

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter April, 2014 – Volume 28

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 11th May 2014—2pm

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 11th May at 2.00pm at our Society Club rooms.

Agenda

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Election and Appointment of Financial Overseers

Member Fees Recommendation

General Business

Membership Fees for 2014/2015

Please be aware that your CCS membership subscriptions must be paid for the 2014/2015 financial year. This payment is required **before** Sunday 11th of May 2014 in order to attend the AGM.

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

Proxy Voting

Proxy voting will only be permitted at annual General meetings. An eligible voting member may cast a proxy vote at an Annual General Meeting only if unable to attend that meeting due to illness, disability or leave of absence and then the correct procedure for proxy voting must be followed.

The correct procedure of proxy voting is as follows;

- A. The member shall have first sought and obtained in writing the special leave of the executive Committee to cast a proxy vote.
- B. The proxy vote shall be valid only if made on the proper proxy form provided from time to time by Executive committee. The form must be properly completed and placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked Proxy vote with his or her name on the back of the envelope.
- C. The proxy vote must be received at the society office not less than one day prior to the Annual General meeting.
- D. The proxy vote shall be retained unopened in the custody of the secretary who shall hand it over to the scrutineers at the Annual General Meeting.



Annual Croatian Buče Tournament Winners 2014: Team Gdinj, Vinko, Antoni and Petar

CCS CLUBROOMS CLOSED SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

The clubrooms will be closed on the 20th of April due to the Easter Public Holidays. There will be no Sunday night dinner and the bar will be closed.

President's Report

Our gratitude goes out to all of our members who have worked so hard over this past month or so to deliver some standout functions and events. Without your efforts and generosity, we would not have been able to host these functions, so on behalf of all members I would like to sincerely thank you all. Well done!

Our dinner in honour of Croatian Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic was a great success, and he conveyed his sincere gratitude for the wonderful reception that we gave him and his wife, Sanja. I believe that we conducted ourselves in a very civilised and welcoming manner – as we should with all guests and dignitaries, regardless of political orientation – and gave a heartfelt and warm welcome to the entire Croatian government delegation. The Prime Minister and his wife Sanja and the Defence Minister, Ante Kotromanovic, were deeply moved by the outstanding performances of our Kralj Tomislav groups and orchestra and we should be proud of the programme that Goran Kacurov and they put together for us on the night – it was absolutely wonderful. Congratulations and thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication! This function produced a turnover of approximately \$15,000 in total (tickets plus bar), with a profit of around \$8,000 (excluding bar).

As always, the food was first class and the Croatian Defence Minister complemented us on the great lamb, which he thoroughly enjoyed. The Prime Minister also really enjoyed the smoked salmon (which was very generously donated by Ivan and Senka Marsic) and the mussels (which were also very generously donated by Davor and Sonia Antunovich). Thank you also to Rosalyn Vodanovich for the flower arrangements and the beautiful performances from Klapa Samoana. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in the kitchen and bar – you served us all with class and professionalism.

This year's Buče Tournament was another great success, with 26 teams of all ages competing over two weekends. Once again, it was great to see so many younger members participating and even a number of first-time players. Both Sundays also proved to be very popular with our younger families and there was a lot of social interaction which was wonderful to see. This was a great success for the Society in many respects and the combined turnover was in excess of \$20,000,

Events Calendar

CCS Kids Playgroup	Friday 11th April, 2014 9.30am at the CCS clubrooms
AGM Nominations Due	Sunday 27th April, 2014 Nominations close
Annual General Meeting	Sunday 11th May, 2014 2pm, CCS clubrooms

with a profit in excess of \$10,000 (excluding bar). Well done to the kitchen and bar crew and also to Steven Stulich for once again organising this great event.

Makarska Vecer was our first regional dinner and dance for 2014 – held on Saturday the 29th of March - and what a great night it was. 'Prva Liga' made the trip from Sydney to entertain us, and the dancing went on into the small hours. The dinner was absolutely beautiful and I would like to thank the entire kitchen team for doing such a great job. Thank you also to the bar crew and all those that helped to decorate and set up the hall. In spite of the considerable expense involved in bringing a band in, we turned over around \$16,000 (tickets and donations plus bar), with a profit of around \$4,500 (excluding bar). I would just like to say that we could not host these regional dinners without considerable donations from some of our members. Without these subsidies, these events would undoubtedly run at a loss based on current attendance rates. So, if you value these events then I suggest that you support them in future by attending, or else they will be consigned to the pages of history, which would be a very sad thing in my opinion.

All of the hard work by our members has made a large and positive impact on the Society's financial position, with our total debt now under \$300,000 – which is a reduction of \$80,000 in the last 2 years. Well done to all of you and on behalf of all of our members I salute you and thank you sincerely!

Due to my own personal commitments, I will not be in a position to stand again at the next election in May. I would therefore like to call upon our younger members to consider standing for committee in whatever capacity they can. I really believe that we need our younger members to contribute and lead the Society forward. The older generations have made a huge contribution to all of us and continue to do so. However, many of them deserve a rest and the opportunity to enjoy some of our functions without having to constantly slave away in the kitchen or bar. For our Society to prosper going forward there must be a greater sharing of the work burden, which will make it easier on everyone. So, please stand up and make your contribution in whatever way you can!

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has worked hard to make our Society succeed

and prosper. The legacies that you are creating will hopefully be enjoyed and appreciated by our many younger generations, and you should be proud of the great contributions that you have made for all of us. I won't name you all, but we all know who you are!

I also would like to thank everyone who has supported the committee and our Society over the last 2 years. Your loyalty and dedication have been inspirational to me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bog i Hrvati

Len Stulich

2014 Annual Buće Tournament

The last two Sundays in March saw what could only be described as an extravaganza on the 5 Buće lanes at the club. 2013 saw the resurrection of the annual tournament. It was a huge success with most of last year's teams (and a few new ones) desperate to pry the cup away from Team Bonkie.

With 26 teams all vying for the prestige and immortal glamour of having your name on the coveted trophy, competition was hot. Hot favourites "Prva Liga" (skippered by Mladen "Gudalo" Gorički) took an early lead. The all family ensembles of "Gdinj" (skippered by Vinko Ćurin) and "Cro-Bros" (skippered by Tonko Tolich) were dark horses looking to stamp their mark. Passions were high, games were tight, friendships were lost (temporarily). rumours of corruption were well founded, but most of all smiles were seen everywhere.

109 hard-fought games narrowed down the field from 26 hopefuls to 4 contenders. "Majstori" (skippered by Mate Miočević) valiantly went down to dark horses "Gdinj". Although pool play leaders "Cro-Bros" lost to "Prva Liga" they can be proud of their consistent results in the tournament.

This set up the ultimate final. The dream team "Gdinj" with Father Vinko, and his two sons Antoni and Petar playing hot shots "Prva Liga" with Mladen "Gudalo" Gorički, Goran Katich and Vidak Franich. Two contrasting styles were at play. The quiet, measured direction from Vinko was in contrast to Maldan's "I'm about to explode with passion" style of leadership. The two teams left every ounce of their beings on the bučalište. A pin could be heard from the spectators gallery as the game went from end to end. "Gdinj" took an early lead and although "Prva Liga" fought to the end, it was not enough. "Gdinj" played the perfect game and were deservedly crowned 2014 champions. Vinko, Antoni and Petar played like gentleman and deserve all the praise that was bestowed upon them.

Now is the time to prepare yourselves for next year! 2015 promises to be bigger and better. Come in any time and use the clubs facilities to practise your skill. Bring the family on a Sunday and enjoy one of the beautiful dinners cooked by the ladies in the kitchen.



As always, a tournament like this doesn't happen without the generosity of a few members of our club. Thanks must go to the following for their generous donations in cash and kind: Šain Family, Mate Jujnovich, Eurodell, Vuksich & Borich, Eurobest (Ivan Čuljak), the people who helped in the kitchen & bar.

There were many others and I apologise if I forgot to mention those names. Thanks again to all and see you next year!

Steven Stulich



Photo Gallery: Croatian Prime Ministers Visit, 15th March 2014



Mr Milanovic with members from the CCS Executive Committee



Mr Milanovic with Paula Bennet, Anthony Vuksich and Mate Jujnovich



Mr & Mrs Milanovic and dignitaries pictured with members from FA Kralj Tomislav & Klapa Samoana after their performances

Kralj Tomislav Update

We have had a positive start to the folklore year for 2014. It has began with some big changes within the groups, the first of which has been the progress of the Intermediate Group who's development has really blossomed over the last year. They now practice on a Wednesday evening from 7pm as part of the Senior Group, joining them on choreographies and singing. This is a credit to their hard work over the past year and their enthusiasm for folklore in our club.

It has been a timely change since the announcement from the Senior Group that 5 members are retiring from dancing this year. We acknowledge the hard work, commitment and leadership of these 5 senior and long standing members: Claudia Lozica, Neven Grgicevich, Ketj Grgicevich, Tui Kennar and George Bonkovich. They have been an integral part of the development of our folklore group. All have been great role models for new and upcoming kolo members and they have shown great commitment to the group, all five being apart of the tours to Croatia, active fundraisers for kolo and have always represented our Society with great pride. We thank you for your contributions to folklore and know that we will always have your support in our Society.

The Junior Kolo has grown this year to over 50 children, the highest number in this group as of late! As a result, the Junior Group are now made up of a young group and old group, learning age appropriate steps but combining their singing talents together for the songs. The older group will be our new Intermediate Group! The group as a whole has a wealth of talent that Goran is excited about teaching so expect some great things to come over the next few years from this growing group!

There is still time to enrol if you haven't already. Kolo registrations are due now so please visit the CCS website or email Nada at nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz if you need a registration form.

Photo Gallery: Annual Croatian Buze Tournament , 23rd & 30th March 2014



Band from Sydney 'Prva Liga' with our club members



A huge thank you to Josip Matkovich, our roving photographer, who kindly photographs all of our club functions - priceless.

CROATIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

THE LONG AWAITED BIG DAY HAS ARRIVED!

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT

Saturday 17th May

The next exciting item on the League agenda is our **20th Anniversary Jubilee** – with special guest **Maggie Barry** who has entertained us for so many years – plus ‘**Dancing with the Stars**’ duo – and the Kralj Tomislav ensemble – *and of course our exceptional dinner!*

Mark this date on your calendar **Saturday 17th May** – time is: 7.00pm SHARP at the Croatian Centre, 161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South. And note - **MEN are welcome!**

Tickets only \$50. Bookings are being taken **NOW**
– *so make up a table with your husband, family and friends!*

TO BOOK RING: ZDENKA 578-3518 or SUZANNE 419-0504 or PATRICIA 832-2706

ALSO – The next day, on **Sunday 18th May** at **10.30am** at Croatian Catholic Mass at

St Anne's Church in Cole Place, Te Atatu, special prayers will be offered for Teresa Didovich, Kath Ulrich, Mica Matosich and for all those Members who have died.

CROATIAN CATHOLIC MISSION

Croatian Easter Sunday Mass WILL be held at St Anne's Church at

11.30am on Sunday 20th April with Fr Sateki Raass

(NOTE - **Mass will be 11.30am** - this is one hour later than normal because

Father has several Baptisms to do at his church, St Mary's in Mt Albert, in the morning.)

There will not be Mass on Thursday night 17th April at St Anne's

There will not be Stations of the Cross on Friday 18th April at St Anne's.

Normal fortnightly Croatian Mass will resume at **10.30am** on Sunday 4th May.

For any queries please contact the Secretary, Suzanne Pincevic 419-0504



Anyone interested in joining The Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble please come along to registration 2014 with payment.

Please note that you must be a financial member of the Croatian Cultural Society to join.

Individual Registration	\$150 pa
Second Family Member	\$75 pa
Family Registration (3 or more)	\$250pa

Kolo registration is from 1 January till the 31st December

OUR GROUPS Junior (4-12yrs) Middle (13-16yrs) Senior (16 yrs & over) Orchestra



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**KRALJ TOMISLAV
REGISTRATION 2014**



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 Rosana Vuksich on 027 478 2740

CCS Soccer NK Auckland Croatia

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

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

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:

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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

The following applications for full membership have been received:

Kezic - Zelko & Marija, nominated by Goran Katic and seconded by Goran Kacurov

Baturic - Daniel, Julie, Claudia & Daniel nominated by Maurice Marinovic and seconded by Maree Marinovic

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 2014 is **Friday April 11th**. 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 Deanna Vuksich Tarawa at dvuksich@hotmail.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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