

BOWLING NOTES.

The bowling green has been well patronised during the week both by local players and visiting bowlers. While waiting for a car to be repaired or a horse shod or a steamer to arrive, a roll up on the green fills in the time very pleasantly.

During the week G. T. Civil played H. B. Moore for the Warkworth Bowling Rooster, winning by 21 to 14 after a close and interesting game. On Saturday a number of matches were played on the green. W. Wilson (skip), A. Warm, T. Ashton, and T. Ramsbottom having challenged the holders, Mulholland (skip) Petterd, Hoysted, Brakenig, an exciting game resulting in a tie—18 all—so Mulholland's team still hold the coveted buttons. The competition for handicap pairs also started on Saturday, T. Ashton and Mulholland 20 beating Hoysted and Hopewell 17, while Williams and Petterd 21 beat Ewart and G. Civil 20. The handicaps in these matches are sealed and will not be known till the games are all played.

The usual Club draw on Saturday resulted as follows:—H. Duke, T. Williams, L. Buchanan, G. Civil 18, played E. Morrison, Turbott, Ewart, J. D. Morrison 17, and C. Day, H. Roper, Thornley, J. Ashton 25 played L. Verry, Paulger, J. Morrison, Moore 19.

On Saturday next a team from Devonport will come to Warkworth and try conclusions with a Warkworth team. Arrangements have been made for a Warkworth team to visit Whangarei and play for five days on the Whangarei Kensington greens where tournaments are being held.

Another match for "Alf's Buttons" was played on Monday afternoon, Hopewell's team, J. Ewart, J. Morrison, H. Moore and A. Hopewell, having challenged the holders, S. Brakenig, A. Hoysted, R. Petterd and J. G. Mulholland. Heavy rain fell during the game, making the green sodden, but a keenly contested and close game resulted and interest became intense when the last ball arrived with Hopewell's team 17 and Mulholland's 16. The fatal last balls were played and Mulholland's team scored 2 points thus retaining the buttons by the narrow margin of 1 point. The holders have now played 4 games for the buttons, two of which were drawn and two won by 1 point each.

PORT ALBERT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

CRICKET.

At Whangateau Domain on 9th inst Port Albert gained the verdict against Omaha by the narrow margin of 25 runs on the first innings.

Batting first, Port Albert compiled 157, the principal contributors being F. Reid 53 and P. Treadwell 55 to which Omaha replied with 132, of which P. Dunning compiled 89 by vigorous, spectacular cricket, the remaining double figure players being E. Wyatt 10 and T. Gravatt 14. For the visitors Williams bowled exceptionally well capturing seven wickets at a total of 38 runs, while for the home team J. Dunning, P. Dunning and F. Burton divided the honours.

The visitors, some of whom were recent arrivals from the Homeland, were delighted with the beauties of the landlocked Whangateau Harbour and also with the kind hospitality of the Omaha cricketers and their wives who left nothing undone to make the outing a pleasant one for their guests.

For some time now we miss the black scare headlines announcing wars great or small, and we should be profoundly thankful for this. No news in this respect is by far the best of news. The ferment is subsiding. Except in France and neighbouring countries. The best barometer of war or peace is the state of the currency. By paying her debts to the United States Britain has brought her currency back to par, and is introducing the gold standard again, while the franc is quoted at less than a third of its par value, and the currency of Belgium and Italy are in almost as bad a condition.

WHANGATEAU.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

ANNUAL SPORTS.

On New Year's day the usual sports were held in the Domain under rather unfavourable weather conditions—showery in the morning and a cold, cutting wind blowing all day—so much so that many were seen with overcoats on. To show the popularity of these sports 37 cars and lorries were parked on the road outside besides other vehicles, having come from surrounding districts. About 400 paid for admission and several hundred children were admitted free. Many picnic parties found shelter under the trees and Mr Walden did good business supplying refreshments in the hall.

The winners of the various competitions were as follow:—Horse race, M. Birdsall 1, G. Davis 2; stockman's competition, M. Birdsall 1, D. Birdsall 2; chain stepping, M. Wilson 1; handicap chop, P. Hoey 1, Beazley Bros. a tie 2; maiden chop, P. Hoey 1, J. Beazley 2; maiden race 120yds., M. Matheson 1, C. Matthew 2; 100 yds. race, M. Matheson 1, E. Neeley 2; Whangateau handicap, E. Neeley 1, A. Bjorklund and M. Matheson a tie 2nd; half mile race, T. Greenwood 1, J. B. Greenwood 2; catching the goat, T. Greenwood. There were also races for boys and girls.

Besides witnessing the sports it is gratifying to meet old friends which perhaps only happens once a year, and on this occasion many old residents who had left the district were up on a visit which greatly added to the pleasure. There was a dance in the hall in the evening which was largely attended, the music being supplied by the Misses Brown and Harris.

Great credit is due to the committee of management, especially to the secretary (Mr H. E. Whitaker, Junr.) on whom most of the work rested.

GIRL GUIDES.

A company of the above in command of Captain Bergen are camped on Mr L. Meiklejohn's flat near the beach. This is their second visit as they were here two years ago and having enjoyed the sea bathing, boating, and wanderings in the bush they were pleased to come again. Last Tuesday evening, having decorated the hall with greenery, they gave a variety entertainment consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, humorous sketches and fancy dances, which was much enjoyed by a large audience. Afterwards the hall was cleared for dancing. On Thursday Mr Wilf Meiklejohn very kindly sent a large wagon and conveyed the girls to the foot of Tamahunga (Mount Hamilton) which the girls climbed and obtained an extensive view from the top.

On three Sundays, bearing their flag, the girls attended church parade in the hall.

KAIPARA FLATS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

The long-looked-for shower fell on Sunday night, freshening things up somewhat, but making us want more. The members of the Tennis Club were most pleased, because they were able to roll their new courts, and at long last are able to make them fit to play on, and ready for the match on Saturday. Misses Linton, Nordstrand, Gubb and Wilkins, and Messrs R. Ellis, L. G. Scott, C. Phillips, J. Morrison, A. Brott and J. Goertz journeyed to Leigh on Saturday, some enthusiastic barrackers also going in the lorry. Mr Scott was at the wheel. Owing to rain at Leigh no start was made till after dinner. Good progress was made with the three courts, so that by three o'clock all matches were over except the men's doubles. However, they proved desperate conflicts, delaying the return somewhat. We won only one match, but reckoned that it was the best day this season.

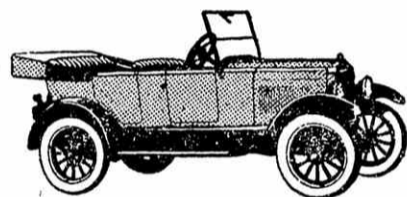
Some twenty chains of metal have been laid on the Hills Road. The drain on Bunkall's flat has been cleaned out, the water being lowered some two feet.

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