

[By Jack High.]

A fitting wind up to the Century Bowling Tournament week was the match Australians v. New Zealanders, held by kind permission on Mr Kirker's private green on Saturday week. That "Prince of bowling entertainers," Mr Kirker, and his good lady made it the opportunity for entertaining visiting and home bowlers and their lady friends, by a trip round the harbour in the Eagle, and an afternoon on the green watching the play of the contending teams. A large marquee was erected on the lawn, wherein were tables daintily spread with the good things of this life, and most tastefully decorated with flowers and fruit for the visitors, while in the pavilion refreshments for the players could be obtained. In their attention to their guests the host and hostess surpassed themselves, which is saying a great deal. It must have been no slight reward for their hospitality to see the lines of closely packed, delighted spectators eagerly watching the heroic struggle for supremacy of the two colonies, on the best private green in New Zealand. The weather was delightful, and the green as true as it was possible for green to be, and the play was consequently seen to the best advantage. The following are the scores, New Zealand winning by 23 points, which was not surprising when the number of bowlers that there to select from is taken into consideration:—

No. 1 Rink: Josephson, Gordon, Richmond, Horrocks (skip), 24, v. Tait, Saywell, Mowlem, Ballinger (skip), 19.

No. 2 Rink: Sheather, Fallick, Hardy, Hannigan (skip), 10, v. O. J. Laurie, Ballantyne, Iaxon, Ledingham (skip), 23.

No. 3 Rink: Giles, Baines, Porter, Rodgers (skip), 15, v. Ponsford, Beatson, Crowley, Evans (skip), 25.

Totals: Sydney, 49; New Zealand, 72.

Mrs A. W. Thomson, wife of the Vice-President of the Northern Bowling Association, assisted by Mrs Hugh Campbell, entertained the lady friends of the visiting bowlers at Lake Takapuna on the Thursday afternoon of Tournament week.

**MESSEURS STEWART, DAWSON AND CO.'S CLOCKS.**

Commencing at 9 o'clock on Saturday week the matches for the handsome clocks presented by Messrs Stewart, Dawson and Co. through their agent, Mr Holden, were not concluded until the following Tuesday morning. Saturday's rounds were played on the Grafton, Ponsonby, and Mr Kirker's greens. There were 38 teams entered for these special prizes, showing the interest taken in them. On Monday evening, after some excellent games, these were thinned down to two, Newmarket and Wellington. Messrs O. G. Laurie, A. H. Brookes, G. H. Laurie, H. W. Brookes (skip), composed the one team, and Messrs Reich, Bell, Mentiplay, and Ballinger (skip), the other. That a splendid game was expected was evident by the number of keen lovers of the noble game present. They were certainly not disappointed, for one and all agreed that a more brilliant game had never been played on an Auckland green. At the fifth head Wellington had the substantial lead of eight points, the score standing 10-2. By the eleventh head, however, Newmarket had pulled up and tied their opponent's. Then in the succeeding two heads, Newmarket put in a 3 and a 1. In the fourteenth head, Ballinger, by a splendid drive, cut out the Newmarket shot and scored four for

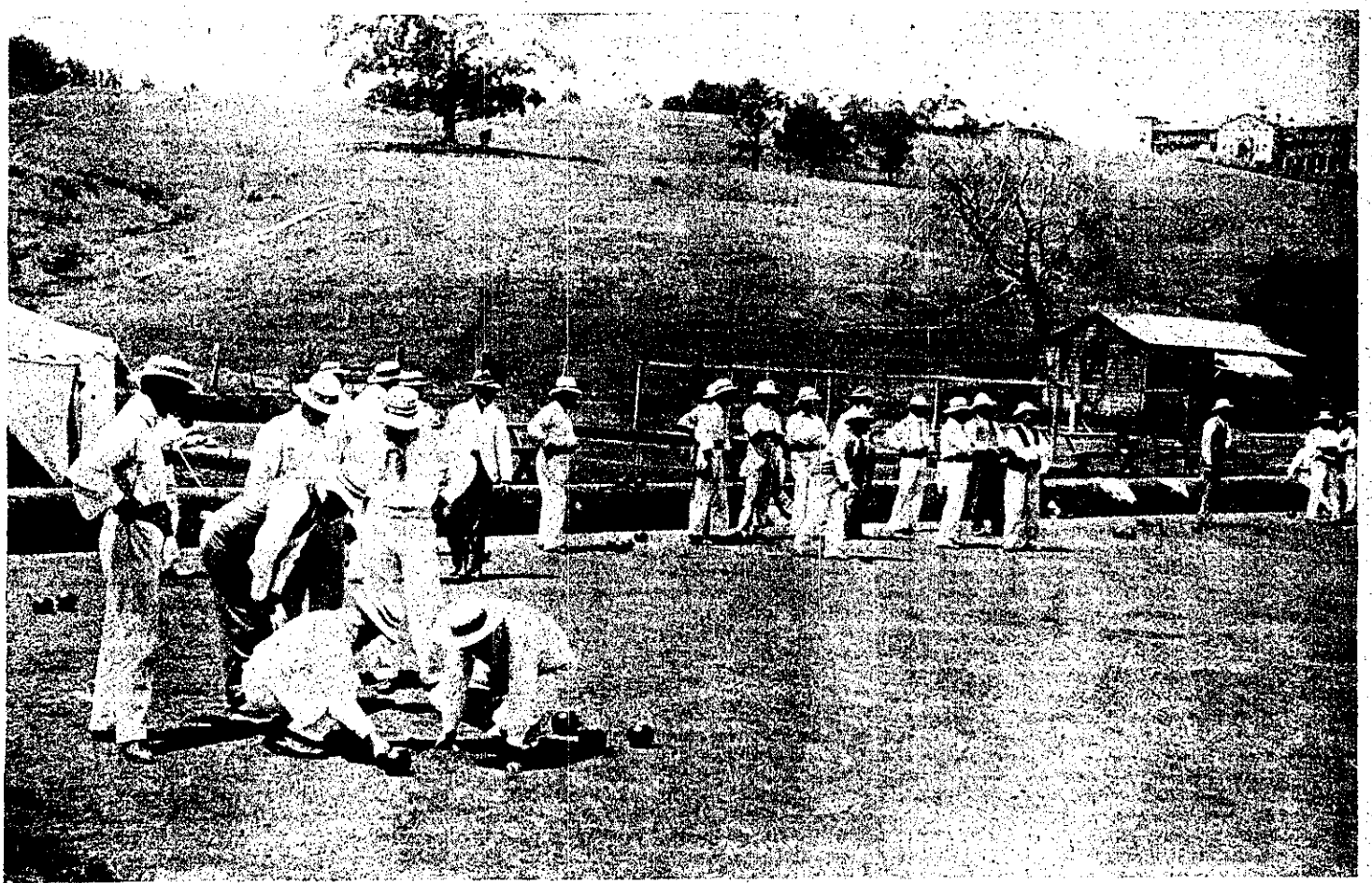


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his side, thus tying again. Wellington then scored three in two heads and on the seventeenth a cleverly earned three for Newmarket made them level again. The match was becoming more and more exciting every head, and was watched most intently when the twentieth head proclaimed Wellington with three to the good. Newmarket managed to get two in in the last head which Brookes' last ball just failed to turn into three (and tie) by running a few inches too far. Wellington thus winning by one point only. Wellington, therefore, takes the tickers, the Newmarket team, as runners-up, secure the gold medals, while Hoyte, of Mount Eden, and Evans, of Napier, had the honor of being in the semi-finals, and do not go absolutely unrewarded.

Refreshments were then handed round, and eulogistic and congratulatory speeches followed from Vice-President Thomson of the Northern Association, and President Finlayson of the Remuera Club, and the most successful gathering of bowlers ever held by the Association came to a close.

**THE NEWMARKET CLUB.**

The Newmarket green was the scene on Saturday of a friendly match between its members and three Sydney teams, and also of the hoisting of the champion flag and the exhibition of the champion shield. The latter is a fine piece of oak carving with silver plates inlaid for the inscription of the names of the clubs who have the honor of winning it. Two of these plates were already inscribed with the names of the first two winners, viz., Wanganui and Palmerston North, the Newmarket inscription has yet to be made. After the presidential address his good lady unfurled the flag amidst general cheering. Mr Fallick, on behalf of the Sydney team, apologised for the absence of Messrs Horrocks and Bains, and said they were not hopeful of

beating the champion New Zealand team, but they would do their best. The following were the scores:—

No. 2 Rink: Sydney—Sheather, Sandilands, Fallick, Porter (skip), 14, v. Newmarket—H. O. Haselden, Cutler, Wilson, Laurie (skip), 21.

No. 3 Rink: Sydney—Josephson, Gordon, W. Lyons, Hannigan (skip), 20, v. Newmarket—A. Anderson, Spooner, A. Brookes, H. Brookes (skip), 21.

No. 4 Rink: Sydney—Elphinstone, Hardy, Giles, Rodgers (skip), 16, v. Newmarket—H. Kent, A. Holmes, Southwell, J. Kilgour (skip), 25. Totals: Sydney, 50; Newmarket, 71; Newmarket beating by 21 points.

An impromptu match was afterwards arranged of ten heads up, between Hannigan and Brookes' teams, the two which had had the closest match. The skips in each team exchanged positions with their leaders. A. Brookes skipping Newmarket and W. Lyons Sydney. This exchange proved disastrous for Newmarket, as it resulted in a win for Sydney of 17 to 2, which drew forth the appropriate remark from Mr Lyons that such a complete reversal of form should demand a careful enquiry from the stewards.

The following ordinary games were also played:—No. 1 Rink: Wright, Sims, Collins, Oulpan (skip), 17, v. Kent, Southhurst, Garland, H. R. May (skip), 16. No. 5 Rink: Heron, G. M. Main, Cottle, Spreckley (skip), 17, v. Basley, Scott, Dr. Wilkins, Dr. Laishley (skip), 27.

**SATURDAY'S PLAY.**

**AUCKLAND GREEN.**

No. 1 Rink: Syme, Leser, Tudhope, Evans (skip), 29, v. H. King, Mackie, A. L. Edwards, W. Coleman (skip), 12.

No. 2 Rink: Lawson, Ziman, James, Carlaw (skip), 19, v. Mennie, Plummer, Shackelford, McCallum (skip), 18.

No. 3 Rink: Hosking, Gilmour, Lea, Gorrie (skip), 23, v. Lewis, Allen, Hegman, Allen (skip), 15.

No. 4 Rink: Kayll, W. S. Jones, Denniston, Kingswell (skip), 24, v. D. Ross, Milroy, Buttle, Holland (skip), 16.

No. 5 Rink: Elliott, Squirrell, Thornes, A. W. Thomson (skip), 22, v. Brigham, Moritzson, Woodhead, Dr. Hooper (skip), 16.

No. 6 Rink: Rankin, McMaster, Perrett, Towsey (skip), 19, v. Butts, Schiacka, Mahoney, Lamert (skip), 17.

No. 7 Rink: Knight, Beere, Steele, Crawford (skip), 22, v. Reid, J. McK. Geddes, Price, Haslett (skip), 18.

No. 8 Rink: Elliott, Hegman (skip), 22, v. Mackie, McCallum (skip), 13.

**THE REMUERA CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink: Macky, Sanderson, Court, Clerk (skip), 33, v. Murdoch, Heron, Bodle, Hull (skip), 8.

No. 2 Rink: Hull, Burton, F. W. Court, Geddis (skip), 30, v. Hardie, Oozens, Laxon, Ruddock (skip), 20.

No. 3 Rink: Woolcott, Gamble, Dingwall, Stevenson (skip), 17, v. Sibbald, Vaile, Rose, Lennox (skip), 21.

No. 4 Rink: Ranson, Bruce, Heriot (skip), 25, v. Perkins, Dr. Erson, Rev. Monro (skip), 29.

**THE PONSONBY CLUB.**

No. 2 Rink: Webb, J. B. Massey, Usher Newell (skip), 18, v. Hudson, Coutts, Watson, Beecroft (skip), 24.

No. 3 Rink: McLeod, Greenhough, Blades, Rees (skip), 22, v. Sutherland, W. J. Massey, Blomfield, McDonald (skip), 20.

No. 4 Rink: Wright, Edmiston, Bartlett, Littler (skip), 9, v. Dickinson, Montague, Hurdall, Buchanan (skip), 25.

No. 5 Rink: Ayles, Brown (skip), 26, v. Dutton, Steadman (skip), 14.

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No. 6 Rink: Hutchison, Stinchbury, Coutts, Court (skip), 26, v. Easton, Payne, Warren, Ballantyne (skip), 11.

**THE MOUNT EDEN CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink: Owen, Gray, Pooley, Burns (skip), 14, v. La Roche, Morran, Esam, Brimblecombe (skip), 21.

No. 2 Rink: Ferguson, Jones, Brown, Ross (skip), 28, v. Mahony, Benton, Newman, Coe (skip), 10.

No. 3 Rink: Francis, T. Jones (skip), 19, v. Watson, E. Jones (skip), 33.

Handicap Singles: L. G. Owen, 15, v. S. F. Benton, 22.

Prize Pairs: Pooley, Coe (skip), 16, v. T. Jones, Brimblecombe (skip), 20.

Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Eady.

**THE DEVONPORT CLUB.**

No. 1 Rink: Phipps, J. Miller, Mitchell, Taylor (skip), 20, v. Lerner, Ker, Harvey, Syms (skip), 16.

No. 2 Rink: Dacre, Creeth, Glenister, Eagleton (skip), 16, v. Gardner, Armstrong, Montgomery, Stewart (skip), 18.

No. 3 Rink: Webster, Murchie, Entrican, M. Niccol (skip), 21, v. Bockaert, Twentyman, Best, H. Niccol (skip), 26.

Club Championship: Taylor, 24, v. Entrican, 13; Eagleton, 30, v. Gardner, 9.

Club Pairs: Twentyman and Harry Niccol (skip), 17, v. Bockaert and Brooke (skip), 22; Kerr and Mitchell (skip), 33, v. J. Miller and Phipps (skip), 13.

**SYDNEY v. REMUERA.**

On Monday afternoon the Sydney bowlers visited the Remuera green and had a friendly match, three rinks a side. There was a good attendance of bowlers and ladies. A very close match was the result, the Sydneyites proving three points too good for the local team. The rink skipped by George Court was victorious over Hannigan's rink by eight points, but Laxon's and Dingwall's contingents went down before their adversaries by 7 and 4 points respectively. Mr T. Finlayson, the president, was present, doing all in his power to make things pleasant. He gave the usual address, concluding with wishing the visitors "God speed" in their tour through the North Island, and trusted they would revisit the colony at an early date. Mr Fallick responded for the Sydney team, heartily acknowledging the hospitality they had received. He referred to the weakening of the team by the absence of Messrs Horrocks and Baines, and confessed that they were very pleased at their victory over Remuera after their defeat on Saturday by the Newmarket team, who proved too heavy metal for them. Cheers were then given for the visitors and ladies. The following are scores.

No. 1 Rink: Sydney—Sheather, Gordon, Lyons, Hannigan (skip), 16, v. Remuera—F. Hull, P. A. Vaile, F. W. Court, George Court (skip), 24.

No. 2 Rink: Sydney—Josephson, Allt, Hardy, Fallick (skip), 24, v. Remuera—J. M. Lennox, R. A. Bodle, D. E. Clerk, I axon (skip), 17.

No. 3 Rink: Sydney—Porter, Elphinstone, Rodgers, Giles (skip), 20, v. Remuera—Maxfield, the Rev G. B. Monro, A. Holden, Dingwall, (skip), 16.

**THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB.**

There was an excellent attendance on Wednesday week. Mr H. Brookes, of the Newmarket Club, was a visitor, and was most heartily congratulated on his club's win of the Championship in the late tournament. To the astonishment of everyone present, McDermott's team managed to put down the team which the Newmarket champion skipped by the extraordinary score of 21 to 0. The Cambridge Club should



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WATCHING THE BOWLING.