

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter April, 2013 – Volume 23

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2013—2pm

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 12th May at 2.00pm at our Society Club rooms.

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President's Report

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Member Fees Recommendation

General Business

Membership Fees for 2013/2014

Please be aware that your CCS membership subscriptions must be paid for the 2013/2014 financial year. This payment is required **before** Sunday 12th of May 2013 in order to attend the AGM.

Note: No membership fees will be accepted on the day of the AGM.

Events Calendar

CCS Kids Playgroup Friday 3rd May, 2013
9.30am at the CCS Club rooms

United Nations International Day of Families Saturday 11th May, 2013
KT Performing at Fickling Convention Centre, Three Kings, 3pm - 5pm

Annual General Meeting Sunday 12th May, 2013
2pm, CCS clubrooms

CCS & CWL present Vintage High Tea Sunday 26th May, 2013
1.30pm, CCS Clubrooms

Croatian National Day Dinner & Dance Saturday 15th June, 2013
6.30pm, CCS Clubrooms
See flyer for more details

Kralj Tomislav Croatia Tour 2013 Thursday 27th June, 2013
Two and a half week tour through Northern Croatia



Winners of the 2013 CCS Buce Tournament - Nikola, Peter, and Steven Bonkovich - Photo courtesy of Josip Matkovich

Presidents Report - April 2013

As my first year as President draws to a close, I would like to reflect on the selfless efforts of those who keep our Society moving forward. They include members of our Committee and also non-Committee members who toil away at functions and in the kitchen and bar every Sunday, so that we can cover our bills and pay down our debt – which we have been doing successfully thanks to all of these people. Without this small, but hard working group of volunteers and contributors, our Society would undoubtedly be in decline. So, I personally would like to thank all of you for all your hard work and sacrifice and you should be proud in the fact that the great legacy that we have been entrusted with will continue thriving – hopefully for many future generations to come. This is our ultimate duty, I believe.

A great example of this dedication and sacrifice was on display when many of our members gave up most of their Easter weekend over three days to set up and run the Croatian Cultural Society Food Stall at the Auckland City FC National Under 17 Youth Tournament at Eastdale Reserve. They all helped to achieve a turnover in excess of \$6,500 for our Society. Thank you so much to: Ivan Rudez, Victor & Bozenka Mrkusich, Florence Rakich, Goran & Katica Katich,

Mitch & Claudina Herceg, Naja Urlich, Vesna Stulich, Rosana Vuksich, Roy Granich, Ann Nola, Stipe, Sofia & Helena Nuich, Stanislav Rudez, Stefan Erceg, Steven Stulich, Hamish Firth, Aniela Edmond and Tanya Middleton.

I would like to convey our Society's heartfelt thanks to The Trusts Charitable Foundation and their support of our cultural and community development over this past year. Without their support, the Society and our wider community would be poorer in many ways, so on behalf of all of our members I thank you wholeheartedly!

The inaugural annual Buce Tournament was a real highlight of 2013, and it proved to be a great social event for young and old. The Society made a turnover in excess of \$10,500 – which was a huge success. A big thank you to Steven Stulich for establishing this event and our sincere appreciation goes to Vuksich & Borich and all of those members who made this facility possible. I am sure that it will become an attraction for some of our younger members to come along and enjoy a game with friends on Sundays, and it is a great asset to the Society.

Our Kralj Tomislav ensemble will be departing in June for their tour of Croatia, and I know that they will do us proud. On behalf of all members, I would like to wish them all the very best, and we look forward to the photos, videos and stories upon their return.

They will be performing many concerts throughout Croatia, including a special performance in Opatija on the 4th of July – which follows Croatia's entry into the EU – and will be in front of the President of Croatia, Ivo Josipović, and many other dignitaries. This promises to be an exciting tour, and will undoubtedly be an experience which many of our participating members will never forget. To Goran Kačurov, well done on bringing the senior ensemble to such a high standard. This has been a huge effort on your part and also of the entire ensemble. We are sure that you will all live up to expectations, and proudly represent New Zealand and New Zealand Croatians in Croatia.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank the Executive Committee for all of their hard work and dedication to the Society over this last year. You have been a pleasure to work with, and I humbly thank you for your support in all of our endeavours. God bless you all.

In spite of extensive personal and work commitments, I have decided to stand for the next term. I would like to call on all those prospective Committee members to prepare for a challenge, and it is my expectation that everyone must make a contribution and help to lighten the workload on those that tend to do most of the heavy lifting, and we often take these members for granted.

To those members who do not wish to stand for Committee, you should also ask yourselves what you can do to help our Society. Whether it be assisting occasionally in cleaning, or donating money or whatever, you too have an obligation to help safeguard

our legacy for future generations. Remember that many of our forefathers achieved great things through great sacrifice. Great achievements are never the result of selfishness, which is a lesson we must never forget in today's "what's in it for me" world.

Bog i Hrvati

Len Stulich

Croatian Cultural Society Executive Management Committee Nominations Received For 2013/14

President (1)

Len Stulich*

Vice Presidents (2)

Bozenka Mrkusich*

Goran Katich*

Treasurer (1)

Stefan Erceg*

Secretary (1)

Katica Katich*

Committee (12)

Jelica Arnerich*

Micijel Herceg*

Tui Kennar*

Stipe Laus*

Josip Matkovich

Tanya Middleton*

Ivan Salic

Vesna Stulich*

Branko Torbarina*

Bob Vicelich*

Names marked with a '' indicate members from the 2012/13 committee.*

Voting at the Annual General Meeting

The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary are deemed to be elected as there are the exact numbers nominated as are positions available.

The Committee members nominated are deemed to be elected as we do not have enough for the positions required to form a committee. The balance of the Committee will be sought from the floor at the AGM.

Therefore neither voting at the AGM or Proxy Voting will be required at the 2013/14 AGM.

After the meeting, Lamb on the Spit will be available for dinner for \$20.

ANNUAL CROATIAN BUĆE TOURNAMENT 2013

What a spectacular day!

Auckland turned on the weather. 84 seasoned professionals turned up to play. 100+ supporters came to cheer on their favourites. It was a day that reminded us all why we love this club.

The games started out with a few of the "old guard" questioning why the games were not being played "their way". The younger players were questioning why they were playing. After the first round teams were quickly anxious to play their next game and utilise their phenomenal newfound Buće skills.

The competition was tight. 7 groups of 4 with only the top two teams progressing to the next round. There was also a wildcard which was very appropriately won by our ladies team and crowd favourite "Dalmatinke" (Ivana Matkovic, Anika Vuksich and Teodora Antunovich). 5 of the 7 teams to progress only did it based on points difference.



Buce photos courtesy of Josip Matkovich

The dream final was a very appropriate end to the day. A team consisting of a father and his sons and the other with Dida, Son-n-law and grandson. It was an epic battle from the outset with Tri Kralja taking the early advantage and leading for the first 6 ends. Team Bonkie persevered and won the game 12-8. A huge congratulations to both teams and also to third place winners "Trio Gust" (Goran Katich, Mladen Goricki and Nick Suvalko).

It is obvious the tournament will become a highlight of the annual calendar and this would not have been possible without the never ending generosity of **VUKSICH & BORICH**. The new Bucaliste is a great new asset for the club. Vuksich and Borich with the help of a small number of dedicated members made this all happen without costing the club a single cent. The Croatian Club sends a huge thank you to Vuksich & Borich.

We would also like to thank Fly Adriatic for their sponsorship, Placemakers Cook street, Johnstone Construction, the ladies in the kitchen, the men in the bar and all the others who made this day possible.

Come and play on our new bucaliste, practice your skills and see you next year!



A full gallery of photos from the Buce Tournament can be viewed on the CCS Facebook page

The top teams then fought it out and the end result was a final between team "Bonkie" (father and sons team of Nikola, Peter and Steven Bonkovich) and team "Tri Kralja" (Ivan Slavic, Stipe Nuic and Marko Nuic).



Kralj Tomislav Update

Kralj Tomislav have had a number of performances outside of the society as of late, the first of which was a performance at Korean Day on the 24th of March. The intermediate group performed to a very high standard at this event, showing their maturity and growth as a group. It is very inspiring to see such promise for the future in our folklore programme at our Society.

The second event was to fulfil an invitation to the Annual Berba Festival at Soljan's Estate Winery over Easter Weekend. We were once again represented proudly at this annual event by our Orchestra, First Ensemble and Intermediate Group.

Kralj Tomislav have also been invited to perform for the United Nations International Day of Families on the 11th of May. They performed at this event last year and were the stand-out performance.

As well as all of this, usual kolo practices continue on a weekly basis, and both the Junior and Intermediate groups have participated in a kolo holiday programme during the school holidays.

The First Ensemble continue to work hard, preparing for their up-coming tour to Croatia commencing on June 27th, the highlight of the tour being a special performance in Opatija on the 4th of July in front of the President of Croatia, Ivo Josipović. Be sure to have a read of the correspondence our Society received from the President himself who is looking forward to Kralj Tomislav's performance. This is a great honour for the Croatian Cultural Society and we are very proud to be so well represented in Croatia through our folklore group.



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HRVATSKO KULTURNO DRUŠTVO
Folklorni ansambl „Kralj Tomislav“

Poštovani,

S velikim zadovoljstvom prihvaćam pokroviteljstvo nad koncertom koji će članovi Folklornog ansambla „Kralj Tomislav“ održati 4. srpnja 2013 u Puli u sklopu hrvatske turneje kojom članovi ovog društva obilježavaju 20. godišnjicu uspješnog rada na promociji hrvatske baštine.

Svim članovima društva želim ugodan boravak u Republici Hrvatskoj i nadam se da će publika podržati njihov nastup u kojem će se članovima društva pridružiti i njihovi prijatelji iz Hrvatske, ali i s dalekih pacifičkih otoka.

Koristim ovu prigodu članovima ansambla čestitati 20. obljetnicu rada i zaželjati još puno zajedničkog zadovoljstva kroz druženje uz glazbenu i plesnu umjetnost.

Srdačno,

PREDSJEDNIK
REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE
Ivo Josipović

AUSCRO 2013 GOLF OPEN (MELBOURNE)



AUSCRO Golf Club was a concept formed about 15 years ago in Australia to form a friendship between the Croatian golfing communities. It has evolved over this time with significant interest and the numbers have grown steadily to over 120 individuals.

This year, New Zealand Croatians and friends were warmly welcomed to join this extended golfing fraternity. Special thanks must go to Mladen Goricki for the many hours he has spent in organising our group of golfers and I personally thank each and every member of our initial group of eight for their contribution. This year the open was held in Melbourne at the Rosebud Country Club. The course was in magnificent condition even though Melbourne had not seen rain for many months.

The tournament is structured in such a way to make it fair to all teams and individuals, based around golfing handicaps. The team had a wonderful time over three days of competition and we had the opportunity to meet and talk with Croatians from all parts of Australia.

As a team on our first outing, I was very proud that we managed second place over all. Mladen Goricki also came runner-up in the senior competition and Roy Sunde was in the final four on the last day of the individual competition.

Every Australian I talked to has asked the same question, "When are we coming to New Zealand for the competition?" The answer to that really depends on whether we can grow and sustain our NZ Croatian Social Golf Club. We have a group of eight at present but I believe we can realistically improve the numbers. If we continue to show strong interest we will be asked to hold the competition but we will have to wait in line. Next year AUSCRO 2014 (March 7th-9th) is being held in Palmer Gold Coast. The following year it will be Perth. Therefore with continued support perhaps we can aim for 2016!

Again I thank our team: Mladen Goricki, Tony Tisot, Roy Sunde, Brian Juretich, Mike Simpkins, Neil Norton, Danny Fildissis, and Nick Suvalko. For all the golfers who are interested in making the trip to the Gold Coast, please make contact using the references below so we can organise a meeting to vote for a committee and begin a planning process.

Nick Suvalko Mobile: (0274 810 586)
Email: nicks@mvsolutions.co.nz

Mladen Goricki Mobile: (0274 545 074)
Email: gorickinz@yahoo.co.nz

CROATIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

It is with sadness that we farewelled Fr George Haraan last Sunday. His decision to return to his homeland in Indonesia came as a surprise.. Fr George said his visa had expired and he had decided to leave because he felt he could do a lot more work in his homeland and he owed it to his people. He said this had been a sad and difficult decision as he had greatly enjoyed the time he has spent with the Croatian community.

Msgr David Tonks said he and Bishop Pat Dunn want to give the community all the support they can and are searching hard for a new chaplain for the Croatian community. Mass WILL be held next Sunday 5th May at St Anne's. It will be a month or two while things are sorted out - for any enquiries please contact Suzanne Ph: 419-0504.



CROATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY AND CROATIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE EVENT

The Croatian Cultural Society, together with the Croatian Women's League, are organizing a very special get-together! So do mark your calendar for –

SUNDAY 26 MAY – 1.30PM
VINTAGE HIGH-TEA



at the Croatian Club and BINGO !

This is going to be such a FUN day - back we go in time - to the days of dainty table cloths, fine bone china cups and saucers, and lovely cake plates!

Bring along your pretty cup, saucer and bread plate to show us – and to enjoy your tea or coffee. Isn't it so much nicer drinking from lovely bone china? And remember those dainty little cupcakes, butterfly cakes, and tiny savouries? We will swap stories about our heirloom tea-sets as we enjoy the cakes the ladies have made.

And a special prompt to our Ladies down Hamilton way - how about making a trip up to see us for this fun day? You could even stay on for the Sunday evening dinner!

If you don't have an old fashioned cup, saucer and bread plate, don't worry, we will supply a set for you for the occasion. It will be fun to also dress-up for the day - so if you still have something from the 1940s, 50s or 60s (that fits!) then please wear it to the High Tea! In case you are worried about something getting broken, we will have a basin of soapy water, and tea towels, available for you to wash and dry your own tea-set to put back safely into your bag. There will be a Super Raffle - and don't forget to bring some coins for the Bingo !

The Croatian Cultural Society presents

Croatian National Day

Dimenjski Dance

'Dan Drzavnosti'

Featuring
performances by
Kralj Tomislav

Music by
'Prva Liga'

Saturday 15th June - 6.30pm

Croatian Cultural Society, 161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South

TICKETS \$40



Ticket contacts: Katica Katich ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz or 834 7237 / Boženka Mrkusich 021 341 634 or 631 5530

Society Information

Bereavement Notice

To all members and families who have lost loved ones, we offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies.

Počivali u Miru Božjem

CCS Hall Hire

Hall and kitchen available for events and functions. For booking, options and more information please contact Florence Rakich on 021 430 896

CCS Soccer NK Auckland Croatia

If you are interested in registering for soccer with our Society, contact Mate Miočevich or Branko Torbarina for more information about joining NK Auckland Croatia.

Mate Miočevich: 021-966-262

Branko Torbarina: 027-245-8460

Croatia Cricket

If you have an interest in cricket in Croatia or would like any further information on Croatian Cricket in general (including the possibility of representing the Croatian National Team), please contact:

John Vujnovich 021-922-044

Croatian Library

The Society's library is currently under construction. Thank you for your patience.

Croatian Radio

On air every Sunday. Listen to the latest overseas and local news, commentaries and music. The Auckland programme is sponsored by the Croatian Cultural Society and all members are invited to support the broadcasting.

AUCKLAND – 104.6 FM

Sundays – 7.45pm to 8.30pm

Hosts: Leo Panzich, Nikša Sardelich, Dragica Katich, Antun Patajac.

Our Kitchen

Sunday Dinners 6pm

Call 836-6550 between 3pm and

5pm to pre-book your dinner or come along and place your order.

Cost \$15 for a delicious hot dinner provided by the Sunday evening kitchen crew.

Croatian Rugby Reps – NZ

If you are interested in being associated or playing rugby in Croatia (with the possibility of playing for the Croatian National Team), contact the New Zealand Representatives for Croatian Rugby:

Michael Borich: 021-717-303

Michael Nola: 021-051-1139

Paul Vegar: 021-966-117

Folklore

Senior Group: 16yrs and over

Middle Group: 11yrs – 15yrs,

Junior Group: 4yrs – 10yrs

KT Registrations:

Anyone interested in joining The Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble please visit the CCS Website for a registration form.

Contacts:

Goran Kačurov:

kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz

Nada Stulich:

nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz

New Members – Invited

If you have friends and family that are eligible to join, encourage them to enjoy the privilege of being a member of our Society. We offer our members a place where they can uphold their Croatian identity and enjoy the services on offer – including sports, kolo, choir, card playing, bowls, library services and film nights, various social functions and more. Your nomination and their membership will be mutually rewarding to us all.

Subscriptions

A friendly reminder to those members who have overlooked their membership. If you are unsure of the status of your membership please call the Secretary for an update. We remind you that only

financial members are eligible to attend the Members Meetings.

New Member Applications

According to the rules of our Society, any objection to any membership application notification must be lodged in writing to the Secretary within 14 days of notification.

CCS Children's Playgroup

The **CCS Children's Playgroup** is meeting fortnightly on Friday mornings, from 9:30am-12:00pm as suits. The next day of playgroup for 2013 is **Friday May 3rd**. All are welcome for a coffee and kids play time. If you have any questions or would like to join the email database, please contact Iva Stulich at ivastulich@gmail.com.

Tamburica & Instrumental Tuition Lessons

If you or any person you know of are interested in learning the tamburica or another musical instrument, contact:

Goran Kačurov: 021-877-247



Croatian Language Lessons

For information about learning the Croatian language please contact the club secretary on: ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz.



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Hall Hire & Function Bookings	Florence Rakich
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Bar Manager	Goran Katich
Kitchen Manager	Vesna Stulich
Kolo Tutor / Folklore Director	Goran Kačurov
Catholic Church	Suzanne Pincevic: 021 024 59908
Mothers Coffee Group	Tanya Urlich Iva Stulich
Women's League	Zdenka Batistich Suzanne Pinčević

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

Sretan Majčin dan

- unknown

