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THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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PRESIDENT



FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

Hi people, I hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer weather! It's good to relax a bit from club activities, appreciate the sunshine and not having to organise any "big" events for a while. Having said that, we have quite a few happenings coming up in the next few months.

We are going to kick things off with "Croquet" which, by the time you are reading this will be a "fait accompli"and that's your French lesson for today.... because, as English as it may seem, croquet is actually a French invention borrowed by the Brits around 1300, modified over the centuries and turned into golf

by the Scots and croquet by the Irish. There was no time to get a report on the event into this issue but I am sure that you will hear all about it from Dawn in the next one.

Next up will be our boat trip on Sunday 14th March, for which you might just make the reservation deadline, followed by Easter celebration on the 4th of April and Kingsday on 2nd May. You will find more information on the latter two in this magazine. A bit later on the agenda will be our yearly AGM, which will be organised on the 23rd May, but more on that next time.

All of the above events will be subjected to the COVID levels at that time. Continue reading in this magazine and you will find out what this means and how you will be informed about that.

Annemieke, Dagmar, Ellen and Yvonne have been busy sorting out the assets of the Dutch school and playgroup which both have been discontinued. A good collection of children's books, DVD's and games will remain in the clubhouse for use by our younger visitors or perhaps as a starting point for a new Dutch school and/or playgroup; who knows?

Another team of ladies, namely An, Carolina and Rita, are busy sorting out the library. Part of the former "kids room" will be used as a library overflow and by adding some tables and chairs to that room we can use it as a reading room or additional meeting room. The list of books that you saw in the previous issue of the Double Dutch and the one attached to this one as a result of that.

Well, that's about it from me for your "news in a nutshell". Apart from this little gem found on the internet "The electric chair was invented by a dentist". No wonder people are afraid of going there!

See you soon,

Pierre



BOATTRIP TO DAYS BAY 14 MARCH 2021

Club outing - Sunday 14 March - 11am
east-west ferry from
Queens Wharf Wellington to Days Bay Lower Hutt

A friendly reminder about this event

- Be at Queens Wharf at 11.30am
- Do not forget your Supergold Card, to be eligible for the free ride
- As long as we in LEVEL 1, the trip goes ahead
- If in doubt, call me on 04 2325070, email ritalangerak68@gmail.com

Till then, Rita



SECRETARY



FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS



At the time of writing this (18th February) we are yet to hold the Golf Croquet Event on the 21st of February, so perhaps we will have photos of it in the May/June 2021 issue of the Double Dutch.

Hopefully, everyone still has their calendar of events for January to April inclusive that was inserted in the January/February 2021 issue of the Double Dutch. If not, maybe you will see a separate item from Rita Langerak in this issue about the Boat trip to Eastbourne.

Dr Joost de Bruin, President of the Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies, gave a marvellous presentation to the members of our club in December, regarding the functions of the Federation. It is appreciated that he took the time out of his busy schedule to visit and enlighten us.

Enclosed in this issue will be the Invoice to Renew Membership. The financial year is from 1st April to 31st of March and it would be greatly appreciated if members could completely fill in the form and return it with payment before the 31st of March 2021. We can then pick up any discrepancies for our membership data base. The numbered membership cards will then be attached to the hard copies of the next issue of the Double Dutch following payment.

Banks are moving away from issuing and accepting cheques (State Insurance, for instance, will not be accepting cheques as from 30 April 2021). Most people can pay Ann Beyk in cash at the Dutch Club. Those who normally write cheques are advised to contact their bank to either set up paying online (if they have a computer) or arrange with their bank to do telephone banking. I know, it could be scary stuff for some people. Father Time keeps marching on and does not wait for anybody - and so does Technology.

Dawn

OUR CLUB and COVID-19

Whether we like it or not, COVID-19 is part of our daily life and while I hope that we will quickly see the back of it, I also fear that we will have to endure it for a wee while longer. This pandemic has bearings on our "club life" and we have seen some of its effects already; products not being available, events cancelled and closed clubrooms.

Due to the fact that the COVID-19 virus has been amongst us for more than a

year now and we are fortunate to live in a sheltered environment called New Zealand, we have slowly pushed its presence to the back of our minds until such moment as a few days ago when there were 3 new community cases after a long, long while.

Hence this note to remind us all again about the duty to ourselves and others to stay healthy.

Committee decisions, following government restrictions, on COVID-19 rules under:

ALL LEVELS

- wash your hands regularly and/or use the bacterial hand-wash that is available;
- respect a person's "bubble" and avoid close contact;
- use a facemask if you want to;
- don't come to the clubrooms or visit an event when you are not feeling well.

LEVEL – 1

- unrestricted access to clubrooms;
- events are organised as per usual but with fall-back scenarios for level changes;
- visitors to the clubrooms and events are to use "tracer app" or "sign-in sheet".

LEVEL – 2

restricted access to clubrooms (no more than 50 visitors simultaneously);

- "small" events held in the clubrooms can be organised but with restricted visitor numbers and for members (and their guests) only. "small" events outside the clubrooms can only be organised with permission and according to the rules of the receiving venue. In both cases, the committee will decide which events will go ahead;
- all other events will be cancelled/postponed until a change to a lower level;
- compulsory use of "tracer app" or "sign-in sheet";
- use social distancing in the clubrooms and avoid close contact.

LEVEL – 3

- clubrooms closed;
- all events cancelled/postponed;
- committee will communicate, between each other and to members, via telephone or email only.

Please remember: it is because of quickly implementing and strictly following such rules that we can count ourselves amongst the "fortunate" countries with few casualties.

We are in this together. Respect each other's space and opinion.

Your committee.

**Unite
against
COVID-19**



Decorating eggs has been part of Easter celebrations at least since medieval times, symbolising new life as an obvious reflection on the resurrection of Jesus. A vast amount of folklore surrounds Easter eggs, and in a number of Eastern European countries, the process of decorating them is extremely elaborate.

Yet it was only in the 17th century that a German tradition of an “Easter hare” bringing eggs to good children came to be known. Hares and rabbits have a long association with spring seasonal rituals because of their amazing powers of fertility.

For me personally, growing up in Limburg, it was extremely important to find out early in what week Easter would fall because 40 days before that we would celebrate “Carnaval”!

“Carnaval” has already passed and, if I read-up about it on the Internet, it wasn’t an enjoyable one this year in the Netherlands. But if you want to find out if you have been “a good girl or boy”, join us on 4th April during our Social Sunday event and see if the Easter Bunny brought you an egg. Who knows, it might be as beautifully decorated as on the image.

Pierre

BOOKS

Another lot of books have been selected to leave our clubrooms for good. 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

KINGSDAY / KONINGS DAG 2021

This year, Koningsdag (27 April) will fall on a Tuesday and as we customarily celebrate this event on a Sunday we had to choose between the weekend before or after. Considering the weekend before is ANZAC day, we opted for Sunday 2nd May, a wee bit after his Majesty's actual birthday but we wouldn't want to miss a party, would we?

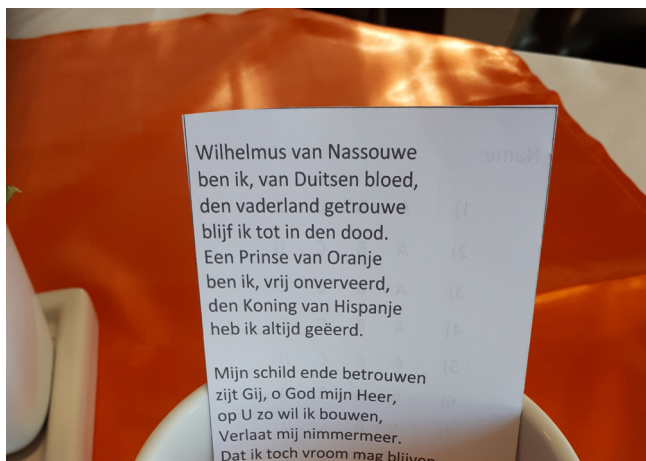
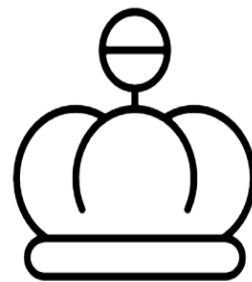
At the time of writing we do not have a full program in place but wanted to share the date with you for your calendar. The venue will be Avalon House in Taita.

Our social Sunday gathering that day will be combined with the Kingsday celebrations and rest assured that there will be plenty of orange and Dutch food. All other entertainment will be announced in a special newsletter and on FaceBook.

If you have ideas for our organising team or are keen to help out during the celebrations, please contact the club secretary and let her know!

See you at Koningsdag!

Pierre



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in our club rooms, Avalon House, 61 Taita Drive, Avalon, Lower Hutt, at 2.00pm on Sunday 23rd of May 2021.

According to the Constitution of our Club, only financial members of our club can vote or be elected on to the committee at the AGM. Our membership term is from the 1st of April to the 31st of March. Therefore, the new term of membership begins on the 1st of April and there is a membership renewal form to accompany this issue of the Double Dutch.

Also, according to the Constitution, all members must receive a copy of the Minutes from the previous AGM, an Agenda of the business to be transacted, financial and other reports. These will be sent to our members with the May/June issue of the Double Dutch.

Once again, according to the Constitution, the committee is elected by the ordinary members of the club at the AGM. These may be by notifying the secretary at least a week before the AGM of who you would like to nominate (after first ascertaining that person is available and is a member) or you can indicate to the secretary your willingness

to serve on the committee. Nominations can be taken from the floor at the AGM. Remember, you do not have to be Dutch – neither Isobel (Aussie) nor I (Kiwi) are! The Chinese philosopher, Confucius (551 – 479 BC) is reputed to have said “Many hands make light work” and since electricity was not invented so many years ago, I am sure he was talking about everyone mucking in to do their bit.

The usual refreshments will be served at the meeting so we would love to see you all there.

The newly elected committee then convenes as soon as possible after the AGM to appoint the officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members are assigned tasks to be responsible for.

Kind regards,

Dawn Dorresteijn, Secretary.

Don't forget to renew your membership NOW!
It will ensure you continue to receive the Double Dutch and you will have access to the club events.



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Tuesday Klaverjas Club

On Tuesday 4th February, all of our members arrived and were ready to start again for the year. There were two new members who wanted to join us - Rina v Vliet from Petone and Roel Ymker from Porirua. We welcomed them both to Join our club.

See you all on Tuesdays to play and enjoy the game.

Ann Beyk

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

COFFEE MORNINGS

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

SUNDAY INSTUIF

Every Sunday From 2 to 5pm.

KLAVERJAS

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

BOOT TRIP DAYS BAY

Sunday 14 March, 11.30am.

EASTER

Sunday 4 April, 2pm.

KINGS DAY

Sunday 2 May, 2pm.

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

WAIKANAЕ COFFEE GROUP

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

ISLAND BAY COFFEE GROUP

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FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

And here's another issue of the Double Dutch, hot on the heels of the previous issue. As I am creating this edition the Club's croquet outing is about to happen and the boat trip is to follow shortly. I will be absent from both events as I will be on the South Island hiking the Kepler Track and biking the West Coast Wilderness Trail. I hope you all have a great time and I am looking forward to the write up of these events in the next edition.

The committee is doing a fantastic job in keeping the club running. As you can read in this issue, there are several events taking place over the next few months. Please take note of them all as we love to see you at as many events as possible.

Take care, enjoy the events listed in this issue and pop in to the clubhouse during one of our socials.

Met vriendelijke groet,

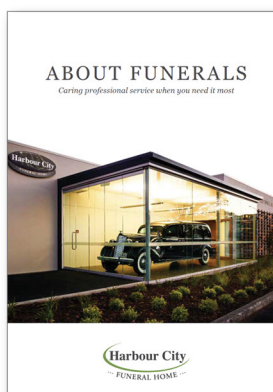
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