Goldpine investigating another site

Goldpine Industries Ltd. has asked the Environment Court to postpone the hearing, which was due to start in Whangarei next Monday 9 June, while it investigates an alternative site for its proposed round wood timber treatment plant.

The Bream Bay News understands that tests have been conducted on Goldpine’s behalf on the Northport farm along One Tree Point Rd. Unlike the proposed Flyger Rd. site, the Northport farmland is zoned for industrial use.

John Eggers, Goldpine’s project manager for the Ruakaka plant was on leave last week and not answering cell phone calls when we tried to determine that this is the alternate site.

Last year Goldpine was granted a number of resource consents by the Northland Regional Council but denied a land use consent by the Whangarei District Council to build and operate a round wood (fence posts) treatment plant at Flyger Rd. in the Mata valley.

Goldpine and the Whangarei District Council’s Environmental Services Department have since reached an out of court agreement that, if Goldpine were to build a two lane bridge over the Ruakaka River in Flyger Rd., the WDC would withdraw its objection.

However, the council’s Water Services Division remains opposed to the plant at this location, which is just 60 metres upstream of the Ruakaka public water supply intake. The WDC Water Services Division is a separate party to the appeal.

A group of Mata valley landowners has also appealed the NRC consents, siting concerns about possible effects on their properties and livelihoods.

From left: Stephanie Humphries, Rachelle Cox and Demi Mitchell wore some of the whackiest hair styles at Bream Bay College’s Wacky Hair day held on Friday, 23 May. The event was a fundraiser for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter organised by the Westpac Bank. Anyone who turned up at school with a wacky hair style was asked to make a gold coin donation to the Rescue Helicopter appeal.

Sarah Coffin, Wacky Hair day co-ordinator in Bream Bay, said it had gone “really well.” She hadn’t counted up all the gold coins last week as she was still waiting for Waipu Primary School which held its Wacky Hair Day a week later on Friday 30, but she estimated they would total around $1000.

Photos from One Tree Point Primary and Ruakaka Primary Schools Wacky Hair days are on page .
Goodbye to an old friend

My washing machine has died. It’s out on the back lawn in bits with the three-pronged cast alloy support for its drum cracked across all three of its arms. It grumbled and rattled its way through its last load of washing yesterday. I should never have asked the poor old girl to spin all those sodden wet towels, which got left out on the clothesline in a heavy shower of rain. It’s a bit sad, like saying goodbye to an old friend and now I will have to learn which button to push on the complicated control panel of some newfangled machine. Still going into a whiteware shop and asking about the most eco-friendly, economic to use, likely to last the distance model will hopefully cheer someone up. These are tight economic times and sales are celebrated. It’s surprising how quickly the economic malaise has spread to even this remote corner of the globe. The housing finance market in the USA falls over and next thing you know formerly hard-to-get hold of tradespeople in Bream Bay are finding contracts are being cancelled and jobs they had lined up to last all through this year and next aren’t there any more. It’s a long time since I have dropped the size of the Bream Bay News to 20 pages. Things have definitely slowed.

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Simon Weston on the BBLOA agreement

Simon Weston, Manager of the Whangarei District Council’s Works and Services Department, clarified some points on the much heralded (by Mayor Stan Semenoff and Councillors Phil Halse and Shelley Deeming) $17.8 million agreement between a group of Ruakaka and One Tree Point Developers – the Bream Bay Land Owners Association (BBLOA) and the WDC

Why is this agreement significant?
Simon Weston – This will ensure we won’t have the ad hoc development of wastewater treatment systems along the coast. We will have one economic and efficient system to treat and dispose of wastewater that will be administered by the Whangarei District Council. This agreement ensures all that.

Were some developers planning to build their own separate waste water systems?
The Resource Management Act allows for developers to build their own wastewater treatment plants. Because the developers will be building the plant themselves it will give them certainty (about when capacity at the plant will be available).

Have you heard of this kind of agreement between councils and developers happening before?
Simon Weston – A lot of this goes on in other countries. We have done this on a smaller scale before but this council hasn’t ever been involved in an agreement as large as this with developers.

What bits of the project will the developers be building?
Simon Weston - They will take care of the initial upgrade on the existing plant. This accounts for a small amount of the $17.8 million. This upgrade, which will extend the disposal field into 15 hectares of Department of Conservation Land and an adjacent privately owned pine plantation has received resource consents. It will increase the capacity of the current plant from 660 cubic metres a day to 1800 cubic metres a day.

Simon Weston - Quite a big part of the $17.8 million goes into the construction of the new plant, which will give us capacity up to 3,000 cubic metres.

Isn’t the final capacity of the new plant much more than this?
Simon Weston - Yes, the new plant will be built in modules as it is needed. This will be the first module.

Will the operation of this plant be dependent on the new disposal option being agreed upon, consented and built?
Simon Weston - Yes, it will require the new long term sustainable disposal solution to be in place. This is what we have been working on. We have been going through all the options and working with all the interested groups. The preferred option is an ocean outfall. Once we have finished all our investigations on this we will be preparing a resource consent application. We will be building the disposal system with assistance from the BBLOA.

Will there be capacity after the initial upgrade for the reticulation of the Ruakaka South houses and the Ruakaka Camping Ground?
No, there won’t be capacity for this until after the new plant is built.

How long is this likely to take?
Simon Weston - I am only talking indicatively here but I would say about seven or eight years.

John Keith launches his Lakeside Business Park

John Keith launched his lakeside Business Park proposal for 65 hectares of industrial land at Ruakaka at a drinks and nibbles occasion at Barfoot and Thompsons Whangarei Office on Thursday 29 May.

Over the last 12 years Mr. Keith has acquired 65 hectares of coastal industrial zone land between the Port Marsden Highway and the Department of Conservation’s coastal strip. The first stage of this development on 10.86 ha is now being marketed.

Mr. Keith’s Enviro Sands Ltd. business has operated here and he now plans to use the lake created by this sand mining operation as a feature in the new industrial park with landscaping and walkways and barge converted to look like a paddle steamer moored in the middle serving as a floating bar and restaurant. A number of businesses already operate from Mr. Keith’s land. These include: South Pacific Industrial, Allied Concrete and the North Sawm Lumber timber mill.

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Other appellants are: • Goldpine Industries Ltd. which is appealing conditions set on consents granted by the Northland Regional Council.

• The Bream Bay Action Group, which has a number of concerns, including the ecology of the Ruakaka River and the security of the public water supply.

Cyclist Fiona Southorn has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Paralympics in Beijing in September.

Fiona will compete in three events – the 500 metre time trial in the velodrome on 8 September, the 3,000 metre pursuit on 10th September and the 24.6 kilometre road time trial on 12 September.

Fiona said she is happy about the order of these. The time trial is her weakest discipline and she will use it to get over her nerves and as a warm up for her main events.

There is a good chance these races will be televised as TV1 in planning to give the paralympics an hour of coverage each day of its duration, with highlights played in the the weekend.

In early July, Fiona will leave for a seven week training camp in Perth before travelling to Beijing for the opening ceremony on 1 September.

Last week Jill Mitch of “The Thistle” in Waipu presented Fiona with a collection of New Zealand souvenirs, including polished paua shells, jewellery and a fluffy kiwi, which makes a realistic kiwi noise when squeezed, to take to Beijing and give away to people there.

“We are proud of this girl”, said Jill. Fiona, who also represented New Zealand at the Athens paralympics four years ago, said, “There are always lots of volunteers working in the Olympic village and I think it is the Kiwi way to give people something when they do something for you.”

Fiona is seeking additional sponsorship from local businesses as she will need to pay her own way to the Perth training camp and to buy new equipment such as spare bike tyres to take to Beijing.
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**LETTERS**

**Coverage of $17.5 million deal disappointing**

It is very disappointing that subsequent to continued criticism by writers to the editor regarding lack of visibility of ward councillors in council activity, little recognition has been given to work attributed to various councillors in a variety of recent press releases from Whangarei District Council.

This includes the exceptional results attributed by the Mayor to Works and Services Chairman, Phil Halse in his statement to press correspondents regarding the securing of $17.5 million in a deal with developers to ensure future waste water capacity at Ruakaka. This agreement is a significant precedent to councils nationally but achieved only a tiny recognition in the Advocate and critical acknowledgement in the Bream Bay News. Enquiry indicated that the story was not particularly newsworthy to the average district reader.

Give me a break; with every $350000 expenditure equating around 1% of the rate take, that $17.5m has far reaching effects for the entire district and every ratepayer, not to mention the innumerable people who benefit from a sound waste water system and clean environment and for other councils able to benefit from this ground-breaking process.

It is of course quite simple for any elected member to bounce up and down portraying themselves as a hard working member whether that is in fact the case or not, but it is hardly in the interests of informing the public.

Surely it is of interest to the general elector to be accurately informed by the Mayor and council communication sources of work being achieved on behalf of the community by their elected representatives.

**Councillor Shelley Deeming**

Whangarei District Council

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**Thanks for putting on breakfast**

I just want to say a big thank you to Pauline Scotland, Fiona, Weight Watchers and Art Form for putting on the Breast Cancer Breakfast. I went at 7.45 and it was full up with women (and a few men) and it just kept going. The breakfast was yummy and it is always wonderful to see women get together, but for a cause such as breast cancer, it doesn’t take much to support such a worthy cause.

There were women there who have survived breast cancer, which is fabulous and I know we all know of women who have not survived breast cancer. So all of us, no matter what age, must get them checked and have a mamogram, it saves lives. I know it is not the most modest exercise in the world, but who cares really!!!

Fabulous Pauline and now we need a Prostate Breakfast for the men......

**Fae Allen**

Waipu
Mobile dental caravan at Bream Bay College

A mobile dental clinic has been operating at Bream Bay College from last week. Wayne Buckland, principal of Bream Bay College, has been lobbying for the service for two and a half years, since the only private dental service operating in Bream Bay, The Gentle Dental Company decided not to renew a contract it held with the Northland District Health board to look after the dental health of Bream Bay’s adolescents.

Mr. Buckland said up to 200 year 9 – 13 students, who had formerly not had dental care, will now receive treatment.

Karen Boyce – Bacon, the dental therapist working from the mobile clinic, said she would be staying at the College until all those adolescents who enrol for treatment have been treated and all year 7 and 8 students have been seen.

“We do need people to make sure that they enrol now though as we can’t continue to stay here waiting for late enrolments. Enrolments are coming in, but we would like to have them all in within the next couple of weeks. Wayne Buckland and the staff here have worked hard to get this service for their students and are giving us great support.”

Primary school age children in the district will continue to be seen at their schools when a dental therapist visits. At any other time parents can ring 0800 MY TEETH or 0800 698 3384 to contact the closest clinic.

Mrs Boyce – Bacon said, “It is hoped the Otamatea and Ruawai adolescents (who are still without dental care) will have a service sometime within the next 12 months.

WDC proposal to pipe collected groundwater into the Waipu Estuary

The Whangarei District Council is seeking public comment prior to applying for resource consents on its proposals for the upgrade of the Waipu Waste Water plant. A report on this by consultants Pattie Delamore Partners Ltd. has been completed and is available on the WDC website or from project manager Alistair Greenwood – Ph. 432 4230 x 8890.

Key recommendations in the report are:

• The plant should be designed to cope with flows of 1,000 cubic metres a day, equating to a population of 5,000.
• The existing plant should be upgraded rather than abandoned and replaced.
• The disposal system should be upgraded using both the existing disposal site at the toe of dunes alongside the plant and a new disposal site constructed along an unformed council road reserve 1.25km south of the plant.

The estimated cost of this work is $4.3 million.

Investigations into the paper road discharge option have shown that ground levels and aquifer properties in the southern disposal area are such that successful disposal-to-ground at that location will require lowering of the water table along the landward toe of the dune system. This will mean building a groundwater interception drain to be constructed along the toe of the dunes, and a pipeline to convey the collected groundwater westwards across the adjacent farm, to discharge into the Waipu estuary. The initial discharge of effluent to the ground at this southern site and the discharge of collected groundwater to the estuary will require resource consents.
Police have conducted another search for Hyung Cho, the 28-year-old Korean man, who went missing after his car crashed off the side of State Highway 1 near Kaiwaka in the early hours of the morning on December 11, 2007.

On Saturday 24 May police combed the bush area north of the crash site but found no trace of Mr. Cho.

Mr. Cho lived in Ruakaka and was working in a Ruakaka sawmill at the time he went missing. He was travelling back to Ruakaka from Auckland when the crash occurred. Police are mystified over his disappearance. His bank and phone accounts have not been touched since the accident and there was no sign inside the car that he had been injured.

The burglary occurred some time between Thursday 22 and Saturday 24 May. A recent arrival at the research centre, an 8kg hapuka was taken from the quarantine area and an unknown number of one-year-old kingfish were taken from a nearby tank. “Until we count the kingfish we can’t be sure how many were taken. There were 120 fish in the tank. We were just settling them into a new tank so we don’t want to disturb them by counting them.”

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Any information on this burglary can be passed on to Martin Geddes of the Waipu Police.

Police police conduct another search for missing Korean man

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POLICE NEWS
Live fish stolen from tanks at NIWA farm could be harmful to eat

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Councillor Halse urges people to join their local residents’ and ratepayers’ association

“If you don’t join the game then the game goes on without you.”

The Ruakaka Ratepayers Association has decided to put its membership fee up from $5 to $10.

The association’s chairman Graeme Finlayson pointed out that the group had run at a slight loss last year, spending $86.98 over its income.

Councillor Shelley Deeming commented, “Considering the amount of work this association does for the community, $10 a person is very cheap. This is one of the top ratepayer associations in the district.”

Roger Neal said as well as increasing the fee, the association needed to increase its membership. The previous year’s membership was only 25, when there are approximately 1,900 households in the Ruakaka/One Tree Point area.

Barry Pyle said he hadn’t joined the association previously because he didn’t agree with its stance on a number of issues. However, he approved of the submission the association had made to the Environment Court Hearing in opposition to the Goldpine application to build a roundwood treatment plant in the Mata valley and would now be joining up.

Secretary Warren Daniel’s said it took a lot of resources to do this kind of work. He said the hearings for the Goldpine appeal had originally been scheduled for two weeks but had now been cut back to one as a number of out of court agreements had been made between various parties. The pile of papers he had been sent on the hearing was approximately a metre high.

Councillor Phil Halse said Warren and other members of the association should be congratulated on all the work they have put into such submissions. He said the Ruakaka Ratepayers’ submission on the Whangarei District Council’s annual plan, which suggests a rate increase so infrastructure could be put in place, was one of the best submissions received on this plan.

He urged people to join their ratepayers’ association.

“This is your area. You have chosen to live here. If you want it to keep going ahead you have got to input. If you choose to sit on the sideline and watch the game, then the game goes on without you.”

The following people were elected as members of the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association Committee: Graeme Finlayson, Warren Daniels, Peter Batten, Andreas Thirling, Don Fraser, Tony Jelas, Peter Hope, Stuart Neal, Glenys Rickey, Diane Power, Murray MacFadyen, Brian Burgess, Bruce Cann, Bert Aarts and Daryl Trigg.

Warren Daniels commented, “We have some new faces and hopefully some new ideas.”

The new committee will elect its officers at its first meeting.

Rod McKay - “We are trying to save things not wreck them”

Rod McKay, whose Red Water Ltd. subdivision in Mountfield Rd., northern Waipu is drawing opposition from neighbours and local environmental groups says he is annoyed by the statements made in the last issue of the Bream Bay News which he says are “simply not true”.

Opponents to the subdivision have concerns that extensive earthworks will be needed to establish seven building platforms on the steep land which is subject to the subdivision application but Mr. McKay says all the proposed building sites are on flat land.

“The article makes it sound like we are wrecking things but we are trying to save things. We will be fencing off a wetland which previously had no protection and covenanting bush.”

Submissions on this notified application closed on Wednesday 28 May.
BARISTA COURSE
Learning to make coffee turned out to be very enjoyable for 7 Bream Bay College students who attended a Barista course in Whanganui. The feedback from the group is that it has helped them improve their coffee making skills and would recommend the course to anyone wanting to go into the hospitality industry. It was awesome experience.

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Sun shines on Ruakaka race day

Olympic Gold medalist Blyth Tait, who is now a race horse trainer in Pukekohe, was present at the Ruakaka Races on Wednesday 28 May with his mother Glenise (second from the right) to present a trophy in honour of his father, the late Bob Tait who was club Patron and Past President of the Whangarei Racing Club. The inaugural Bob Tait memorial trophy race was won easily by the big chestnut, Mr. Investor, ridden by Leith Innes and trained by Richard and Chris Otto of Te Awanui.

After rain on Tuesday the weather cleared for the first race day at Ruakaka this season and resulted in a good public turn out.

A highlight of the day’s racing was when I’m a Lady, a horse owned by the Bob Tait’s estate and trained at Ruakaka by Donna and Dean Logan won the Island View Lodge Race, just prior to the Bob Tait Memorial Race. The first race in the three race two year old series was won by Rough Odds owned by Keith Oddy and trained by Craig Ritchie. The series is sponsored by Stoneybridge which has stud farms at Karaka and Matamata and has a total prize packet of $130,000.

Next Race Meetings

• 28th May
  Leg 1 Stoney Bridge 2YO Series
• 18th June
  Leg 2 Stoney Bridge 2YO Series
• 11th July
  Day 1 of Premier 2 Day Meet
• 12th July
  Leg 3 Stoney Bridge 2YO Series
• 1st August
  Northland Breeders Stakes
• 27th August
  Mid Week Getaway
• 13th September
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Public meeting to work on a Waipu Civil Defence Emergency Plan

People living in the Waipu, Waipu Cove and Langs Beach areas need to get together to formulate an emergency community response plan, says Antoinette Mitchell, Emergency Management Officer with the Whangarei District Council.

The Waipu Civil Defence team has called a meeting for Monday 16 June at 7pm in the Waipu Presbyterian Hall where Antoinette will explain what such a plan involves and how members of the community can contribute to this.

The meeting will also look at what the likely hazards of the area are.

“Flooding is a likely hazard in the Waipu area. It can happen here”, says the flyer Antoinette has prepared to advertise this meeting.

Antoinette has been working with a team of volunteers in Ruakaka for over a year and the Ruakaka Civil Defence response plan is near finalisation. John Stowers, chairman of the Ruakaka civil defence committee, said his team has compiled a list of businesses prepared to loan equipment such as: tents, tarpaulins, heavy earth - moving equipment, generators etc. in times of emergency. They have also identified four places, which could be used as welfare centres if the need arose. These are: the One Tree Point Christian Camp, the Bream Bay Community Trust, The Bream Bay Club and the Ruakaka Hall and have a list of civil defence volunteers.

John said the next task would be to apply for funds to buy safety equipment such as high visibility jackets, for these volunteers and to organise training exercises for them.

In the Winners Circle - Linda Campbell, on the left of the picture and Peter Jenkins on the right, both of Stoneybridge, congratulate trainer Craig Ritchie 2nd from left and owner Keith Oddy on Rough Odds’ win in Race 1 of the 2 yr old series.
It’s official, Gary makes good bacon

It’s official, Ruakaka Butcher Gary Cullen makes good bacon. A sample of his shoulder bacon was judged third best in New Zealand at the first national bacon competition held at the Weltec School of Hospitality in Petone on Friday 23 May. The bacon had to be made from New Zealand grown pork and a panel of celebrity judges assessed entries for texture, shrinkage, smell and taste.

Gary had just one small piece of bacon to display the following Monday, 26 May, when this picture was taken.

His mother Leonie explained, “All the people who come up (to Ruakaka) in the weekend buy bacon to take home with them.”

Asked what the secret to making good bacon is, Gary replied, “You have got to love what you are doing.”
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CLUB REPORTS

Marsden Bay Garden Club  By: Barbara Turner

Our meeting held on 15th was attended by a bumper number of members and visitors and we had a gorgeous array of monthly competition entries. As it was the last meeting before our Winter Flower Show we didn’t have a guest speaker, instead two club members, Jean Dyer and Lyn Smith gave a floral demonstration of what was expected in the various schedule categories and lots of helpful advice.


Raffle Winners: Nancy Grey, Jill Barnes, Hazel Herman, Robyn Papich, Marlene Silva.

Our next meeting will be held on 19th June at 1 pm at the Ruakaka Hall, Cnr Sandford Rd & SH1 Ruakaka.

Flower of the Month - One pansy or viola in a saucer, Decorative: Winter Warmth

Before our next meeting we will be holding our annual Mid Winter Festival of flowers on the 13th & 14th June at the Ruakaka Hall, any inquiries to Maureen 09 432 0586 or Barbara 09 433 038

New members and visitors are always welcome to our meetings but regrettably meetings are not suitable for children.

The Rotary Club Of Maungaturoto & Districts Incorporated  By Norman Dalebrook

Highlights from the past few months. February 12 was a very entertaining Irish Night which raised $1,000 for the club’s programme of supporting the many and varied organisations which seek our help.

The club has an ongoing project in Mangawhai which was prompted by a group of students at the primary school as their entry in the international “problem solving competition”. These students considered that they wanted somewhere safe for swimming in relatively deep water. This would be solved with a pontoon out from the beach. This was to be part of Rotary’s Centennial project and has involved a lot of research during the past three years. The club has sought the support of the Kaipara District Council and the Northland Regional Council. Rotary pursued this project as means of doing something for the young people of the district. There have been many objections. At a hearing on 28 February the club received the support of 23 of those requested that they be allowed to speak. The club’s stated objective was that it would be providing a public service on public land with public access which would benefit the young people of Mangawhai. This does seem to be a laudable project. The chairman did not make a decision and requested further information.

On 15 March our Annual Auction in Maungaturoto brought in more than $5,000. We sponsored Nicola Gamble for a year’s exchange in Brazil and she gave us a very entertaining talk on her experiences. It was interesting to note just how these exchanges help develop young people.

We hosted a group from Wales and England, for four days, as part of Rotary’s Annual Exchanges between countries, showing them around the district and entertaining them. Having just spent two weeks in Auckland they were extremely happy to be in a more relaxed and rural area. At the District Conference the club was awarded the Attendance Trophy, again. We are now gearing up to assist in the running of the Rally of Whangarei on 7 June.

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Marsden Yacht and Boat Club
Prizegiving and AGM  By Warren Daniel

Mary McRae who won the Patron’s trophy for the most valuable contribution to sailing activities said she nearly lost her chair when her name was called out. I thought it was for the person who stayed the driest, she said.

The highlight of the evening, held on Friday 23 May was the election of Commodore, Kevan Walker to Life Membership of our club. Kevan was an inaugural member in 1974 when he also was on the Sailing Committee at the age of 18. In those days he sailed a Cherokee sailing Dinghy and his father Jack was the inaugural Club Commodore. The effort he has put into the survival and progress of the Club has been immense. There has always been a member of the Walker Family on the Club’s Management Committee. Kevan Walker to Life Membership of our club. Kevan was an inaugural member of the Walker Family on the Club’s Management Committee.

Prizegiving

It was the first occasion that the Club was able to issue Yachting NZ Level 2 “Basic Skills” Learn To Sail certificates - an indication of the progress of the Club’s Learn To Sail programme. They were awarded to Pim Van Duin and Max Van Duin.

Special certificates for Junior Skippers: Lake Racing - Callum McRae; Enthusiasm - Rebecca McRae; Persistence - David Farrell; Courage - Hayden Copeman

Trophies for Junior Skippers: Somner Trophy for attendance - shared by Taylor and Pim Van Duin; Enthusiasm - Callum McRae; Persistence - David Farrell; Courage - Hayden Copeman

Other Trophies

Wilkins and Davies Cup - Best Female Skipper - Taylor Farrell. Patrons Trophy - Most Valuable Contribution to Sailing Activities - Mary McRae. Daniel Family Plaque - For Competition at National and International Contests - Michael Kilduff who competed at the National and International Sailboard Contests and recently at a pre-Olympic Regatta at Huyeres in the South of France.

Election of Officers: Commodore - Warren Daniel; Vice-Commodore - David Burnell; Rear-Commodore - Jim Miller; Secretary - Jennifer Rodrigue; Treasurer - Beverly Buckland.

Waipu Indoor Bowls
Saturday May 24th 08
Open Fours Tournament


Ruakaka Indoor Bowls
20/5/08

Winners: Bonnie Worral, Mark Tierney (Waipu) Rs/up: Geoff Wooding, Valda McKegg (Springfield) 3rd: Cliff McKegg, Evelyn Holland 4th: Dot Worral, Roy Paicknell Cons: Jill Barnes, June Stewart, Pamela Ivory, Alice Judd.

27/5/08


Waipu Ladies Golf
6.508 President’s Trophy Stableford: Robyn Price won the day with an outstanding 41 stablefords, followed by Dulcie Leech 55, Betty Johns 34, Leonie Jarvis, Jennifer Gunson, Sharon Cockayne, Lynne Causer 39. 9 Holers Stableford. Darien Angelo also had a good day with 18 stablefords followed by Rae Finlayson 16

13.508 L.G.U., Fisher Cup Nett Renee Hales is playing lovely golf at present and błizzed the field with a nett 69. Sarah Hartles 72, Gae Babe 73, Robyn Price, Margaret Pennington, Betty Johns 74. The Winners of the 18 Hole Home Links were: Coronation Medal, Gae Babe. Aoteauroa Cup, Renee Hales. Veteran’s Cup, Beryl Wilcox. Best Gross, Sandy McKenzie. 9 Holers - Sue Bunt Rd 3 - Nett Roz Barb

try nett 36, Barbara Martin 38, Jeanette Bryham, Rae Finlayson, Val Duff, Shona Nathan-Sims 39. Overall Winner of Sue Bunt competition was Jeanette Bryham with Darien Angelo runner up.

20.508 L.G.U., Ladies Day Cup, Lady McKay Trophy, Nett. Elizabeth Powell nett 72, Judy Sloan 73, Audrey Cawsey, Renee Hales 76, Sheryll Brown 77, Bronnie Reynolds. Carole Calvert, Pat Johns 78

Bream Bay United Soccer
24 May, Northland Youth. 15th Div 2. Bream Bay United 5 v Kamo White 4, Whangarei Juniors. 12th Grade, BBU 3 v Marist Green 0, Player of the Day - Dav

id Platt. 11th Grade: BBU 1 v Mangakahia 8. 10th Grade A, BB Rockets 1 v Kamo Black 3, POD - Haden Copeman. BB Tigers 1 v Marist Green 8, PnOD - Whole team. 9th Grade A, BBU 0 v Kamo Mark Cromie 1, POD - India Purnell.

Kensington Midgets. 8th Kauri Division, BB Tigers 1 v Mangakahia 1, POD - Asu

ley Parker. 8th Kowhai Div, BB Lions 2 v Marist Green Socks 2, POD - Cameron Milner. 7th B1 Miro Division, BB Green 4 v Mangakahia B 0, POD - Jonathan. 7th Nikau Div: BB Gold 7 v Mangakahia C 2, POD - Jerimiah Boftrop. 6th C Totara Div, BB Gold 4 v Kamo Red 1, POD - Olivia Bunter. 6th C Totara Div, BB Green 1 v Kamo White 12, POD - Laura Corbett.

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PIPER BRIAN SWITALLA. At the Waipu RSA on Saturday 7 June at 7pm. Principal soloist at pipers’ club recital. Mr. Switalla has won all the premier pipe solo championships in NZ. and won the gold medal and clasp for the piobaireachd at the NZ championships in Hasting at Easter. Tickets at the door $15 or $5 for students

THE RALLY OF WHANGAREI begins with a ceremonial start at the Quayside Town Basin at 5.30 on Friday 6 June. In Waipu on Sunday 8 June. The first car will start at the Brooks Rd, SH1 corner at 9.03am heading up Brooks Rd and into Finlayson Brooks Rd. On Sunday 8 June, the next Waipu stage begins at the intersection of Millbrook Rd and the Paparoa/ Oakleigh Rd. with the first car due to start at 9.33am. The cars then drive along Shoemaker Rd to the bottom of Caves Rd., where the start time for the first car is 9.56am. This stage goes up Caves Rd. turns into Ruarangi Rd and across to Paparoa Rd. All this is repeated again in the afternoon with start times: 12.31pm at Brooks Rd., 1.01pm at Millbrook Rd. and 1.24pm at Waipu Caves Rd. Road users also need to be aware that the competitors will be doing reconnaissance of these stages on the morning of Thursday 5 June.

TREE PLANTING Sunday 8 June. Along Peter Snell Rd. Near the beach entrance at the Ruakaka Racecourse. Starts 9.30am. Organised by Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust. All welcome. Phone Bev - 432 7122 if the working bee has been cancelled.

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• Sun 8 June 3pm, BIKE THE BEACH – a winter bicycle ride on Uretiti Beach meet at Waipu Hotel, Rosemary 09 4321234
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For enquiries about the classes or to enroll for classes telephone: 09 4351747 or 027 3586974.

World class piper at the Waipu RSA

Brian Switalla began piping at age 11, originally being taught by Fergus Mathieson of Dunedin. He has also received tuition from Allan Dodd, Lewis Turrell and Donald Bain, who have all had major influences on his piping career. He has won all the Premier Solo Piping Competitions in New Zealand, including seven New Zealand Championships, the latest in 2002. The Gold Medal and Clasp (2) for Pioibaireachd playing at Hastings, and the Senior Clasp March Strathspey and Reel event at Christchurch on 12 occasions.

Brian is on the New Zealand Judging Panel for both Bands and Solos, and has adjudicated in New Zealand, Australia and America. He holds the Advanced Certificate in Piping with the Royal New Zealand Pipe Bands Association, and is an Associate Principle of the New Zealand College of Piping. Brian has also been actively involved in the Pipe Band scene throughout his piping career. He became the Pipe Major of the City of Dunedin Grade One Pipe Band, which won many South Island and Provincial Championships. The Pipe Corp won the NZ Championships on more than one occasion. In 1995 Brian joined the New Zealand Police Pipe Band and played at the World Championships from 1995 to 1999.

In 2000 he was invited to play with the Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band, from Northern Ireland. Brian played with the Band in 2000, 2002 (when they won the W odd Championships) and 2003.

Brian will be the principal soloist at the W hangarei Piper's Band recital which will be held at the Waipu RSA at 7pm. Tickets, which will be available at the door, cost $15 or $5 for students.

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