

# Thunderbirds are go!

**Dargaville is set to host the Ford Thunderbird Owners' Club convention over Labour Weekend giving residents a chance to view and vote for their favourite classic car**

Around 15 classic vehicles, based on birds from Native American myths known for their power and strength, will be on display at the Northern Wairoa boating club car park on Saturday, October 20 and again at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho on Sunday October 21.

"It's excellent for the town. The owners will stay in local accommodation, and I've booked them on attractions around Dargaville," says owner of the Dargaville and kauri visitor information centre, Sue Taylor.

Organisers of the convention, Angela and Graham Watts, said that their itinerary included a river cruise

on the Daisy, lunch and show at the Kumara Box, a visit to the Packard and Pioneer Museum, as well as the Kauri Museum, and their AGM will be held at the Lighthouse Function Centre.

"We live in Warkworth and held a convention there about 10 years ago but this year we wanted to venture out and we chose Dargaville — we found everyone to be most helpful and friendly," says Angela.

There will be a sausage sizzle at the boating club to fundraise for the Kaipara Vintage Machinery club and the car that gains the most votes wins a kauri presentation piece crafted by Rick Taylor.



## Holliday Shield winners

◀ The Maungaturoto team bowled away their opponents recently at the Wellsford Bowling Club, winning all five games with a total differential of 60+ and taking away the Holliday Shield for the first time since 1974.

Eight teams from the Rodney district battled it out on the green for the prestigious trophy, which was kindly donated by Mr Harry Holliday in 1956.

The Maungaturoto bowling team, left to right, Kevin Robinson, Ted Mooney, Dave Orford and Rex Roadley, say 'it's been 38 years in the making and it's nice for the club to get the trophy back for a year.'

# Paparoa olive groves win gold

**Owners of Chapel Olive Oil, Verity and Barry Baines, won one gold and two silver awards at the Oliveti gourmet oil competition held recently in Whangarei**

Thirty-three oils entered from around the country but it was Chapel's Frantoio, an Italian variety of olive known for its rich and fruity aromas that won the gold. The couple also took away silver awards for another Italian variety, leccino, and a Greek variety, koroneiki oil.

Verity said that the oil was judged a little like wine, on its depth and balance of flavours as well as its aroma.

"They put the oil into a small glass and warmed it. Then they placed a cap on it to hold in the aroma and presented it to the judges who swirled it around and either swallowed it or spit it out."

They began to grow olives in Paparoa nine years ago and while looking for a house, they saw a chapel for sale and 'fell instantly in love'.



▲ Verity and Barry at the Dargaville Riverside Produce Market selling their award winning oil

They moved it up from Remuera, Auckland and made it their home.

Verity and Barry now have around 1,200 trees and "love the lifestyle, its hard work but it keeps us fit," says Verity. ■

## A hamper sized surprise for our lucky winner



▲ The lucky winner Debbie Osborne (right) with Andy from The Lifestyler

Debbie Osborne got more than she bargained for after an impulse buy at Fosters recently. She had popped in on a whim to buy paintings for her recently renovated kitchen and put her name down for a Kaipara Lifestyler promotion. Debbie had forgotten all about that day until she received a 'you have won' phone call. The gift hamper contained a hunter's carry bag from Hunting and Fishing, table lamps from Laser Electrical, a Bob Marley sweater and funky rasta hat from B'arch Wear, a BBQ meat pack

from the Meat Co. valued at \$50, a Godfreys fix-it voucher for lawn mower servicing, sipper bottles and jandals from Walden's Shoes, magazines and stationery from Moran's Bookshop, a free naturopathic consultation courtesy of A Natural Approach, A wet and dry vac from Mckay 100% Electrical, and a natural health guide plus a therapeutic massage from Health Options. Of course Fosters were there with a matching painting to complement Debbie's lucky purchase!

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