

Newsletter of the New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wgtn) Incorporated

THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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February – March 2022



Een gelukkig (oranje) Nieuwjaar!

**COMING UP: Croquet in February * Bowls in March * Orange Bide Ride
* Proposed Trip to the South Island.**

Join us for coffee mornings, Klaverjas and Sunday afternoon socials.

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Links

Our club's website	www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz
Our club on Facebook	www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/
The Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies	www.dutchcommunities.co.nz
Dutch Connections community website	https://dutchnz.nz
Netherlands Embassy, Wellington	www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand
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What's On

At the clubrooms:

Coffee mornings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10-1pm.

Sunday instuif: Sundays 2pm - 5 pm.

Klaverjas: every Tuesday 10am - 2pm. Bring your own lunch.

Spelletjes/Games: TBA – Follow Facebook or phone Martin de Jong, 021 909 688.

Elsewhere:

Island Bay coffee group: every Wednesday, 10.30am, Island Bay Community Centre.

Waikanae coffee group, every 2nd Friday of the month, 10am, Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae.

Levin coffee morning: every last Thursday of the month, 10am, Levin Bridge Club

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From the President – Van de Voorzitter

First and foremost, I would like to wish you and your families a HAPPY NEW YEAR with all that you might wish for but above all: health and contentment. Let's hope that the new year will be better than the previous two!

As befitting the start of a New Year, I would like to hark back for a moment to the last two months of the past one. These were very busy months for the committee, organisers and volunteers of the events that took place.

The Sinterklaas party was a blast with around 50 young guests and, even more than that, adult visitors. What an entrance Sinterklaas made this year! Only two weeks later we celebrated Christmas in the, by now, usual way with a sumptuous Christmas Luncheon. Again, two weeks later we toasted in the New Year and wished each other well at the start of a year that will hopefully see an end to the COVID pandemic. Curious about how these events went? Read on, and be awed by the photographs further on in this edition.

Donations – Thank You!

I have the pleasure to inform you about two recent donations made to our club.

First, a donation from one of our member families that has significantly increased the budget for buying Sinterklaas presents. Sinterklaas presents are funded from the entrance fees to the event, paid by the parents. This donation was added to the budget meaning that we were able to spend more money on the presents. A welcome donation in these expensive times.

Secondly, we received a very generous monetary bequest from a long-term member of the club who sadly passed away some time ago. The funds will be used, as intended, for the daily running and upkeep of the club.

A big "THANK YOU" to both supporters and their respective families!

Pierre

So that'll be it for a while, you might think. Well, think again, because we are continuing our sequence of events with a game of Croquet on the 20th of February and a game of Bowls in March. More about these events in this magazine.

Lastly, we would like to probe your interest in a trip to Nelson. This will entail, for those who join, taking sail to the South Island for a few days. If this has awakened your curiosity, read on in this edition and let us know what you think, but be quick as the plan is to make this trip at the beginning of March.

As you can see, we are making a flying start in the New Year as far as activities is concerned and we hope to continue doing this throughout the rest of the year but can only do that with your support. So, if you feel you have got some energy to help at an event, or even organise one, yell out and you will find plenty of listening ears!

Happy reading,

Pierre

Birthday Greetings for:

February: Wim Geerts, Pieter Koedijk, Ans Howes, Kees and Dawn Dorrestijn

March: Alison Idema, Corry Romeijn and Tini Vlaar



From the Secretary – Van de Secretaresse

I am going to keep this letter short and sweet like a donkey's trot because I have already submitted three items for this issue. Suffice to say, the events that I mentioned in my letter in the last issue were all able to go ahead despite Omicron, a new variant of the Covid-19 coronavirus that has arrived on our shores.

Our financial year ends on the 31st of March and the next financial year of 2022 to 2023 starts on the 1st of April. Those members who receive a hard copy of the Double Dutch will find an invoice inserted loosely in it and those that receive an electronic copy will receive the invoice as a

separate attachment. It would be greatly appreciated if you could fill in the form and return it to me when you pay your subscription, so that we have your relevant and up-to-date information, even if you think we know it already. When the subscription fees are paid, members' cards will be attached to the next issue of the Double Dutch for those who receive a hard copy and posted to those who receive an electronic copy.

I hope you all had a wonderful Festive Season.

Bye for now,

Dawn

Deadline for the next Double Dutch is Friday 18 March for the April-May issue.

Send contributions to the Editor at dutchclubwgn.editor@gmail.com; or post to The Editor, c/- 61 Taita Drive, Avalon, Lower Hutt 5011.

Christmas Lunch at the Clubrooms ...



... under COVID 2021

Our Christmas event this year was a great success!

Let me elaborate: a few weeks before the event, the clubrooms were decorated with Christmas lights and ornaments to create a great setting and atmosphere for the occasion. And although there was initially a slow start in attendance uptake, we quickly built up momentum and long before the actual happening, we were already fully booked. Initially adamant that we would only accept 40 visitors we ended up with 42 and still had to disappoint a few people.

Let me be clear on the above. The number 40 is not an arbitrary number plucked out of the air. It has to do with:

- People sitting comfortably when they are eating (nobody wants any “airplane scenario” where the elbow of the person sitting next to you is poking in your face while eating).
- people being able to move away from their seat without having to crawl over other visitors or, worse, under the table. Sometimes you need to be able to get somewhere quickly, especially if it concerns a sanitary visit.
- Safety: Last but certainly not least we are catering for a large group of people that need to be able to be safe in or during any type of calamity that might occur.



So, there you have it, hopefully an answer to the queries of those of you who were disappointed that they could not attend; the platitudes of why we need to restrict seating at these events.

The structure of the event was as expected by those who have joined us before. A lavish luncheon, music, sing-along carols and the customary quiz.

As for the music, our house Maestro Ben Lokum honoured us with classic Christmas songs on the flute and ocarina to which the choir of visitors could sing along. There was old and new, English and Dutch, in short “voor elk wat wils”.

The quiz was deemed “difficult” and saw a wide variety in the correctness of the answers. It was however Julie Tan who walked away with the first prize scoring 10 correct answers out of 12 questions. Congratulations Julie! An honourable mention goes to Chris Veenswijk, just missing pole position with 9 correct answers.

Mentionable answers to the open questions are:

A. What would you do today if you knew tomorrow never comes?

- Ring everyone to tell them “I love you” (again Julie Tan);
- Play lots of cards (who else than Ann Beyk and Harry v/d Gulik);
- And for the rest: most people just went to bed!

B. What is your biggest secret:

- Kissing Santa Claus (unfortunately he/she did not put a name)!

As for the main part of the event...The Food...we had a starter prepared by Marina Schmits, dessert by Anna Heythuysen and the main courses catered by “Spitfire” and I am confident, after getting feedback from many of the visitors, that the food was delicious and well appreciated.

Leaves me to thank all of you for: dressing up the clubrooms, preparing the food, serving our guests, and making this a Christmas Lunch to remember.

Rita

Sinterklaas 2021

As mentioned in my introduction, this year's Sinterklaas event was a great success. There were close to 50 children present at the event and even more than that number in adults.

COVID played an important role in organising the event as at that time, New Zealand was changing over from the COVID "Level" to the "Traffic Light" system, meaning we had to adopt and stick to the new rules for events. Fortunately, all our visitors were very helpful and understanding, meaning that all went smooth and according to the rules.

This year, Sinterklaas and his helpers made their entrance on the premises of the clubhouse in a "classic" way, namely in a genuine 1960s Mercury Comet convertible classic car. A real treat to the eye for all car lovers, young and old.

After a short word of welcome, Sinterklaas and the Pieten were invited into the clubrooms while the children sang "Sinterklaasje kom maar binnen" to the tune of the Music Piet playing his ocarina. Once seated and having addressed the children, Sinterklaas saw every family. The children were very surprised that Sinterklaas knew a lot more than they expected, both good and bad! Every so

often, Sinterklaas was given a short break while the children sang another Sinterklaas song and the Pieten made the 'pepernoten' fly into every corner. After everyone had had her/his audience with Sinterklaas, the Pieten handed out the presents to the eagerly awaiting crowd.

There was a big bag of "goodies" for everyone that contained a present, sweets and some (Dutch) children's books that were donated by the former Dutch school.

Upon registering for the event there was a quiz question asking "How Sinterklaas would arrive in Avalon this year". From all submissions there were two lucky winners, answering: "by car" who both received an extra present from Sinterklaas.

After a short photo session in front of the clubhouse, Sinterklaas took his leave from Avalon House where the children escorted him to the gate singing "Dag Sinterklaasje....", hoping he will return next year.

After such a welcome party, I am sure he will.

Pierre.



Dag Sinterklaasje, ... dag lieve Piet(en)



German Cross of the Order of Merit for Boyd Klap



Pictured above, from left to right, H.E. Stefan Krawielicki, Boyd Klap and Isabelle Krawielicki.

On 25th of November 2021, Boyd Klap, who has been a member of our club since soon after he arrived in New Zealand in 1951, was presented with the German Cross of the Order of Merit.

In his presentation speech, H.E. Stefan Krawielicki, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to New Zealand, expressed his pleasure for both himself and his wife, Isabelle to welcome those present to the residence of the German Ambassador in Wellington, especially Boyd Klap.

The Ambassador commented on the great work Boyd has been doing in New Zealand for the Anne Frank exhibition, also in Australia where it can still be seen. Mr Krawielicki then went on to explain Boyd was born on the 14th of January 1927 in Deventer in the Netherlands where he grew up. During the German Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, at the age of only 17, he became a courageous courier

transporting information about German troop movements.

The Ambassador then mentioned Boyd's army service in the Dutch East Indies – Indonesia. During that time, Boyd married his wife Ria by proxy, later returning to the Netherlands in 1950 for the church ceremony of their wedding. Boyd became successful in the insurance business, both in New Zealand and in Australia. But it was after Boyd retired from the insurance business that he spent time and energy in organising the Anne Frank exhibition which is of supreme importance and the prime reason behind the Order of Merit that was awarded to him.

At 95, Boyd is still going strong, sound in mind, wind, and limb and may he continue to be for some time yet.

Congratulations Boyd, well done and well deserved.

Dawn.

New Year's Event 2022

On January the second 2022 the usual Social Sunday event was used to greet the New Year in style. For the 19 attendees there was sparkling wine, various nibbles, seasonal biscuits and, of course, oliebollen.

This year it was our turn to prepare the oliebollen. Being the first time for us, Marina and I had to Google through a myriad of recipes before finally settling on one with classic ingredients including, considering that we hail from the southern most province of The Netherlands, of course....beer.

Sourcing the ingredients and making the dough was quite fun but I can tell you that the fun ended quickly when we had to fry them in 27 degrees

heat! Be it as may, the crowd enjoyed them and there were none left at the end of the day.

Of course, wishes of good luck, health and what not were exchanged and everybody agreed that we were, hopefully, heading to a New Year that would be better than the past two with on the forefront of everyone's mind: freeing ourselves from the shackles of this dreadful pandemic!

For those who were not able to attend: we did think of you, and we hope you will have a wonderful 2022 with all the happiness that you wish for.

Pierre

Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Below are the end of year results for 2021. We did not play for eight weeks because of COVID restrictions:

		Scores	Pits	Nats	Weeks attended
1st	Harry v.d. Gulik	177778	33	130	37
2nd	Ann Beyk	176011	44	109	37
3rd	Nic de Graauw	167047	29	143	37
4th	Joan de Graauw	164010	16	108	37
5th	Julie Tan	159239	19	121	34
6th	Rini v. Vliet	141931	17	117	34
7th	Roel Ymker	141063	28	112	30
8th	Tini Vlaar	74816	11	68	19
9th	Bill Wegeweis	61513	10	55	13

Thanks to our Gardener

Thanks to Ben Lokum who is the source of the lovely tulips that featured on the cover of our November issue.

Ben planted the bulbs, cared for them through the whole year, and has now lifted the bulbs after flowering and will plant them again in autumn for the next season.



Proposed Trip to the South Island

When Pieter Koedijk decided to emigrate to the South Island, he gave the club members a standing invitation to visit him in his new habitat.

In a momentary lapse of reason, I came up with the idea that it might be worthwhile making a club event out of that invitation, depending on how many may be interested in doing so.

And that is what this article is about: a request for an expression of interest. So, if the above idea strikes you as interesting, read on as there are some important aspects about this venture that you must know about.

Firstly, the trip is proposed as a club event which means that I will take care of the organisation and arrangements for all of those who want to come. It is however not sponsored by the club, meaning that the cost for the voyage, accommodation, food, drinks, and entertainment are from your own account.

We don't have any concrete calendar days for the when the trip will happen, but it would likely be mid to end of March and cover three days:

Friday: Departure by morning ferry to Picton and transport to Motueka for a dinner hosted by Pieter Koedijk.

Saturday: Visit "Go Snacks" to see how kroketten are made (to be confirmed) and sightseeing in the region. Dinner at a restaurant.

Sunday: Joint breakfast and departure for Picton for the afternoon ferry to Wellington.

As for the cost of the trip you would need to take the following into account:

- Ferry passage (passenger only), return trip: \$140
- Accommodation in motel/hotel for two nights (estimate): \$300
- Transport within South Island (minivan) for the trip (if applicable): \$50

There might be ways to reduce, or even avoid, some of these costs. Additionally, the committee might decide to sponsor some cost, depending on the number of participants for the event. But,

despite all that, you would need to budget that the trip would cost a minimum of \$500 per person, not considering meals, drinks, and entertainment.

So, I would like to ask anyone who is interested in making this trip to contact me on 021-08273084 or pierre.schmits@yahoo.com before **28 February 2022**. Depending on the number of people joining we will decide on how this is going to pan out and confirm the details of the trip. Currently my thinking is that with less than 10 participants it will be a private (meaning non-club) event.

I look forward to your reply!

Pierre



A Sounds trip sounds appealing? Contact Pierre.

LIVE TO DIE

(A poem from our prospective host)

All we know we DIE one day.
Though we all CAN LIVE with that.
Because we do not know the way,
nor the day
on which we take off our hat
for Mr. DEATH
and frankly say:
"I would not mind, had we not met".

Abe Labes

COMING UP – Croquet, Bowls & Bikes

Community Golf Croquet

A croquet outing is planned for Sunday 20th February:



Venue:

Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club Inc.
Walter Nash Park, 110A Reynolds Street
(2½ km north of Dutch Club on the 110 bus route).
Taita, Lower Hutt.

Directions from High Street, Taita:

Turn into Tocker Street at the BP petrol station on the corner of High Street and Tocker Street. Drive to the intersection of Tocker Street and Reynolds Street, turn right. A few metres up the road on the left-hand side is Walter Nash Park, Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club and Hutt Valley Darts. These are all signposted at the entrance to the park, next to a green bus stop on the 110 bus route.

Timetable:

10.00am: arrive, cup of coffee/tea and speculaas biscuit, instructions on how to play.
Dutch Club Members: \$5.00 per person (no eft-post), non-Dutch Club Members: \$7.50 per person.
10.30am: organised games with Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club members supervising: 3 x 15 minutes.
11.30 am: finish playing croquet. Go to Dutch Clubrooms for Pizza Lunch (supplied by the Dutch

Lawn Bowls – date tba

We will be organising the popular lawn bowls event again, most likely in March, but we are waiting for confirmation from Arie Molenaar. The event will take place at the Bowling Club in NaeNae and will be followed by lunch at the venue.

Members will be informed about the date and details via a Newsletter as soon as we have clarity on this. Alternatively, you can keep up to date with all events by visiting our website on www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz.



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. It is all on flat ground like a billiard table.

Participants must wear flat shoes (no heels), and 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, but not suitable for young children to attend because of the use of mallets and hard balls. All croquet equipment will be supplied.

For further information and bookings, contact:
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Bike Ride in Dutch Week



Look out for Dutch Week activities in the last week of April, especially “Orange Bike Rides” being promoted for Wellington, Waikanae and the Hutt Valley on Saturday 30 April. These are being promoted by the Netherlands Embassy, and organised locally. We hope the Hutt Valley one will conclude at the Clubrooms with Koningsdag celebrations. <https://dutchnz.nz/Dutch%20Week>.

In Memoriam – Chris de Kruyf

Christiaan (Chris) de Kruyf: bequest to the New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wellington) Inc.



Chris was born on the 26th of September 1929 in the Netherlands where he grew up under Nazi (German) occupation in World War 2. In November 1952, Chris emigrated to New Zealand with his 19-year-old,

brother, Rudy on a sponsored scheme, where the New Zealand government and the Dutch government each paid half their fare and in return they were bonded to work for a year. Chris was given work on the electrification of the Hutt Railway line, working for the railways building the powerline from Pauatahanui to Plimmerton, and Haywards to Pomare. While working on the railways during the day, Chris then worked 5 nights a week, cleaning offices in Stout Street, Wellington as well as a Saturday job gardening from 5 shillings an hour.

Chris met Anna, his wife to be, at a dance at the Petone rowing club. Anna had come to New Zealand as a child refugee from Poland during World War 2. They were married in Petone on the 22nd of December 1954. Anna (Hanja) de Kruyf, nee Mokrzycka was born on the 15th of June 1930 and died on the 7th of April 2016.

By 1958, Chris was working for the housing division of the Ministry of Works as a siting draftsman and

at this time he started studying to be an architect, later obtaining a diploma in Architecture from Auckland University.

He then was involved in the construction of many hydro power schemes as a Project Architect in such places as the Clyde Dam, Tekapo B and Ohau B power Stations.

Chris was a passionate member of the Orchid Society and grew many orchids at his home in Fairfield, Lower Hutt. Until their deaths, Chris and Anna were members of the Wellington Dutch Club for many years, regularly attending the club rooms socially and to play Klaverjas and Rummikub.

They did not have any children, but especially in their declining years, were well looked after by Anna's niece, Lillianna as well as volunteers from the Wellington branch of the Friendly Support Network. Both organisations were mentioned in Chris' Will with separate substantial bequests, which is much appreciated.

Dawn.

The Friendly Support Network (Wellington) Incorporated is very grateful for the bequest received from the estate of Chris de Kruijf. Chris was a long-term supporter of the FSN, and the money received from his estate will be put to good use. For enquiries or requests for visits, please ring Anne-Marie Knibbeler (027 951 5770) or the chairperson, Bill van Waas (04 298 4244).





News from the Embassy

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Important dates

Pop Up consular desks

Auckland

22 & 23 February
Holland House

Christchurch

19 April
Netherlands Society

Hamilton

15 June
Zenders

Tip of the month

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Embassy of the Netherlands in New Zealand



23 April - 1 May 2022

The program for the Dutch week is starting to take form!

Saturday 23 April	Opening and Big Dutch Day Out Foxton
	Official Opening Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington
Monday 25 April	ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 26 April	DBA event in Auckland
Wednesday 27 April	Kingsday Start orange lights around the country
Thursday 28 April	Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington
Friday 29 April	Speech competition Dutch Language Day
Saturday 30 April	Nationwide Dutch Bike Ride Vrijmarkten Kingsday Party Auckland Christchurch Kingsday party
Sunday 1 May	Closing Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington 4th May Commemoration Auckland

More information to come soon on [Dutch Connections \(dutchnz.nz\)](https://dutchnz.nz)

Meet the team!

We would like to introduce you to the consular team at the Embassy.

Hanneke Koolen, Senior Consular Officer, our longest running consular team member, she joined the team in 2015.

Petra Verdoorn, Senior Consular Officer has been with the team for 5,5 years

Jaco van der Walt, Senior Consular Officer, who joined us in 2019.

Maartje Thorns is our Operational Manager & Head of Consular Affairs, she has been at the Embassy for almost 11 years

We are here to help and we look forward meeting you either at the Embassy or at one of our Pop Up Consular desks.

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Hire fees (excl GST):

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Full day (9am – 5 pm)	\$75
Evening (5-10pm)	\$50
Bond	\$100
Cleaning (if required)	\$50

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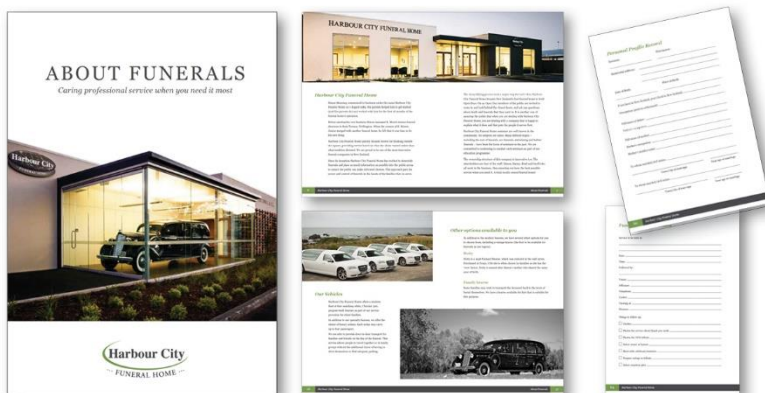
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Het Laatste Woord: Van de Redacteur

On 24 January, Wellington Anniversary Day, Avalon House was the scene of a murder. But fear not – it was all in jest, as the upstairs/downstairs nature of the house lent itself as an ideal venue for a Murder Mystery Dinner Party for my middle daughter's 21st birthday party. Fourteen guests invited to George/Georgina Sweet's (the 5th Earl of Coddington) 'last gasp' farewell party set in 1899 Victorian England. Alas, no one, not even the hapless Inspector Crane (yours truly) and his sidekick PC Coppitt, nor the presence of Shylock Nomes, were able to solve 'whodunnit' before the time was up.

In case the Club itself takes up this challenge at some future date, I won't reveal the culprit on these pages, but happy to provide the entertaining

list of suspects who attended the Dinner Party. Thank you Dutch Club for providing the perfect venue for a 'perfect crime'? (See clubroom hire costs on the page opposite.)



As February is the month of the Aotearoa Bike Challenge (<https://www.lovetoride.net/nz>) and with the Orange Bike Ride coming up in April, I leave with you my favourite cycle pic from the Netherlands.



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