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*Allen Pidwell (Piddy) loving his time at the  
Fisher & Paykel Easter Masters Competition.*

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## editorial

Are you one of those people who take photos, then store them on your computer never to print them? I could easily be one of those persons, but having had my external hard drive crash and also my computer die, I now try to get a selection printed and put into the good old fashioned photo album. I recently picked up some photos I'd had printed and as I was driving home the thought occurred to me, "Oh how things had changed!" In the bad old days (can't really think they were better than now) you took your film into the developers and a week later you went back and picked them up. And oh the excitement of seeing those photos for the first time! I never made it home without having a quick peek to see if any of the photos had turned out stunners. Or if any had heads cut off or the lens cap left on. Or out of focus and all blurry! Now of course each photo is well vetted, cropped and photo shopped before it leaves the house, so there is no big surprise waiting in the photo bag when you pick them up. I miss that anticipatory anxiety. But at least they are cheaper now and you only print what you really want. I love attaching them to my photo chain in the kitchen and admiring them before they make their way to the album. Long live the hard copy!



Kim

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## East End local cat

There's a lovely light ginger cat that would definitely be eligible for the local TOM pet of the month if we only knew its name and if indeed it is someone's pet. While walking my dog I often see (well my dog sees him/her first!) this friendly moggy out and about around East End beach. Strolling along the sand at the water's edge, jumping from rock to rock at low tide in the rock pools or smooching up to customers at the Big Wave Cafe we always seem to bump into him/her.

The day I snapped the photo this laid back cat was indeed sidling up to the Big Wave cafe customers who were sitting in the armchairs enjoying their coffees. A major uproar ensued when several dogs that were with their owners (tied to aforementioned chairs) saw the cat and wanted to give chase. Visions of vintage chairs being towed down the walkway by dogs in pursuit of the ginger cat came to mind however 'Ginger' made a hasty retreat and went for a stroll down on the sand.

By Jackie Tomlinson

*The East End ginger stalker!*



### Letter to Editor

## Thanks from Top Print

Dear Kim

I just wanted to say thank you for your help with the colour advertising feature we ran in the last lot of TOM magazines. We have had a huge response from people who have read the article which is great; some being cheeky which we always expected but a number of new and old clients who thought it was wonderful to see not only what we do but a little insight into who we are personally. I would highly recommend to anyone wanting to get their name out there: do a feature article in the TOM. We have done a fair bit of advertising in the past few years and it's obvious to us that people take more interest in their community paper than possibly an advertisement they see elsewhere. Once again, thanks.

From the team at TOP PRINT

Dwayne, Natalie & Gloria Avery

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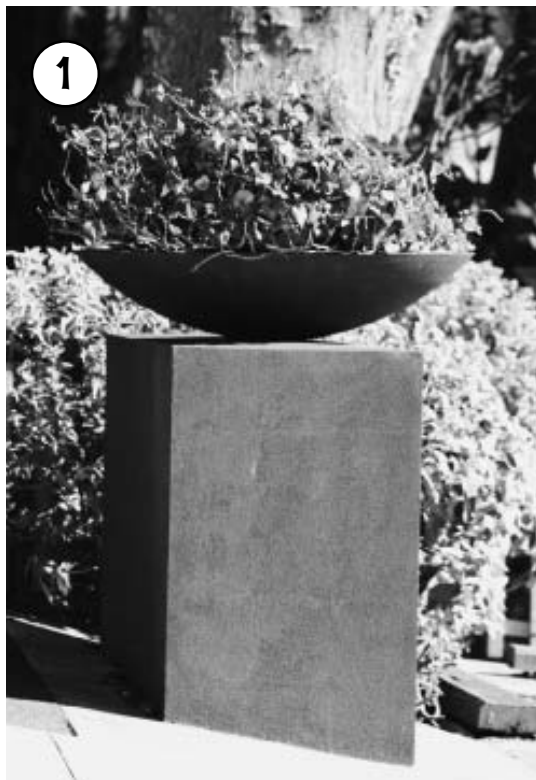
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# Gardening

## TOM Garden COMPETITION

With a week of gale force winds sweeping through our region and most garden owners on damage control I realised that finding someone to display their garden for this month's TOM Garden was a long shot. With that in mind we decided to run a competition for our readers to win this month's garden voucher donated by Fairfields.

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# TOM Sports



## Ravens Inline

The New Plymouth Ravens Inline players selected to represent New Zealand returned home from Australia just before Easter after a very close championship event in Australia, played in Carrara on the Gold Coast.

The games were unusually tight, with many grades going into overtime to determine a winner. The Junior Women, Senior Women and 14 & Under grades all won gold medals with the remaining divisions, 16's, 18's, Senior Men, Masters and Veterans all winning silver. The majority of games were within one goal or a "golden goal" result, showing that the sport has strengthened between the two countries as more work is given to development programmes in each country.

In association with Sport Taranaki and Skate Sport Taranaki, the Taranaki district will see a development programme get underway offering schools in our area the opportunity to bring class groups to the skating rink at East End Reserve to encourage participation through the Kiwisport programme. The outcome of this programme is designed to provide new opportunities for young people to develop participation in a sport that offers a variety of options once the skating skill is mastered. The initial focus is primary school aged children with a skilled development officer in place to deliver the programme.

Patrick Lee arrived from Detroit in early May to take on a Development Officer role. Patrick comes with the recommendations of USA Hockey (Inline) and has been skating for 20 years.

Patrick was asked a few questions on his arrival in New Plymouth:

*Why/how did you start playing?*

I saw it on TV (in the USA) and told my Dad I wanted to skate.

*Who is your favourite player in the NHL?*

Pavel Datsyuk (Detroit Red Wings), because he is the best!

*What teams have you played for?*

Team USA (6 years), Team Mission (sponsored team), and now the New Plymouth Ravens!

*Where in the world has inline hockey taken you to play?*

Canada, Austria, Norway, Germany, Sweden, Slovakia, France, USA and now New Zealand.

*What is your most memorable hockey moment?*

Winning Gold at the 2010 IIHF World Championships in Sweden.

*How do you like New Zealand?*

I love it! The people are amazing.

Pat has also been appointed by the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association to coach the NZ Senior Men's team travelling to the Czech Republic to compete at the 2011 IIHF World Championships later in the year. The final team trial took place in New Plymouth over the May 7/8 weekend.

The New Plymouth Ravens season is now underway. It is not too late to join a team. The club are keen for new players and you do not need to have any prior experience. We have good coaching resources to get you started. If you are interested get hold of us by email and we can put you in touch with the correct team coach. The club has access to gear if you want to give inline hockey a try before you decide to join up for the season.

You can check out the season draw on the Ravens website ([www.ravensinline.co.nz](http://www.ravensinline.co.nz)) or email [nz.inline@gmail.com](mailto:nz.inline@gmail.com).

*Krystyna Beardman*



*Pat Lee – team Mission player and new Skate Sport Taranaki coach.*



*Pat taking in the sights of the city at Fitzroy Beach.*

## Not quite the Americas Cup!

It may not be on the international yachting calendar but the annual New Plymouth Fire Service Alex McLaren - Terry Parrish Memorial Regatta is as hotly contested as any major yachting event, albeit with very loose rules and regulations.

Any locals driving round Lake Rotomanu on Wednesday 20th of April could be forgiven for thinking there was an emergency in progress as two fire trucks with their on duty crews came down to the lake to check on the race progress and cheer on the competitors. A total of seven yachts raced this year ranging from a catamaran made from two wind surfers through to several small optimists.

After an initial race to establish handicaps the boats raced around the course in extremely light winds which still proved tricky for one competitor who capsized and required the services of the on duty rescue tender.

A photo finish resulted in the catamaran sailed by the 'Giant' narrowly beating the 'Head' sailing a 1950's vintage NZ Moth.

Another event was added to this year's sailing programme. This was a sailing relay race between the four New Plymouth fire station watches. This inaugural race was won narrowly and somewhat surprisingly by Blue Watch who will no doubt be keen to fiercely defend their title next year.

By Jackie Tomlinson



*No Dean Barker look alikes in this bunch!*



*Improved catamaran made from two wind surfers.*

*The flotilla.*



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## New Plymouth Surf Riders' Club

(Continued from front page)

We have just had one of the most enjoyable Fisher and Paykel Easter Masters for a long time. Although we were granted only one day of good surf by "HUEY" the god controlling surf, we were blessed by being granted a wonderful weekend sharing fellowship and fun with surfers from New Zealand and Australia.

With a 25% increase in entries received on registration night the F & P Easter Masters was set for some exciting competition and heart warming reunions as club members welcomed many surfers who they only get to surf and socialise with once a year. With a big contingent from the Bay of Plenty, who come to The Naki to get their annual "surf fix," the scene was set for the weekend.

Friday provided the best conditions with a firm Nor'easterly and solid swell seeing the contest directors settling for Rocky Rights as the contest venue. Many thanks to Phillip Wells for graciously permitting access across his land. Phillip is physically disabled and enjoyed watching the competition from his superb coastal dwelling besides enjoying reacquainting himself with his many friends who attend the Easter Masters.

Throughout the day the surf provided challenging conditions as the size ranged from shoulder high to well overhead. Many surfers who were lulled into sitting inside suddenly found themselves confronted with husky overhead swells which pounded them unmercifully. This probably accounts for the injury toll – a broken toe, one broken arm, a twisted ankle, a twisted knee and the next day at Fitzroy a blow to the eye and forehead. Nothing serious but all painful.

One of our standout performers was first time entry Chris Adamson who had lost part of one leg from above the knee. Chris demonstrated that suffering from a disability can be no disadvantage and went on to not only impress the onlookers with his skills but also win the Juniors Division (45-49 years)

Saturday and Sunday we were based at Fitzroy in surfing conditions that can only be described as crappy. But it was the best place around and having the club rooms there offered shelter and warm food and refreshments. Here also we held the politically incorrect Dunga Derby won by Trevor Medcalf who on one wave put together a screaming takeoff, a headstand, a "Roach" and a coffin ride scoring a maximum 10 points.

As time was variable the popular Team Tag event of New Plymouth vs The Rest was held. Consisting of teams of eight to a set formula, each team has 80 minutes for each member to score two waves. New Plymouth has never won this event and again came up short with 251 points. The "The Rest" scored 265.

Prize giving night on Sunday was well attended and mostly enjoyable especially as we sample our sponsor's refreshments from Grove Mill Wines and Mike's Organic Ales – which the out of towners really appreciate.

Then with one days' break, many club members were back



**ICONS Finalists - Gavin Drent (NP), Stu Griffiths (Tauranga), Bruce Richards (NP), Kathy Steed (Mt Maunganui). Arch Arthur (NP winner).**



**Two Masters compete for the sweet spot at Rocky Rights.**



**The Rest (blue) and New Plymouth (red) tag teams.**

on the beach at 6am on Tuesday morning as volunteers assisting with the TSB Bank Women's Festival of Surfing. Besides helping in many activities, members enthusiastically took part in the Halberg Trust sponsored "Ride a Wave Day" for disabled persons. Held at Fitzroy on Saturday at 1pm, the event was a huge success, with conditions being almost perfect.

One participant was Tarl Waite and his grandad, Tommy Waite, who is a former New Zealand Champion.

The NPSRC members were privileged to be able to introduce another group of people to our lifestyle.

Allen Pidwell

**Photos kindly supplied by Daisy Day Surf Images.**



### Results:

*Grovellers Knee and body boarders:* 1 Steve Croton (NP); 2 Tracy Skelton (NP); 3 Paul Anderson (Opunake); 4 Ray Lees (Tauranga).

*Cadets 35 - 39:* 1 Mark Strong - (NP) 2nd year in a row; 2 Jake Ursell (Titahi Bay); 3 Justin Crouch (NP).

*Grommets 40 - 44:* 1 Neil Pillen (NP); 2 Craig Tito (NP); 3 Shane Himpers (Papamoa); 4 Mark O'Connor (NP).

*Juniors 45 - 49:* 1 Chris Adamson (Tauranga); 2 Craig Fraser (NP); 3 Rickey Odey (Mt Maunganui); 4 Rob Montgomery (NP).

*Masters 50 - 54:* 1 Brian Clark (Oakura); 2 Brett Hollis (Tauranga); 3 Trevor Medcalf (Waihi Beach); 4 Jay Whittaker (NP).

*Legends 55 - 59:* 1 Bruce Macintosh (Bilambic Heights, NSW, AU); 2 Phil Geros (Mt Maunganui); 3 Alan Crawford (Oakura); 4 Kerry Clark (Te Awanga).

*Icons 60 - 64:* 1 Wayne Arthur (NP); 2 Bruce Richards (NP); 3 Gavin Drent (NP);

4 Kathy Steed (Mt Maunganui); 5 Stu Griffiths (Auckland).

*Super Groms 65 - 69:* 1 Chris Jury (NP); 2 Adrian Pickering (Whangaparaoa); 3 Allen Pidwell (NP).

*Surf God 70 plus:* 1 Adrian Pickering (Whangaparaoa).

*Gidgets 30 - 39:* Karman Noble (Waitara).

*Divas 50 - 59:* 1 Robyn Cox (Waitara); 2 Sara Nicholson (Taranaki); 3 Brenda Walsh (NP); 4 Daisy Day (NP).

Gail Steiner Trophy: Robyn Cox.

*Surf Goddess 60 Plus:* Kathy Steed (Mt Maunganui).

Top Judge: Mike Hareb (Oakura)

*Grove Mill Plate:* 1 Damien Phillis (NP); 2 Steve Palmer (Papamoa); 3 Brent Anderson (Oakura); 4 Joe Townley (Mt Maunganui).

*Dunga Derby:* 1 Trevor Metcalf (Waihi Beach); 2 Brian Clark (Oakura); 3 Damien Phillis (NP); 4 Robyn Cox (Waitara).

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## Capturing the action at Womens' Surf Festival

The TSB Bank Womens' Surf Festival came to town again in April. This event really seems to be gaining momentum and saw a big rise in entry numbers with 60 girls competing. Taranaki was well represented with local girls surfing in all the age categories except the senior division, the Under 12 division went from no entries last year to eighteen competing this year.

One local surfer who got the opportunity to compete and then view surfing from a different perspective at the festival was fifteen year old Emma Croton who assisted the event's official photographer, Daisy Day.

I spoke with Emma at Back Beach where the contest had been moved to from Fitzroy. Thankfully the horrendous weather we had been experiencing had abated and there was a large crowd enjoying the sun and watching the younger divisions being contested. It was a lot different to the conditions Emma had competed in earlier in the week. With gale force offshore winds so strong the airport was closed, the Under 16 girls had very tricky conditions to contend with. It was obvious Emma still had fun even though she didn't progress to the next round and I asked her what it was like seeing the world's best surfing at her local and favourite break. She told me it was great seeing all the pro surfers competing and watching their different styles. Her favourite is last years winner Hawaiian Carissa Moore who she first met last year when she was down the coast surfing and got the opportunity to hang out with her in the surf. This laid back approach seemed common amongst the WCT competitors who all seemed happy to be mobbed by auto-graph hunting kids as they left the water after a surf.

Emma a Year 11 student at Sacred Heart Girls College and a member of the New Plymouth Surf Riders club, has been surfing for about five years after being introduced to the sport by her dad. Last year she helped Daisy at the Womens' Surf festival and that really sparked her interest in photography to the point it is now something she'd like to pursue as a career. This year as Daisy's assistant she has got to meet some of the top surf photographers as well as getting lots of tips from Daisy. Emma uses a Fuji camera and recently had some photos published in local surf magazine 'The Daily Surf'. Next year she's looking forward to being able to take photography at school and gain even more skills.

It's obvious from this rise in entry numbers that the opportunity to see the best women surfers in the world compete on our local breaks in the Subaru Pro is inspiring many girls to get involved in the sport both in the water and out of it.

Despite the terrible weather conditions at the festivals beginning clearly this has once again been a successful event for the region showcasing our fabulous coastal life-style.

There wouldn't be many places where surfers can enjoy world class waves with a view of a snow capped mountain.

By Jackie Tomlinson



Emma enjoying the day and below, assisting Daisy Day at Back Beach.



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Mike has roots here in Taranaki (Okato/Opunake) but Christine is from Whangarei area, and the couple have a background in farming – dairy and poultry and they laugh about now being into farming people!

Matthew completed a Hospitality and Tourism Management degree at PIHMS in 2007 and is involved in the day to day running of the holiday park. Kimberley and James also work around the park.

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The TOP 10 Holiday Park is a four star plus Qualmark certified facility with an enviro-silver rating. A major external facelift was completed last year to modernise the look and feel of the park and reflect the refurbishing which has been done inside.

The Hickfords offer a friendly service with the emphasis on service. Christine says they are happy to help their clients out anyway they can and over the years this has meant giving haircuts, cooking meals, baby sitting, drop offs at the airport, arranging funerals to name a few.

New Plymouth TOP 10 Holiday Park is the ideal complex for visiting sports groups and teams, family groups, travelling salespeople and tourists. Mike says they have a wonderful time with their sports teams and the facilities lend themselves to large groups. Bookings are already rolling in for the Rugby World Cup games.

The Hickfords warmly invite everyone to come in and have a look around the park to see what is on offer and for the month of May they have a special offer for locals (see advertisement on this page). Gift vouchers and TOP 10 Club travel cards are available.

*By Kim Ferens*



## New Plymouth Boys' High School

Every three years a school gets a visit from the Educational Review Office (ERO) whose responsibility it is to ensure that the children at the school

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<http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/School-Reports/New-Plymouth-Boys-High-School-14-12-2010>

We are very happy with the report:

- Standards are encouraged to achieve in academic sporting and cultural endeavours
- Sharing and celebrating success permeates the school
- Boys have a sense of being part of a caring community
- The order and routine in classes reflects the mutual respect evident between teachers and students
- There is a focus on student engagement
- Teachers show an ongoing commitment to improving their practice
- There is effective mentoring and monitoring to support individual students
- A family atmosphere and shared student pride in their school is evident
- Guided by the Headmaster's clear vision for the school is a cohesive, forward-thinking team who are responding to the needs of the students and teachers.

Schools, like businesses, have a vision and goals to achieve that vision. We want our boys to be even more engaged in their school activities and we are acting to try and improve their focus. This is a matter of standards and high expectations. There are all sorts of groups working together to make New Plymouth Boys High School better:

- The Board of Trustees are very generous with their time and apart from meeting monthly they are responsible for the governance in the school (policies, property, finance)
- Parents meet monthly to discuss key issues facing the school and to share with the Headmaster how things could be better for their sons
- The Old Boys meet regularly. The Headmaster visits Old Boy groups around the country and locally Old Boys are represented on a Fundraising Trust which will soon announce a major project for the school
- Students meet fortnightly in the Student Council and discuss how the school could be better for the students
- The staff meet once a term to specifically examine wider issues and review how the school is going

Like all schools we are very lucky with community support. New Zealand's education system is amongst the best in the world with many countries very envious of the role communities play in local education. We are very conscious of the role New Plymouth Boys' High School has played and continues to play in the community and are very fortunate with the support we get from the community.

*Michael McMenamin*



*The Board of Trustees with the ERO staff.*

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## Arthouse Cinema

A lot of new things are happening to your favorite Arthouse Cinema in May!!! Of course, we're working as hard as ever to find you best movies you could think about, but we're also trying to get you involved into YOUR cinema. A regular night will be the monthly Seasons/Cheapskates Extreme sessions with surf, snowboard, ski, skateboard, windsurf movies (\$5 ticket only), first night Friday 27th May from 7.30pm.

Another innovation is MOVIE YOU MAKE. This is planned to become a regular monthly event where local people will be encouraged to show their own productions on the big screen.

### Not to miss in May:

#### *Hiding behind the green screen:*

This innovative, experimental and creative documentary seeks to bring awareness of the marijuana culture of New Zealand's youth population. Four indigenous youths are given the opportunity to be mentored by two accomplished Maori musicians. They embark on a journey to the courthouse where the Judge, musicians and young men meet for the first time. Parihaka, a Maori village famous for passive resistance, provides a spiritual platform to share the trauma of the past and transform painful memories into music. A Taranaki made movie, screening every Monday 8pm & 9pm.

#### *Heartbreaker:*

In this French comedy, the charming Alex and his sister run a business designed to break up relationships. They find themselves up against the clock when, hired by a rich man to break up the wedding of his daughter Juliette, they only have one week to do so.

#### *Sarah's Key:*

Critically well-received French drama starring Kristen Scott Thomas as a present day journalist investigating the story of a young Jewish girl who experiences the Vel' d'Hiv Roundup in Nazi occupied France.

#### *Babies:*

With wit, tenderness and a keen eye for the fledgling signs of intelligence and sociability, director Thomas Balmès documents the first year in the lives of four infants from different parts of the world.

### Environmental movie of the month:

#### *Gasland:*

The largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history has swept across the United States. The Halliburton-developed drilling technology of "fracking" or hydraulic fracturing has unlocked a "Saudi Arabia of natural gas" just beneath us. But is fracking safe? When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination.

#### *Other movies:*

*Brighton Rock; Catfish; Get Low; Blue Valentine; Mozart's sister; King George VI: the man behind the King's speech; The tales of love; Last Paradise; Top Hat; Hook, line and sinker; From time to time; Queen of the sun.*

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# pet of the month

## TOM Pet of the Month

Name: Bonnie  
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Breed: Black Labrador



### Personality:

This little black beauty is the most relaxed puppy I have ever met. Her family describe her as mellow and calm and like most Labradors, Bonnie loves food. She recently graduated from puppy pre school where at the beginning of the classes she was the same size as all the other small breeds there (mostly white and fluffy). However, by graduation Bonnie was towering over her classmates. This made the class free play time hilarious. The puppies are encouraged to socialise and wrestle about on the floor and Bonnie was gently tossing the smaller pups around the room. Bonnie is used to friendly rough play as she is the baby of the family and lives with four year old Fonzie a huntaway/border collie cross who is very gentle and careful with her but good at wearing her out.

Bonnie loves sleeping when she's not playing with Fonzie. She also loves going for walks with her family and already walks well on a lead. In fact she gets her lead out to show her family she would like a walk!



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They offer a fixed amount of cover at a specific initial cost but having investigated further, I have noticed that they only offer one choice of product/provider and give no advice about how the product actually fits your individual circumstances.

Quite often the prices of these direct products are very similar and sometimes more expensive than the products offered by independent advisors.

Life, trauma and disability insurances have significant financial impact on our lives and those of our families when the unfortunate happens. They offer so much more than being viewed as mere transactions when they have such a long term and significant impact on financial security and well being.

Never underestimate the importance of independent, expert advice. Ensure you use the services of professional people who are working for you and your requirements.

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Please phone Betty Death 757 9968.

**Fitzroy Outdoor Bowling Club.** Season now open and new members welcome – both men and women. Join our friendly members who play on two greens with an upmarket clubroom and fine facilities. Contact President Neville Goldsworthy 758 8846 or Secretary Sherylle Watkins 755 0125.

**Fitzroy Scout Group.** For boys and girls from age 6. Cubs meet on Mondays 6.00 – 7.30pm and Keas meet on Tuesdays from 5pm-6.15pm at The Scout Den, Clemov Road, Fitzroy (near Lake Rotomanu). Visit us to see what we do. The first term/part term is free! For further details if your child is under 10 years: ph Cory 06 759 9312 / 027 291 7334 or 10 years + Craig 06 755 2013. fitzroyscoutgroup@xtra.co.nz

**Fitzroy Men's Probus Club** meets in the Beach Street Hall, Fitzroy, at 10am on the second Tuesday of every month (except January). New members welcome. Please phone Ian Raine 06 757 5825.

**Freemasons Worldwide** are ordinary men in the community, 21 years and over, of all religions and backgrounds, who share a concern for human values, moral standards, and the rights of individuals. Meeting monthly in Fitzroy. Phone Roger Marshall, 06 759 1755.

**Mahjong.** There will be Mahjong starting at the Beach Street Hall, lounge room, on Sat 12th March, 1pm-4pm then every Saturday. Everyone welcome, come along and enjoy Mahjong, cup of tea and biscuits. There will be a small prize for hand of the day, \$3.00 each. For details phone 758 1957 or 757 5913.

**New Plymouth Chess Club.** Every Tuesday 7.30 pm. Clubrooms: 11 Gilbert St (next to Model Trains). For further information contact Errol Tuffrey 758 2626.

### **New Plymouth Croquet Club**

Winter months at New Plymouth Croquet Club Rooms, East End Reserve:

Cards & Rummy Kub every Friday afternoon starting April 2nd, 1pm - 4pm, \$3;

Mah Jongg every Saturday afternoon starting May 7th, 1pm - 4pm, \$3;

Winter Croquet will start on Wednesday 1st June, new members welcome, \$3 session. Please ring Barbara 758 2710 for more detail.

**New Plymouth Pakeke Lions** meet on the last Monday of the month at the Fitzroy Golf Club, 11.30am. Contact President David May 758 4427.

**New Plymouth Swords Club - Fencing.** At New Plymouth Boys' High Old Gymnasium, off Hobson St. Every Monday night of school term. Juniors 6-7pm. Seniors 7-9pm. For more info contact: John Calcott, Ph 753 9186, jcalcott@paradise.net.nz

**Rotary** meets every Wednesday night at 5.15pm at the Beach Street Hall. Enquiries to the Secretary, Ross Smith, phone 758 4194. Email: rossandanne@slingshot.co.nz

**Santa Rosa Country Music Club** meets every Friday night at the Fitzroy Hall, Sackville Street Fitzroy, at 7.30pm till 10.30pm. Information regarding club please ph 021 265 9230 or email lancasters@xtra.co.nz. Entry \$3 non-members, \$2 members. Supper provided.

**Taranaki Model Powerboat Club** holds a Club Day on the 1st Sunday of every month (weather permitting) at Lake Cowley, just before the Go cart track in Waitara. Contact John Nicholls on 769 9166 or 021 299 4168.

**Taranaki Radio Control Car Club.** Off-road racing: Club's dirt track by Lake Rotomanu, 2nd Sunday of every month. Contact Greg Mawson, ph 753 7471. On-road racing: contact Selwyn Duthie, ph 06 765 8108. Indoor racing: contact Tracy van Beers, ph 751 1093.

**Tasman Club** situated at 35 Octavius Place, New Plymouth. Tasman Clubrooms are available for hire. Further information phone 758 5186 clubrooms.

**TSB NP Contract Bridge Club** plays Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs at 7.20pm and Friday afternoons from 12.45pm at 70 Hobson St. Ph the President 758 8985 or the Secretary 759 0258.

**U3A New Plymouth.** Monthly meetings are held at the Trinity Church Hall, 8 Henui Street, Fitzroy at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month (except January). Contact the Secretary, 752 3801, for more details - never too old to learn.

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