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Three cheeky monkeys !

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In our clubrooms

- Coffee mornings, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10am-1pm (Oct 3 and 17; Nov 7 and 21)
- Sunday afternoon instuif – from 2pm to about 5 pm
- Klaverjas, every Tuesday from 10am to about 2pm. Bring your own lunch
- Dutch School, Saturdays 3pm to 5pm.
- Leidens Ontzet, Sunday 7 October from 5pm-8:30pm approx.
- Puzzle tour, Sunday 28 October 2pm, followed by a barbecue after 4pm

Elsewhere

- Club event: Try your hand at lawn bowls, Sunday 25 Nov, at Naenae Bowls (see p.6)
- Coffee morning, every Wednesday in Island Bay Community House, from 10am-12 noon. \$2 entry
- Coffee morning, in Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae, 10am-12 noon, Friday 12 Oct and 9 Nov

From the president:

Greetings members,

Last summer was officially NZ warmest on record – 0.3 degrees warmer than the previous record in 1935 - and apparently there has been constant increase in average temperatures in NZ for the last 10-20 years in. This statement (source: stuff.co.nz) begs the questions: why is it that the previous record is close to a century ago? Just a thought from an armchair expert!

At the time of writing this we can look back at a great Tulip Sunday with nice weather (not too hot, not too cold...and no rain), beautiful tulip beds and a successful event for our club. As a matter of fact, not being in NZ myself, I was told that it was good all of past week.

That said, I can only draw one conclusion: Summer is coming!

So what's at stake for the coming two months leading into summer?

On Sunday 7th October we will be celebrating Leidens Ontzet with our traditional dinner at the clubhouse. Seats are limited so if you would like to join, please check the current availability with Anne-Marie Knibbeler or Ann Beyk.

Then on Sunday 28th October we have a puzzle tour planned for you. Using your car, we will ask you to leisurely navigate the local environment whilst at the same time solve some intellectual challenges. This event can be enjoyed by both adult and young participants.

And on Sunday 25th November we will challenge those with a keen eye for precision and direction in joining us for the Lawn Bowling event. After the physical exercise we will reenergise with an early dinner.

For the last two events there will be some fabulous prizes up for grabs, so book early in order not to miss

out. More details about all three events can be found further on in this issue.

One more thing before I leave you; do you know what an ocarina is? Do you want to hear the sound of one being played? Come and join us at the Social Sunday afternoons and you will find out that Ben can play some authentic Dutch tunes on this ancient instrument!

That's about it from my side. A busy two months ahead but we are prepared and looking forward to organising these events. Even more we are looking forward to see you all participating!

See you soon,

Pierre.



From the secretary and editor

No sooner is Tulip Sunday over, or it's on with this issue of the Double Dutch. Petra Verdoorn and I (pictured next page) would like to thank all the people, young and old, who volunteered their skills, time, baking, expertise and labour. A lot needs to happen before, during and after such an event and thanks to the volunteers (and with help from the weather gods and the Botanic Garden's crew) it went quite well. Our club made a nice profit; I'll give the exact amount in the next issue of the DD. We had just enough food to last until

2:45pm, and learned that herring sells much better from the main gardens than from the Treehouse's balcony, so we'll have to have more next year. It's always a fine line – do you take heaps of food, run the risk of a low turnout and lots of leftovers, or do you take too little and disappoint people. There are always things that can go better, or be done differently, and we welcome your feedback (and praise too). There are photos on Facebook (dutchclubwellington) and in this issue. All Tulip Sunday photos courtesy of Susanne Knibbeler.

I look forward to the coming events – Leidens Ontzet (mainly because I'm not in the kitchen this year, so can sit down and enjoy it), the car puzzle rally in October, and I might try my hand at lawn bowling in November.

The new ambassador for The Netherlands, Mrs Mira Woldberg, has been in Wellington for two months now, and many met her during Tulip Sunday, when she opened the proceedings officially. We've invited her to come to our clubrooms and are currently working out a day and date that suits her; it's likely going to be next year. **2/10, BREAKING NEWS: THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE PRESENT AT LEIDENS ONTZET.**



Happy birthday to those who celebrate a birthday in October and November – I know of Bruce, Bert, Tilly, Joost and Ingrid in October, and Petronella, Harry, Astrid, Bill, Janneke, and Pierre in November. I wish you all a great year to come.

A very belated **CONGRATULATIONS** and Happy 90th Birthday to Nick de Graauw – I had taken his picture, meaning to put it in the last issue as he turned 90, but forgot all about it!

Warm greetings to all of you, and best wishes to those who are struggling with illness or loss.

Anne-Marie

Leidens Ontzet, 7 October

And just like that, Leiden's Ontzet is around the corner – we will celebrate this important event in Dutch history on Sunday 7 October at our Clubhouse at 5pm. All are welcome to enjoy herring or rolmops, Hutspot met klapstuk (draadjesvlees), and fruit salad with icecream for dessert.

Members: \$15, Non-members: \$20. Tickets are available from Anne-Marie (email amknibbeler@gmail.com or phone 971 7571) or from Ann Beyk in the clubrooms. You can also make a direct credit payment to the club's bank account, Westpac 03-0525-0098055-00 in name of NZ Netherlands Society Wgtn Inc.



Please add the following details to the three reference fields to register: your name, number of members + non-members you pay for and the event name 'Leidens'. For example: Tavenier 2 + 1 Leidens

Some more information here (in English) for the ones who would like to read up on the history of Leiden's Ontzet, which officially is commemorated on 3 October:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/3_October_Festival

'3 oktober, nooit meer sober!'

Ellen Tavenier

Tuesday Klaverjas Club

I've ordered sunny Tuesdays until the end of the year; I hope the weather forecast takes notice and obliges. We had our mid-year lunch a bit later and this time an old-time Dutch treat: pea soup, boerenkool met rookworst and gravy, and coffee and cake for dessert, and a glass of bubbly enjoyed by us all. We toasted the Dutch Club, the Card Club, and Marianne, who, as always, was a big help on the day.

They weekly results are:

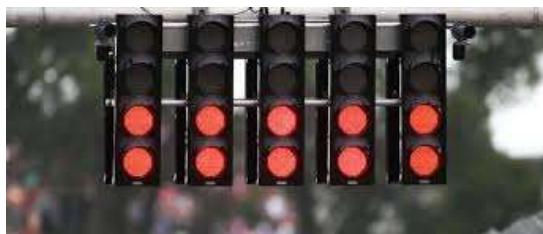
Date		Winner	points
24 July	Week 24	Hanny Zwart	5638
31 July	Week 25	Ton van Geet	5409
7 August	Week 26	Hanny Zwart	4905
14 August	Week 27	Ann Beyk	5542
21 August	Week 28	Piet de Graaff	5438
28 August	Week 29	Nick de Graauw	5372
4 September	Week 30	Lis Visser	5890
11 September	Week 31	Harry v.d. Gulik	5296
18 September	Week 32	Ann Beyk	5325

No more colds or flu! The sun will shine while we play our card games. Be optimistic!
See you all on Tuesday.

Ann Beyk

Puzzle Tour Sunday 28 October, 2pm

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Double Dutch, the puzzle tour will be fun event for the whole family. We are planning a tour in the surroundings of Lower Hutt with beginning- and end-point at our clubhouse in Avalon. The trip will be done by teams – up to 5 people - driving their own car and will have a length of 20 to 30 Km's - depending on how many detours that you (have to) make. The course will be strewn with challenges for each age group and it is these challenges that will decide your place on the podium.



Start of the tour will be at 14:00 hrs. and contenders will start with a 5-minute interval of each other. Position – from pole to end – will be determined from the date/time of registration of participants. Due to organisational constraints, competition entrance is limited to 20 cars only.....so be quick!

After the competition – roughly around 16:00 hrs. – there will be a podium ceremony followed by a BBQ dinner to replenish the energy lost while navigating the track. If you want to take part in the barbecue but not the puzzle tour, feel free but please also contact one of us before the 24th.

The cost for participation is \$15 per person (children under 12 years free) and this includes the BBQ dinner. Keen to compete? Contact René 021740930 or dutchclubwlg.treasurer@gmail.com or Pierre 021 08272084 or 04 5289160 before 24th October. Specific instructions will be issued after registration.

René and Pierre

Lawn bowls competition 25 November

This time we want to try something new as a club event. For quite some time I have been hearing some raving reviews about the fun of lawn bowls. A few of our members are avid players of this sport and would like to share their fun with us.

So, on Sunday 25th November we will go to the green of NaeNae bowling club, 25 Vogel St, Naenae. No prior knowledge about the rules and/or game is required as we will all learn from master player Arie Molenaar, who will be giving instructions before and hints during the games.

As we will be playing in the indoor facility this event will take place come rain or shine and although children are welcome to come along, players must have a minimum age of 16 years.

Start is at 10:00 o'clock and we can play until around 12:30 after which notes of our successes can be compared while enjoying a drink and/or lunch in the excellent bistro of the venue. The winners of the competition will be announced at around 13:00 hrs.



Due to the generous contribution of sponsor Tony Molenaar from StorageOne, this event is FREE for Dutch club members and only \$ 5 per person for non-members. Lunch and drinks are at your own expense, but we do enjoy club member prices of around \$10 per person for a typical lunch (excluding drinks).

If you think you got the bowlsregister by contacting Anna (04-5636026) or Pierre (021-08272084).

Anna and Pierre

Donations

I have the pleasure to inform you about another two great donations that have been made to our club.

We have received a gigantic trampoline from an undisclosed benefactor. This trampoline is stored at the back of the clubhouse and is, for safety reasons, secured with a chain and lock. The code for unlocking the trampoline can be obtained from any of the committee members. Please note that there are (safety) rules for usage which you can find near and on the trampoline. One of the rules is that the trampoline is not to be used by children without supervision by an adult. Have fun.

From the Dutch Embassy we received a printer, which is a welcome addition to the computer workstation that we are installing, upstairs, in our clubhouse. The printer will be installed and tested in the coming weeks.

A big "THANK YOU" to both supporters of our club activities!

Pierre

ANCM 2018 on Saturday 13 October in Foxton

Our club's delegates at the Annual National Council Meeting of the Federation will be Yvonne van den Berg and Astrid Scrimgeour. However, others are welcome as observers – please contact Ellen Tavenier (Federation secretary) before 6 October if you'd like to attend all or part of the ANCM or just the dinner afterwards.

There's an agenda on the noticeboard in the clubrooms; I'll attach one to those on the DD email list, and you can email Ellen for the full agenda too. The day starts at 10am with a karakia, welcome and an address by the ambassador, Mira Woldberg. One of the items on the agenda is 'Making Dutch connections – how to combine community initiatives' (2-2.30pm); another one 'Care for elderly Dutch people' - a discussion led by Jan and Marian Westrate, 2:45-3:15pm. There's a dinner @ \$28.00/head, to be served in the foyer of Te Awahou/Nieuwe Stroom, and there'll be Dutch games to play after dinner. This is the first time the Federation meeting will take place in Foxton; it is an opportunity to meet reps and members of other clubs.

Ellen can be reached by phone 565-0418 or 027 565 0418, email secretary.nznlfederation@yahoo.com

Friendly Support Network Wellington Inc.

The Friendly Support Network (FSN) consists of a small group of members and volunteers, who all speak Dutch. Their aim is to visit people who might otherwise not receive visitors in hospital, at home or in care homes. FSN volunteers have also helped translate or make sense of Dutch-language documents for non-Dutch speaking family members. Please realise that the FSN must be made aware of someone's need – don't hesitate to call if you know someone needs help! If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit from a volunteer, ring the coordinator, Bill van Waas, on 04 298 4244 or the secretary, Anne-Marie Knibbeler on 971-7571.



Daan, Danny, Siriwan en Ellen bakten en verkochten meer dan 500 kroketten.

Daan, Danny, Siriwan and Ellen fried and sold over 500 croquettes.



Eet een goede uitbater zijn eigen waren?
Haring is onweerstaanbaar voor sommigen.
Herring is irresistible for some people!

Koekhappen, ja graag!

En het café, met twee van onze goede, jonge helpers, voordat de deuren open gingen en het heel druk werd.

The café became very busy very early on. This photo shows Janneke and Aiden, two excellent young helpers, before the café opened for business.





FROM THE DUTCH EMBASSY'S WEBSITE:

The Embassy launches used battery recycling collection bin

The Netherlands Embassy, in cooperation with Sustainability Trust, launched a pilot battery recycling bin on 25 September 2018. John Evans, of IT Recycla, the company that will recycle the used batteries, was also present for this special occasion. The bin at the Embassy is the second public used batteries collection point in Wellington. Sustainability Trust also has a collection bin at their office. The bin will be available to all Embassy staff and to customers visiting the Netherlands Embassy for a visa or passport application. The Embassy aims to collect up to 200 kg.

From Battery to Cheese Slicer

The Netherlands has managed to be at the European top of returning used batteries. According to Stibat, the organization responsible for the collection of used batteries, about 46,1% of batteries in the Netherlands are being recycled, which is more than the EU target of 45%! But what does this process entail? How do the Dutch manage to perform so well on recycling batteries? And what happens to all these empty batteries?

To answer these questions we have to go back all the way to 1995. From that year on producers of batteries in the Netherlands have the legal obligation to collect and recycle used batteries. This means that Dutch citizens can return their used batteries, including large and industrial ones at any shop that sells batteries or products with batteries in them. Thus, today 24.528 of such collection points exist in the Netherlands! Industrial large batteries that are too large to fit the collection box can be brought to the municipal depot or a nearby garage. These are usually very happy with the re-usable lead in them!

Toxic water

With our changing climate, the need to recycle batteries becomes more important every day. Batteries that end up landfill cause environmental damage in three ways: through air pollution, water pollution and soil pollution. As batteries decompose in landfill, they undergo a photochemical reaction which emits greenhouse gases into the air. Moreover, these chemicals find their way into the water supply, not only leading to contaminated drinking water but also killing plants and animals on their way. The toxic chemicals then continue to be absorbed into the ground, leading to soil pollution. Thus, all the more reason to recycle your batteries! Last year, 4 million kilograms of batteries were collected in the Netherlands, which translates into almost half a kilo per household. Doing so, 3.4 million kg of CO₂ and 19 kg of toxic chemical emissions has been avoided in 2017! In addition, 10.000 kg less of eutrophication materials like phosphate, which contaminate groundwater, have ended up in the environment.

Campaigning for a clean environment

These numbers have been improving every year since 1995. One of the reasons for this are the various efforts from the Dutch government to stimulate people to return their batteries. Multiple campaigns and channels have been used to make sure the Netherlands achieves the EU target of 45% recollection, and even do better! Recent campaigns involved informing people about all the possibilities of where to return their batteries, offering a chance to win prizes when returning 10 or more batteries and handing out battery conservation boxes at household events. These efforts have greatly raised awareness about the easiness of returning batteries in the Netherlands and contributed to yielding these significant results. Next to battery recycling, the Dutch government has worked on sustainability policies for a long time, for example through landfill taxes and landfill prohibitions. Nevertheless, even in the Netherlands there are many more steps to take before it becomes a truly sustainable country.

Making batteries circular

So once people bring their batteries to the designated collection points, how does the actual recycling process take place? Single use and rechargeable batteries contain valuable chemicals such as zinc, cadmium,

iron, nickel, manganese, mercury, lithium and small amounts of cobalt. When recycling batteries, these materials can be extracted and re-used. The first step in the process is to bring the batteries from collection points to sorting centers. Stibat has developed a machine that is able to sort the batteries based on shape with a sift. This is the first sorting moment in the recycling process. The machine then goes on to the second step whereby it uses electromagnetics to compare any residual power left in the batteries with information in a database to determine the content of the battery. The caveat here is that this machine cannot sort corroded, leaking, or bloated batteries. After all, two batteries which are stuck together cannot pass through a sift. Therefore, manual pre-sorting remains an important solution.

After the sorting has taken place, the batteries are transported to a melting house where metals such as zinc, steel and nickel are being separated. This is where these metals can be put back into the production chain for any kind of new product. This is how a cheese slicer is born out of your used batteries!

News From The Netherlands:

Who is a typical Dutch person? Statistically speaking, he or she is a 42-year-old who lives in Hardenberg, earns €42,000 a year, has a cat, likes beer, goes to Germany on vacation, is not religious, works full time and is unmarried. And loves cycling, obviously. *The above is a paragraph from a very interesting article by Traci White, entitled: You May Have A Dutch Passport But When Are You Really Dutch? It is a feature article that I encourage you to read.*

www.dutchnews.nl/features/2018/09/you-may-have-a-dutch-passport-but-when-are-you-really-dutch/

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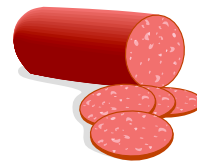
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