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WAIWHARE WIRE

Looking
At The
Details

Working in a place where a large number of people congregate together for a common goal (whatever that may be) it's not long before the dreaded lergy appears and slowly makes it's way through the community. And so it is at the moment. We all seem to be going down with something. So what better thing to do than to lie back and quietly peruse our community mag. It may not make you feel any better, but it makes a change from reading that old issue of the Womans' Weekly (the one with the Elle McPherson feature) the wife has neatly placed at the bottom of the magazine rack.

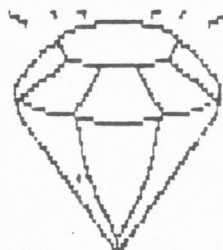
When you're feeling low, an issue with plenty of pictures would be the way to go. Well I did ask Martin Jones if he would do a centre Spread for us, but he mumbled something about being too busy shearing, needing a haircut and suffering from a heat rash somewhere. Oh well. I'll just have to keep looking for someone else. Any volunteers?

We've had quite a large number of people move into the district lately. It gives me great pleasure to welcome into the community - Peter and Leslie Roil with Amy, Sam, Jamie and Harriet, in Glenross Rd. Mark and Jan Oster with Sheena, Daniel, Jessie and Jayden in Willowford Rd. Jocelyn Rodgers and Kristi, Kahl and Jason at Cahirdean. Don, Raewyn, Jarreau and Elesha at Colonsay. Mike and Ann Prescott with Jessica and Nick in Glenross Rd. Murray and Angela Salter at Omahaki. Stuart and Robyn McDougal at Brancott in Lee Rd. Greg McSporrin in River Road. We wish them all the best and hope their time with us is enjoyable and successful.

Our Thanks

We have had quite a bit of work done at school lately. I would like Linda for cataloguing new books and repairing old books for our library. Also Dave, Tony, Peter, Mike, Graeme, John and Barry for building and siting our aluminium shed which will be used to store our bulky gymnastic gear.

CONGRATULATIONS!



CHRIS AND DANNI

On your engagement.

SOCIAL CRICKET

We had a full and enjoyable summer of cricket, with a good number of matches played and the reunion of old friends and players from teams we played in previous years.

At the beginning of summer we had a meeting to work an itinerary of games and to draw up a timetable for the season. We decided to invite a wide variety of teams to play games. So we added to our usual list - Okawa, Onga Onga, Te Awanga, Sherenden and Mangatahi, teams like Williams and Kettle, Maraetotara, Eskview and thought we would give Tuki Tuki another go. As most of you would be aware, games against these new sides didn't eventuate, which was a pity really. All these teams were rung in November and all were keen to play. Dates were set and all was ready. However when the time drew near, all teams apart from Tuki Tuki were unable to play - for one reason or another.

From my point of view, I enjoyed playing in all games, but I have to admit that I enjoyed the game against Tuki Tuki the most. I guess we were all apprehensive after last years embarrassment, but Tuki Tuki's attitude was friendly and helpful this year. They really enjoyed the game, full of light hearted fun, which made us enjoy the game as well. The after match function was excellent, very friendly. We saw the team in a new light that day, and made some good friends too.

All other games had that friendly atmosphere as well, but Sherenden's team was rather a surprise when a large number of young farmers from Crownthorpe turned out to play. It was also good to see Dennis Schaw bringing his Onga Onga lads all the way up here for a game.

The most satisfying aspect of the summer was the great support I received this year getting the cricket organised. This was great and it worked really well. My particular thanks goes to John, Steve and Rob for all their work on the wicket, to Dave and Mike for organising some of the games and the after match functions, and to Dave Hill for purchasing some of the new gear we bought with your fees. I would also like to thank Steve Ralph for letting us use his gear once again and also Carter Holt for letting us borrow the mower and the fire engine to mow and water the wicket.

I hope you all enjoyed the games this summer and we look forward to a few games again next summer.



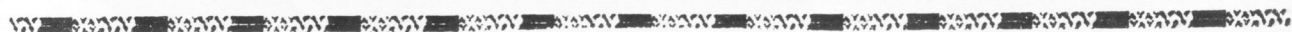
CHRIS & DANNY



You are all welcome to a party to celebrate Chris & Danny's engagement - 29th June 8pm at Wrekín.

Crate and a plate, please

Venue will be the shearers' quarters - we promise it will be warm inside - videos will be available for children to watch. Contact David or Linda Ward for more information (#19).



THE FIRE ENGINE

The fire engine roars out the door
Lights flashing, the sirens howling.
The doors open up the hoses
tumbling out.
In a big hurry, the firemen hook up the
hose
The foam and water mixed to come out the
hose.
He cuts into the plane as fast as he
can.
He cuts the seat belts with the special
gadget
To free people trapped in the plane
The sprinkler under the truck
Cools the wheels down
The fire is extinguished,
Put all the gear away
Return to the shed
Ready for the next fire. |||

Authors

Daniel Oster
Kahl Rodgers
Jamie McRae
Nicholas Webster

Airport

The airport waits for planes
Arriving now is an aeroplane with its
jet engines roaring.
The control tower directs the plane
Telling it where to park
People rushing off
Refuelling the plane, checking it's
engines.
Cleaning the plane
Luggage taken off and being loaded for
the next trip.
Passengers rushing to their seats
Steps disappearing into the plane
Seat belts clicking, now it's time to go.
Running down the runway,
Suddenly lifting into the air.
Airport waiting for another plane.

Authors

Daniel Ward
Amy Roil
Amy Roydhouse
Jock Lawrence.

RIBBON'S FOR MILE'S.

"Well, today's the big day," Shelly told me as soon as I came downstairs for breakfast.

"I know," I said. "But I don't think I'll win any ribbons though."

"You will, I knew you will", she said.

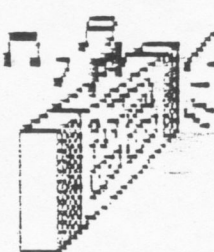
After we had had our breakfast we went straight down to the stables. As we entered we saw the head groom Joey.

"Hi Joey, you got the horses ready?" Shelly asked.

"All ready and waiting for the Horse Float, Miss Shelly."

"Thanks alot Joey."

It was nine -- and we had to be at We were half way sudden one of the up in the float Shelly stopped the out. We went around horse float and saw and down.



o'clock when we left, River-side by 10:30. there when all of a horses started playing

car and we both got to the back of the Flick's head going up

"Check the tyres and see if they are alright," Shelly told me.

"O.K.," I said, and walked around the car. As I got to the back left side of the car I saw that the tyre was flat." Oh no!" I said to myself.

"Whats the matter Mandy," Shelly asked me.

"It's the tyres, they're flat," I told her.

We had a bit of a job with the horses, but an hour later we arrived with Flick and Blaze at the show-grounds.

The first event was Jumping. Blaze went well and I got a 1st, 2nd and 3rd equal. Next was the Games. For the Games I got six ribbons.

Two more events to go, the and the Obstacle Course. I ribbons for that. That total of 14 ribbons.

Shelly got a total of 18 Her's and mine together ribbons.

We got a ride home with our Gouldings. They had bought a their horses so there was plenty of room for Flick and Blaze.

"I'm glad I went," I told Shelly later.

"So am I", said Shelly.



Barrel Race got five more earn't me a

ribbons. equalled 30

friends the truck for

Tim

OTAMAURI PLAYCENTRE

The second term at Otamauri Playcentre is proving to be hectic once again. We are due to receive official Ministry of Education licencing on June 30th, but are being asked to meet last minute requirements, particularly in the area of supervision. A higher level of committment, especially in the area of adult education is going to be asked of parents if we are to continue to receive Government funding. We already have a number of Mums starting on the new training modules, which is really great.

We have a roll of 33 children attending our two sessions at present. As we only have floor space for 15, extensions are shortly due to start to almost double our indoor play area. We are really looking forward to this and feel the children are going to benefit a great deal. Wet days hopefully won't be quite so congested for much longer.

Last week our four year old group visited Waiwhare School junior room. This was a great experience for our small folk and enjoyed by all - thanks Waiwhare. We hope to make this a fairly regular occurrence, also visiting Sherenden School. We also have trips planned this term to the Fire Station (for 4 year olds), David Dells Pre-school music group at St. Andrews and Flaxmere Indoor Pool. This week we are hosting a workshop on utilising play space.

This term we are concentrating on themes - we've just finished three lovely weeks of 'colours', with all activites emphasising colour in some way. We are about to start 'Music' so I can imagine if the builder starts we can look forward to plenty of percussion!

Please feel free to come and check us out at any time, you're most welcome. Any other enquiries to myself ph. 804 or to Jill Simons (Public Relations Officer) ph. 825.

Leonie Smith.



CRAFT CLUB WORKSHOP

ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
KNITTING

with Robyn Gardener

Saturday 22nd June 10 a.m. at Waiwhare School

Topics covered will include

Sewing up perfectly, casting on techniques, joining colours and knitting fairisle, buttonholes, basic knitting techniques, advanced knitting designs.
Something for every knitter.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Any enquiries to : Sue Weir 814
Carol Ayres 844



A beginner's guide to crutching
- especially for principals

Looking for a new way to prepare those boring old chops?
Here's a recipe to add to your book of favourites.

FAMILY FAVOURITE CHOPS

2 eggs, hard boiled	2 cups fresh breadcrumbs
2 cloves garlic, crushed	2 tablespoons chopped parsley
4 tablespoons melted butter	salt and pepper to taste

chops

Chop the eggs finely and mix with breadcrumbs, garlic, parsley, butter and salt and pepper.

Place chops in baking dish, packed closely together.

Spread breadcrumb mixture over top of chops and cover dish with aluminium foil.

Bake at 200° (400°) for 25 - 30 minutes.

Remove foil and put chops under grill till topping is golden brown.



AN ISOMETRIC
DRAWING OF A
PROPOSAL BY JOHN
GOLDING AND MIKE
BRACKET TO CONVERT
THE SCHOOL BUS TO A
MOBILE NAI-NAI.

I've seen a bit of slick riding lately, particularly by the younger set of the community, as they round up, herd in, or generally zoom around the place on their four wheelers. I heard a story about a brilliant piece of riding that really needs mention. Because of the special request by the bikes sponsors, the rider concerned shall remain anonymous.

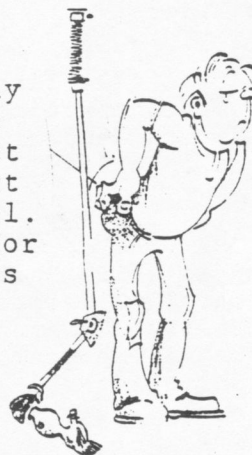
One morning our illustrious hero set off on his four wheeler, dog sitting comfortably on the back, to do a little mob work and to check over his fine flock of pedigree progeny. He drove up to the first of many gates he needed to open that day and parked his machine. On pulling open the gate he realised that he had slightly misjudged the distance between the bike and the gate. Keeping his cool, (not a curse was uttered) he calmly hopped on to his trustworthy steed and reversed a short distance so he could successfully open the offending blockage.

On returning to his bike he spied a group of spectators in the near distance who were quietly waiting for transportation to the city, so he quickly decided to entertain them with a piece of spectacular driving. He revved heavily; he shut his eyes; he braced himself; he dropped the clutch. The bike responded brilliantly - backwards. The driver flew over the handle bars, the dog did a somersault in the air and landed somewhere beside the bike. The spectators stood in quiet embarrassment.

And what did he do then dear readers. He picked himself up, verbally abused the dog in no uncertain terms, hopped on his bike and quietly rode off, forgetting all about closing the gate again.

Fundraising - crutching

The Board of Trustees were really pleased with the turn out at the recent school fundraising held at Omahaki Station. With your effort we raised \$1825.00 for the school. We would like to thank you all for turning out in such large numbers and helping us on the day.



BANTAM ROOSTER WANTED
- Linda Ward 419.

Congratulations to Jean Redman - we hear you've been doing tremendously well lately, Jean.

In April, Jean attended the North Island Archery Champs held in Napier where she broke the N.Z. National Womens 128 metre Long Distance Shoot and got the N.Z. Womens record Target Shoot for 70,60 and 50 metres. In May, Jean went up to the Auckland Champs where she collected five awards for perfect scores at different distances - a tremendous feat. Not only this but she also got the N.Z. Ladies Long Bow Champion in the Field. Jean is ranked 5th in N.Z. and qualified to represent N.Z. in August at the British Archery Championships to be held in England.

We wish you the very best of luck Jean and hope you have a lovely time over there.

OTAMAURI PONY CLUB'S RIBBON DAY RESULTS

The Otamauri Pony Club held it's second Ribbon Day on Saturday 25th May at the Sports ground. The weather couldn't have been better and we had 30 riders participating. A very big thank you to June Collins, Danni Simpson and Peter Hyslop for judging and thank you to stewards, parents and children for making it such an enjoyable day.

KINDERGARTEN

Best Learners Pony

1st Caroline Robinson
2nd Chris Ayres
3rd Melissa Rowe
4th Bridget De Barre
5th Hamish Webster

Best cared for pony and gear

1st Hamish Webster
2nd Bridget De Barre
3rd Caroline Robinson
4th Chris Ayres
5th Melissa Rowe

Best Rider

1st Chris Ayres
2nd Bridget De Barre
3rd Caroline Robinson
4th Hamish Webster
5th Melissa Rowe

Obstacle Race

1st Bridget De Barre
2nd Caroline Robinson
3rd Melissa Rowe
4th Hamish Webster
5th Chris Ayres

Lucky Dip

1st Caroline Robinson
2nd Hamish Webster
3rd Bridget De Barre
4th Chris Ayres
5th Melissa Rowe

Marshmallow Race

1st Melissa Rowe
2nd Hamish Webster
3rd Chris Ayres
4th Caroline Robinson
5th Bridget De Barre:

Egg & Spoon

1st Caroline Robinson
2nd Bridget De Barre
3rd Melissa Rowe
4th Chris Ayres
5th Hamish Webster

NOVICE RIDERS

Best cared for pony and gear

1st Nicholas Webster
2nd Amy Roydhouse
3rd Serena Goulding
4th Lauren Harper

Best paced and mannered

1st Serena Goulding
2nd Nicholas Webster
3rd Amy Roydhouse
4th Lauren Harper

Best Rider

1st Amy Roydhouse
2nd Serena Goulding
3rd Nicholas Webster
3rd Lauren Harper

Obstacle Race

1st Nicholas Webster
2nd Amy Roydhouse
3rd Serena Goulding
4th Lauren Harper

Flag Race

1st Serena Goulding
2nd Nicholas Webster
2nd Lauren Harper
3rd Amy Roydhouse

Musical Chairs

1st Lauren Harper
2nd Serena Goulding
3rd Nicholas Webster
4th Amy Roydhouse

Medley

1st Lauren Harper
2nd Serena Goulding
3rd Nicholas Webster
4th Amy Roydhouse

JUNIOR RIDERS

Best cared for pony and gear

1st Amanda McCaslin
2nd Simon Wallace
3rd Emily Wood
4th Summer Le Comte

Best paced and mannered

1st Amanda McCaslin
2nd Summer Le Comte
3rd Amanda Robinson
4th Emily Wood

Best Rider

1st Amanda McCaslin
2nd Simon Wallace
3rd Amanda Robinson
4th Emily Wood
5th Summer Le Comte

Bending

1st Amanda McCaslin
1st Simon Wallace
2nd Emily Wood
3rd Summer Le Comte
4th Amanda Robinson

Medley

1st Amanda McCaslin
2nd Summer Le Comte
3rd Amanda Robinson
4th Emily Wood

Novelty Event

1st Summer Le Comte
2nd Amanda Robinson
3rd Simon Wallace
4th Amanda McCaslin

Flag Race

1st Amanda McCaslin
2nd Summer Le Comte
3rd Simon Wallace
4th Emily Wood

SENIORS (Up to 14 yrs.)

Best cared for pony
and gear

1st Craig Ayres
2nd Elissa Chalmers
3rd Louise Wood
4th Sarah Collins

Best Paced and Mannered

1st Suzanne Ward
2nd Elissa Chalmers
3rd Sarah Collins
4th Louise Wood

Best Rider

1st Sarah Collins
2nd Elissa Chalmers
3rd Craig Ayres
4th Toni Kennerley

Medley

1st Margo Lowry
2nd Sarah Collins
3rd Suzanne Ward
4th Elissa Chalmers
5th Craig Ayres
6th Louise Wood

Novelty Event

1st Neil Fountaine
2nd Elissa Chalmers
3rd Craig Ayres
4th Suzanne Ward

Obstacle Race

1st Elissa Chalmers
2nd Sarah Collins
3rd Toni Kennerley
4th Craig Ayres
5th Neil Fountaine
6th Margo Lowry

Bending

1st Neil Fountaine
2nd Sarah Collins
3rd Craig Ayres
4th Toni Kennerley

RAFFLES 1st. Agnew 2nd. McCaslin 3rd. Robinson

QUIZ : Junior - Nicholas Webster Senior - Elissa Chalmers

ADVANCED SENIORS

Best cared for pony
and gear

1st Phillipa Kay
2nd Lee Ann Kennerley
3rd Debbie Sherwood
4th Sarah Agnew

Best Paced and Mannered

1st Lee Ann Kennerley
2nd Michael Harper
3rd Sarah Agnew
4th Debbie Sherwood

Best Rider

1st Sarah Agnew
2nd Lee Ann Kennerley
3rd Michael Harper
4th Debbie Sherwood

Medley

1st Michael Harper
2nd Lee Ann Kennerley
3rd Debbie Sherwood
4th Sarah Agnew
5th Sonya Neill
6th Phillipa Kay

Novelty Event

1st Sarah Agnew
2nd Debbie Sherwood
3rd Lee Ann Kennerley
4th Phillipa Kay
5th Michael Harper
6th Sonya Neill

Obstacle Race

1st Michael Harper
2nd Lee Ann Kennerley
3rd Debbie Sherwood
4th Sonya Neill
5th Sarah Agnew
6th Phillipa Kay

Bending

1st Michael Harper
2nd Debbie Sherwood
3rd Sarah Agnew
4th Sonya Neill
5th Lee Ann Kennerley
6th Phillipa Kay

JUMPS

Kindergarten and Novice

1st Bridget De Barre
2nd Serena Goulding
3rd Caroline Robinson
4th Melissa Rowe

Green and Beginners

1st Lee Ann Kennerley
2nd Neil Fountaine
3rd Simon Wallace
4th Phillipa Kay

OPEN JUMP

1st Elissa Chalmers
2nd Sarah Collins
3rd Craig Ayres
4th Debbie Sherwood

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Sportsperson

1st Tina Clarke
2nd Margo Lowry
3rd Toni Kennerley

CHAMPION RIDER

Amanda McCaslin

Raffles and cash donations towards ribbons kindly donated by:
Rural Bank, M.A.Valler Transport, Camping Canvas and Leather, Forbes & Co,
and Farmlands.

JUNIOR RUGBY

Thanks to the enthusiasm of parents, this winter has seen our boys once again participating in club rugby. We have boys playing in teams from grade 6 up to 12th grade. Grades 6 and 7 play in Hastings whereas Grade 9 upwards which are affiliated with Napier are likely to play anywhere from Bayview to Maraekakaho or Havelock North.

They join up with Sherenden and other country areas such as Maraekakaho to make up the required numbers. Although those from the other areas have played before, for most of our boys, it is their first experience of Saturday morning rugby; they have, however, made up for lost time showing great enthusiasm and some real talent. As with any activity when living 'way out here' a fair amount of travelling is required. The older boys are expected to attend weekly practices and living so far away is no excuse to miss these.

Most junior teams have weekly trophies or certificates and coaches try to see that every boy eventually gets to take one home - this is a great incentive and the boys are naturally very proud of these. So far Bradley Wallace, Brett Gunson, Scott Goulding and Ross Monson have claimed 'Player Of The Day' and Simon Wallace 'Tackler Of The Day'.

So that each boy wanting to play, could play, they have been slotted into various teams.:

Grade 12 - Jason Goulding plays for Heretaunga Intermediate. Jason made a great start to rugby, playing in the Curtain Raiser for the Hawkes Bay vs. Wairarapa Bush game in Nelson Park last term.

Grade 11 - Andrew Clarke is a Hastings Old Boys team member and has been picked second best tackler.

Grade 9 - Brett Gunson plays against his classmates, joining his team from last year, Colenso Pirates Black; whilst Campbell Ayres, Scott Goulding and Simon Wallace play for Maraekakaho O.B. Funnily enough the day these teams did oppose each other the result after a thrilling game was a draw.

Grade 7 - Maraekakaho O.B. Combined - these guys have yet to be beaten! Daniel Ward, Bradley Wallace, Nicholas Webster and Ross Monson.

Grade 5&6 - Hastings Old Boys . We could have a couple of future All Blacks in Corey Bullock and Richard Ward who are showing tremendous skills in Touch Rugby.

Badminton is on again this year on Tuesday nights as usual. It starts at 7.30, mainly mixed doubles are played and occasionally we play against teams from other clubs. There is an annual tournament at Waikare - this year we will be defending our trophy that we won last year. Peter Dingle is Club Captain. New players are very welcome.

OTAMAURI AND DISTRICTS SQUASH CLUB

Squash is well under way with a teams competition between four teams at present being played. We've a trip away to Takapau coming up in July, with hopefully some more visits away and to in the future, before the club champs. To use the court nowadays you need a key, as it is permanently locked. A sub of \$15.00 single and \$30.00 family will get you one of these for the season. Ladies morning and club nights continue on Thursday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. New members most welcome. Enquiries ring Jill....825

or Kingsley....8743 747



PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING OUTPOST IN HAWKES BAY

Last year the Palmerston North College of Education undertook a research project looking into the teacher training needs of rural people. This included all Hawkes Bay people who are remote from a teacher training facility and who for family and financial reasons cannot move to such a facility.

The project has been extended this year to designing a three year full time off campus primary training course. Each year will probably have four blocks of on-campus time of no more than two weeks per block.

Should the project go ahead, recruitment will take place early Term Two, and applications will be required by the end of July. Time for getting moving on this is short - the College of Education would like to start receiving responses from now on. Anyone wanting further information should contact.

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SCOUTS AND CUBS

The Rata Olsen Scout, Cub programme began this year at the Clive Domain with the A.G.M. This was followed by lunch, then the scouts enjoyed an afternoon of water ski-ing up the Clive River, while the cubs completed their athletics badge, played cricket and swam in the Baths.

National Cub Day at Fantasyland in March was a great experience for the hundreds of cubs from Gisborne to Dannevirke who attended. The boys thoroughly enjoyed participating in the various games and activities as well as swapping badges etc. This was a highly organised day and is held every three years.

The scouts went on the Napier Raft Race down the Tutaekuri River. They started at the Dartmoor Bridge, stopped at Puketapu for lunch and finished at Redcliff. One of the Rata Olsen rafts made good time, but the other one unfortunately met with a mishap.

In April we all met at Dave and Gail Prices at Maraetotara, then wandered through the very picturesque Mohi Bush after a barbeque lunch. Ron and Peter, the scout leaders, showed the boys ways of making snares and a range of bivouacs (bush shelters).

Three boys were invested into Cubs at John and Jean Redman's in May; Bradley Wallace being one of them. John gave us a very interesting and informative talk about their tourist venture and on archery, showing us a wide range of bows and arrows he and Jean have. After lunch we had a chance to 'have a go' at their targets. It certainly is much harder than it looks, although several boys showed considerable talent and skill.

This month four of the scouts have an opportunity to attend the Cossgrove Course at Haumoana for two nights. This course is advanced training for the patrol and assistant patrol leaders who will then be able to go on and teach the younger scouts. The following weekend some of the scouts are going into the Ruahines for Bushcraft and Mountain Safety run by the Mountain Safety people. It's a great opportunity for these boys.

The rest of the scouts and cubs are meeting at the Flaxmere Skating Bowl for skateboarding, followed by a swim at Waterworld.

We welcome Jarreau Purcell into Scouts and hope he enjoys being in the Rata Olsen group. Any other boys interested in becoming scouts or cubs or want to know more information on the scouting movement or their activities, can contact Keren Wallace ph.407.

COMMUNITY COMMENT.

SOME OF MY EXPERIENCES AS A COMPETITIVE GOLFER

I became interested in golf as a ten year old caddying for my father who was a scratch golfer and swinging my first club then under his expert eye. I played golf in the school holidays with my brother Tony and a few friends, also keen on golf, and apart from a few sword fights in the trees using our clubs as swords, we took it pretty seriously.

My first major highlight was winning the club championships at the Christchurch Golf Club as an eighteen year old and being rewarded with a round of golf with Bob Charles and his parents, also both left handers. Bob, who had quite an American accent holed some huge putts while his father, Ivor, who had the yips picked his ball up every time he got somewhere near the hole, but I remember it as being a very enjoyable game.

Touring Australia with the N.Z. Under 21 Team is something I will never forget because the realisation of playing for our country hit all the team and forged a really close knit unit. We gave some of the Australians a hiding which felt really good but I think they took our money at the Wrest Point Casino which had just been built in Hobart. It was about twenty stories high, with each floor a different gambling limit which is why we played Two Up and Black Jack in the basement.

Another highlight was playing in my first full Canterbury Team in 1976 at the Freyberg Rosebowl in Timaru which Canterbury won in front of a large crowd and live T.V. That was nerve wracking and we were still celebrating at 7.00 a.m. the next day which has stood me in good stead playing indoor cricket for Waiwhare.

Playing in the British Open Qualifying, British and Scottish Amateur Championships would take pages to relate all the highlights, but the atmosphere of the Open was unforgettable, you could feel the excitement of the great players all around you, the leaderboard and huge crowds. I was lucky enough to get to know Johnny Miller in the practice rounds and had a short conversation with him as he walked up the 18th fairway in the process of winning the Open by three shots from Jack Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros surrounded by thousands of people, that was quite an experience. He was barely able to talk with emotion; who could blame him.

Looking back I feel very fortunate to have had the time then to play golf at this level, but of course golf is a game which is enjoyable at whatever level you play.

Simon Robinson