

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

THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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Join us for a
warm solstice
celebration lunch

**Solstice
Lunch**

Sunday
20 June
11.30 am

Avalon Clubhouse



PRESIDENT



FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

Greetings, I hope this May/June newsletter finds you all well and happy to read-up on past events, of which we got plenty on offer, and our coming offering.

In this issue of the Double Dutch you will find reports about our Easter celebration, the recent bowling event, the captain's log of our Eastbourne trip and a hammer (sorry mallet) of a story about the Croquet event. Activities continue with upcoming events on 2nd May when we celebrate Koningsdag and 20th June when we are organising a Winter Solstice Lunch.

The Winter Solstice Lunch is a club's first and in essence a spin-off from the Midwinter Christmas Lunch that we had last year. While last year's event was a complete sell-out and huge success, we had feedback that it wasn't really "Christmassy" despite the decorations. Hence the change. For the Winter Solstice Lunch, you can expect winter warming food in a European style atmosphere. Want to know more? Read on.

We are at the start of a new club year and I would like to ask our members for some assistance, in two different ways. First of all, an appeal to be evangelists of our club. Like many clubs in New Zealand, our member base is not growing. You, as a member, can

help by trying to enthuse people who are interested in "anything Dutch" to become members and support the club.

Secondly, by volunteering to help at an event. Without volunteers to do the tasks that make an event happen, it won't happen. Volunteering doesn't mean being hooked to something regularly or for many hours. Being available for 2 or 3 hours to help during an event usually is a big relieve for the organisers.

On the topic of volunteering, but now looking back at the last club year, I would wholeheartedly like to thank everybody who have helped during our events. Circumstances beyond our control have

made it a difficult year for everyone and yet we have managed to pull off some amazing happenings!

Last, but certainly not least on our agenda; we will be holding our Annual General meeting (AGM) on the 23rd May. This meeting will replace the Social Sunday event for that day and is for members only. The AGM is a good place to learn more about our club, address the committee with questions and comments or just chat and mingle with fellow members.

Happy reading,

Pierre



**The Dutch Club Wellington invites its members
and friends to our**

**WINTER
SOLSTICE
LUNCH**

**20 June
At Avalon House
12.00 pm,
door open 11.30 am**

bookings by 12 of June:

**Dawn: 04-9382378
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SECRETARY



FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS



Kees and I have just returned from a few days in Taupo to meet up with my two brothers and their respective wives. On the return journey, we called in to Foxton to meet up with Arjan van der Boon to discuss the possibility of contributing to the portal he has set up.

There are now quite a few website addresses for anyone (with internet access) to look at and explore regarding our club and Dutch activities. It has been unanimously agreed by our committee that we will no longer pay to keep our own club website running. There are already some news and announcements that have been posted on the portal www.DutchNZ/nz.

The Federation's website, www.dutchcommunities.co.nz, is also up and running again.

Contact details of the Dutch Club Wellington are here: <http://www.dutchcommunities.co.nz/new-zealand-netherlands-society-wellington-inc/> and our newsletters have been posted here: <http://www.dutchcommunities.co.nz/double-dutch-wellington/>.

We enjoyed a lovely Sunday morning playing croquet on the 21st of February at the Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club in Taita, Lower Hutt. Afterwards, we went to our club rooms for lunch. We thank the members of the croquet club for coaching and supervising the games for a little competition that we ran.

The Klaverjas Club could do with some more players. I am the reserve player when they are one short but lately have been called upon every week (I am more of a croquet player than a card player). For those who would like to play, turn up to the clubrooms just after 10.00am on a Tuesday, when a draw is made as to who will be playing with whom. Announcements are

made of the scores from the previous week and a bar of chocolate is presented to the winners and the losers (I have not received one lately). Bring your lunch because play starts at 11.00am, stop for lunch and then resume play again until 3 sets of 16 games are completed – about 2.00pm. If you don't know how to play Klaverjas but would like to learn, not a problem, someone will show you how.

The Annual General Meeting of our club will be held on Sunday 23rd of May, at 2.00pm in our clubrooms with the usual refreshments served at some stage. For those who receive a hard copy of the Double Dutch, the Agenda and Minutes from the last AGM will be inserted loosely in your May/June 2021 copy. For those that receive a digital copy of the Double Dutch, those AGM papers will be attached.

We will be holding a Winter Solstice lunch at 12 noon in our club rooms on Sunday 20th June - more information will be forthcoming.

Lastly, as a former editor of the Double Dutch for many years, I would personally like to thank Anja Geelen for a job well done in editing the Double Dutch as well as posting items on the club website and Facebook. Anja has indicated that this will be her last issue of the Double Dutch and in dealing with the other communications, so Pierre is tapping a few shoulders to find a willing and capable person to take over from Anja. If you would be willing and able to take on that position, please phone Pierre.

Dawn



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Croquet at Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club

Winners Pierre Schmits and Harry van der Gulik and Ben Lokum and Alan Brown



Lang zullen ze
leven!

Happy Birthday

**Rene van Lierop,
Yvonne v.d. Berg,
Joop Dol, Phemia van Dyk,
Anna Heythuysen,
Ellen Tavenier,
Anne-Marie Knibbeler and
Dinie Bode**



FERRY TRIP DAYS BAY

Days Bay - Eastbourne, which is a marvellous area for fishing, walking, relaxing, enjoying the scenery, sunbathing, entertaining etc. in very beautiful surroundings. No wonder John Williams had a keen eye to buy land at Days Bay in the 1890s for 1000,00 Pounds only.

Our boat trip to Days Bay on Sunday 14 March started to see not only 26 happy and smiling members at Queens Wharf, but also the weather gods, who showered us with sunshine and a mild breeze.

At 12 noon we boarded the ferry and had an amazing view over the harbour towards Eastbourne, the Hutt and further to the southern suburbs and open sea.

Arriving at the Pavillion for our lunch was very welcoming as a set of wooden tables had been placed together, so we all could converse with each other under the canopy, with plenty of sunshine and other visitors around us.

After most of us had a coffee or a wine! lunch was ordered, which was enjoyed by all. The service was excellent. Then off for a stroll around the park or relax and watch the world go by.

We caught the Ferry back at 3.20pm with an in between stop at Seatoun wharf.

I am happy to say that it was a big success and a truly memorable day out for all of us.

Happy memories.

Rita



EASTER AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Our Easter event was well attended and this year we opted for an active afternoon. As per the usual, the clubrooms were decorated in Easter colours and ornaments but the final decoration was yet to be created by the visitors. Anna, Carolina and Rita had gathered various crafting materials and these to be used to decorate the eggs.

Thanks to a generous donation from Phemia we had an abundance of fresh chicken eggs that were hard boiled and ready to be adorned. So after coffee and a delicious piece of birthday cake from Corry everyone got into action. After some two hours of serious crafting with of course frequently interruptions for a chat, a drink, kroket or other nibble the Easter creations were finalised.

Now it was down to Rita, who's task it was to pick the winner. With her well trained eye for style, design and authenticity she decided that the first prize was Corry's egg (could the cake have worked as a bribe....?) and second prize was Ann Beyk's egg.

A special mention was given to Ben's eggs who would have certainly challenged for the top spot if not for the fact that he prepared them at home, the previous day, and thus was excluded.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated and made this a most enjoyable Easter Sunday.

Pierre



BOWLS

On Sunday 18 April we had another go at lawn bowls. This is now the third time that this event is being organised by bowls grandmaster Arie Molenaar and sponsored by "StorageOne" for which we are very grateful. Out of the total group, 10 people decided to play and about the same number were ready to cheer them on while enjoying a cup of coffee on the side line. Paul and Arie were there to explain the rules and tactics of the game to the first timers and remind the players that have played previously.

For those of you who have never played, I will endeavour to give a short description of the game. A small white ball (size of a billiard ball), called the jack, is some 25 metres away from the players. Each player has a number of "rock melon size", fairly heavy, balls called the bowl. The aim of the game is to roll the bowl and get it as close to the jack as possible. Difficulty is that the weight inside the bowl is unequally divided, making the bowl follow a curved, rather than a straight, line when rolled.

The player of the bowl that comes closest to the jack when all bowls are rolled, wins. After this, the team walks over to the other side of the court (where the jack is) and recuperates all bowls. The jack is then rolled to the other end of the court and the next game starts.

It sounds easier than it is though, and after several practice rolls most of us got the hang of it and managed to keep the bowls out of the gutter. We were all so excited about playing the game that nobody kept score, meaning that at the end we were all winners. After some 20 games for each team it was nearing noon and we all went over to the restaurant for a drink and lunch. The menu was quite varied and the food was delicious. Around 2 o'clock most of us were back at the clubhouse for Social Sunday.

While chatting to Heather (Arie's better half) she mentioned that in the past they had both spent many hours at the NaeNae bowls club and were both keen players. She has since retired from playing but said that Arie was still very active, in all sorts of capacities, at the club and probably spends more time there than at home. She even revealed that his bowls team were thinking of constructing a special hut for him in the building so that he could avoid the travel to and from home altogether. We certainly want to be back next year to see the finished hut!

A big THANK YOU to Arie and team for organising this wonderful event.

Pierre



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Dear members,

On Sunday 23 May, we will hold our Annual General Meeting AGM in the clubhouse in Avalon.

The meeting will start at 14:00 hrs and is intended to end around 15:00 hrs after which drinks and nibbles will be served. Please note that the meeting can only be attended by members of our club.

Remits and suggested agenda points for this meeting must be sent to Dawn via post or e-mail before 9th May to be included in the meeting.

In this meeting we would like to ask for your opinion on two questions relevant to the management of our club. These are:

1. Financial asset investments

In recent years the club's financial resources have been invested as Term Deposits at our bank. The return on these type of investments has been diminishing over the past few years and is now at an all-time low. Predictions are that negative interest will be introduced on deposits in NZ banks in the near future.

Should the club continue to use Term Deposits or adopt a diverse investment for (part of) our financial assets?

2. Financial review

Currently the club has its accounts checked by an external party at the end of every club year. This is more a legacy than a compliance with our constitution or rules from the business registration for Incorporate companies. An internal check principle would simplify the procedure as well as save cost.

Should the club continue to use an external party for checking our accounts?

As per usual, a new committee will be elected during the meeting and this committee will convene on the first scheduled committee meeting (1 June 2021) to assign roles and discuss the general plan for the club-year 2021-2022.

The AGM is the place where you can make your voice heard so please bring any ideas and/or comments to the meeting.

See you there!

Pierre

NOTICE

**Members of the FSN Wellington are invited to attend the
AGM OF THE FRIENDLY SUPPORT NETWORK WELLINGTON INC.**

To be held on Wednesday 5th of May, 1:15pm, following the coffee morning, in the clubrooms.

1. Welcome, present and apologies
2. Minutes of last year's AGM and matters arising
3. Finance Report for the year ended 31 March 2021
4. Chairperson's report
5. Election of officers
6. General Business

Any questions please contact Anne-Marie Knibbeler (Secretary), 04 9717571 or 021 9515770.

WINTER SOLSTICE

On Sunday 20 June we will be celebrating the middle of our winter and, more importantly, the start of our journey towards summer, with a Winter Solstice Lunch.

As it is the shortest day or, to be more precise; the day before the shortest day, we will be cranking up the heaters, lighting the candles, decorating the clubrooms and serve some mood food. Following the huge success last year, we will be making sure that Rita's Mulled-wine (2021 Tawa reserve) will be ready to welcome you upon arrival.

The delicious 3-course feast that follows will be featuring European style delicacies, New Zealand wines, winter entertainment and a warm Dutch Club smile.

This event will be strictly limited to 40 guest only so booking before 12 June is essential.

You can book by calling/emailing Dawn, 04-9382378
or dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com.

or talking to Ann Beyk at one of our club events. Let us know of any dietary requirements when booking.

Please note that bookings are only confirmed after payment has been received.

Doors will open at 11:30AM and the price for this event is: \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Payments can be made electronically to:

Account name: New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wgtn) Inc.
Account number: 03 0525009 8055.
Please mention: Solstice lunch

or in cash to: Ann Beyk at any of our events.

Don't miss out, book now!

Pierre



**WINTER
SOLSTICE
LUNCH**
20 June, 11.30 am

TICKETS
\$25 pp for members
\$35 pp for non-members

**Book your ticket before
12 June
no door sales**

This article from the ECHO (Dec 2020) is reprinted with permission from the Netherlands Society Christchurch.

The committee thought some of you may be interested in this book.



Beste leden van de Netherlands Society Christchurch,

In de eerste plaats will ik jullie hartelijk bedanken voor de aan mij geboden gelegenheid om iets te schrijven in jullie mooie maandblad.

Het gaat over mijn, in eigen beheer, uitgebrachte verhalenbundel: "Over Tante Ka, de biggendrijver en anderen". Ik gebruik de auteursnaam Ron Semeijn.

Mijn (echte) naam is Ronald Leeuwerik (74 jr) geboren en getogen in Amsterdam, maar alweer meer dan 45 jaar woonachtig in het oosten van Nederland. Mede op aanraden van mijn gezin heb ik mijn belevenissen, die zich met name afspelen in de tweede helft van de vorige eeuw, op papier gezet en het resultaat is een bundel geworden met over het algemeen humoristische anekdotes, niet alleen zeer herkenbaar voor mijn tijdgenoten, maar ook de jongere generatie krijgt een leuk inkijkje in het leven van hun (groot) ouders.

Binnenkort komt het boek ter beschikking van de NSC bibliotheek in Christchurch maar wanneer u daar niet op wilt wachten, dan kunt u dankzij het internet de Ebook versie downloaden op uw computer of tablet voor de tijdelijke actieprijs van 6,99 euro. De normale paperback uitvoering kost 14,95 euro excl. verzendkosten. De link is www.boekenbestellen.nl. Daarna in de zoekbalk even de auteursnaam invullen en een kind kan de was doen. Jullie vinden daar ook een aantal reviews. Ik eindig dit stukje met de laatste alinea uit hoofdstuk 23, het verhaal over mijn vroegere angst voor honden en het leven en de dood van mijn hond Kelly. Ongetwijfeld zeer herkenbaar voor hondenbezitters/liefhebbers.

"Ik houd nog steeds van (wat grotere) honden en van angst is allang geen sprake meer. Zijn er dan helemaal geen nadelen verbonden aan het hebben van een hond? Jawel, de wetenschap dat ze een keer doodgaan. Alleen hondenbezitters weten hoeveel pijn dat telkens doet."

Ik houd mij aanbevolen voor uw reacties en eventuele vragen.

Groetend,

Ronald Leeuwerik (alias Ron Semeijn)

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Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Already 3 months of card playing done, so it is time to let you know how the scores were so far:

Week 1	2 February	Julie Tan	5019
Week 2	9 February	Roel Ymker	5041
Week 3	16 February	Harry v/d Gulik	5207
Week 4	23 February	Len Visser	5204
Week 5	2 March	Ann Beyk	5404
Week 6	9 March	Len Visser	5209
Week 7	16 March	Julie Tan	5104
Week 8	23 March	Roel Ymker	5381
Week 9	30 March	Ann Beyk	5746
Week 10	6 April	Harry v/d Gulik	5779
Week 11	13 April	Ann Beyk	4526
Week 12	20 April	Rini v Vliet	5298

So as you can see, most of the scores are over the 5000. Keep it up. Come play cards and enjoy yourselves and the company of friends. See you on Tuesday, Ann

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.

KINGS DAY

Sunday 2 May, 2pm.

AGM

Sunday 23 May, 2pm.

WINTER SOLSTICE

Sunday 20 June, 11.30am.

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

WAIKANAЕ COFFEE GROUP

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

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EDITOR



FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of the Double Dutch. It is full of past, present and future event reports, thanks to a very active and dedicated committee. Once again they are dishing up a smorgasbord of events and activities. A big thank you to each one of them, as well as the non-committee members who donate their time doing odd jobs and helping out here and there.

In February I informed Pierre that I will be stepping down as editor, FB and website manager after the AGM. This will be my last issue of editing the Double Dutch. I have enjoyed creating this bi-monthly newsletter. My thanks go out to the committee members who consistently and dutifully handed in their copy, making my editing job so much easier.

If yourself or someone you know is interested in taking over the editor's role please contact Pierre. The committee does a fantastic job in keeping the club running. The day to day running of the club as well as organising the many events takes quite a bit of their time, and having someone to take the newsletter out of their hands will be of a tremendous help. I am happy to assist you with your first edition. It will be fun.

Met vriendelijke groet,

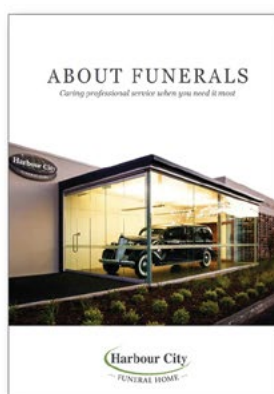
Anja

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