

Parades throughout district

Little
blueberry,
Indie Jones
on the
Follett St
Kindy float.
Photos
by Terry
Stillman.

Christmas came to the Rangitikei on Saturday with parades in Bulls at 10am, Taihape at noon and Marton at 3pm. Mayor Andy Watson and wife Beth attended all three. Locals got into the Christmas spirit in the smaller towns but Marton was a little light on floats - for the second year, although emergency vehicles were well represented. Just as the parade ended, a Marton Fire Brigade engine and water carrier sped through Broadway - to attend a fire emergency. Kids followed up the Marton parade, enjoying the lolly scramble from Father Christmas in Marton Park and Fastest Kid on the Block races run by Sport Wanganui. The winning Marton floats included best school and kindy float - Mill Street Kindy; best commercial float - Property Brokers and best community float - Creative Courtyard. You can see more from the Bulls and Taihape parades inside.



An aerial view of Marton, from the vintage Grumman Avenger that opened the town's 2017 Christmas parade in Broadway last Saturday afternoon. Photo courtesy of Brendon Deere.



Lolly scramble in Marton Park after the parade.



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The winner of the float that best embodied the Christmas spirit was a beautifully presented entry from Central House Movers.

Best "Bulls" float was from TDL Automotive Ltd and the best themed float of the parade came from Clifton School.



Above: Central House Movers miniature truck.



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**Congratulations to Nikita Shackelton
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Left : A balloon clown.



Below left: A Christmas gift on Clifton School's float.

VIEWPOINT

Signs for earthquake prone buildings in Marton

First, I would like to congratulate Mr Bruce Ward for his excellent letter on earthquake prone buildings in Marton. When the first talk and interest about EPB was going on, I had just arrived back from Melbourne and surrounding towns and had seen many signs saying "earthquake prone building - enter at your own risk". The public didn't seem to mind and the shops were still busy. At this time, I was a member of the Marton Community Committee and, at the next meeting, I brought up the idea of these signs for Marton. However, after a very short discussion between members and a council representative it was decided it wouldn't work in Marton. If it was working well in Melbourne and in Newtown (Wellington) why would this not work in Marton? Maybe it was felt that Martonians couldn't read. Ha! Ha!

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No earthquake zones in Rangitikei

Rangitikei District councillors decided at their meeting last Thursday, that there will be no designated high priority earthquake zones in Rangitikei towns, easing the requirement for owners to strengthen affected buildings. Mayor Andy Watson says, "Rangitikei District Council is one of the first councils in the country to consult with their community, around the new legislation, on the issue of earthquake strengthening buildings in business areas." Submissions from local building owners, presented the case against zones, in such a low population district as Rangitikei. New government legislation told councils to identify high priority zones based on foot traffic and population density for identified buildings to be strengthened or demolished within 5 years. but councillors moved to find no such area in the district. Councillors agreed the government guidelines were vague.

The mayor said that council had gone through the correct process without any preference and submissions had been very heavily against zones. Cr Dean McManaway said, "We need to listen to the public and abide by government direction but we have to take on board what they (the public) are saying or we will kill our small towns."

Deputy mayor Nigel Belsham said, "If we were to adopt any other stance, it would tighten the noose around building owners necks. It is interesting that we got a submission from Rangitikei MP Ian McKelvie, urging a conservative approach to the legislation."

Cr Ruth Rainey said the issue is not going away because international insurance companies are applying pressure.

Andy Watson said it's important to remember that building owners still have to make plans to earthquake strengthen their buildings within the 7.5 - 15 year time frame.

Welsh man of the match from Rangitikei



Rangitikei born rugby player, Hadleigh Parkes (pictured) was named man of the match, scoring two tries in the Wales v South Africa rugby test match

last weekend, after being a surprise selection for the Welsh national team.

He was selected to play for Wales after living in there for three years to the day of the test match. It meant 30 year old Parkes became eligible to play for his adopted homeland of Wales, under current World Rugby rules which will change next season to five years, in a bid to crack down on players switching allegiance so easily. Wales coach Warren Gatland had no hesitation in naming Parkes as inside centre for the Test against South Africa.

In Wales, he currently plays back for the Scarlets in the Pro14 league and has been described as being in inspirational form. In NZ he has played for Auckland, Blues, Hurricanes and Manawatu. He attended Huntley School in Marton and Palmerston North Boys' High School.

Hadleigh is the son of Ohingaiti farmers Janet and Bill Parkes. Bill played many games for Wanganui in the 1970's. His mum Janet says Hadleigh went to Wales with his partner to experience the world but after a year there Gatland told him that if he kept keep playing the way he was, he could be picked for Wales, which gave him real focus.

She says watching the match, when Hadleigh scored the first try it was awesome, when he scored a second it was just ridiculous - they started laughing. The second half was nail biting," she4 says. Wales went on to win 24-22.

Hadleigh Parkes is reported as saying, "It's truly humbling, but a massive privilege as well to be given this opportunity, it's something I thought would never happen," To be given this opportunity from the management team is very exciting and I'm happy to be involved."

Parkes has acknowledged that his appearance for Wales might rub some traditionalists up the wrong way, although he had a crash course in learning the Welsh anthem.

Parkes has admitted that his dream of playing for the All Blacks died by the time he reached the age of 25 - edged out by talented people in the midfield, like long serving All Blacks Ma'a Nonu and Conrad Smith.

Gatland had said that, for Parkes, Saturday's match will all be about keeping it simple but his performance must have confirmed his selection and surprised even the coach.

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St Andrew's Turakina - district & community carol service. December, Sunday 10 December at 6.30pm.

Service of Lessons and Carols- Huntley School Chapel 7pm tonight, Thursday December 7.

Taihapa Combined Churches Carol Service, Friday December 15 7pm at Bennett's Funeral Home. Outside if fine, inside if wet.

Marton Museum and Historical Village - open on Saturdays, 1-3pm, fortnightly. Next open day Saturday Dec 9. Usual entrance fees apply.

Marton Rotary Christmas trees for sale - Saturday morning, December 16 in the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church carpark.

Marton Bulls and Taihape - Decorating your House with Christmas Lights? Send us your address so we can list it for everyone to see. Email ... districtmonitor@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 327 7881

New tenant at Taylor's



Douglas Duncan (left) shakes on the deal with PGG Wrightson regional manager Duncan Fletcher.

PGG Wrightson was delighted to announce last week that their Rural Supplies team has joined the Hunterville community.

The Taylors 1998 Ltd general store has welcomed PGG Wrightson (PGW) as a new tenant. 'Taylors' will continue to operate its 4Square supermarket, café, liquor store, Challenge fuel station and 24 hr truck stop on site. PGG Wrightson regional manager Duncan Fletcher says, "We are delighted to be joining the Hunterville community and we are very grateful for this opportunity."

"We are very keen to support the township of Hunterville and the surrounding area with our technical expertise and specialised products and services. We are pleased that existing rural supplies store staff will be joining the PGW team - their long-term client relationships and understanding of the community will be a valuable addition to our Rural and Retail and network in the Rangitikei District."

Douglas Duncan, co-owner of Taylors added, "Taylor's has been the hub of the Hunterville community since 1904. We see this relationship with PGW as an exciting and positive step into the future that will continue to provide a superior service to the district in a competitive market. We look forward to having them join the Hunterville community."



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Plunket say immunisation the best protection against whooping cough

Plunket is encouraging mums, pregnant women and those trying to get pregnant to check they are immunised against whooping cough, to protect themselves and their children.

The Ministry of Health has declared a national outbreak of whooping cough, as a total of 1,315 cases have been reported since the beginning of 2017.

“Immunisation is a free, proven way that parents can protect their children against serious diseases, including whooping cough. You can be immunised when you’re pregnant and this protects your baby until they are fully immunised,” says Plunket national clinical advisor Karen Magrath.

“If you’re unsure if you or your children have been immunised against whooping cough, check with your family doctor. It is never too late to catch up, even if a child has fallen behind on the immunisation schedule.”

Plunket says whooping cough can have serious complications and is often spread by family members or friends.

“We encourage family members to protect babies from anyone with a cough. The community has a role to play in looking after young children during this outbreak. Make sure you’re completely well if visiting a baby,” said Plunket’s Karen Magrath.

If parents are not sure when their child is due for immunisation, they can check the immunisation schedule at www.plunket.org.nz or call their doctor.

The Immunisation Advisory Centre also offers information and advice about immunisation and preventing the spread of infection through its toll-free line 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) and website www.immune.org.nz - parents with any questions or concerns can also contact PlunketLine 0800 933 922 (24 hours 7 days) or talk to their Plunket nurse.

Real Life Therapy by Shirley Henderson

Christmas

I love Christmas! Yep, I’m one of those people. I hand make all my Christmas cards, I enclose the personalized photo and the ‘annual family update’ letter. I even get them all posted by the second week in December – usually. Yep, that’s me – I Christmas present shop all year and even have Christmas club accounts going.

It’s fair to say that I’ve got Christmas covered. I’m organized!

And do you know why? Because if I wasn’t, I would struggle to cope with this time of year.

I’m a “rush avoider” not a “last minuter.” For the “last minuters”, Christmas seems to creep up on them. It’s like they didn’t know Christmas was the 25th December! The date doesn’t change – but it’s a huge surprise.

Leaving it all to the last minute would be my worst nightmare! I’m a “rush avoider” because it works for me. You see, dear people, knowing how you tick is the trick. There is no doubt how busy this time of year is. If using a coping strategy, similar to mine, is what works for you – do it!

If being a “last minuter” works for you – do it! If being completely laid back about it all, works for you – do it!

Whatever approach works for you this Christmas, remember you are what adds to the atmosphere. Being happy and enjoying the Christmas season is what it is all about.

My utmost admiration to the last minute people out there. Bless your Christmas socks! You are better men and women than me! But I think I’ll stick to my planning thanks!

My Christmas wish for you is to love your Christmas, in whatever way that is for you.

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CLUB SCENE



Marton Friendship Club

We meet at Morris St every Friday at 2pm – hall open 1pm. Another beautiful sunny day set the tone for our afternoon. Raffles won by John, Lisa, Bill and Les. Birthday girl Wendy. Committee is busy organising our Christmas programmes. Attendance is very steady, members enjoy the music which is always lively. Elizabeth Syms from Wanganui played many songs on piano and piano accordion - members joined in with gusto. A bracket of Scottish tunes was loved by all, Liz also printed song sheets and handed them around, which is always appreciated. Thank you to the men who served morning tea and cleaned up dishes. This week, our entertainment is by ukulele group, which is always good to listen to. Visitors welcome, come along and enjoy our day.

Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters meet for our Christmas get-together this Saturday December 9, at Marton Arts and Crafts Centre. Starts earlier at 11.30am for a shared potluck lunch (finger food), Christmas festivities and normal meeting agenda. Please bring a wrapped, pre-loved possession for our gift exchange. Something that you may have found useful in the past but now no longer use. Meeting where those who have been taking part in the ‘quilt in a box’ get to see what fellow club members have made for them. Don’t forget to hand in the final box. This will be the last meeting until February.

Roses on show



Jocelyn Baldwin (pictured) surrounded by her entries that won outstanding exhibit of the show (with her spectacular vase of yellow roses) and the premier miniature vase and premier display vase as well as the best vase of sweetpeas. Entries to were a little down but the quality was high at annual Rangitikei Rose Show last Saturday.

President Maree Marsahall says that entries on display at St Stephen’s Hall in the children’s section were up on last year but roses down, due to the dry weather and a change in timing, for the annual event. Next year it will return to its usual earlier time of the year.

Monitoring popular swim spots

Horizons Regional Council’s summer swim spot monitoring programme is underway, to help inform the public about potential health risks and highlight the region’s fantastic recreational sites.

The annual programme runs to the end of April and tests water health at over 80 sites. Horizons chair Bruce Gordon says from Ruapehu, Whanganui, Rangitikei and the Manawatu, to Horowhenua and Tararua, the region’s numerous swim spots offer some of the country’s most stunning scenery and excellent picnicking, camping and bush walking opportunities, for locals and visitors alike.

“There is often media and public commentary around our waterways, much of which says you can’t swim in our region,” says Mr Gordon.

“This is contradictory to our science and, perhaps more importantly, to the thousands of our community members who enjoy our beaches, lakes and rivers every summer. However, we recognise the importance of recreational water users being well informed about the potential health risks at these sites and that is why we have this programme.”

Horizons swim spot campaign includes the competition ‘Swim, Splash and Share Your Region’, which encourages the public to post a photo of their favourite swim spot, along with the hashtag #swiminourregion and the site’s location - tagged to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Entries are automatically in the draw to win a \$1500 adventure package.

Christmas trees on sale Saturday



One of Santa’s helpers is checking the trees. Santa’s other helpers, in the form of Marton Rotarians will sell Christmas trees on Saturday 16 December.

For many years, Marton Rotary has been selling freshly cut Christmas trees to the people of Marton. This, like many other Christmas traditions, is continuing this year. On Saturday morning, December 16, these will be available from St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church car park, opposite the fruit and vegetable market. Trees will be of various shapes and sizes so buyers will be able to choose one that suits their particular situation. Selling is from 8.30 to midday. The cost is \$12. Enquiries to David Smith 06 327 6513.

WI Hunterville donation



Hunterville St John Ambulance building project has been the focus for the Marton Women's Institute's 2017 fundraising efforts.

They want to thank all in the community who generously donated and supported their Mother's Day raffle, a movie screening at Valhalla Theatre and «crafts+alive».

Rich and Helen, on behalf of Hunterville St John, accepted a cheque for \$1500 from WI president Jean Martin and committee member Fran Rossiter (left).

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BULLETIN



Grants Awarded from the Community Initiatives Fund and Events Sponsorship Scheme

At their meeting on Thursday, 30 November the Finance/Performance Committee awarded grants totalling \$6,254 from the Community Initiative Fund and \$9,025 from the Events Sponsorship Scheme. The successful applicants were Taihape Playcentre, Project Litefoot, Marton Friendship Club, Bulls Toy Library, Marton School, Taihape Dressage Christmas Championships, Annual Bulls Christmas Parade, Taihape A&P Show and Te Kahui Maunga Regional Kapahaka Competition.

Marton wastewater treatment plant upgrade

Continued reliance on discharge to the Tutaenui Stream will not be part of the new consent application. Council has recognised that a land-based effluent disposal arrangement is the default position and after a detailed analysis, piping of Marton's effluent to a consolidated Bulls wastewater treatment plant and subsequent land disposal is a likely preferred option. The membership of the Marton Wastewater Advisory Group has been extended to include representatives of the Bulls Community. MidWest Disposals and Council have an agreement to allow acceptance of treated effluent into the Marton treatment plant, with specified safeguards, until 31 December 2017. Council has agreed to extend this for three months (i.e. to 31 March 2018) to enable the development of a business case for Council's consideration for continuing

this arrangement. That work will include the preparation of a draft Trade Waste Bylaw.

Priority Areas for Earthquake-prone Buildings

Rangitikei District Council confirmed the view of the majority of submissions that Council should not adopt any priority areas. Council had discharged its statutory obligation by consulting with the community about the accelerated timeframe. However, the decision does not change the legislative requirement to strengthen earthquake-prone buildings. Accordingly, Council resolved to send a strong message to the Government about the severe impacts that this requirement will have on the viability of many of Rangitikei's retail/commercial businesses and requesting priority to support building owners to increase the earthquake resilience of their buildings.

Traffic and Parking Bylaw reconsideration

At its previous meeting, Council had deferred adoption of the section in this bylaw relating to heavy vehicles. The Policy/Planning Committee considered options at its November meeting, and its recommendations were adopted, except to clarify the circumstances when Council expects property owners, using a piece of road for prolonged heavy use, to consult with Council. This helps Council plan and fund potential remedial work. If agreement is not reached, the bylaw allows Council, after a publicly notified resolution, to require a permit or to prohibit the use of the road.

Increased delegations to Community Committees and Community Board

Council has agreed to consult with community committees/boards for increasing delegations for the Community Initiatives Fund (with the funding split based on population), the Memorandum of Understanding work programmes (with community trusts in Bulls, Marton and Hunterville), community facilities/services and increased engagement with smaller communities within the various wards. The view of community committees/boards will be considered by Council at its meeting on 25 January 2018.

Community housing

Council has confirmed that, for the time being, it will continue to own and manage its community housing. It will investigate a rental policy, effective 1 July 2018, which would determine the criteria for break-even rentals and market rentals. In addition, Council will implement an integrated approach for a capital renewal programme including ways to improve warmth and energy efficiency, and to reconfigure and improve the functionality of its units, including sale and purchase, rebuilds and new builds.

24/7 public toilets for Marton

Council has identified several possible sites for 24/7 toilets in Marton (Follett Street or Centennial Park) and resolved to ask the Marton Community Committee for its view on what location they prefer.

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RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Adoption of No Priority Areas for Earthquake-prone Buildings

Pursuant to Section 133AF of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016, Council gives notice that it has adopted 'no priority areas' for earthquake-prone buildings.

Council undertook consultation with the community during October 2017, with proposed priority areas in Bulls, Marton, Huntville and Taihape. However, following feedback from the community, Council decided to adopt 'no priority areas'.

This means that Council will have 5 years to identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings and building owners will have 15 years to strengthen buildings after being issued an earthquake-prone building notice.

Buildings (such as medical centres, police stations and schools) will still be considered as priority (and have reduced timeframes) under section 133AE of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act.

Further information

Further information is available from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a copy to be emailed or posted to you by calling 0800 422 522. If you have any specific questions, please contact Johan Cullis, Environmental and Regulatory Services Team Leader.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive



RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Adoption of Section 16 - Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017

Pursuant to section 22AE of the Land Transport Act 1998, the Rangitikei District Council gives notice that Council adopted the Section 16 – use of heavy vehicles of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017, on 30 November 2017. This section of the Bylaw will come into force on 11 December 2017.

Further information

Copies of the Bylaw are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's main office in Marton, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz, or you may request a copy to be emailed or posted to you by calling 0800 422 522. If you have any specific questions, please contact Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner.

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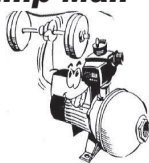


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Date: 15 December 2017
Time: 7pm

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Raffle Results

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Raffle Results

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2nd 114 Box Christmas Goodies - D Buchanan
3rd 557 Christmas Cake - R Rankin
4th 523 Gingerbread House - M Marshall
5th 275 Bag of Goodies - M Robinson
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MARTON CROQUET CLUB
Raffle Results

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MARTON GOLF CLUB

Twilight Wed 29 Nov. A calm, warm evening meant another great turnout, with some good scoring. Good to see some of our 9 hole players, lots of non-golfers and the Huntley boys' golf camp joining in the competition. Golfers: Matt Roberts 1st, D Williams 2nd, Ben Gunn 3rd, Ron Win 4th, A Paulger 5th, K Ainsley 6th. Non-golfers: Todd Sutton 1st, Tayler Burke 2nd, B Brooker 3rd, G Clausen 4th, J White 5th, E Berry 6th, H White 7th. Lucky draw: Graham Marshall, C Tapp, Bruce White, Ian Gunn. Twilight Christmas cheer, sponsored by Richards Construction, will now be on Wed Dec 20. Tee off 4.30-6pm. Entry fee \$8, includes light meal with dessert. Saturday 2 December; S Duncan 47, G Mclver 42, H Bremner 41, A Stewart 41, B Cameron 40. Sunday 3 December: champagne breakfast; 1st B Craig, P Singer and M Simpson 58.9, 2nd P Simpson, C Bary, N McDermott, J Christie, Craig Skou 59.4, 3rd J Calkin, D Clarke, J Yorke and B Pratt.

MARTON THURSDAY GOLF

30 Nov: D Clark 45, H Bremner 42, B Craig 42, P Connolly 42, T Arnott 40, I Batcheler 40, C Murphy 40, P Simpson 39, B Beck 38, T Hunsdale 37, D Morrison 37, G Velvin 37, B Cameron 37, G Calkin 36, B Wingate 36, M Jones. Most golf: A Stewart.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 28 Nov: stableford; R Karatea 30, J Stantiall 29, P Charlesworth 21. Men; L Neumann 33, P Thompson 32, B Parlane 25. Nine hole; B Hills 27, B Philips 23, L Churchill 23, D Penfold 22, G Burgess 19, J Van Loo 16. Nearest pin; not struck. Saturday 2nd: the pavemaster summer stableford; N Skelton 48, M Porter, M Pickford, D Todd, P Scott 42, G Cunningham, D Rhode, G Forbes 40. Nearest the pin; R McDermott. Coming events: Tuesday summer golf, 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 9th: summer stableford, 11am tee off. Prizegiving date TBA. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results from Wednesday 29 November: competition - stableford. Bryan Northcott & Lyndon Moore 47pts, Bill Patene 46pts, Rob Giles 45pts, Don McPherson & Mark Neville 44pts, Ann Robinson, Rex Wilson, Joseph Tappe & Bob Pittaway all 43pts, Peter Young & Neville Berendt 42 pts, Judy Cooksley, Graeme Stephens, Ron Harris, Michelle Mossop & Russell Kane all 41pts. No twos. Lucky draw: Martin Field. Jackpot holes 2 & 4 - Ann Robinson with 7 points. Rangitikei Christmas cheer 9/12/17; multi tee start, 11am, playing in 5's. 1 R Harris N Bligh D Wray B Brown K Burt. 1a M Mossop A & F Sole M & L Peina. 2 T Anaru N Andrews J Andrews T Tuhura C Wiperi. 2a D & K Wehipeihana Palmy Palmy J Cooksley. 3 H Bremner x 4 B Pittaway. 4; Tino x 4, H Potaka. 5 R & L Kane D & B Ward K Yorke. 6 P McCarthy M Ball M Howie W Doughty S DeBurgh. 6a. S Boyens, J Packer A Robinson J Tapper C Robinson. 7 J Bowles B Shannon D Johnston D Philipps A Nother. 7a D Waerea J Waerea J Winiata M Tuhan A Nother. 8 M Field B Meads S Ewens R Giles B Vann. 8a R Yorke A Duncan C Williams Steve, Radar. 9 K Field Graham, Tug, Stu, Mac. 9a P Edmonds x 5. 10.B & L Kinloch P & W Masters S Astis. 10a A White S Amor D Cowie N & M Withell. 11 C & A Bary R & N McDermott D Wright. 11a L Wake P Connely B Beck G Calkin C Murphy. 12 P Young M Brown A Reed B Patene G Croxton. 13 Levin x 5 13a K Boyle M Hill J Boyle M Drelios J Drelios. 14 Foxton No1 x 4 G Stephens 14a Foxton No2 x 4 Cody. 15.C Fagan x 4 T Johnson. 15a Foxton No3 x 4 F Hill. 16 K Shield J McKenzie R Wilson A Nother A Nother. 17 K & T Cooper H & D Sweetman A Wix. 17a D Stevens C Hawe S & R Scott L Harris. 18 M Buchanan H Hare W Harold R Te Matiki N Rawlinson. 18a I & H Craig I MacKay N Berendt E Hartford.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

With considerable rain last week, the greens were a little more receptive but still excellent to putt on. On the flip side, the warm conditions increased the grass growth, which restricted the run. An Irish stableford round was held, with seniors drawn with juniors. Leading the field in, with a massive 93 points, was Barrie Randall and Richard Millner. Their tally was aided by a super 2 holes (13 and 14) when they scored 16 on the 13th and 10 on the 14th. Millner birdied the 13th and Randall parred the hole - both scoring 4 points apiece. Randall then birdied the 14th, for 5 points and Millner managed 2 points - resulting in 10 more. Runner up were the Eagle combination of Denis Robertson and Gary Thomas, on a normally winning score of 82, some 11 shots adrift. This combination scored numerous 8 and 9 point holes. Koke Cashell and John McKinnon registered 80 also, with numerous high scoring holes. John Gilbert and Matt Thomas managed 78. On an individual basis, Barrie Randall came in on 44 points while Denis Robertson and Matt Thomas both scored 40. Thomas's round of 1 under the card recorded birdies on 3 and 14, finishing with an eagle on the last. John McKinnon managed 37, as did Merv Tapp. On 36, were Gary Thomas, Koke Cashell, John Gilbert; 35 Richard Millner; 34 Danny Mickleson. Twos: Barrie Randall, Merv Tapp and Matt Thomas. This Sunday, the Robertson Motors Xmas cheer is scheduled, with an 11.00 a.m. tee off. The Taihape members are requested to be available to tee off early; to assist with duties later in the day.

OVER 60s CRICKET

New Zealand sent two teams to the recent Australian veteran's cricket festival, held in Canberra. The NZ 1 team wonits first two matches, then lost the 3rd. They finished top on run rate, to qualify for the final of the division 2 competition. In this match, the team came up short however, losing to Victoria comprehensively and finishing 2nd overall. NZ 2 won their first match, lost the second, then won the third...to finish in a 3-way 1st place tie in their half of the division 3 competition. Unfortunately, they were adjudged 3rd on run rate and played Victoria for 5th and 6th place in the last round; comfortably winning that match, to take out 5th in the division. Marton's Allan Pond had a relatively quiet tournament, taking 2 for 21 in the first round, playing for NZ 1, then posting scores of 6 and 26 in his next two matches, both for NZ 2. He didn't bat in the last match, as NZ 2 scored 151 for 1 in reaching their victory.

MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 1 CRICKET

On account of unavailability and injury, Matt Burke Marton Saracens took a very inexperienced side to Whanganui on Saturday for their P1 match against Marist. The Victoria Park number 2 wicket is always full of runs. Saturday was no exception. Marist batted first and lost its first wicket on the first ball of the game. Thomas Westwood took a tidy catch at gully, from the bowling of Josh Trillo. This was the first of four wickets that Trillo took throughout the day. Youngsters, Robert Daines and Freddie Lane, showed tremendous backbone, taking one and two wickets respectively. Lane was unfortunate not to finish with more wickets. Unfortunately, the Marist batting was good and managed to set a target in excess of 300. To Saracens' credit however, they batted well. After losing an early wicket, Scott Oliver and Dom Rayner put on 55 for the second wicket. Rayner was unfortunate to go for 25, to a sharp catch at short mid wicket. Oliver was later joined by Sam Lambert, who together, put on 79 for the fifth wicket. Lambert was dismissed for 44, to an even sharper catch at short mid wicket. Jamie Simmons and Andre Canderle also put on 79, for the eighth wicket, scoring 61 and 42 respectively. Saracens finished its 50 overs with a creditable 279/9. The Ward Furniture player of

the day was Jamie Simmons, with his impressive 61 from 67 balls.

MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 2 CRICKET

Central ITM Saracens finished a distant second in their 40 over match against Wanganui Renegades, at Centennial Park on Saturday. Winning the toss and batting first, Saracens lost wickets regularly, to be all out for just 96, inside 26 overs. Captain and opening batsman Andrew Spence was last out for 55. Mark Transom was the only other player to reach double figures, making 14. Ronan Spence made 6 and Phil Galpin 3. Dave Woolston and Kelly Kumeroa scored 1 each and four batsmen (Allan Pond, Joe Karam, Kian Belk and Rhys Watson) were dismissed for 0. Murray Candy was 0 not out. Renegades lost an early wicket to a brilliant catch by Woolston, at first slip, from the bowling of Galpin but scored quickly, to reach their target in the 20th over, for the loss of only 2 wickets. Kumeroa took a sharp catch, from Woolston's bowling, to claim the other wicket. Galpin took 1 for 22, Woolston 1 for 23, Transom 0 for 16, Pond 0 for 17, Candy 0 for 11 and Watson 0 for 8. Andrew Spence was the G K Skou Transport player of the day for the home team. Central ITM Saracens are at home again next week, to Wanganui Tech.

MARTON CROQUET

Monday 27/11/17 - associaton - T Martyn/ G McIntyre 16 v Murray McNae/S Johnson 14, L Thompson 13 v Mary McNae 14, L Johnson 15 v G Thompson 13. Golf croquet - D Winmill/L Hughes 6,7 v M Vallance/A Winmill 7,1, D Winmill/M Vallance 7 v L Hughes 2. Wednesday 29/11/17 - association - D Winmill 26 v G McIntyre 15, Murray McNae 26 v T Martyn 20, K Fitchett 17 v Mary McNae 17. Golf croquet - J McDougall /L Thompson 6,7,7, v L Hughes/G Thompson 7,6,5. Saturday 2/12/17 - association - Mary McNae/G Thompson 12 v L Thompson/L Johnson 11. Golf croquet - S Johnson 7,7 v J McDougall 4,4.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB


Sunday saw a full field, of 22 teams of four, battle for the biggest hams, with sixteen on offer, plus another two, as raffles, along with many other prizes, sponsored by Central House Movers. With very hot conditions and a fastish green, there was a free for all, until players got used to conditions that changed throughout the day, with blustery wind. After four hard fought games, the results were: Terrace End; Wally Parkers team came up with four wins, 25 ends and +31 differential, to take home four hams. Second was Colin Cheery's team from Norhern, with 4 wins, 24ends and +22 differential - also with four hams. Third place was Colin Cumerford's team from Feilding (Johnson Park), with 3wins and a draw, 28ends, 0 differential. Four hams also went to Bob Caldwell's team from Bulls, with 3 wins, 22 ends and a differential of +19. The 4 bacon packs for losers' prize went to Brian Roberts' team from Bulls, with 4 losses and a differential of -35. The draws in the raffle, of two hams and two grocery packs, were very well received. Thanks to all for your participation and congratulations to the receivers of prizes. P.S. - the whole street and parking area in Criterion Street was totally full for the day - if the council goes ahead and sells those car parks where is everyone going to park? On Saturday, Bulls men played the last day of the level two interclub challenge and managed enough wins to come out in third place, which was no mean feat, considering the top players we came up against but the games were enjoyed by all and - watch out next year you townies! Don't forget, starting January 17, is community bowls, so make up family teams, workplace teams, or teams of friends and come along for some fun nights. A bowler will be available for your team to play, if you are short, or to just coach everyone. Please contact the club with your team name, or just put your name down as available to play in other teams. Bowls available but flat soled shoes, jandals or bare feet are required. BBQ on during play. Enjoy the company at Bulls Bowling Club 3221284. The secretary 0276262096 is Anne Connelly. Email bullsbowls@gmail.com. Open 1pm every Wednesday (weather permitting) and 4pm Friday evenings. Other times by request; allowing sufficient time for the greenkeeper to prepare the playing surface.

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