_ There's plenty to do this summer in the NKC



SPORT

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WHILE many of you are winding down after a busy year, others are already gearing up for an active and interesting start to 2016.

Come and discover the rich heritage and fascinating diversity of heartland North King Country this summer.

The January North King Country Summer Programme has run for 26 years. It is organised by a team of enthusiasts from the Department of Conservation, Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre, Te Kuiti Tramping Group and Sport Waikato who are keen to share the unique heritage and incredible beauty the region has to offer.

Twelve trips – daytime and evening – start in the second week of January 2016. How about the 'Whopper Weta Wonderland', 'On the Trail of Te Kooti',

'A Tunnel, Camping & Fossils', Waitomo Cultural Trail', 'Into the Wild West' or 'Waihaha Heli-hike'. For more information, visit or contact Te Kuiti i-SITE Visitor Information Centre. Get in early as all trip numbers are limited.

SWIMMING & BMX

The Waitomo District Aquatic Centre complex and heated pools are being well used and enjoyed. The first 'WAVE RAVE' with games, activities

and prizes for 8-14 year olds is tomorrow. Swim School is progressing well and into its

third week. Registrations are also open for Holiday Swim Lessons during the Christmas holidays.

If swimming is not your strong point but you want to enjoy the heated pools for fun and fit-



ness, please contact me as I'm planning a few pre-Christmas lunchtime or after-work aquacise/ aquajogging sessions.

If you can handle a STRIDER of BMX challenge, come down to the Te Kuiti BMX track on Tuesday afternoons. The club is looking for promising riders of all ages and offers coaching, support and pathways to regional and national honours.

SPORTS AWARDS

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who made our district celebration the success that it was. In my book, all nominees are winners on the night and Sport Waikato is honoured to host this evening as you celebrate with whanau/family and supporters.

Clear leaders

ADVANTAGE Tyres extended their top of the table lead in the Otorohanga summer soccer competition last week holding off a strong challenge from HMB/Weta.

After defeating OTC Rascals and winning the log the previous week, the Advantage Tyres team narrowly won 1-0 against HMB/Weta.

Darcy's Raiders moved into second place with a convincing 5-2 win over TV Connect, while Dairyworx retained the stump in their match against Action Electrical Blues coming out on top 3-1.

King Country Kitchens came back from a three goal deficit to draw 3-3 with Bailey Ingham, before going on to win the penalty shoot-out.

Two other matches also resulted in 3-3 draws with Dental Surgery winning the penalty shoot-out against Ryco 24.7, while The Shaggers took the shoot-out against Otorohanga Mitsubishi.

Kiwitown Electrical defeated 100% Otorohanga 3-1, while OTC Rascals bounced back from their loss the previous week to win 2-0 over Hobbs Transport, while PFC United were too good for Giltrap AgriZone winning 7-0.

Tonight Advantage Tyres defend the log against Giltrap AgriZone while The Shaggers defend Dairyworx for the stump.



RUGBY KING COUNTRY

<u>RESULTS from the King Country Rugby Football</u> <u>Union's annual prizegiving.</u>

Club awards – premier championship: King Country Challenge Trophy Waitomo, runners-up Taupo Sports; first division: Challenge Bowl Piopio, runners-up Taumarunui Districts; Hetet Shield holders 2015 Waitomo; Rob Bryers Trophy winners of the first competition round Waitomo.

Farmlands top try scorer Manasa Conawa (Kio Kio United), Farmlands top points scorer Rangi Te Whare (Waitete).

KCRFU awards – KC B best & fairest Shaun Burr; KC B most promising Stephan Turner; KC Team of the year KC Rams; KC Supporters player of the year Aarin Dunster; KC Rams most promising player Zayn Tipping; KC Rams player of the year James Hemara.

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<u>The Kio Kio touch draw for Tuesday, December</u> <u>8.</u>

6.30pm - (field 1) Mike Karekare vs Odd Socks, (field 2) White Family vs Touch n Go, (field 3) Jessie James vs Cow Cockies, (field 4) RD4 vs Boozers Army, (field 5) Future Abs vs Avengers.

7.20pm - (field 1) Korakonui vs Swagger/Dagger, (field 2) Otewa vs The Corins, (field 3) Wild Natives vs RD4, Rangis vs Oto Auto Electricks, (field 5) Has Beens vs Waimahiihi.