

BOWLING.

The championship banner was presented to the Carlton Club on Saturday, quite a number of bowlers going to the Newmarket green to witness the presentation. Carlton has now the honour of holding the North Island B.A. Championship and the Auckland B.A. Championship, which, curiously enough, has once happened before.

Bassett and Wright played a very close game with Sutherland and Clarke in the Onehunga Championship Pairs (semi-final), the former just getting home by 21 to 20. Friar and James beat George and Davies in the same round by 22 to 17.

Games were in progress on the Auckland, Ponsonby, Mt. Eden, Carlton, Devonport, Rocky Nook, Richmond, Grey Lynn, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Mount Albert, Waitemata, Remuera and Epsom greens on Saturday. Anyone wanting to become a player in Auckland has plenty of opportunity.

Matches have been in full swing at Grey Lynn. Here are the more important:—

Championship Fours: J. Ferguson, C. Brown, J. Volkner, R. Waite (skip), 24; v. W. Casey, G. Mirfin, W. Baildon, sen., W. Mills (skip), 15; D. Buckley, L. Cunningham, W. Dimery, E. Wilkinson (skip), 27, v. W. Kerr, A. Bruce, A. Burfoot, G. Baildon (skip), 15; J. J. Knight, E. J. Sexton, F. Parsons, V. Casey (skip), 18, v. J. Ferguson, W. Baildon, jun., S. Thomas, R. Gardner (skip), 14.

Championship Pairs: C. Brown, W. Dimery (skip), 22, v. W. Casey, R. Gardner (skip), 23; E. J. Sexton, S. Thomas (skip), 21, v. W. Kerr, W. Mills (skip), 32.

Championship Singles: R. Gardner, 20, v. R. Waite, 21.

First Year Championship: F. Thompson, 21, v. S. R. James, 20; A. Bruce, 11, v. John Ferguson, 18.

After the excitement of the tournament, matters seemed quiet on Saturday, although there were no lack of players, it being a perfect day for bowling.

On the Auckland green Dean's team beat Gilmour's in the club fours by 21 to 16. The losers played badly throughout.

A close go was a singles match between Crowhurst and Styak (receives 4). At the 21st head it was a tie, and three more heads were played, Crowhurst winning by 23 to 19.

At Devonport several matches have been got off. These were as follows:—

Championship.—First game: Harvey, 17, v. Armstrong, 16; Harty, 20, v. Broughton, 15; O'Loughlin, 21, v. Lellevre, 8. Second game: Lellevre, 24, v. O'Loughlin, 17.

Club Pairs.—Tapper and Armstrong (skip), 22, v. Raynes and Stewart (skip), 15. Hammond and Ralfe (skip), 33, v. A. E. Myers and Cameron (skip), 18.

Handicap Singles.—Warren, 25, v. Haddow, 12. Blennerhasset, 17, v. Valle, 13.

Garland has defeated Tutt in the Mount Eden championship by 21, 22, to 15, 9.

At Rocky Nook, matches played during the week have been:—

Champion Singles.—Wheeler, 19, 24, 21, v. Tattersall, 20, 16, 15.

Handicap Singles.—Rathbone, 31, v. Campling, 18. Tattersall, 28, v. Bain, 13. Morton, 24, v. Hall, 18. Wheeler, 22, v. Tattersall, 20. Butler, 20, v. Moir, 18.

Club Pairs.—Tattersall and Martin, 22, v. Bouskill, jun., and Manson, 20.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Ponsonby Club on Saturday next against Mount Eden:—

At Mount Eden Green: A. P. Crowe, P. M. Dewar, J. Becroft, W. Jones (skip); P. Darby, J. T. Martin, J. McLeod, W. Swales (skip); M. Walker, J. Preston, A. G. Baddley, H. Hemus (skip); E. White, S. Miller, M. Casey, G. B. Osmond (skip).

At Ponsonby Green: E. Diddams, E. Darby, T. Usher, G. Webb (skip); M. Fairs, F. Leighton, J. C. Robinson, S. G. Gorman (skip); T. Davies, G. Becroft, T. C. Clarke, J. Veale (skip); E. Harkins, J. Burroughs, D. J. Wright, A. Parsons (skip).

AQUATICS.

A BIG FLEET RACE FOR THE NORTH SHORE Y.C. PRIZE.

The cruising race to Kaway on Saturday drew a fine entry of yachts flying the red, white and blue burgee of the North Shore Yacht Club. The entries and handicaps were:—Moana, scratch; Ilex, 10m.; Heartsease, 20m.; Thistle, 30m.; Wairere, 32m.; Wairiki, 35m.; Mahaki, 40m.; Emerald, 43m.; Yum Yum, 45m.; Viola, 40m.; Mystery, 43m.; Rosina, 40m.; Okere, 50m.; Gloriana, 47m.; Mabel, 60m.; Maru, 50m.; Seagull, 50m.; Tiro, 53m.; May Belle, 65m.; Kaho, 80m.; Wanderer, 75m.; Ethel, 90m.; Rane, 68m.; Encounter, 100m.; Tangaroa, 100m.; Kamo, 120m.; Orangi, 120m.; Niobe, 125m.; Rhona, 140m.

Moana, Taangaroa, Mystery, and Rhona did not start. A prettier sight than the start could hardly be imagined. The wind, which had been southerly all the morning, veered round and blew a very light northerly, making it a tedious beat all the way down, and the yachts made very long passages. The finishing times were:—Ilex, 9h. 57m.; Heartsease, 10h. 2m.; Wairere, 10h. 12m. 30s.; Yum Yum, 10h. 24m. 30s.; Thistle, 10h. 37m.; Wairiki, 10h. 39m.; Gloriana, 10h. 40m. 30s.; Kaho, 11h. 1m.; Wanderer, 11h. 4m.; Rhona, 12h. 8m. On time allowance Yum Yum and Emerald were a dead heat for first place; Wairere third, Kaho, fourth; Heartsease, fifth; and Ilex, sixth. Messrs. A. J. Farmer and F. E. Jackson were the timekeepers.

THE ROYAL N.Z. YACHT SQUADRON.

SOME POOR SPORT.

Whatever is the matter with the Yacht Squadron? Saturday's fixture cannot be regarded as other than a failure. It is said that the reason owners will not race is that they prefer a cruise. Well, to accommodate them, cruising races were put on the programme, but the results this season have been wretched. Saturday's cruising race drew an entry of seven, and only five started. Contrast this with the North Shore Yacht Club's cruising race to Kaway, a longer course. Here there were 29 entries, and of these 25 started. Evidently there is something wrong somewhere, and it behoves the committee to take energetic action in the matter. This year the subscription has been raised—a very foolish mistake—and nothing is given for it. Time was when there was a fine spirit of emulation among members, but now apathy seems to be gnawing the very vitals of the club. The annual picnic used to bring numbers together, but this has been allowed to lapse, and nothing whatever is being done to hold the interest of the great bulk of those whose names appear on the roll.

Saturday's race to Cowes Bay was a very poor affair. The handicaps were:—Thelma, scratch; Viking, 4m.; Ida, 12m.; Waioni, 15m.; Ngatira, 19m.; Kotiri, 20m.; Mermaid, 30m. Ida and Mermaid were absentees. Thelma soon drew out a big lead, but the light nor-easter was against Viking. With Brown's Island astern the big yacht did better as the wind freshened, but later on drifted into a calm patch, and the smaller boats drew past. Ultimately Thelma finished first, Ngatira second, and Kotiri third, while Viking and Waioni retired. Only Banshee (scratch) and Kotiro (8m.) started in the power launch race to Cowes Bay, the limit boat winning by five minutes.

Ilex made her first appearance in a race on Saturday. She was well sailed by Arthur Logan, but the very light wind did not suit her somewhat restricted sail plan, and, although the big yawl finished first, she failed to give away the handicaps to five others.

Campbell, Becker, Jeffs and Herring (stroke), were the winning crew in the Waitemata Boating Club's Trial Fours on Saturday.

One of these days we shall have a bad launch accident in the harbour owing to the manner in which some of them are overloaded. The smaller fry are the worst offenders in this respect, and are, of course, the most dangerous. I would suggest to the committee of the N.Z. Power Boat Association that certificates be issued to each boat regulating the number of passengers on each launch. This might have the desired effect.

For the Anniversary Regatta next Wednesday, the N.Z. Shipping Co.'s steamer Waimate has been secured as flagship. She has a fine flush deck, and seems just the vessel for the purpose.

A remarkable trip has just been made by H.M.s. Challenger. Knowing that she intended having a speed trial to Wellington, many people watched with interest the warship getting under weigh on Thursday morning, the smoke pouring in volumes from her three funnels. She left at 9 a.m., and reached Wellington on Friday at 6.30 p.m. The distance is 564 miles, and as the cruiser's time was but 33½ hours, there can have been no loitering on the run.

Ariki has been put in racing trim again after her mishap. As a matter of fact a single copper bolt was all that had to be replaced, and some dozen sheets of copper, but the opportunity was taken to give the cutter a thorough overhaul.

Logan Bros. have launched the 50ft canoe which they have built for the Wanganui River. The motive power is the 30 h.p. Ailsa Craig engine which used to send Togo through the water at such a speed.

In connection with the big motor race at the coming Anniversary Regatta, I hear there are two or three "dark horses" being quietly got ready for the event. There should be some sport in the race in question.

The N.Z. Power Boat Association's race for the Union Gas Engine Cup takes place on January 25.

I learn that Mr. A. Brett is going in for a 45ft cruiser, which will be fitted with the 20 h.p. Lozier engine now in his present boat.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE INTER-CLUB MATCHES PROVIDE GOOD SPORT.

Inter-club matches were in full swing on Saturday, a number of very interesting games being played, some of the bouts being particularly even. As usual, the Eden and Epsom Club had the best results. The various games went as under:—

WEST END V. DEVONPORT.

Men's A Doubles: Paterson and Upton (W.E.) beat Howarth Brothers (D.), 6-4, 6-3.

Combined A Doubles: Dr. Keith and Miss Utting (W.E.) beat Macky and Miss Philcox (D.), 6-2, 6-3.

Ladies' A Doubles: Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Harvey (D.) beat Misses A. Nicholson and M. Metcalfe (W.E.), 6-2, 6-4.

Men's B Doubles: Morpeth and Smith (W.E.) beat Robson and Young (D.), 6-2, 6-4.

Ladies' B Doubles: Misses Davies and Bagnall (W.E.) beat Misses Taylor and Stewart (D.), 6-2, 6-3.

Combined B Doubles: Hickson and Miss E. Holland (W.E.) beat Ewen and Miss Duder (D.), 6-1, 6-0.

West End won by 19 points to five.

AUCKLAND V. ONEHUNGA.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss Woodroffe and Mrs. Allen (A.) beat Misses Falwell (O.), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Combined Doubles: Porter and Miss Williamson (A.) beat Richardson and Miss Perry (O.), 6-3, 6-4, 9-7. Hannah and Miss Scott (O.) beat Warner and Miss Metcalfe (A.), 6-3, 6-2.

Men's Doubles: Hudson and Cooke (A.) beat McIntosh and Taylor (O.), 6-2, 6-3. Carter and Gillett (A.) beat Taylor Brothers (O.), 6-2, 6-5.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Harding and Miss Carnahan (O.) beat Mrs. Dr. Herz and Mdlle. Coche (A.), 6-5, 6-0.

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Ladies' Doubles (B): Mrs. Stewart and Miss Hall (E. and E.) beat Miss Cooke and Mrs. Freeman (P.), 6-2, 6-3.

Men's Doubles (A): Grossman and W. A. Brown (E. and E.) beat Le Sieur and Gregson (P.), 6-3, 5-6, 6-3.

Combined Doubles (A): Billings and Miss T. Walker (E. and E.) beat Ward and Miss Bellairs (P.), 6-4, 5-6, 6-3.

Men's Doubles (B): A. Brown and Heather (E. and E.) beat Mowbray and Hunt (P.), 6-2, 6-4.

Ladies' Doubles (A): Misses D. Udy and E. Martin (E. and E.) beat

Mrs. G. Kent and Miss Walker (P.), 6-5, 6-1.

Combined Doubles (B): Turner and Miss Buttle (E. and E.) beat Pavitt and Miss Parsons (P.), 6-3, 6-2.

CRICKET.

THE THIRD TEST MATCH.

The fact that a game is never won until it is lost was never more strikingly brought out than in the third test match at Adelaide. When Australia was 78 behind on the first innings and had lost three wickets for 14 runs, it looked any odds on an easy win for the Englishmen. The magnificent stand made by Hill and Hartigan quite altered the state of affairs, however, and ultimately the Australians won easily by 245 runs. The concluding scores were:—

AUSTRALIA.	
First innings	285
Second innings	506
ENGLAND.	
First innings	363
Second Innings.	
Fane, b Saunders	0
Gunn, c Trumper, b O'Connor	11
Hutchings, b O'Connor	0
Braund, c Hartigan, b O'Connor	47
Hardstaff, c Macartney, b Saunders	72
Rhodes, c Armstrong, b O'Connor	9
Crawford, c and b Saunders	7
Hobbs, not out	23
Barnes, c Macalister, b Saunders	8
Humphries, b O'Connor	1
Fielder, c Ransford, b Saunders	1
Sundries	4
Total	183

Bowling Analysis.—O'Connor, five wickets for 40 runs; Saunders, five for 65; Armstrong, none for 43; Macartney, none for 17; Noble, none for 14.

North Shore played on their own ground on Saturday, meeting City. They started batting on a capital wicket, but did not do too well, the innings closing for 176. Towards this L. Prime contributed a vigorous 61, which included ten boundaries. Hemus (64) and MacCormick (33 not out) batted well for City. With a score of 114 for three wickets they look to have the better chance but the tail is a long one, and may not get the runs.

Grafton did badly against Eden. Batting first on a good wicket all were out for 117 (Sloman 31, Horspool 20). Eden made a very different display, and when stumps were drawn had put on 153 with but two wickets down. Cummings hit freely for 46, while W. B. Smith was caught at 35. Elliott (34) and Relf (21) played out time.

Ponsonby and Parnell met at Victoria Park. Parnell won the toss, but commenced badly, losing three wickets for two runs. Olliff, however, soon put a different complexion on the game, scoring freely all round the wicket. He got 131 before he was caught in the deep field. The innings realised 307, Sale getting 89 and Barry 39. Ponsonby have 22 on the slate, with all their wickets intact.

Parnell A. (Marecroft 98) made 187 against Parnell B, who have scored 132 for six wickets (Otterson 56 not out).

Playing against Ponsonby II, Grafton II. made 267, Jack (73), Hill, 67 not out, and Robinson (53). Ponsonby lost two wickets for 25.

Eden B made 132 (Gordon 40, Gray 31) against Eden A at Kingsland, who replied with 178 for nine wickets (Kavanagh 48, Totman 43).

City II. scored 131 (three men short) against North Shore II. Ellis top-scored with 48. North Shore lost eight wickets for 101.

The third test match at Adelaide was played in swelteringly hot weather, on the concluding day the thermometer reaching 108deg. in the shade. What it was in the sun it is hard to say, and the cricketers must have been glad when the game was ended. As a Home paper puts it, they are cricketers, not salamanders.

Hill and Hartigan were presented with souvenirs to commemorate their great stand of 271 for the eighth wicket. A shilling subscription on the ground realised £23.

Saturday's matches at Christchurch were as follows:—West Christchurch, 161 and 188 for seven wickets (innings declared closed), beat St. Albans, 100 and 136. Riccarton, 379 for five wickets (innings declared closed), beat East Christchurch, 173 and 142 for six wickets, on the first