

The Otahuhu Croquet Club.—At a meeting held on Tuesday it was decided to get the ground in order as soon as possible, and to meet again in two months' time, the business at present being left in the hands of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. West, and the secretary. The Club has at present 33 members.



Opening day, Otahuhu, ca 1910.

Combined opening day of the Otahuhu bowling, croquet and tennis clubs, Otahuhu, ca 1910.

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### OTAHUHU CLUB'S OPENING.

Favoured by fine weather the opening of the Otahuhu Bowling Club's season was a pronounced success. The greens were looking very trim, and the grounds generally were most creditable to those in charge. A very large number of visitors from other clubs attended. The Otahuhu Croquet Club also opened its season. The president of the Bowling Club (Mr. A. Sturges) welcomed the visitors, and referred to the extension of the ground and the other improvements effected, after which the jack was thrown across the green by Miss Sturges, and the rinks declared open for play. Immediately upon the conclusion

of this ceremony, an adjournment was made to the lawn of the Croquet Club, where Mr. T. Wilson, as representing the Bowling Club, the donors of the ground, welcomed the ladies, and wished them prosperity. Mrs. Wilson, the president of the Croquet Club, responded, thanking the Bowling Club for the kindness shown by the placing of the artistic rustic arbor, adjoining the pavilion, at the disposal of the Croquet Club. Mrs. Wilson then drove the first ball across the lawn, and declared the lawns open.

It should be mentioned that the members of both the Bowling and Croquet Clubs were most assiduous in their attention to their visitors, and the respective secretaries, Mr. T. C. P. Whiteley (bowling) and Mrs. E.



*Oahu Croquet Club. ~ 1913*



**Otahuhu Bowling Club,  
ca 1915.**

Group portrait of members of the Otahuhu Bowling Club in front of the club's new pavilion, ca 1915. The club's facilities included both bowling and croquet greens.

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CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY PRESENTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TOURNEY YESTERDAY  
Mrs. R. J. Hamilton, president of the Auckland Croquet Association, presenting to Mrs. Gillies the association's B grade championship shield, won by the Otahuhu Croquet Club during the past season. The presentation took place at the conclusion of the annual champion of champions tournament yesterday.

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The members of the Otahuhu Croquet Club held an "At Home" on the club's lawns in Avenue Road West, Otahuhu, last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. Ogilvie, the president, extended a welcome to the guests. During the afternoon progressive croquet was played, and the following were the winners:—First session: Mrs. Kay (A) and Mrs. Rugg (B). Second session: Mrs. Pearie (A) and Mrs. Rugg (B); Mesdames Kay and Dunn (A) and Mrs. Nixon, jun. (B). In the play-off between Mesdames Kay and Dunn in the third session, the A prize was won by Mrs. Kay. Afternoon tea was served during the course of the progressive play.

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## CROQUET.

A very pleasant and successful "At Home" was held by the members of the Otahuhu Croquet Club on their lawns in Mason Avenue on Thursday last. Mrs. Moffitt (president) received the guests in a frock of navy blue crepe de chine, with hat to tone. Progressive croquet was played, the winners of the first session being Mrs. Aicken (A), Mrs. Morton (B), Mesdames Soloman and Gatward (consolation). Second division, Mrs. Ward (A), Mrs. Nixon (B), Mesdames Elliott and Todd (consolation). The competition trophies were won by Mrs. Gillies and Miss Jean Clements. The tea tables were tastefully decorated in the club's colours.

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# WHAT A COW! CROQUET PLAYERS' ROUT

A charging cow kept croquet players for more than an hour in their pavillion in Mason Avenue, Otahuhu, yesterday afternoon after it broke away from a herd on its way to the Westfield freezing works.

Seven players on the green at the time dropped their mallets and ran for the pavillion when the cow burst into the club grounds about 4.00pm.

All the players were charged in turn but no one was hurt.

The cow was later destroyed outside a house in Mason Avenue.

"We had the shock of our lives to see the cow standing on the green," said a player, Mr. J. J. Campbell, of Station Road. "It charged me and then made for three of the ladies. They just made the pavillion before the cow smashed into a wall in front of the door. It slid about six feet before hitting the wall."—P.A.

Sent in by Lyn McKenzie

## OTAHUHU CROQUET CLUB 15/1

Fifty - eight years ago during 1906, the Otahuhu Croquet Club was formed by a group of enthusiasts who commenced play on land near the railway station.

In 1911 they became affiliated with the Auckland Croquet Association. Mr E. West was the first president and Miss Somerville secretary.

Later, the club moved to their present premises and according to the minutes of the meetings held during those early years there was a real struggle to raise funds.

The croquet club co-operated splendidly with the bowlers and shared expenses. The battle to acquire the present land was a hard one indeed. Women worked laboriously to raise the money and after they had collected enough for the deposit the first world war came along and stopped their efforts for a while.

Finally the two Miss Wingates paid for the property and on completion of the repayment, the property's title was vested in the names of five trustees.

### New members

Today, the Otahuhu club is seeking new members to learn this game which can be played by all age groups.

The recent tour of New Zealand by English and Australian teams have increased the interests of local players and the Otahuhu club, although small in numbers, have achieved honours throughout the country.

Croquet club member Mr J. Campbell said there is a warm welcome to be had and the opportunity for social recreation to anyone who cares to visit the club.

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