THE DOUBLE DUTCH

Issue 2022/4

August – September 2022



Warming up the Winter in the Clubrooms ...



...while waiting for Spring ...

COMING UP: Tulip Sunday * Leiden Ontzet * Spelletjes

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

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www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/ Our club on Facebook

The Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies www.dutchcommunities.co.nz

https://dutchnz.nz **Dutch Connections community website**

www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand Netherlands Embassy, Wellington

> Email: wel@minbuza.nl Ph: 04 471 6390

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 afternoon: 2nd Sunday of the

month (with Sunday instuif).

Elsewhere:

Island Bay coffee group: every last Wednesday of

ritalangerak68@gmail.com

the month, 10.30am – 12 noon, Island Bay

Community Centre, The Parade, Island Bay. \$3.00

per person. (Note change to monthly only).

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.

Tulip Sunday – Tulpen Zondag

Although it is early days, I wanted to mention this year's Tulip Sunday taking place on Sunday 25th September. As per usual, this event will be part of the Spring Festival held in the Botanic Gardens in Wellington. Hopefully, after two years of absence, we will be able to participate in this event again, offering our Dutch snacks and treats to the public. So be quick to mark that day in your calendar for a visit to the beautiful gardens to admire the tulips in bloom and taste some Dutch delights.

Stalls will open from 11am, there will be a formal opening with prominent speakers around noon

and last calls are taken around 3pm.

We are always looking for volunteers for this event so if you feel like rolling up your sleeves and helping us out with preparing or selling food, please give me a call on 021 08272084 or write an email to dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com and we will contact you with more information.

See you at the gardens in Wellington on 25 September.

Pierre.



Spelletjes with our Sunday Instuif/Social Afternoon

Our next spelletjes/games afternoon is set for Sunday 14 August. We'll bring the sjoelbak (shuffleboard) down again, and have available games such as Cluedo, Rummikub, "Mens erger je niet" (Ludo), Twister, cards and other board games. Bring along your own favourites to introduce to others. We can even teach you how to play Klaverjas!

Games afternoons are intended for all ages from young children to adults. They usually run on the second Sunday of each month with the Sunday social (instuif), but that doesn't stop you bringing out the games any other Sunday! Tea, coffee and Dutch snacks – especially kroketten – available as always.

If you have any questions or ideas for our games afternoons – contact Martin de Jong, 021 909 688.



From the President - Van de Voorzitter



Greetings – I hope you are all keeping dry and warm in these wintery days. What happened in the past few months?

We had our Annual General Meeting last

May with a good turn-out, interesting discussions and I am sure that everybody enjoyed the reception afterwards, certainly the haring lovers!

I am happy to announce that all nominations have been accepted and that we again have a strong committee for our club, details of which you will find further on in this magazine.

On Sunday the 19th of June we celebrated Winter Solstice with a by now customary lunch, this time with an Asian twist.

More recently, on Sunday the 26th June we rolled the balls at Arie's local bowls club in Naenae. Unfortunately, I had to miss on this occasion but Rita's review of the event can be found in this issue.

And that is about all that happened.... apart from our regular events: Social Sunday, Tuesday klaverjas and Wednesday coffee morning of course. I am happy to see that those are still going strong.

Looking ahead, August and the first part of September will be quiet as well, however behind the scenes we are preparing for Tulip Sunday which we will hopefully be able to organise again this year. I would also like to mention Leiden Ontzet because the next issue of the Double Dutch will be coming out around the time of that event, hence you can read all about how to participate in this publication.

While COVID may be slipping from our minds I would like to reiterate that as members and visitors to our clubrooms we all have a duty to keep each other safe and healthy. With rules and restrictions easing further and further, it is down to us all to make sure that we keep a healthy Dutch club community. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't have fun but, if we do, let's do it responsibly.

Finally, I would like to say thank you very much to "Anonymous" in the last edition of the Double Dutch for the accolades you mentioned. They are both appreciated and encouraging. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend these honours to all those other members who contribute to make our events enjoyable.

Stay healthy,

Pierre

Bowls Afternoon at Naenae

On Sunday 26th of June we enjoyed the yearly game of bowls at the Naenae Bowling Club. Starting at 10am and, as with the years before, Arie Molenaar and his son Paul were there to assist, refresh and explain the rules of the game to the players.

As Pierre was not available, I took over the honours. But I did not make a good start of this – arriving at 11am instead of 10am!

Fourteen members attended the event either to

play the game or being ready to cheer the players, while sipping a free cup of coffee or tea. We all had a good time. Congratulations to all "winners".

Just after 12 noon we all sat down at the Bowling Club restaurant for a most delicious and tasty lunch. Around 2 o'clock most of us were back at the clubhouse for Social Sunday.

A big thank you to Arie and his son for organising this event.

Rita

From the Secretary - Van de Secretaresse

I'm very grateful to Dawn Dorresteijn for fulfilling this role for the past three years – thank you Dawn. I had a nice break but am happy to be back serving the club as your secretary.

There's not much to write about – the past two months have been rather quiet. Apart from the very enjoyable Solstice lunch we didn't do anything out of the ordinary in the club. I hear the Sunday Socials have been well attended, but alas, the Wednesday coffee morning attendance has suffered a decline, because of the bad weather that has prevented people driving and also because of members' illnesses. Still, those who could come found a warm room and pleasant company.

Our current ambassador, Mrs Mira Woldberg, will have left New Zealand by the time you read this. Mrs Woldberg has been a very 'visible'

ambassador; she truly represented all the sectors of the Dutch community in New Zealand. The new ambassador will be Mr Ard van der Vorst, currently Consul-General of the Netherlands in Atlanta, Georgia. He will arrive in New Zealand in August,

and we hope to meet him when he speaks at Tulip Sunday in September.

Welcome to the new members Denise and to Marjolein and Bevan and their children.



To those of you who are unwell, I wish you strength and, if possible, a good recovery.

Best wishes to you all.

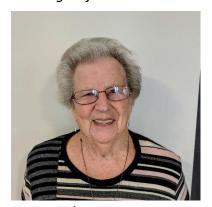
Anne-Marie

Know your Committee members!

The following serve on the Committee along with Pierre and Anne-Marie above. See AGM report on page 6.



Bill Wegewijs



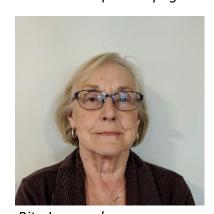
Anne Beyk



Carolina van Roov



René van Lierop



Rita Langerak



Anna Heythuysen

Annual General Meeting

On Sunday 22nd May, our club held its Annual General Meeting for the year 2022. It was good to see a large crowd turn up for this meeting and show interest for the ongoing activity of our society.

In summary, the club will keep following the course set-out in the past few years: organising regular, seasonal and casual events. The committee is engaging with Lower Hutt City Council to renew the lease of the clubhouse or find a suitable alternative in case renewal is not possible. Lastly, available funds will be managed through conservative investments and, over time, used for the day to day running of the club and member subsidies for organised events.

After the formal part, participants enjoyed a drink, a nibble and some haring.

For details of what was discussed during the meeting, I would like to refer to the minutes which, for those members who have not already received them, can be obtained from Anne-Marie Knibbeler.

As a spin-off from the AGM we convened on 7th June to elect the officers for the new committee.

Changes to last year's committee are:

Dawn Dorresteijn has resigned from both the position of Secretary of the club and from being committee member. Thank you, Dawn, for your valuable contribution in the past years. This position will now be filled by Anne-Marie Knibbeler who needs little introduction to the role as she knows how to handle the ropes from past years of experience. Welcome back Anne-Marie.

New to the committee is Bill Wegewijs who joined the club about a year ago after his move from Hamilton to our region. Bill will be active in organising events and general support. Welcome to the team Bill.

All other roles were filled by re-election of the people that held those positions in the previous years.

I am looking forward to working with the new team and seeing as many members as possible at the events that will be organised in the coming time!

Pierre

Orders Please – Bulk supplies from "Go Snacks"

"Go Snacks", suppliers of our regular Sunday afternoon kroketten, has made available a range of their products at discount prices for members. ("Go Snacks" featured in our last issue, in Pierre's write-up on The Nelson Trip, where he detailed their processes and quality control measures).

The following products are available:

Kroketten (spicy, beef or chicken – 32 per box) \$50

Bitterballen (beef or chicken – 75 pcs per box) \$50

Frikandellen (6 pcs per pack) \$15

Haring (4 pack, individually packed pcs) - \$16

Smoked Mackerel (1 pcs, whole fish) - \$12

All products are frozen. Only members of our club can place orders and prices above are only valid for this order. Orders need to be prepaid and picked up from Avalon House.

Please place your order with Ann Beyk (telephone or in person at a club event) with an indication of

payment method. Payments can be made via bank transfer to the club's account or in cash to Ann Beyk.

The deadline for orders <u>and</u> payment is Sunday 14

August. Make sure you get your money in on time!



Second Solstice Lunch proves a hit

Our Solstice Lunch this year was again a great success. There were 38 participants who visited Avalon House to enjoy a heartwarming glass of mulled wine and a sumptuous lunch.

This year our lunch was Asian-inspired. I am not sure who came up with the idea, but at some point in time there was some reminiscing about the days in which the club organised gatherings with Indonesian food. From there, Anna Heythuysen and I took to the internet, and later – the road, to find catering for Indonesian food, only to be disappointed after some time. We did however find a good offering in Malaysian food which we thought was close enough to give it a try.

After a failed attempt to get catering underway, we turned our attention to restaurants of which there are a few in Wellington and found Rasa Malaysian Restaurant in Cuba street, which was able and willing to do catering for us. We could choose from a wide range of dishes but settled for some of the classics that can also be found in Indonesian cuisine. So, after our pre-lunch drinks

Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Klaverjas continues every Tuesday from 10am – 2pm. Results from the last eight weeks:

Week 16 - 24 May	Bill Wegewijs	5420
Week 17 - 31 May	Bill Wegewijs	4859
Week 18 - 7 June	No Competition	
Week 19 - 14 June	Harry v/d Gulik	5688
Week 20 - 21 June	Julie Tan	5145
Week 21 - 28 June	Roel Ymker	5286
Week 22 - 5 July	Ann Beyk	4960
Week 23 - 12 July	Nick de Graauw	5416

We are halfway through the year. So far so good! Keep healthy and happy.

The coffee is ready when you arrive and everyone ready to play.

See you on Tuesday.

Ann Beyk

and some friendly banter, including Ben heightening the atmosphere with a few sing-alongs to awaken appetite, food was delivered in time by "Marina's courier service" as the restaurant's delivery person had fallen ill! With quick action from Rita and Carolina a fabulous display of dishes was set out that showed nothing short of an authentic "Rijsttafel". A "Selamat Makan" opened the buffet from which everyone could dish up their favorite food, selecting from spring rolls, sate, beef rendang, gado-gado, roti and nasi goreng.

When appetites were satisfied, we had a, by now customary, quiz that saw Anne-Marie and Peter walk away with chocolates made by chocolatier Roel. This intermezzo allowed the kitchen sufficient time to prepare a dessert of lychees, mango and ice-cream.

All in all, a wonderful event thanks to the delicious food and the valuable effort of our volunteers in the kitchen. I am looking forward to the next one!

Pierre.

Birthday Greetings to:

In August: Nick de Graauw, Emmy Vandeursen, Martin de Jong.

In September: Elizabeth Pijnenburg, Toos Philipsen, Eri Geerts, Marina Schmits, Annie Peters, Arie Molenaar, Nell Laterveer, Rita Langerak.



COMING UP: Leiden Ontzet

On Sunday the 9th of October we will celebrate Leiden Ontzet with a luncheon at the clubhouse.

You can expect a "gezellige" atmosphere at the clubhouse, some entertainment and a lunch befitting the character of the event including haring (herring), stamppot, klapstuk and a refreshing dessert.

The event will start at 11:30 with a welcome drink, and food will be served at 12:30.

Seats can be booked by talking to Ann Beyk at one of our regular events or by contacting Anne-Marie Knibbeler by phone 027-9515770, or by email dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com.

Entrance fee for members is \$25 per person and \$40 for non-members. There will be no door sales and payment needs to be made before **7**th **October** either by:

Pay Ann Beyk in cash at any of our events; or Via bank transfer (with details "**Leiden Ontzet**") to: Account name: New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wtgn) Inc.

Account number: 03 0525 0098055 00

'Want sy costen [=konden] wel verstaen, Leyden verlost zijnde was Holland voor dien tijt verlost' - Staten van Holland, 20 augustus 1574 –

In other words: Leiden Ontzet, Holland gered!! An explanation of this phrase follows.

See you on the day,

Pierre



"Leiden ontzet, Holland gered"

De geschiedenis van het beleg en ontzet van Leiden is een spannende strijd geweest, waarvan de uitslag tot op het laatste moment niet vaststond. Terwijl de stad door het koninklijke of Spaanse leger werd ingesloten en uitgehongerd, was het voor iedereen duidelijk dat de verovering van deze belangrijke stad een geweldig voordeel voor de Spanjaarden zou zijn. Na de verovering van Leiden zouden ongetwijfeld andere steden aan de beurt zijn, zoals Delft of Rotterdam. Nog toen het beleg in volle gang was, schreven de Staten van Holland op 20 augustus 1574: 'Want sy costen [=konden] wel verstaen, Leyden verlost zijnde was Holland voor dien tijt verlost'. Toen eenmaal op 3 oktober 1574 Leiden was ontzet, wilde dat niet zeggen dat de Spanjaarden uit Holland verdwenen en Holland echt gered was. Want in 1575 veroverde de Spaanse stadhouder Hierges de steden Oudewater en Schoonhoven - die werden uitgemoord - en van waaruit de bedreiging bleef. Pas toen in 1576 de Spaanse soldaten hun posities opgaven en muitend en plunderend naar Brabant en Vlaanderen trokken, was de bedreiging voor Holland verdwenen. Toch heeft de overwinning van Leiden een geweldig positief effect gehad op het moreel van de opstandelingen en hoewel de uitdrukking 'Leiden ontzet, Holland gered' letterlijk niet in de bronnen van de tijd voorkomt, drukt de spreuk toch goed een algemeen gevoelen van die tijd uit.

Citaat uit: Corte beschrijuinghe van de strenghe belegheringhe ende wonderbaerlijcke verlossinghe der stadt Leyden in Hollandt ... - Van den auteur lan Fruytiers verbetert ende vermeerdert, met byvoeginghe alle der brieven die aen en vander stadt gheschreuen zijn. - Ghedruct tot Delft : [s.n.], 1577, blz. 25. Source:

https://dutchrevolt.leiden.edu/dutch/spreuken/Pages/leidenontzet.aspx

See also: https://3october.nl/een-bijzonder-schilderij-weer-terug-in-leiden/

News from the Embassy

Important dates

Pop Up consular desks

Auckland

11 & 12 October 2022

Christchurch

15 November 2022

Tip of the month

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news: Embassy of the Netherlands in New Zealand

Mrs. Mira Woldberg says "Tot Ziens"

Beste allen,

After four years, my term as Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Aotearoa New Zealand is almost over.

It is sad to leave, both my husband and I really enjoyed our time here and our sons had great kiwi teenage years in Wellington.

Of course this posting was quite different because of the impact of the greatly appreciated. COVID pandemic, at the start of which we had to arrange a huge repatriation effort of stranded Dutch travelers.

It was nevertheless a real privilege to represent the Netherlands in this beautiful and diverse country, together with my great team at the Dutch Embassy and Honorary Consul Sake Hitman in Auckland and Geordie Hooft in Christchurch. The Netherlands and NZ work dosely on global issues such as climate change, agriculture, sustainable transport https://www.facebook.com/ (cycling!) and to strengthen the rule of law and human rights in the netherlandsembassywellington Pacific. Both NL and NZ are truly like-minded partners in most areas.

New Zealand is also a special country for a Dutch diplomat because it has such a big Dutch community and therefore many people-to-people

I had the opportunity to meet so many of you around NZ, from Invercargill to Whangarei. Your stories about building up a life in a new country so far away from family and friends in the Netherlands left me touched. Without a doubt the Dutch have left a mark on Aotearoa New Zealand! You worked hard, and contributed much to your new home country, be it in farming, arts, hospitality, business and as volunteers to your community, for example in the Dutch clubs or the Friendly Support Network.

I was happy our great consular team could bring the passport service to the community by introducing the Pop Up Passport desks from 2019 onwards. We will continue to look for ways to improve our service so please stay informed about new developments in the coming months through this Newsletter or via Faceboook (https://www.facebook.com/ netherlandsembassywellington). The latter will also include other Did you know? information about the Embassy, including events we organize such as the annual Dutch Week together with other NL NZ organisations. We surely hope to see even more people joining our Orange Bike ride next year!

My mahi here is over after these four years. However I hope you extend the same warm welcome to my successor Ard van der Vorst. Ard will start in August and will introduce himself as well through this Newsletter and on social media.

I wish you all the best, Kia Kaha and Tot Ziens!

Mira Woldberg

Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to New Zealand.



Consular Information Event

We recently held our first consular information event online. This took place during lunch time and many topics were covered.

People could ask questions during the session and others had already emailed their questions prior.

It was a successful session and

We will have another consular information event in October 2022.

If you are interested, please keep an eye out for the announcement on Facebook.



-The Dutch are still the tallest nation(but we are shrinking).

- The Dutch produce 650 million kilos of cheese every year of that 2/3 is exported, which makes them the largest cheese exporter in the world. On average the Dutch eat 14,3 kilos of cheese per person per year.
- 26% of the Netherlands is situated below sea level. The lowest point of the Netherlands is 6.78 meter below sea level.
- The highest point of the Netherlands is at Vaals, at the Three Border Region at 323 meter

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Hire fees (excl GST):

Half-day (4 hours)	\$50
Full day (9am – 5 pm)	\$90
Evening (5-10pm)	\$60
Bond	\$100
Cleaning (if required)	\$50

Seeking family Steenstra

We received this recently through our website. If you think you can help, please email Pieter de Jong directly: pedejong07@gmail.com.

Hello there. In the years of 1950 emigrated some members of the Steenstra family to NZ.

I wonder if there are still far relatives of mine who live in Wellington or neighbourhood. I should like to contact them. I am the youngest grandson of Cornelis Steenstra and Grietje de Jong.

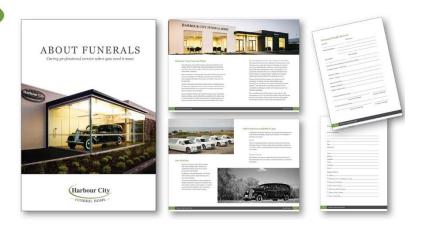
With kindly regards. Pieter de Jong. (son of Siebergje de Jong Steenstra.)



We thank Harbour City Funeral Home for generously printing The Double Dutch in full colour for us.

ABOUT Informative FREE guide FUNERALS

This beautifully designed booklet contains answers to all the immediate questions family and friends will want to know at the time of a funeral. Colour photographs throughout, make this an easy to read comprehensive booklet, as the perfect guide to pre-planning a funeral. Included are sections for recording personal details and funeral preferences that can be retained for future use, making funeral planning easy for your loved ones. Call us now for a **FREE** copy of this guide, while stocks are available.



Call Danny Langstraat on

570 0111







Het Laatste Woord

This issue was finalised on the last day of July. Thank you to those club members who agreed to their photo being taken as a last minute pic -I bet you didn't realise it would be for the cover! (Neither did I - Editor)

Kent gij het land ...?

Kent gij het land waar de posties run in shorts? Dat wel Engels is, maar zonder Lords?

Kent gij het land waar men daken maaket van corrugated plaat? And where one happily can burp and fart?

Kent gij het land waar the All Blacks wachters van de hemel zijn and where beer flows faster than the river Rhine?

Kent gij het land waar de suikerlepel niet bestaat and autumn starts in maart?

Kent gij het land waar thee nog bruiner is dan koffie en koffie lichter is dan een toffee?

Kent gij het land Waar je je quasi kunt vergalopperen* en daarna vraagt om je te pardonneren?**

Kent gij het land waar men friet eet van een krantje? Zeg mar niks: ik ken dat landje!

Abe Labes

- * tengevolge van meteorisme bij voorbeeld
- ** "Pardon me!"

Online Dutch lessons for children

Online Dutch language lessons for young children are available through a Dutch language school based in Auckland. The teachers (Sabine and Evy) are looking at providing lessons of 1 hour a week with 30 minutes homework for two different age groups – children aged about six years who are just starting to read and write, and children aged about 8 who can probably read reasonably well in English. One on one sessions to assess children's ability will start in the week beginning 8 August, and lessons propers will start the week beginning 25 August. Cost is \$250 per 10-week term, which includes all materials. Numbers are limited. Contact Sabine Berkman at

dutchschool@xtra.co.nz for more info.





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