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- Wednesday 24 October – 10am Club Day – Bert Sutcliffe Retirement Village (1)
- Saturday 27 October – 9am BNH Pennants Bees & Stingers are at home
- Sunday 28 October – 9am Sunday Tournament (OACT) – lunch provided
- Monday 29 October – 6pm YOU Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls (1)
- Wednesday 31 October – 10am Club Day
- Friday 2 November – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2)
- Saturday 3 November – 8.30am Men's Championship Fours  
 – 8.30am Women's Championship Fours
- Sunday 4 November – 8.30am Men's Championship Fours  
 – 8.30am Women's Championship Fours
- Wednesday 7 November – 10am Club Day

## Inside this Weekend

### Friday 26 October – Club Night

Members Draw, Raffles, Happy Hour, Joker 500  
 Racing – Alexandra Park (Harness), Addington, Wanganui (Dogs) and racing from across Australia  
 Rugby\* - 7.35pm - Championship Final - Waikato vs Otago

### Saturday 27 October

Racing – Eilerslie, Trentham, Riccarton (Thoroughbreds), and racing from across Australia including Moonee Valley - Cox Plate  
 Rugby\* - 1pm Meads Cup Final - Bay of Plenty vs Northland  
 - 3pm Premiership Finals - Auckland vs Canterbury  
 - 7pm All Blacks vs Australia

### Sunday 28 October

Racing – Invercargill, Kaikoura (Harness), Manukau (Dogs) and racing from across Australia.  
 Rugby\* - 2.30pm Lochore Cup Final - Horowhenua Kapiti vs Wairarapa Bush  
 NBL\* - 2pm NZ Breakers vs Adelaide 36ers

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# Drought Broken

Having never claimed a Club Singles title, unbelievable as it is, Mark Rumble went out last weekend to break the drought. Rumble qualified for Sunday's post section play in fourth place with three wins in qualifying. Post section Rumble first had to get past an inform Daymon Pierson. A game that saw Pierson out in front sixteen to thirteen after twenty ends, until Rumble took a four, a one and a three to go out (16-21). Semi and the task got no easier with top qualifier Mike Cartwright waiting for him. A game that was all tied up twelve all after thirteen ends after Rumble dropped a four. Blows traded with Rumble two shots ahead after twenty one ends. Two ends and two ones followed for Rumble and so did a spot in the final (17 - 21). The final and Rumble was up against surprise finalist, fourth year, Gary Wallace. Wallace having claimed second qualifying position going through unbeaten in qualifying. First two ends to Rumble, up two shots before Wallace got on the board with a one in the third end. After eleven ends Rumble was well in front and in the rhythm (12 - 4). But singles is about first to twenty one and it is not over until one player reaches it first. Wallace went on a roll pulling to within one shot of Rumble on the seventieth end (13 - 12). A two to Rumble on the next end followed by a one to Wallace. The next six shots over there ends, including a four to go out were all Rumbles. The drought was broken and Rumble was crowned this season's Singles Champion.



Men's Championship Singles: Runner-up - Gary Wallace, and Champion - Mark Rumble.

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## Bowls is Old. But Not as Old a Few

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When the All Blacks played Los Pumas this year, it was the first time a test had ever been played in Nelson. And the surrounding publicity highlighted the fact that it was also the first place that rugby had been played in New Zealand. Way back in 1870 nearly 150 years ago.

It raised the question as to what's the oldest sport in New Zealand, and whether the sport of lawn bowls is a contender for that title.

Unfortunately for bowls aficionados, best indications are that surfing (whakahekeheke) is the oldest recreational pastime in New Zealand – in pre-European times Maori were believed to have surfed on boards (kopapa) or on bags of kelp (poha) – but that the practice declined when missionaries landed and failed to give their blessing to the activity.

Surfing was reintroduced by Hawai'ian surfer Duke Kahanamoku in 1915, but it wasn't until 1958 when a couple of American surfers visited Piha, that the sport was popularised. By then, they had already been playing lawn bowls for three years up the road at the Piha Bowling Club.

Swimming and running must also be contenders for New Zealand's oldest sport.

It's easy to imagine that wizened Englishmen, debilitated by the hellish 19th century three-month journey from the homeland, might have plunged in to the waters from their anchoring barques, and raced each other to the beaches of this Antipodean paradise. Breast-stroke or dog paddle of course, because freestyle swimming as we know it today hadn't yet been invented.

However, it wasn't until the 1830's that the great inventors of sport – the English – brought one of their new inventions to Northland, and cricket started being played about the mission stations. While the Scots, presumably not that enamoured with the 'gentlemen's game', brought their 'Caledonian Games' to New Zealand in the 1840's introducing formality and competitiveness to athletics.

About the same time, a who's who of Wellington immigrants realised that their harbour and weather provided an excellent locale for the first formal sailing race in New Zealand – and introduced the 1841 Wellington Regatta celebrating the first anniversary of the settlement.

It took until 1861 for the English to bring another of their new inventions to New Zealand – this time to Nelson with the game of hockey. Not to be outdone, the Scots introduced the sport of lawn bowls, also in 1861, creating the Auckland Bowling Club. The first club meetings may well have been absorbed with debating the merits of importing one of those new-fangled lawnmower things – perhaps a silens messor from Leeds lawnmower manufacturer Thomas Green & Sons – so that a green could be established the following year.

The population of 150,000 new and indigenous New Zealanders could also choose to join New Zealand's first rowing club in 1861. As well as New Zealand's first rifle club. It was indeed a golden year for New Zealand sport, but there was still not a wide selection of sporting choices.

There was no cycling, equestrian, golf, rugby and tennis until the following decade in the 1870's. Even the world sport of football wasn't introduced to New Zealand until the 1880's. And basketball, netball and softball not until the new century.

Triathlon didn't come along until 1978, when the first event was organised at Mission Bay in Auckland. And whilst lawn bowls became a sport of choice for many early 19th century immigrants, they weren't eager to share their passion with others throughout the colony. In fact, the Dominion of New Zealand Bowling Association wasn't formed until 1913 – long after athletics, cricket, football, golf, rowing, rugby, swimming and tennis which all founded national associations in the late 1800's.

By that time New Zealand's early bowling clubs would have been eyeing the first petrol lawnmower to cut their greens — the new Ransome's Automaton proudly chosen by 'His Majesty the King, the Duke of Norfolk, duke of Portland, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and may others of the Nobility and Gentry'.

### Oldest sports in NZ at a glance

Pre-European Surfing, swimming, running  
1830s Cricket  
1840s Athletics, Yachting  
1860s Lawn Bowls, Hockey, Shooting, Rowing  
1870s Cycling, Equestrian, Golf, Rugby, Tennis  
1880s Football  
1900s Basketball, Netball, League

### Oldest national sports associations in NZ

1886 NZ Lawn Tennis Association  
1887 NZ Amateur Athletic Association  
1887 NZ Amateur Rowing Association  
1890 NZ Amateur Swimming Association  
1892 NZ Rugby Football Union  
1894 NZ Cricket Council  
1899 NZ Golf Council  
1902 NZ Hockey Association  
1909 NZ Rugby League  
1913 Dominion of NZ Bowling Association



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**Spotlight on Club Partners**

Local real estate agent Ann Lepper. Anne sponsors a tournament midweek annually and the prize giving at the conclusion of play is certainly unique with plays vying for the converted tile of "Sexy Spice". Thanks Anne for your continued support of the club.

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- Top 25 Salesperson within the company 2006 - 2017**

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Treating people with respect, been up front and a good listener I believe is essential, along with a sense of humour to release the anxiety that comes with dealing with property options. Humility is a characteristic to be retained, so the focus is not on ourselves but on the people who are looking for guidance and expertise in dealing with valuable assets in their lives, whether selling or buying a property.

Childhood began on the North Shore in Devonport then with my family buying a home in Glenfield. Eventually married life led to Torbay & our very first home. Three more moves & we now have settled in Northcote Point. The effort of 'letting go & moving on' each time has allowed me to 'step into the shoes' of those dealing with the same real estate activities and understand the dynamics.

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