



## U3A Dunedin

### 2020 Series 1 Course C

<b>Title</b>	<b>Rise of a Sporting Nation</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Wednesdays 26 February – 1 April 2020</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>10 am – 12 noon</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Otago Golf Club, 125 Balmacewen Road, Dunedin</b>
<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Stuart Strachan</b> Email: <a href="mailto:sjstrachanz@gmail.com">sjstrachanz@gmail.com</a> Phone: 482 2339
<b>Developer</b>	<b>Ron Palenski</b>
<b>Course fee</b>	<b>\$45</b>

This course covers more than 150 years of New Zealand's sporting history. It explains why and how sport is important to New Zealand as a whole, and relates stories and anecdotes from the earliest champions to the latest. The course will be presented by Dr Ron Palenski, a historian and author with a notable sports publishing background.

All applications must be received by **Thursday 30 January 2020**. You will receive a response to your application by **Monday 10 February 2020**.

Please contact the Programme Secretary [courses@u3adunedin.org.nz](mailto:courses@u3adunedin.org.nz), phone 467 2594 with any queries.

# Rise of a Sporting Nation

- 26 February**      **A sporting nation**  
Not just rugby. Not just men. An overall look at sport in New Zealand and its impact.
- 4 March**            **Dunedin to the fore**  
The influential role played by Dunedin in early New Zealand sport, including the first world champion, Joe Scott.
- 11 March**          **An added dimension**  
New Zealand had the benefit of Maori in its sporting development: the influential and enduring role played by the tangata whenua.
- 18 March**          **Girls can do anything**  
The role of women in New Zealand sport, from pioneers in rugby (yes, rugby) and tennis to the present day; an emphasis on the best of them all, Yvette Williams.
- 25 March**          **Punching above our weight**  
The worst of clichés for the best of reasons. How a small country removed from the main population centres can dominate in sports.
- 1 April**              **Full circle**  
Sports were professional to begin with, then amateur, now in the money again. How New Zealand handled the changes and remained competitive, but for how long?