece band will be in concert at Marton Players. Tickets \$20 each from Ray White in Broadway.

Coming 1 July, is a solo musician Luke Hurley-playing acoustic guitar and on then, Paul Ubana Jones will bring his Christchuch band to the Marton stage on Friday 13 July.





### **Bulls Friendship Club**

The first meeting of May occurred on Star Wars Day, May 4. If you not familiar with the reference - think about it) and for the first time this year, we welcomed Lyn Pollock. She played her usual wide range of musical genre and even provided "noise makers" so that we could all join in ourselves. It's amazing how fast time goes when you're enjoying yourself and, at least some of the time, know the words and join in singing with the rest of the audience. Why is "Ten Guitars" our unofficial national anthem? Next week, we have a surprise item so I'll leave it at that for the moment. The Bulls Friendship Club meets at the Bulls Friendship Hall on Fridays at 2pm. We are a registered charity and, by the terms of our registration, any person over the age of sixty can join. However, we can make exceptions for those a wee bit younger. For further information you can just turn up or you can ring our president, Elaine Jeffree on 06 322 1494.

### Marton Contract Bridge

Tue 1/05 Richards Construction drawn pairs (R2) N/S S Marshall & H Rowe and N Poppe & C Skou 55.56, M Morland & J McPherson 45.06. E/W J Meads & K Poppe 61.11, J Baddeley & C Watson 56.25, J Ellery & T Ellery 46.53. Thur 03/05 Lynx Computing pairs (R1) N/S P Davidson & S Marshall and T White & J Baddeley 55.21, D Cains & S Thackery 52.43. E/W J McPherson & G Burne 60.32, E Leary & J Meads 57.14, J Ellery & H Bostock 53.57.

### **Turakina WI**

March outing/April meeting. Members enjoyed an outing to Palmerston North Plaza shopping centre for their March meeting. A short meeting was held before enjoying lunch, with the shops visited afterwards. The April meeting was spent going over the draft remits for the upcoming AGM conference in Lower Hutt, May 28 – 30. A report of the Wanganui Federation AGM council meeting was given by those who attended. Turakina gained the Bronze Vase for its 'programme' and the also the Flyn Trophy for most entries in the knitting. Members Day will be held on Thursday 17 May at 343 Somme Parade Wanganui 1.30pm. February competition results. Handcraft – decorated gift box: 1 Gay Manning, 2 Pat Perry. Garden gem – 1G Manning, 2Joan Marshall/ Lewanna McLean, 3 = Jacqui Gillam/ Marion McAlpine. Floral – 3 flower design – 1 J Marshall, 2 L McLean, 3 G Manning.

### **Bulls RSA**

Poppy Week was once again a huge success thanks to the wonderful generosity and support of our community and the travelling public. Bulls RSA Support Services want to send a special thanks to our retailers for providing support for our poppy boxes. Your generosity enables us to provide support services for our returned and service veterans and dependants. Thank you to Bulls and Clifton Schools for their continued support with the field of crosses and their participation in the ANZAC service. They along with the many community groups, make this day of remembrance so special. This year

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we had the privilege of being joined by the Skye trainees from Ohakea and the Venturers group.

### **Marton Friendship Club**

Friday 11 May is our 64th birthday. Start time is 1.30pm. The hall will be open from 1pm. Entertainment will be a very good ukulele group... "Just Jammin". We will have a fun day. Guests will be with us from clubs in the Manawatu, Rangitikei and Horowhenua districts. Last Friday our 'Games Day' went well. John Scarborough was the housie caller. At another table some board games were in play. Another group decided to go into a side room, where they could chat without all the hilarity. Afternoon tea saw them all appear again! Raffles were won by; Les, Mary, Ken, Dawn R, Tari and Carol. The Marton Friendship Club is a good place to be on a Friday afternoon. All members are relaxed .

### **Taihape Musicians Club special guest**



Taihape Musicians Club has recently elected a new committee for the club and things are happening – they've had two jam nights in April and now they have special gig coming up on 15 May – a performance by touring Kiwi musician Jackie Bristow. Based in Nashville, she sings country, blues, Americana. She has returned to NZ with Australian musician and long-time collaborator the talented Mark Punch. Her tour kicks off up north in Parua Bay (May 11) and finishes up in the deep south playing the Bluff Oyster Festival (May 26).

"I love playing intimate listening rooms, house concerts and festivals. I am excited to return to NZ to play some of my favourite concert venues,"she says.

2017 was a busy year for Jackie who regularly tours the USA. She is looking forward to getting back into the recording studio after her NZ tour and starting work on her 5th album; for release in 2019.

Her 2016 album, Shot of Gold was released in NZ and the US and garnered high praise. American magazine 'Vents' called it 'simply stunning.' Graham Reid from NZ Herald gave it 4 stars. Jackie Bristow performs at the Taihape Musicians Club, 28 Kuku St, 7-11pm. Tickets are \$15, available at Spaceys in Taihape or online at www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/jackiebristow-and-mark-punch/taihape



### Inequality and sustainable growth

Inequality is problematic regardless of whether great poverty is involved, according to American economist Jeffrey Sachs. In the USA, he says, some "incredibly rich people" almost own the political process through massive campaign financing.

"Then we have people who are poor and really are neglected, even though this is a rich country.

"It's become a kind of mean-spirited place at the same time and so the inequality is distorting our social life." Trust and confidence in the US government is falling, he

says. Sachs points to the World Happiness Report, released by

the Sustainable Development Solutions Network each year, which regularly has Scandinavian countries reporting the highest levels of subjective well-being.

These countries keep inequality within limits, by taxation and social attitudes - "if you have money don't flaunt, it don't over-consume" – and they thrive, he says.

"Sweden is a very prosperous country, with a very high standard of living, a very happy society, a very low level of inequality - also a very dynamic and innovative economy." He criticises the culture of corporate self-interest and "wealth maximisation at any cost" and "heartily" backs action such as the New York City government's move to sue five large oil companies over the cost of damage from climate change. "In a culture which says that money is everything and you're

allowed to do whatever you want because your only goal is to maximise shareholder value ... the society ends up being actually gravely weakened.

"People are a lot less healthy and a lot less happy."

For sustainable economic growth we have to do things differently, he says.

"We have to, all over the world, change the way our economies work and our societies work. We don't have to be nasty to the poor, we don't have to coddle the rich.

"We'll still have the benefits of our knowledge, of our technology, of our wealth, if we also aim for moderation and responsibility."

But economic growth can't continue with the same technologies, nor should we push the fossil fuel age to the last drop of oil or gas, when we know how dangerous climate change is.

Higher material standards of living can still be sustainable if solar power, wind energy and other renewables are harnessed.

"We don't have to stop driving but we do have to drive electric vehicles. We don't have to stop flying but we do have to fly using either advanced biofuels or new synthetic hydrocarbons made with renewable energy."

Bernard O'Donnell (Taihape Ministers' Association).



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# Giant lamb chop tiki touring around the country

A giant lamb chop was spotted in Taihape last week in what must be the biggest kick on the Lamb and Three Veg Tiki Tour so far. The chop is currently touring the country to celebrate National Lamb Day which takes place on Thursday 24 May.

Marty Shanahan, aka the Backyard Cook, has been in charge of towing the massive chop – which was christened Lambo after a social media search to name it – with his bright orange Lamb Rover Defender.

"We've covered most of the North Island so far. We've stopped off a the big kumara in Dargaville, the L&P bottle in Paeroa, the giant carrot in Ohakune as well as ticking off the gumboot in Taihape, before flying into the Beehive. This has to be the tastiest tiki tour ever taken."

"When Beef + Lamb approached me and asked if I could drive a giant lamb chop across the country, I thought they were trying to pull the wool over my eyes – this is surely a recipe for disaster.

"But ewe have to admire the workmansheep that's gone into making the chop. I feel a bit sheepish for doubting them now."

The date of National Lamb Day (now in its fifth year) coincides with the 136th anniversary of when the Dunedin arrived into London, loaded with the first shipment of

frozen lamb which left from Port Chalmers on February 15 the same year, 1882. That journey sparked an export industry that is now worth in excess of \$8 billion a year to the Kiwi economy.

Rod Slater is CEO of Beef + Lamb NZ and well-known in New Zealand's flourishing red meat scene.

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To keep up to date with the chop's whereabouts, head to the Beef + Lamb Facebook and Instagram pages or recipes.co.nz for more information.

This giant lamb chop was photographed at the giant gumboot in Taihape last Thursday when it stopped on the Lamb and Three Veg Tiki Tour before it headed to the Beehive.

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### Soldier's war exhibition opens in Mangaweka

Multimedia artist Elwyn Stone from Hamilton, opened an exhibition depicting New Zealand's journey through war, at The Yellow Church art gallery in Mangaweka on Sunday. Her art exhibition is entitled "And When He Was Called. He Went" and was inspired by her father's war service and the centenary of WW1. The exhibition began its Journey in May 2014 at the beginning of WW1 commemorations and has travelled to various centres in the North Island.

A central focus of the exhibition is an installation called Tears For Our Fallen - 100 tears for 100 years - which features 100 teardrops printed with a poppy and hanging from a barbed wire covered cross. It was installed at the Waiouru Army Museum in 2015 - at the start of WW1 commemorations.

Elwyn's paintings are printed onto composite aluminium board - a reference to the metallic quality of war. They include her first two



Elwyn Stone at the opening of her exhibition at the Yellow Church Gallery in Mangaweka.

works that focused on her father's WW2 war service in the pacific theatre and, as Elwyn became inspired by the country's WW1 focus, it follows the soldier's story - in the trenches, landing on the beaches and on the battlefield; how soldiers helped one another; sad telegrams to families and coming home - where life is never the same. There are works of remembrance and the pain of war horses and of children born during the war and a powerful installation called His last Post.

Retired Colonel Ray Seymour opened the exhibition. He had done a little digging to discover that Elwyn''s great grandfather farmed in Mangaweka. He also linked the exhibition to the 30 men from Mangaweka, killed in WW1 and noted that over 300 from the area, went to WW1. Elwyn completed a Bachelor of Media Arts in 2010, as a mature student after returning to painting again as a hobby. She dropped into Mangaweka last year during Fakes n' Forgeries and told Yellow Church owner Richard Aslett of her exhibition.Work was set in motion to bring it to the district, helped by a grant from Creative Communities.

Elwyn Stone's work is inspiring and thought provoking and well worth a visit. She says it often hits a nerve with some people and brings forth a family war story. Her work is on sale and she has completed several commissions of her 100 tears installation and other works.

The exhibition is open until June 24 and is open for viewing weekends from 10.30am to around 5pm and most weekdays - its best to make an appointment. Most welcome are school trips, RSA club members (either separately or as a group), rest home outings, arts groups and anyone who has an interest in the NZ at War theme. Yellow Church Gallery SH1, Mangaweka, 027 526 6612 mangawekagallery@xtra.co.nz



May - July 2018 . Niwa reports that temperatures in central North Island, Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu, Wellington are equally likely to be near average (40% chance) or above average (40% chance).

Rainfall totals, soil moisture levels and river flows are equally likely to be in the near normal (40% chance) or above normal range (40% chance).

Despite the prospect for average or warmer than average temperatures, frosts and cold snaps will become more common, with some cold snaps possibly quite sharp.

Rainfall totals are forecast to be above normal in the north of the NI near normal or above normal for the rest of the NI as well as the east and north of the SI. Normal or below normal rainfall is expected for the west of the SI. The combination of lower than normal sea level pressure over the NZ region and warmer than average Tasman Sea temperatures over the coming months will result in an elevated chance for significant rainfall events.

Soil moisture levels and river flows are expected to be near normal or above normal for all NI regions and for the north of the SI.



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Wednesday 2 May. LGU medal & putting. Division 1; C Skou 69, R Williams 73, A Bary 76. Division 2; M Poppe 70; on countback from R Morrison 70. Sponsored Balls; E Bowler, S Abraham. Lucky Draw; S Marshall. Putting; C Skou 29.Wednesday 18 April. Mystery bus trip organized by R William and C Skou to Waipawa Golf Course was enjoyed by 25 ladies. Smart Tarts trophy was won by R Morrison - 68 Stableford points. Dinner at the Strong Room followed. Friday 11 May; Marton Ladies' Open Day. All lady 18 holers welcome to enter. Ph 06 327 4504. Wednesday 16 May; Rangatira invitation day @ Marton. Starters; A Bary, D Chapman. Cards; M Hunt, V Tattle. Duty; A Bary

#### HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 1st. Darlington Drilling Manawatu medal and putt. Medal; B Philps, B Hills & D Penfold nett 38, G James 39. Putting; Joy Stantiall 14, P Charlesworth, B Philps & B Hills 15. Nearest the pin; L Churchill. Saturday 5th. The Strong Room rosebowl - 24 holes bogey - winner, Glenn Stanton; with +5. Sen Men; G Bond +4, G Franks +2, D Rohde sq. Jun men; D Todd +2, P Maitland +1, M Porter -1. Women; 1st D Todd, 2nd L Tipu, 3rd S Wells. Two; G Bond #14. Jackpot: 26 balls not struck & must go next week. April month end nearest the pins; s/men = G Franks; j/men = D Todd. Women = S Wells. Taimui challenge; Rohdezy and Pinky bt Joby & Larni. Next challengers Sooty & Toddy. Sunday 6th. A grade pennants saw the team put up a commendable effort in their last round against Wanganui at Levin to go down 7.5 to 4.5 - placing them 6th overall for 2018 and allowing them to remain in this grade for the 2019 season. A good first up effort and well done to all members of the team. Coming events: Tuesday golf 9.30am tee off. Saturday 12 May, RD1 black jacket; 11am tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members 1st year pay only \$250. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

#### **RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB**

Results Wednesday 2 May. Stableford: Brent Fafeita 40pts, Geoff Ingram 39pts, Dan Scotson 37pts, Lyndon Moore 36pts, Bill Patene & Rex Wilson 35pts, Graeme Stephens, Peter Young & Ash Reed 34pts, Dave Wright, Neil Atkins & Jullian Elliott 33pts, Bob Pittaway 32pts & Heather Craig 31pts.Twos: Geoff Ingram on 5th & 16th. Best stableford pts on 13th & 14th - Lyndon Moore. Lucky draw: Wilfred Hanson. Saturday 5th May: Ernslaw One - medal: seniors: Kelvin Burt & Tim Wales net 69, Peter Thompson net 72, Geoff Ingram net 73 & Michelle Mossop net 76. Juniors: Jackson Dreliozis net 64 [great golf from our 12year old], Manny [Dad] Dreliozis net 71, Joseph Tapper net 72, Alan Wix, Dan Scotson, Pire Wehi & Stu Amor net 74. Twos: Jay Jay Boylan & Manny Dreliozis on 3rd, Joseph Tapper 16th.

#### MARTON GOLF CLUB

Marton Saturday 5 May. 38 starters stableford voucher Rangitikei Tavern: T Mischewski; B Poppe 41, J Hughes 40; B Wingate 39; G Calkin; C Murphy; R Win 38; A Bremner; B Pratt; D Angove 37; N Belsham; C Williams 36; S Duncan; R Yorke 35. Twos: A Bremner 6th, A Duncan 12th. Being here: G McLay M Jones. Next week: duty G Marshall. Bar: A Willis, T Dobbs. Saturday 19 May, Broadway Colour Plus F/S - choose own partner.

#### **TARGET SHOOTING MARTON**

Results 7/5/2018. It has been a long struggle, but this week Kayla Gledhill made it to the top of the list. Well done Kayla. Jake Wright had an excellent first card but was unable to follow through on the second. Kayla Gledhill 98.04 97.04 195.08 Gary Cuff 96.03 98.07 194.10 Allan Wright 97.05 96.03 193.08 Don Hamilton 96.03 97.03 193.06 Samantha Gledhill 95.02 98.03 193.05 Peter Lissington 97.04 95.04 192.08 Jake Wright 99.06 93.02 192.08 Tony Bayler 94.02 98.05 192.07 Dave Gledhill 94.02 97.05 191.07 Bob Crawford 94.02 95.02 189.04 Neville Rhodes 91.02 94.02 185.04 Jacob Harris 91.03 86.03 177.06 Graeme Sixtus 91.03 86.03 177.06 Alan McCubbine 91.04 86.01 177. Bruce Galpin 85.01 87.00 172.01 Kevin Moody 81.01 85.01 166.02

#### MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Although our playing season has now ended, there are still plenty of good reasons to join us at the Marton Bowling Club. Members, please remember - working bee Mondays: we continue cleaning the club house throughout the off season; in order to keep it spic and span for all the people



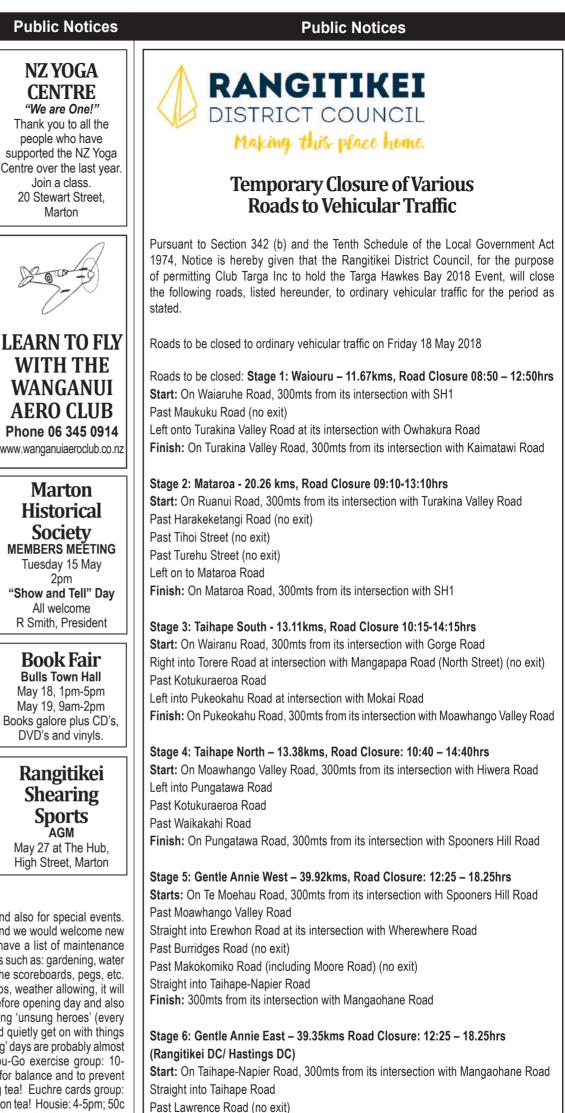
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who use it on a weekly basis and also for special events. 'Many hands make light work' and we would welcome new names on the roster. We also have a list of maintenance jobs to be worked through; things such as: gardening, water blasting, painting, cleaning up the scoreboards, pegs, etc. If we can chip away at these jobs, weather allowing, it will mean less to do immediately before opening day and also show our support for the amazing 'unsung heroes' (every club has them) who turn up, and quietly get on with things even though their 'ladder climbing' days are probably almost over. Tuesdays: Steady-As -You-Go exercise group: 10-11am- for older people; mainly for balance and to prevent falls, followed by a free morning tea! Euchre cards group: 1-3pm, followed by a free afternoon tea! Housie: 4-5pm; 50c per card. So, come along for a chat and a laugh, meet new people and get out of the house. For enquiries, phone 327 7479, or 327 8694. Fridays 4:30pm - drinks, chips and dip, raffle, general wind down after a busy week. All members are welcome. Not a member? You may like to enquire about becoming a social member: phone 327 8694

#### MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF

Results of stableford round, played Tuesday 8 May, are as follows: 1st division: 1st Neil Powell 18, 2nd Brian Willis 17 c/b, 3rd Jill Yortt 17. 2nd division: 1st Peter Whale 21, 2nd Sam Atkinson 19 c/b 3rd Roy Powell 19. 3rd Division: Marg Leersnyder 18 c/b, 2nd Jill Bryant 18, 3rd Adrian Penning 16 c/b. The winner of the Bessie Fullerton-Smith trophy was Peter Whale. Lucky card was Bob Barrett and raffle winner Roy Powell. Next week competition is medal & putting with starters: Marion MacPhee & Sam Atkinson. Cards: Roy & Neil Powell & kitchen - Beryl Higgie.

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#### **RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB**

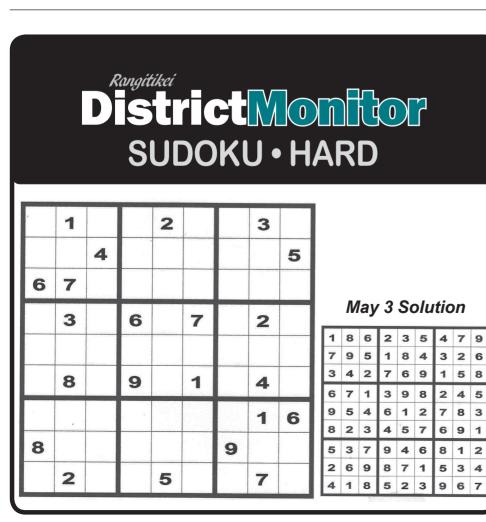
Results 21/4/18 nett: D Marshall 66; R Nimmo 69; C Renshaw; N Martin 70; H Potaka; B Barrell; M George 72; D Fallaver 73, D Cleary 74. Twos T Kilmister, H Potaka, M George. Putts: R Nimmo 27. 2/5/18: Ladies; J Ross bracelet: J Griffith 74, F Robertson 76, M Young 79, M McAlley 80; L Gordon; M Walshe 81. Hole in one: M McAlley number 12. Twos: K Fallaver. Putts M Walshe, M Young. 2/5/18, 9 Hole putting: D Gregory; D Illston; M Woodruff 18; T Doorey 19.

#### 8-BALL POOL



Bulls RSA's Paul Wild and Marton's Lynne Torrie survey the situation on the near table while Marton's Ray Butler lines up a shot in his game against Marie Stewart (in the background).

Wanganui Pool Association's 2018 inter-club competition features 9 teams - 7 from Wanganui and 2 from the Rangitikei. The competition got underway last night with Marton hosting Castlecliff at Cook's Bar. Bulls RSA had the first round bye. The two Rangitikei sides played a practice match at Bulls RSA last week; Marton running out 13-8 winners. Marton was ahead 9-3 after the singles with; Allan Pond, Steve Lewis and Lynne Torrie the only ones to record wins in both their clashes. Bulls won the doubles 5-4. Bulls' pairs, Jason Tretheway - John Fraser and Alastair Stewart - Paul Wild, each recorded 2 wins from their 3 games, as did Ross & Graham Marshall for Marton.



# Duckshooting scene







Clockwise from top: Shooters at Tutaenui inspecting their bag. Lab retriever Maggie enjoying the hunt. Entries in the Cooks Bar best bird competition.

# NZ Equestrian champs start

The NRM National Three Day Event Championships started today, (May 10-13), at the Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre, 114 Rapids Road, Rotokawa, Taupo.

It would be a dream come true for Cantabrian Emily Cammock, to notch back-to-back wins in the NRM CCI3 open national championship at the three day champs this week but she knows it will be a big ask.

Cammock has come into the 17-strong field looking forward to three strong days of competition, with the dressage scheduled for Friday, followed by Chris Ross' cross country on Saturday and the showjumping on Sunday.

Also entered in the top class are former national 3 title holders Amanda Pottinger (Havelock

North) aboard Just Kidding;Donna Edwards-Smith (Te Kauwhata) and DSE Tangolooma and Matthew Grayling (Taranaki), albeit not on the horse he twice won the crown aboard. Missing is two-time winner, Rio Olympian Clarke Johnstone, who with Balmoral Sensation will do the test ride for the CCI3 dressage on Friday morning.

The Bates CCI2 championship has attracted 25 entries, while the Fiber Fresh CCI1 championship has 47 and the Wairakei Resort CCN105 championship, 47. Nineteen combinations have entered the Equissage Young Event Horse National Championship. The NRM National Three Day Championships are also the final leg of the national eventing series.

### Buckle up and put your phone down this Road Safety Week

Communities across New Zealand will be calling on drivers to wear a seatbelt and put down their phones when at the wheel, as part of Road Safety Week 2018 (7-13 May), to help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on roads.

Brake, the road safety charity, which coordinates the week, says drivers are still not getting the message about the dangers of using a phone, with 38% of drivers admitting to using a phone to text at the wheel and 22% admitting to making calls on a hand-held phone, despite both those activities being against the law. Drivers who use a phone to make a call are four times more likely to be in a crash, resulting in injury, than a driver who isn't distracted.

The official theme of the week is Belt on, Phone off – Make it a habit - and everyone is being urged to ensure they always wear a seatbelt, or use an appropriate child seat, on every journey. On average, over the last decade, 26% of vehicle occupants who died in crashes were not wearing a seat belt. In 2016, 93 people killed on the road weren't wearing a seat belt - almost a third of all road deaths.

Road Safety Week was launched by the Associate Minister of Transport, Hon Julie Anne Genter, along with Brake, sponsors QBE Insurance and the NZ Transport Agency, NZ Police, St John, Auckland Transport and the Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Alliance. The launch included demonstrations on the dangers of driver distractions and the importance of using child seats when carrying children in vehicles. More than 850 schools, kindergartens, companies and communities are getting involved in the week around the country.

The Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Alliance, a group of organisations committed to raising awareness of road trauma, is promoting use of the colour yellow to highlight road safety and display a personal commitment to safer roads, by distributing yellow ribbons and reaching out to government and businesses to light buildings in yellow during Road Safety Week.



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