



Country fans and country singers enjoy weekend



Country guest star, Irishman Noel Flynn singing a newly written original song, yet to be released, at the Marton Country Music Festival. Photos Liz Rayner.

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Versatile keyboard musician and singer Carylann performs in the Saturday Night Showcase to a huge audience.

The 14th annual Marton Country Music Festival was a great success, beating the weather and Marton water problems, with campervans and tents covering two of the wind-sheltered paddocks of Wilson Park. Visitors enjoyed a variety of country singers and performers over the weekend from talented children, to guest artists Noel Flynn and Marian Burns. Featured act Noel Flynn from County Neath in Ireland,

charmed the audience singing his original songs. He was very ably supported by the Saturday night backing band, Hired Gunz - all quality musicians (every soloist commented on their skill). The band was joined by Marian Burns and Carylann (after her solo set) for Noel Flynn's performance. The evening finished with the very popular fiddler and musician Marian Burns who showed her ability to grab the audience with her enthusiastic performance. Power problems plagued the main stage at times but able technicians solved the problems.

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Water problems sorted

An urgent notice was put on Facebook for Marton residents to conserve water last Thursday but the emergency is all over now.

The Marton Reservoir dropped to low levels as a result of flushing to clear excess manganese. Residents and businesses were asked to conserve as much water as possible until reservoir levels returned to normal. Rangitikei District Council was confident on Friday that the discoloured water issue at the Marton Water Treatment Plant was corrected and that water would be running clear in time for the weekend - which it was.

A water tanker was provided at the Marton Country Music Festival for visitors to obtain freshwater and a tanker was located near the Memorial Hall for residents.

CEO Ross McNeil says a process error at the plant earlier in the week resulted in discoloured water and he said, "We apologise to residents and business operators that were affected.

"If you have clothing or other material that has been stained by discoloured water, we ask that you contact us, as well as your insurer, as we may be able to help, says Mr McNeil. RDC staff flushed pipes around Marton township and residents were asked to run their taps, especially hot taps, to clear discoloured water.

Mr McNeil says those properties with water metres won't be disadvantaged - if a property's annual water charge is noticeably higher as a result of the flushing required - Council would, on a case by case basis, look at reimbursement.

Marton draws its raw water from the B and C Dams, which are high in dissolved manganese. With the right level of pre-chlorination most of the manganese can be removed; through the treatment process preventing any water discolouration. On this occasion pre-chlorination level was not high enough.

"I want to thank residents and business operators for their patience and reiterate that we realise how frustrating this issue is for you and that we need to ensure the processes are in place, to provide clear drinking water, are consistently followed", says Mr McNeil.

You can contact Council 24/7 on 0800 422 522 or come in and talk to us at 46 High St, Marton between 8am and 5pm during the week.

Mayor Andy Watson says anyone who wants to speak to him can contact him through Council's 0800 number to make an appointment, talk to him on the phone or ask the Mayor to come to your home.

Taihape A&P Show only one in district

Taihape and District Agricultural and Pastoral Show is celebrating 108 years - it's the last remaining A & P show in the Rangitikei District.

In the past, the show has provided a wide variety of rural based activities but times have changed and organisers are working on reinvigorating the Taihape A&P Show by introducing new and entertaining activities and events. They include: The Big Dig - Lucky Dip, the Trump Game (involving an orange and a leaf blower!), Paper Plus Hobby Horse races, together with the Fonterra milk train, hotrod rides, art, craft and food stalls along with wood chopping. There are also A Grade shearing and woolhandling competitions, a petting zoo and pony rides. And don't forget the North Island Gumboot Throwing Competition.

The shearing and wool handling competition is known as the best one-day show in the North Island! The Welsh shearing team is here to add an international flavour, together with current



and past world champions, making it an event not to be missed.

There is a committed and passionate committee that wants to see the Taihape A & P Show feature strongly on the district's community calendar again.

They say, "We are working on a re-building phase, as we want to keep this traditional, rural experience alive for many

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Missing dog turned up after 2 years!



Anna Lambert in the doorway of the cafe where she works and where her long-lost dog reappeared after two full years away!



Slipper, the intrepid pet pooch.

When Anna Lambert was working making Coffee in Relish Café Hunterville just before Christmas, there was more than an element of déjà vu, when a rain sodden dog came running into the customer service area of the café.

The dog looked somehow familiar, yet it was still with disbelief that she thought it could be her old dog Slipper, who had mysteriously disappeared around two full years ago.

Well known for taking off for a day or two, on a fairly regular basis, there had initially been little concern about Slipper, until three days rolled around with still no sign of the 11 year old little pooch. Following this, Anna asked around and put up notices in Hunterville in the hope that someone could provide information and hopefully return her missing wee pet, yet all this was to no avail ... until 2 years later.

After much speculation, the pieces of the jigsaw began to fall together. This dog was about the same size as Slipper. He was also missing his two front teeth, just like Slipper and being an alfa male, was still sporting the proverbial dogs' appendages. Yet it couldn't be, could it?

A bit of detective work on the tags showed that the current owner was now in Marton and that this actually was the long lost Slipper.

Turns out that the new owner had noticed the dog wandering aimlessly around Rata, about 10km south of Hunterville while heading north on SH1. On the return trip south, in drizzling rain, he again noticed the same dog now tied to a tree and shivering. Deciding a warm house was a better place for the stricken animal, the eventual new owner took Slipper to Marton, where after placing adverts around Marton, no one made a claim and the dog became part of the family.

How the dog ended up two years later back in Hunterville is somewhat of a mystery.

Anna says "We have been in touch and it's been decided that, due to the strong bond with the new owner, the best place for Slipper is now in Marton where (up to now) he has remained content. Only time will tell if he takes off on another adventure.

At least now, everyone in the Rangitikei will know who to look out for."

Story and photo Richard Aslett.

HEALTH SCENE



Mediation for Resident Doctors

The NZ Resident Doctors Assn and DHBs bargaining teams will return to mediation on Thursday 24 January in Auckland ahead of the planned 48-hour strike on 29 and 30 January - the second period of industrial action by resident doctors this month.

"Any realistic opportunity to resolve this dispute ahead of next week's strike is something we must pursue," says NZRDA's David Munro. "We are very grateful for the growing public support for NZRDA doctors to hold on to hard-won safety provisions in their collective agreement," he continues. "But at the same time we are mindful of the price being paid by patients because of the DHBs' intransigence."

If mediation is unsuccessful and next week's strike goes ahead, there is likely to be even greater disruption as doctors who have recently joined the RDA will now be participating in the second strike.

"Every indicator is towards strengthening determination to win this dispute. The Resident Medical Officers are not backing down and the key issues are now well understood by the public. With NZers now returning from the holiday break we expect even more pressure on DHBs to abandon their irresponsible and unreasonable approach," he says.

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155th Turakina Highland Games - Saturday January 26 at the Turakina Domain. \$10 entry, U15 free. NZ's oldest highland games is a day of caledonian sports and activities - well worth a visit.

Taihape A&P Show - Saturday 26 Jan at Memorial Park, 12 Kokako St, Taihape. Take the family along. A real Taihape country show for all ages.

NZ Boot-throwing Association North Island gumboot throwing competitions start 10.30am at the Taihape A&P Show – Saturday 26 January – at Memorial Park in Taihape.

Taihape Musicians Club hosts the Frank Burkitt Band on Saturday 2 February. . Their original music is flavoured with folk, American roots, hints of jazz, blues and swing. This is a night not to be missed. Tickets are \$15 - available from Eventfinda or from the Taihape Information Centre.

Marton Junction Axeman's Club - annual woodchopping and sawing timber sports. Saturday 9 February at their club ground, King St, Marton. Free entry, 9am start.

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CLUB SCENE



Marton Arts & Crafts

We admire the founding members of Marton Arts and Crafts Centre and thank them for the time and energy they put into leaving us this legacy we do share with the community. Things have changed over the years. In 2021, the centre will be fifty years old. The centre has zigged zagged with membership numbers. In the current climate, with more folks working full time and having to leave town for work, we often struggle to fill classes and keep our membership up. The current committee has been very mindful of the costs of daily life. However, in an effort to keep us out of the red, we have had to change the class pricing and the cost of coming to group sessions. We strive to provide a wide variety of classes and workshops to keep interest alive and last year was a difficult one because numbers registering did not match the cost of running classes, so we had to make the hard decision to cancel. This year, we are feeling very positive as we head towards our Enrolment Day, with the choice of becoming a member totally up to the individual. We welcome your membership. The reward for joining, is lower daily use, class and workshop costs, along with newsletters and exhibiting rights at Exhibition time. For those who feel the commitment of being a member, requires too much in time ... you can still register and participate in any class or workshop.

Bulls Friendship Club

Hullo for 2019. Just a reminder to all members that the years programme commences with a meeting on tomorrow- Friday

25 January - when our entertainer will be Alan Bassett. After that it's mostly Friday until mid-December. A fairly full programme of entertainment for the year is gradually coming together but the first big event will be Just Friends Day on March 20. The invitations for that were sent on Sunday 20 January but I forgot (more that I had not noticed) that the following day was anniversary day so I suppose they'll be stuck in the letterbox until Tuesday. Newcomers are welcome and the club meets at the Bulls Friendship Hall on Fridays at 2pm. We're a friendly bunch - you can just turn up but if you are uncomfortable with that you can ring our president, Elaine Jeffree on 06 322 1494 for the information you require. All for now, with the hope that 2019 will be prosperous and enjoyable year for all.

Marton Friendship Club

Friday January 18 was full of surprises – Graham and friends from Bulls arrived with plates of yummy food, the Christmas season must have got in the way, as our potluck day was our break up day much earlier. Then who should come in the door but Marian Burns from the Country Music Festival, violin in hand. It wasn't very long before we had music – Graham and Frank with piano accordion and Marian just simply ad libbed with lovely harmony on violin and of course some of her own songs – what an absolute delight. On February 1, our new year begins formally, when there will be entertainment from 2pm ... do come along and have fun. This coming week, Friday January 25 is our last informal Friday to chat and get to know people. See you Friday. Our hall is in Morris St.



Singing Cowboy coming to Gumboot Day

Jock Hume, known as the Singing Cowboy, is an instantly recognisable busker on the street. The 71 year old musician has practiced busking all-around NZ. Originally from Stanley Bay in Auckland, a place

he still calls home, Jock spends most of the year on the road entertaining others in their home towns. He first played guitar at 12 years old, learning flamenco tunes before moving on to his first cowboy song The Streets of Laredo and playing a big school concert in 1961. After doing several uninspiring jobs he decided in 1970 to change all that and dedicate his life to playing the guitar and singing. Performing hits by Jim Reeves, Charlie Pride, Willie Nelson, Slim Dusty, Harry Belafonte he quickly caught the attention of the Auckland public. He picked up lots of work entertaining at children's parties and other events and then began travelling around the country, always hitching a ride from one town to the next. We caught up with him in Hunterville. He says, "I always ask the shop owner for permission to play outside, and don't ever recall being refused. I'm also always a bit nervous to start with, but once the first song is performed and I see folks enjoying it, it is all good from then on." Having busked in Taihape the day before, his next stop was the School Lido Day in Palmerston North. His repertoire of songs has grown over the years to over 100 songs "I now do "My Old Man's A Dustman" and other fun songs, which always get the donations coming in. One lady recently put \$50 dollars in my guitar case," he added with a smile. You can catch the Singing Cowboy yourself when he will perform his songs at Taihape Gumboot Day on Saturday 23 March 2019.

Story & Photo Richard Aslett

Taihape new year GB car rally

Cars of all makes and models lined up for the 35th New Year's Day Gumboot Rally at Taihape's Memorial Park. The rally saw 44 people in 33 vintage cars find their way around 80 miles (129 kms) of local country roads ending with a barbecue at Lysie and Jack Horton's where the winner was presented with the coveted Gumboot Trophy and a prize. All other entrants also received a prize. One of the organisers, Peter Wilton said the success of the rally is due to a great band of organisers and the kind sponsorship of Taihape businesses.



Just some of the cars lined up for Taihape's annual Gumboot Rally which is organised by Taihape members of the Vintage Car Club (inc) of NZ. Photo Terry Karatau.

"Our major sponsor Denis Robertson of Property Brokers has supported us right from the beginning and we are most grateful for the support received from all of the businesses in Taihape and thank them very much."

Local volunteers such as Graham Sutherland, Robert Baines, Barry Wilson and Peter Wilton have been organising the rally since 1984. There are still a number of people from all over the lower North Island who attend year after year. This year there were 20 odd cars from Waipukurau.

Robert Baines said, "People keep coming back. The main attraction is our country roads and the beautiful scenery." He added that a few of the vehicles took a wrong turn into a dead end street. "But that was probably my fault," he said. Peter Wilton added that the annual rally is a great boost to Taihape's economy, with some of the visitors staying in the town for three to four days. Story and photo Terry Karatau

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When friends Shane Ratima and Alex Hall set out to play golf at the beginning of December, little did they know they would be involved in a life-saving event and later receive certificates for their valiant efforts. The drama unfolded at Rangitira golf course, when Alex noticed a commotion around someone lying on the ground and went over to investigate. An unresponsive man seemed to have swallowed his tongue which Alex tried to free, but with no cell phone was unable to call for help. Shane Ratima had also noticed the commotion from further away and ran for about 2 minutes to help. On his arrival, Alex used Shane's mobile phone to ring 111 for emergency services, while Shane began to administer CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) on the unresponsive gent. Shane delivered two breaths, then 30 compressions, repeating this around 5 times before the man began to show signs of breathing again. This didn't last though and with the man then turning purple and draining of life, a further 10 repetitions or so were delivered, taking around 25 minutes of work and a broken rib or two, before the gent finally came too and began to breathe on his own again. The Fire Service and an ambulance, arrived from Huntville and took over the operation, later assisted by emergency services from Marton. The 72 year old man was



Sandra Speirs (left) of Medi-Train presents Shane Ratima and Alex Hall (right) with their 'First Responders' certificates following their involvement with the resuscitation of a 72 year old man whose heart had stopped while playing golf. Photo and story Richard Aslett

whisked to Whanganui, then to Palmerston North and finally, Wellington for treatment and has since been cleared healthwise, after a recent check-up in Wellington. Shane said he would never have been able to have taken charge and effectively deliver CPR if he had not received vital training in this from Sandra Speirs of Medi-Train, who became aware of the incident via a long text from Shane. On hearing this, it was immediately decided to award 'First Responders' certificates to the pair for their life saving performance. Sandra who is based in Taihape, covers a huge area, is fully NZQA qualified and has offers life-saving training for over 17 years following a career as a nurse and paramedic. She said "the first 3 minutes are crucial to keep blood flow to the brain and the first 'Golden Hour' after a medical incident is vital. Always immediately contact emergency services first, well before calling friends or family."

Dynamic duo to perform at Awastone

After years of discussion, it's finally going to happen! A musical collaboration between local artist Richard Aslett and Wellington musician/actor Steve Wright.

The pair first met in 2012 in Rotorua during the auditions for NZ's Got Talent. Steve was singing and playing guitar, while live broadcast ing on TV One's breakfast show, when he first caught Richard's attention. The pair struck up an immediate friendship and over the years, often talked of 'doing something.' With Richard running his art gallery and other undertakings and Steve off playing gigs in America (in-between his acting commitments; most recently he appearing in Mortal Engines) the planets just did not seem to align ... until now!

This Sunday 27 Jan, between 4pm and about 7pm, you can catch the pair at Awastone River Haven in Mangaweka. The first set at 4pm comprises Richard and guests, singing popular songs including those he performed on NZGT and the most recent X- Factor. The second set will be a mix of Steve's original songs, with Steve on guitar and lead vocals and Richard on backing vocals and percussion in the form of maracas, clap sticks and darabuka drum. The last set, starting around 6pm, will be a fun-time 'karaoke' session, when anyone is welcome to get up, sing and be a star. With a licensed bar, tasty food, pool table, great music and fun times, this is an afternoon not to miss!

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Extra investment in workplace injury prevention, with a focus on Small to Medium Enterprises, will pay dividends not only in reducing pain and suffering but also in economic terms, Federated Farmers says.

"We see the recent announcement by ACC Minister Iain Lees-Galloway of a \$22 million, five-year programme to incentivise SMEs to boost health and safety efforts, as very useful," Feds president Katie Milne says. "Most farms are in this small to medium business category and the minister is right, when he says barriers to accessing such things as workplace capability development, professional health and safety consulting advice and capital investment in significant safety equipment, are often too high, thus limiting uptake.

"Long-term injury rehabilitation and loss of productivity from injury carries a high price tag, alongside the pain, stress and grief for the individuals and their families."

Five sectors currently represent over half (52%) of all severe workplace injuries - agriculture, forestry, construction, manufacturing and healthcare/social assistance. There's a lot of work still to do to develop sector-specific safety initiatives and this new stream of grants and assistance will help," Katie says.

Historically agriculture hasn't had a structure and formal focus on health and safety- the plan of action has tended to reside in the farmer's head. But progress is accelerating now.

Farmers recognise that the injury and fatality statistics in their line of work are far too high. The combination of health & safety challenges facing farm businesses are different to many other workplaces - weather, operating machinery over difficult terrain, working in isolated places, sometimes unpredictable animal behaviour.

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Busking in Marton last Friday during the country festival buskers competition, Country Roads from Te Awamutu have been busking for 8 years. Singer Hank and Owen on guitar said, "We love it here!" LR photo.



Sophie Toyne, 9, was one of the younger performers at the weekend's country music festival at Wilson Park. BH Photo.



Well known country singer Monty Gibbins from Motueka is a judge in the NZ Country Music Awards and fought cancer to continue singing. He thanked Marton for the festival and for helping to keep country music alive. LR photo.



Jenni Smith, on stage Saturday night, won the festival Buskers Competition. TS photo.



Headline artist Marian Burns MNZM got toes tapping on Sunday morning. TS photo.



Matthew Beagley, 10, was kept busy in the family coffee kiosk last weekend; supplying coffee to people at the festival. BH photo.

Photos Belinda Howard , Terry Stillman and Liz Rayner.

Region’s house prices rising quickest in NZ

In December, the Manawatu,Rangitikei,Wanganui region again had the highest annual growth rate, a 17.7% increase to a new record high of 2,867 on the REINZ House Price Index for NZ which measures the changing value of property in the market. It is followed by Gisborne/ Hawke’s Bay with an annual growth rate of 13.7% to a new record high of 2,654 and in third place was Otago with a 12.4% annual increase to a new record high of 2,867.

Bulls currently has the quickest rising house prices in NZ and Marton is at 10 on the list.

Bindi Norwell REINZ CEO says, "As predicted, the Manawatu/ Rangitikei /Wanganui market remained buoyant throughout December with the second lowest days to sell of all the regions in the country and median house prices were up 11.7%

year-on-year. The REINZ House Price Index indicated the region achieved a new record high of 2867. Additionally, the Whanganui District saw a record median price of \$259,000 and climbing. \$320,000 is the current median house price to December 2018, with an average of 3 days selling time.

However, the region continues to see low inventory numbers, with total inventory down 23% year-on-year and a 13.1% drop in new listings compared to one year ago. Attendance rates at open homes rose in early December but slowed closer to the Christmas break, which was to be expected. The new year will most likely be stable, and we will see if the LVR changes will create more activity in the market."

The median number of days to sell a property nationally increased by 3 days from 32 to 35 when compared to December last year.



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Annual Bulls Outdoor Concert soon

Bulls trust looking for new community manager



Jan Harris has resigned as community manager for the Bulls & Districts Trust - a position she has held since 2015.

Helen Cooper from the Bulls & Districts Community Trust says the trust is in the process of finding a replacement. "Some interviews were held before Christmas and further applicants will be interviewed probably in early February," she says. Jan Harris will fill in part time at the Bulls Information Centre for the next six months.



It's outdoor concert time again in Bulls with the annual Rythmn in Bulls concert on Saturday February 2.

The free concert attracts Bulls locals and families from the district, to an outdoor picnic concert at the Bulls Domain.

The headline act is The Hipnotics who perform a wide range of popular music covers from classic hits right through to the latest hit songs. Their list of songs always appeal to a broad range of listeners. Rythmn in Bulls starts at 5.30pm and lasts until 9pm and is sponsored by JBS Dudding trust, RDC and The Bulls & Districts Community Trust.

If the weather plays its part it promises to be an enjoyable evening.

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RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results from Wednesday 16 January 2019: stableford: Brian Francis 44pts, Bryan Northcott 43pts, Geoff Ingram & Kelvin Burt 41pts, Joe Yorke & Rex Wilson 40pts, Pat Pearce, Stew de Burgh & Julian Elliott 39pts, Lynne McDonald, Martin Rothman, Clive Robinson, Joseph Tapper, Bob Pittaway & Mike Ball 38pts, Dan Scotson, Heather Craig, David Rohde & Noel Crocker 37pts. Twos: Kelvin Burt, Bruce Kinloch, Rob Giles & Mike Robinson - 3rd, Marty Field - 5th, Dan Scotson - 12th & Geoff Ingram 3rd & 12th. Best stableford on 1,4 & 7 - Brian Francis 10pts (sponsored by Steve Boyens). Lucky draw: Ron Harris.

TAIHAPE GOLF

Teeing off, in a five on Sunday, for the long awaited finals of White Cup match play were JJ Walker & Alan Thomas v Briany Bristol & Nick McGuinn. Thomas also had to play the final for the Joblin Cup against Peter Valentine. Valentine played some very good golf but was effectively undone on the 16th, after finding some trouble off the tee - his only blemish on his card, giving Thomas a 1 shot lead, which he held to win 1 up. However, the White Cup required a bit of Walker magic (for the team of Thomas & Walker) to win on the 20th, after sinking a 30 foot putt to put to rest the hopes of the Bristol and McGuinn team. The haggled results were Denis Robertson 42 points, Duane Dick, Danny Mickleson & Briany Bristol 38 points. Also, Gary Thomas, Briany Bristol and Ken Cribb all made 37 points. The longest putt novelty went to Koke Cashell. Winning the Summer Cup (best 3 stableford rounds) between closing day and opening day was Denis Robertson with 122 points, narrowly beating Gary Thomas on 121 points. On the Wellington Anniversary Monday opening day of drawn Canadian foursomes, Marian Cleaver and Duane Dick combined the best for a 64.7 net in the mixed division. In second place were Jan Thomas and Ken Cribb, with 69.3 net; third equal on 74 net were Diane Mickleson and Gary Thomas & Fran & Denis Robertson. In the men's division, Graeme Rose defended his title, with his new partner Alan Thomas, with 72.7 net. Danny Mickleson had a tiresome day chasing 2 golf balls from different spectrums of the course (being drawn in two teams) with Merv Tapp for 73.7 net, and with John Fenemor for 77.7 net. Twos were recorded by the Rose and A Thomas team & the J Thomas and Cribb team - both on the 6th. This Sunday, a 12 noon tee off is scheduled for the first of three medal rounds of the Shergold competition and qualifications.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB:

Saturday 19 January: competition - All-Flex par: seniors: Polly Perkins +7, Marty Field +6, Ron Harris +5, Kenny Boyle, Karen Yorke, Jordan Wells & Ian Harvey +3 and Hone Morris +2. Juniors: Alan Wix +8, Joe Yorke +6, Ash Reed, Manny Drelizis & Peter Young +4, Russell Jones & Al-lek White +3, JayJay Boylan +2. Twos: Manny Drelizis & Marty Field - 3rd, Tamati Anaru - 5th and Jordan Wells 12th. Sunday 20th was a family day for juniors and their families. The wind blew fiercely, but 8 families did attend and enjoy the day.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 15th. Darlington Drilling Manawatu bogey competition; Joy Stantiall 5up, Gary Burgess 5up, Brian Philips 4up, Ross Little 2up, Rae Karatea 2up, Greg James 1up. Lyndon Churchill sq, Jan Van Loo 2q. Nearest pin; Gary Burgess. Saturday 19th: PGC Wrightson Real Estate summer shield round 3 stableford. Men; P Scott 46, G Edwards 44, M Porter & B Hantz 41, G Franks 38, A Baker & N Skelton 36. Twos; G Forbes #11, G Edwards & P Scott #14, G Franks #16. Jackpot struck #11. Nearest the pin: s/men = D Rohde. J/men P Maitland. Women = S Wells. Coming events: Tuesday golf: 9.30 am tee off. Saturday: 3rd round summer shield. 11am tee off. Sunday January 27: Friendship shield at Buckley; 10 am tee off. All members please attend. February 23 Mates Rates gross & stableford open tournament. Registrations to Grant; 0210 572 931 or e: hawkestonegolfclub@gmail.com. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members please enquire about our membership rates. All welcome. Enquiries: contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

MARTON GOLF CLUB

17.1.2019 Thursday club: R McDermott 43, G Velvin 42, B Beck 42, P Connolly 40, I Batcheler 40, T Arnott 39, B McGinniss 37, A Bates 36, S Muir 36, M Rothman 35, F Ravn 35, T McVerry 34. Crunchie bar: A Stewart. 20/1/2019: T Bliss, Bennett 42, D Arnott 39, S Duncan 37, L Wake 37, D Angove 36, M Rothman 36, G Calkin 35, C Bary 35, G Jongen 35, T Michewski 35, C Skou 35, A Bary 35, K Field 34. Two's: G Calkin, G Jongen. Coming events: Thursday 24 Jan; Eagles Halberg tournament. All welcome; \$20 entry - Canadian

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Business:

President's Report

Presentation of Accounts

Election of Officers

General Business.

To all members of the Hunterville RSA:

we require your presence at our AGM to be held on Wednesday February 13, 2019 at 8pm. It is most important that we have a good attendance for the election of officers; please remember they will be representing you.

Signed D C COLE President

Nomination of Officers:

Nomination of Officers will close with the Secretary Sandra Carroll by 5pm, seven days prior to the date of the AGM.

Nominations Forms:

Please contact the Secretary Sandra Carroll on 06 322 8643 for Nomination Forms.

Marton Golf Club Inc

Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Marton Golf Club (Inc) will be held in the MGC Clubhouse at 5.00pm on Saturday February 9th 2019.

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Apologies (must be received in writing by the Secretary no later than 10.00am Saturday 9th February 2019)
- Confirmation of the minutes of the 2018 AGM
- Business arising from those minutes
- Adoption of the President's 2018 Annual Report
- Adoption of the 2018 Financial Statement of Accounts

Notice of Motion

- Notice of Motion to set subscriptions for the 2019 season (a list of these will be distributed at the meeting)

General Business

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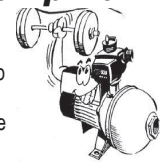


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foursome. Saturday 26 January; 4th round Summer Cup. Final round 2 Feb. Club champs - qualifying; 16 Feb. Sat 26 Jan: bar duty: L Wake & B Cameron. Duty: M Jones. Sunday duty: G McLeay.

MARTON SARACENS CRICKET

Matt Burke Engineering Saracens recorded a comfortable victory on Saturday when they defeated Wanganui Wicket Warriors at Centennial Park, to claim 3rd place in the holiday round competition. Saracens captain Justin Lock lost the toss and his side was asked to field first. Michael Thompson struck early, having the visitors' opener caught in the covers, from his first delivery, with the score at 1. Four further wickets fell before the score reached 30 and, after 10 overs, the Wanganui side was 31 for 5. A century partnership brought them back into the match however and it wasn't until the 24th over that Saracens struck again, when Allan Pond had Babu Sebastian caught by Thomas Westwood at point, for a well-made 50. Wickets fell at regular intervals after that and Warriors were dismissed in their 31st over for 152. The best of the pace bowlers were Jayden Lane who took 2 for 22 from 8 overs and Will Turner who finished with 2 for 25 from 5. Pond took 1 for 36, Thompson 1 for 25, Chris Rayner 1 for 16 and Phil Galpin 0 for 19. Lock had the most impressive figures; polishing off the tail and taking 3 for 8 from his 3 overs. Pond and Mike Jacobs claimed 2 catches each. Westwood, Andrew Spence, Lock and Lane each took a catch. In reply, Saracens lost an early wicket when Pond was run-out for 2, in a mix-up with Spence. Spence went on to score 10 but was lbw with the score at 38 for 2, in the 8th over. Rayner and Westwood then shared in an entertaining partnership of 76, with Westwood particularly severe on the bowlers. Rayner fell for 16, with the score at 114 in the 18th. Galpin and Westwood added a further 17 before Westwood was out for a very destructive 88, that included 4 sixes and 10 fours. Oscar McVerry and Galpin were then untroubled in adding the 22 runs required for victory, reaching the target in the 29th over. McVerry was 16 not out and Galpin 14 not out at the finish, Saracens won the match by 6 wickets, with the final score 156 for 4. Thomas Westwood was the Cooks Bar player of the day and Michael Thompson dick of the day. This Saturday sees Matt Burke Engineering Saracens playing Kaitoke at Centennial Park in the final T20 match of the season. The game is expected to begin at 10.30 am.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Sunday 13 January; club men's singles results: winner- Chance Hausman. Runner up - Aaron Paulger. Wednesday 16 January roll-up results: skips: 1st Neil Gardener- 3 wins, 13 ends 28 points. 2nd Kevin Mullany- 2 wins, 13 ends 27 points. 3rd Chance Hausman- 2 wins, 13 ends 25 points. Twos: 1st Ron McDermott- 2 wins, 14 ends 24 points. 2nd Graeme Morris- 2 wins, 12 ends 24 points. 3rd Brian Mitchell- 2 wins, 12 ends 23 points. Leads: 1st Joan Black- 3 wins, 14 ends 33 points. 2nd Joy White- 2 wins, 10 ends 21 points. 3rd Bev Toulmin- 1 win, 11 ends 26 points. Friday 18 January 3Five bowls: 8 teams entered our first-ever 3Five social competition; playing 2 games of 5 ends on a pleasant evening. The sausage sizzle was much appreciated, as were a few cool ones. Final games will be played this Friday 25 January (change of date) @ 5.30 pm and the competition is expected to be hot! Saturday 19/Sunday 20 January, club men's pairs result: a very good game played in difficult, gusty conditions. Winners: Aaron Paulger & J.D. Runners-up: Kevin Mullany & Murray Coleman. Up-and-coming events: Wednesday 30 January- club vet pairs @ 10 am. Friday 25 January- 3Five bowls final @ 5.30 pm (nb change of date). Saturday February 2- novice singles @ 9 am. Sunday 3 February- McVerry Crawford 2 bowls triples moo @ 9.30 am. Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 February - Malteurop Marton Ltd twilight bowls @ 6pm. Entries to Enid 327 8694 asap.

MARTON CROQUET

Croquet has continued to be played through the holiday season, with a good number of members turning up. On Monday 14 Jan, David Winmill and Claire Brown bt Tom Martyn and Krina Fitchett 26-12, Selwyn Johnson bt Lyn Johnson 15-14, Annette Winmill bt Dawn Ried 13-8 and Eila Ogden bt Brenda Isaacs 5-2. Wednesday: Tom and Selwyn had a draw, with Graeme McIntyre and Mary McNae 19-19, David and Shirley Spooner bt Murray McNae and Brenda 26-25, Eila bt Lyn 16-11 and Annette bt Amy 7-6. Saturday everyone played golf croquet: Lyn bt Maria Beamish 7-3, Selwyn bt Brenda and Joy 7-5, Selwyn bt Maria 7-6, Lyn bt Brenda and Joy 7-5 and Lyn bt Brenda 7-5. AC was played and Murray bt Liz McLay 26-21, Robert McLay bt Tom 21-5 and Eila and Lynda Thompson bt Graeme and Gordon Thompson 7-3. Club days are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1 pm - visitors welcome and anyone who wants to try would be welcome.

Ducks by the hundred get ‘blinged up’ for scientific research

Hundreds of Bay of Plenty ducks are helping scientific research into their populations and habits by getting "blinged up" with bright, shiny bands on their legs. The annual research programme by Fish & Game sees the small metal bands put on the ducks' legs to help gather crucial data, such as the birds' movements, productivity, population sizes and survival rates. Each band has a unique number which is recorded in the national bird banding data base administered by the Department of Conservation. When a band is recovered, the number will show where and when the duck was originally banded and how long it has lived and travelled. Some ducks travel surprising distances, with bands being recovered from Pacific islands such as New Caledonia. This week, a team of Fish & Game's eastern region staff and volunteers have begun banding at Waewaetutuki Reserve near Pongakawa in the Bay of Plenty. The banding programme has been running for 23 years and results in thousands of ducks throughout the North Island being banded. As well as the eastern region, Fish & Game in Wellington, Auckland/Waikato and Taranaki are also part of the duck banding programme. The information gathered from the banding research helps Fish & Game set sustainable duck harvesting numbers for the game bird hunting season and determine how long the season should last.

Mystery surrounds potential world record trout catch

Fish and Game is trying to confirm reports of a giant trout - a potential world record holder - recently caught in the Mackenzie Country hydro canals. Eyewitnesses report seeing an angler land a 24.9kg (55 pound) brown trout in the Pukaki-Ohau A canal if confirmed, it would be a new world record for a brown trout. According to the International Game Fish Association website, the present record is a 19.1 kg (42lb 1oz) fish caught in the same canals in 2013. But Fish and Game field officer for the central South Island region Rhys Adams says confirming the potentially record-breaking monster trout is proving difficult. "Secrecy surrounds the catch and we want to solve the mystery," he says. "This is an amazing fish and we would love to confirm it but at the moment, the lucky angler is keeping quiet. Because of the international significance of the catch, we would like to hear from anyone who has more information or details." Fish and Game communications advisor Richard Cosgrove says some details are starting to emerge. "Witnesses say the fish was landed after a two and a half hour fight. Once he had the fish landed, the angler wrapped it in his shirt, to keep it cool, before getting ice from a nearby salmon farm and rushing the fish to a taxidermist. He also got it weighed on certified scales to confirm that it was the fish of a lifetime. We have been told the whole story, along with photos, will emerge once the trout has been mounted." The Mackenzie basin hydro canals have a well-deserved reputation in New Zealand and overseas for consistently producing huge trout. The canals are easy to access, flow through spectacular high country scenery and are open all year round. But it is the number of huge trout living there which attracts thousands of anglers every year, making the canal network the country's most popular freshwater sports fishery. According to Fish and Game's latest canal harvest survey, anglers made approximately 43,800 daytime visits to the canal fishery during the 2015-2016 season. Rhys Adams says those anglers are catching big trout. "Rainbow trout have the most impressive seasonal catch figures. Around 30 percent of rainbows are trophy size (between ten and 20 pounds) with nine percent classed as 'exceptionally large' - that's over 20 pounds." Rhys Adams hopes the monster brown trout catch can be confirmed. "It's much rarer to catch an exceptionally large brown trout - only about one percent of browns caught in the canals fall into this category, so it would be nice to make this official. "The size of these trout just reinforces how good New Zealand's trout fishing is. If we can confirm this brown trout record, then the next thing is setting a new world record for rainbow trout," Rhys Adams says. "The present record is 21.77kgs - 48 pounds - for a rainbow trout caught in Canada in 2009. "It would be nice to challenge that but even if we can't, anglers will enjoy trying."



Anglers in the early morning light at the Tekapo canal fishery. Photo supplied.



Canal anglers brave the early morning alpine conditions, opposite a salmon farm in the Tekapo canal fishery.



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