

newsletter from the New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wgtn) Inc.

THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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join us for a
game of croquet
this Summer

**Summer
Croquet**

Sunday
21 February
10 am

Waimarie Hutt
Valley Croquet
Club



PRESIDENT



FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

Greetings and Happy New Year to you all! A new year... and let's hope it's going to be a better one than the last.

Don't worry, I am not going to be ranting-on about how bad it was last year and how we have been disadvantaged, lost money and had to endure hardship. As a matter of fact, the "exercise" that we were forced to go through was quite an eye-opener, at least for me it was, and let's face it: we are still here to tell the tale.

An eye-opener? Why? Well, it made me realise that, until COVID entered our society, life was easy, comfortable and without too many worries and that sparked

remembering the "Hierarchy of Needs" theory which Mr. Maslow defined way back in 1943.

Basically this theory states that we are motivated and behave until we reach a state of Self-fulfilment as far as needs are concerned and he classified these needs in 5 levels as shown in the diagram.

With daily life changing, and in some cases coming to a halt, it made me reflect on how I used to live my life and take many things for granted. Let's forget about the top 2 layers for a moment as, in the beginning, I thought that to be the easy part, but not being able to go the cinema, going to our clubhouse, meet with friends proved to be hard. Moreover, when security measures were being announced, like closed borders or restricted gatherings, it felt scary. Then safety and our basic needs were compromised when people

started losing jobs and we all remember the panic, when we found out that there was shortage of flour (or even worse.... toilet paper) in the supermarkets.

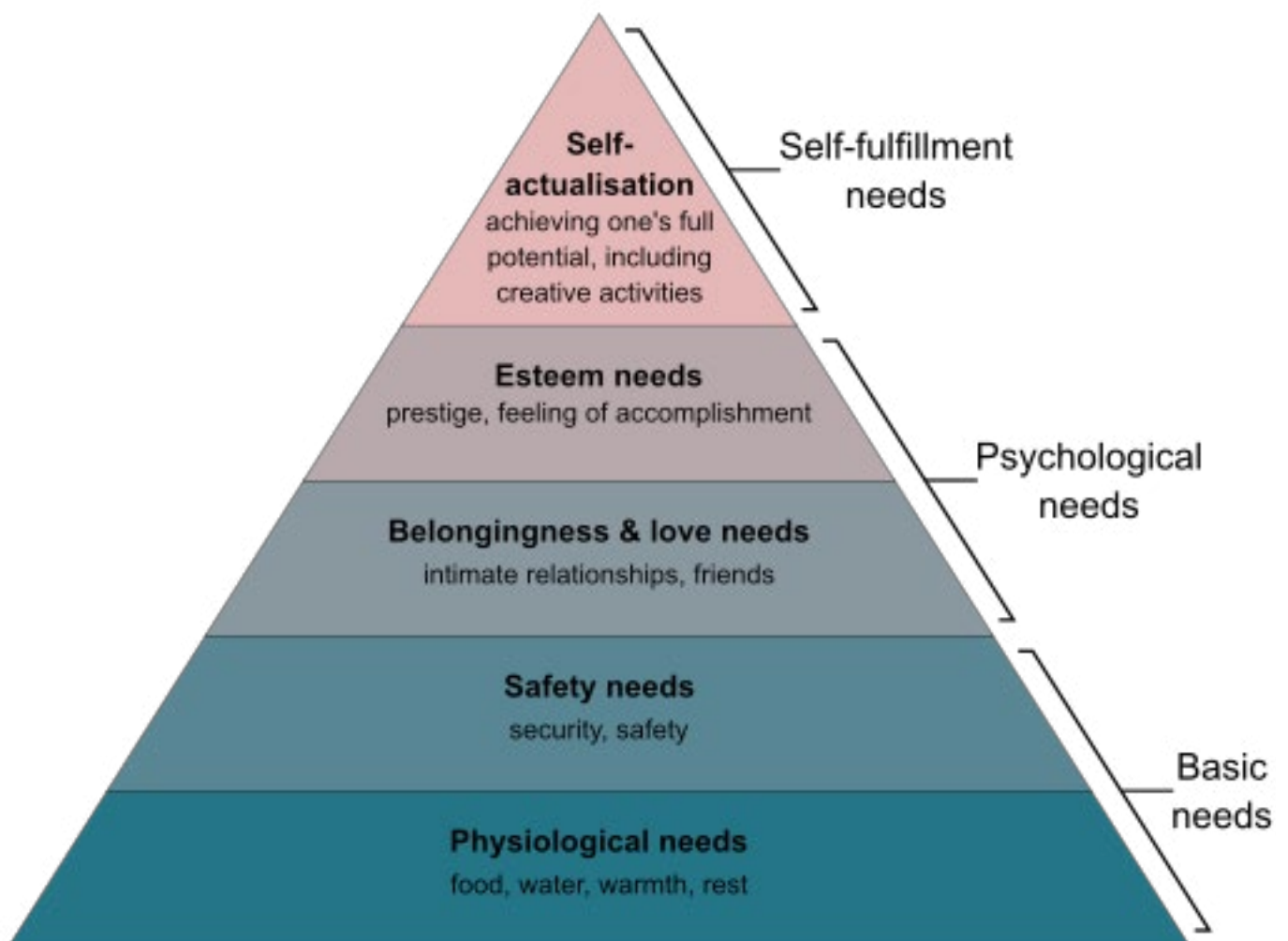
Now, after almost a year living with COVID, I see that the real change in behaviour is actually in the top 2 layers: parents who become teachers because schools are closed, the people we idolise have changed from pop-stars, celebrities, and sports-heroes to hospital- and care-staff, rubbish collectors, delivery people and supermarket staff. And, last but not least, our efforts in supporting businesses and people in financial need through sound government, putting a bit of extra time in contacting people who

might be alone or lonely, allowing elderly people to jump the queue at supermarkets or better, get the groceries for them. Seeing this gives hope. We will get through this. After all, "United We Stand" is a phrase that has shown to be true many times and so it will this time!

Which brings me to my New Year's resolution: to appreciate and cherish the true value of what we have on a basic and social level, for while COVID is temporary, our needs on those levels are not.

Take care,

Pierre



SECRETARY



FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS



I hope you have all had a happy time over the festive season and by now all the Christmas decorations have been tidied away for another year.

At the time of writing this (17th January), we are already half-way through the first month of 2021. Last year, we had to cancel events that we had planned because of the Covid-19 corona virus pandemic which put us into lockdown towards the end of March 2020 for several weeks. Let us hope that the virus being brought to our border will be successfully contained in the isolation hotels, especially the new more transmissible variants of it. Then the events that we plan for will be able to go ahead without any more lockdowns.

A newsletter was sent out in December with the dates of upcoming events. One of those events is the Golf Croquet event at the croquet club I have been a member of for the past 20 years. There will be a separate item with more information about this event in this issue of the Double Dutch and I hope you will come along with friends, family, and neighbours to enjoy some fun and exercise in the fresh air. There will be a little friendly competition – last year Pierre Schmits and Harry van der Gulik were the winners.

Dawn

Lang zullen ze leven!

Happy Birthday

Ans Howe, Ann Beyk, Wim Geerts,
Pieter Koedijk, Kees Dorresteyn and Dawn Dorresteyn

DUTCH CLUB PIN

Your committee thought it about time that our members received a small memorabilia of the club. I have seen that in the past various clothing items (T-shirts, ties, etc.) have been made with logo's and text on it showing our club or related groups such as the Silver Tulip Choir.

This time we have decided to have lapel-pins made up and out of an array of designs the one on the image has been chosen.

We think it represents the main objective of our club "the cultural ties between the Netherlands and New Zealand" symbolized by the tulips and the fern leaves and clearly states the "common" name of our club.

Those of you who were at the Christmas lunch are already the proud owners of this pin as they were handed out at the end of the event. On recent events after that, I was delighted to see that many of you wore the pin when they attended. Great, that is exactly what they are intended for.



The members who are still without this little trinket need not fear. We will find a way to either hand-deliver them or mail them out to you in the coming weeks.

We hope that you enjoy wearing the pin as much as we do!

On behalf of the committee,

Pierre



BOOKS

The clean-up and reconstruction of our library, a long running project indeed, is in full swing and An, Carolina and Rita are putting in many hours towards it.

After some investigation it seems to be a fact that restarting the Dutch School is not an option so that room is being emptied and reclaimed as library extension and meeting room.

As part of this this effort we have identified a number of books that we will not retain in the library. You can find a list of these books as an appendix to this issue of the Double Dutch.

These books are available for free to anybody interested until the end of April and can be collected from our clubhouse during Social Sunday or Coffee morning events. Alternatively, you can contact me (see contact details mentioned in this issue) to arrange a meet-up outside the event times.

The books that are not collected will be donated to the Upper Hutt Bookfest in May 2021.

Pierre

COMMUNITY GOLF CROQUET

Sunday 21st February 2021
10am

At Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club Inc

Walter Nash Park, 110A Reynolds Street
(2 ½ km's north of Dutch Club rooms on the 110-bus route)
Taita, Lower Hutt

10.00am arrive, cup of coffee/tea and speculaas biscuit, instructions on how to play.

Dutch Club Members: \$5.00 per person (no eftpost)

non-Dutch Club Members: \$7.50 per person.

11.00am organised games with Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club members supervising:
3 x 15 minutes

12.00 noon finish playing croquet.

Go to Dutch Clubrooms for Pizza Lunch (supplied by the Dutch Club for members, non-members \$2.50 per person contribution, drinks at bar prices for everyone).

Croquet is suitable for all people from the ages of 11 to 111 who can walk – all flat land like a billiard table. **Must wear flat shoes (no heels)**, suitable clothing for the weather (sun hat, layers that can be added or removed and a rain jacket).

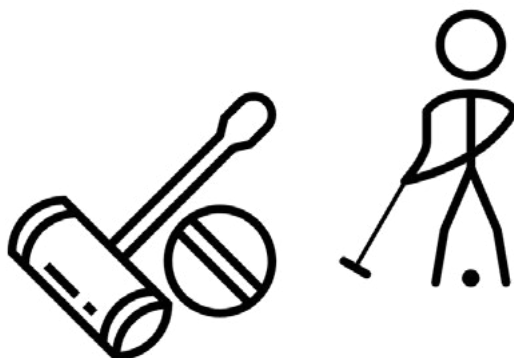
Ideal for family participation, lots of fun for members or non-members of the New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wellington) Inc. Bring your family and friends.

All croquet equipment supplied.

For further information and bookings, please contact Dawn Dorresteyjn, Secretary

Phone: (04) 938 2378, E-mail: dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com

Dawn



Club outing - Sunday 14 March - 12pm
east-west ferry from
Queens Wharf Wellington to Days Bay Lower Hutt
- RSVP 20 February

BOAT TRIP TO DAYS BAY

As last year's outing to Days Bay had to be cancelled, another outing is in the making..,

The plan is to take the East by West Ferry from Queen's Wharf to Days Bay.

Once at Days Bay you are invited to enjoy a lunch at the Pavillion. There is time before lunch to wander around at your own leisure.

Date: Sunday 14th March 2021;

Departure: 12:00 (noon) hrs from Queens Wharf; be there at 11:30am to collect your free ticket from the ticket office

Arrival: 12.45 at Days Bays

Lunch: around 13:30 hrs; (covered by the club)

Departure Days Bay: 15:20 pm

Arrival Queens Wharf: 16.05 pm

SuperGold cardholders travel for free. You need your Goldcard to collect your free ticket.

We can help with transportation if needed.

If you are interested in joining this event, please contact:

Rita (ritalangerak68@gmail.com) or Pierre (021-08272084) or see Ann Beyk at the clubhouse .

R.S.V.P. by 20th February 2021

Looking forward to see you all.

Pierre en Rita

SHIP AHOY - JOIN US



SINTERKLAAS

On 5 December this year Sinterklaas and his Pieten visited the Dutch Clubrooms in Avalon.

They were greeted by a large group of singing children and parents. The kids were surprised and excited to see him turn up in a police car, with sirens and lights! They knew that Sinterklaas was considered a very important person, but they did not know that he would have a police escort.

I managed to speak to Sinterklaas after the event and he said he was impressed with the children.

He said he enjoyed chatting with them and hearing their stories. He really enjoyed the children who dressed up as Pieten and the pictures some had drawn for him. They made him feel really welcome.

The Pieten handed out gifts and stickers. There was also some lovely live music and there were plenty of volunteers helping to make the day run smoothly. Thank you to those who helped in any way. Sinterklaas and the Pieten had a wonderful time!

Saskia





Christmas lunch

At Avalon House

It seems that our Christmas lunch is getting more popular by the year!

As per usual the clubhouse was embellished for the season with lights, various ornaments and a beautiful Christmas trees so that on Sunday 20th December some 48 members and friends could get together for the, by now traditional, Christmas lunch. Doors opened at 11 o'clock and the guest were welcomed with a refreshment.

This year we opted to spare our volunteer home cooks a bit by having the main part of the lunch catered by an outside company. The starters, prepared by Anna, Rita and Pierre, were served first before Chalet Caterers came in and delivered a real feast of main courses and desserts. The buffet table was laden with 3 kinds of meat, a variety of salads and vegetables and bread.

After we all had our fill on those dishes it was time to give the stomach a rest and get the brains mulling over a quiz. Rita and Pierre challenged the guests with 15 multiple choice questions in various categories and two open questions. Noteworthy answers in the latter category were:

Q: If someone would write a biography of you, what would be the title?

A: *I did it my way.*

A: *The life of Pi(et).*

Q: If you wake up as a member of the opposite sex tomorrow morning, what is the first thing you do?

A: *Run.*

A: *Get as many women pregnant as possible.*

A: *Look at my Willy and play with it.*

The owners of these answers will be spared from mentioning but congratulations are due to Julie, Marina, Hans and Pieter who had the highest scores on the multiple choice questions and grabbed the prizes.

The efforts of doing the quiz lowered the sugar levels significantly so that the five delicious desserts that were displayed on the buffet table had no problem finding their way to our eager guests. Before coffee was served, music Master Ben accompanied the ad hoc choir singing several Christmas carols in perfect harmony.

Last but not least, everyone received a Christmas gift from the club: a lapel pin embossed with fern leaves, tulips and the name of our club.

Thank you all for creating a wonderful atmosphere and a memorable Christmas lunch 2020.

Pierre

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - DECEMBER 2020

"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."

- Virginia Woolf



NEW YEAR'S toast

With pleasure I look back on the first Sunday in 2021. On this day 3rd January our clubroom was filled with happy and jolly members to celebrate the New Year.

Everybody was in a good party mood and also glad to see each other. Plenty of good wishes, toasts and updates were exchanged.

Delicious food was served. Anna's yummy oliebollen, as well as tasty homemade

quiches, marzipan stollen and enough nibbles. All of this rinsed away with our favorite drinks, sing-a-long songs, accompanied by Ben's ocarina.

For all of us I hope this year will be a year we can fully enjoy.

Happy New Year.

Rita



DOUBLE DUTCH 2020

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Tuesday Klaverjas Club - 2020 RESULTS

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1	Ann Beyk	150938	34	The results of the year are as follows - out of the 45 weeks we only played 34 times because of Covid 19. Hopefully this year it will be better. Looking forward to a good year playing klaverjas. See you all on the 2nd of February - all in good spirits after the holidays.
2	Harry v/d Gulik	147894	33	
3	Nic de Graauw	139360	33	
4	Jo de Graauw	136616	33	
5	Lis Visser	101955	23	
6	Len Visser	117816	26	
7	Bill Wegewijs	69781	16	
8	Julie Tan	59777	27	
9	C-D Dorresteijn	30678	7	

Most pits - 34 Harry v d Gulik
 Most nats - 118 Nic de Graauw
 Highest score during the year - 5565 Julie Tan
 Lowest score during the year - 3196 Jo de Graauw

See you at the clubrooms

Ann Beyk

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 10am-1pm. Starting 17 February.

SUNDAY INSTUIF

Every Sunday From 2 to 5pm.

KLAVERJAS

Every Tuesday from 10am to 2pm. Bring your own lunch. Starting 2 February.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 2 February, 7.30pm.

CROQUET

Sunday 21 February, 10am.

COMING UP: BOOT TRIP

Sunday 14 March, 12pm.

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

WAIKANAЕ COFFEE GROUP

Every second Friday of the month, 10am, Waikanae Baptist Church.

ISLAND BAY COFFEE GROUP

Every Wednesday, 10.30am, Island Bay Community Centre.

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The new Art Mural for the Oranjarahof museum building will be 'unveiled' during the next Koningsdag celebrations, on Saturday 24 April, 2021.

Koningsdag will be filled with festivities. The first ever Dutch Language Week will have its official start in Foxton, on that Saturday. Ambassador Mira Woldberg will unveil the Mural, and officially open a colourful art exhibition in the Kabinet Gallery (by Leon van den Eijkel).

For more details about the festivities and how to get your name up contact Arjan van der Boon, Marketing Manager Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park | Mātanga Whakatairanga

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EDITOR



FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

This edition of the Double Dutch is filled with reports of past and future activities. The end of the year, combined with the Summer holidays is always a busy time and the committee has done a fantastic job organising various events, before, during and after this busy time with the help of some volunteers. They also have provided me with all reports for this newsletter during their holiday and family time.

I am writing this editorial in the wee hours of Wednesday to make sure you get it in your inbox, or letterbox before the end of the week as it has some important dates in it. Make sure you read it all.

The committee hasn't slowed down organising. Already there are two events coming up shortly, the croquet and boat trip. Details are in this newsletter. I hope you will participate in these events. It's a great way to kick off the year, enjoy some good company and have some fun along the way.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and I wish you all a healthy 2021.

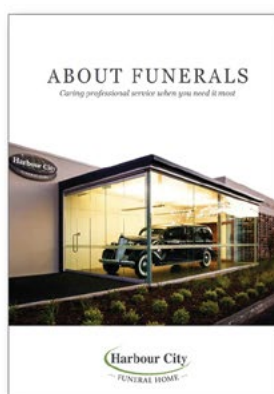
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