

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter April, 2015 – Volume 36

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 17th May 2015—2pm

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 17th May at 2.00pm at our Society Club rooms.

Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting
- Matters Arising
- Correspondence—incoming/outgoing
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Financial Overseers Report
- Election of Scrutineers
- Election and Appointment of Officers
- 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 17th of May 2015 in order to attend the AGM.

Events Calendar

CCS Kids Playgroup	Friday 17 th April, 2015 9.30am at the CCS Clubrooms
Croatian Consulate Consular Days	Friday 17 th April from 1pm to 6pm/ Saturday 18 th April from 10am to 6pm/Sunday 19 th April from 10am to 6pm at the CCS Clubrooms
KT Trivia Night	Friday 1 st May, 2015 More details to come!
Annual General Meeting	Sunday 17 th May, 2015 CCS Clubrooms



Winners of the 2015 Croatian Buce Tournament: Vedran Skokandich, Goran Vrdoljak and Tomislav Bušjeta



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CCS Annual Buće Tournament 2015

The 2014 tournament was one to remember. A pressure cauldron that saw many teams succumb to the overwhelming psychological burden. As a result, we saw several teams not re-enter as they couldn't handle what the 2014 tournament threw at them. 2015 was a new year and along with that we saw many new teams that made this the biggest tournament to date. 90 players pushed the facilities and their own mental and physical abilities to the limit. Some of the new teams were challenging some of the more established which gave us many surprises. 2014 champions and T.A.B. favourites 'GDINJ' were shockingly knocked out in pool play. Former finalists 'Tri Kralja' and 'Trio Gušt' were desperate to avenge their previous losses.

It was a tight tournament and, appropriately, in the end it came down to the two star performers of the weekend. 'Stari', skippered by Vedran Skokandich with Goran Vrdoljak and Tomislav Bušljeta lost only one game. The tension in this team was overwhelming. Team orders were the most strictly enforced I have ever seen. No alcohol. No humour. No late nights. This was a team determined to win. 'Forani' had mixed results in past tournaments and the 'off-season' saw a key change in personnel. To the shock of the Buće fraternity, 'Forani' sold off their former Skipper to only be replaced by a Woman! Unheard of in other circles but new Skipper Zoran Bartulović's move was a stroke of genius. Zoran along with Marisa Bell and George Bonkovich were the only unbeaten team going into the final.

The game couldn't have been scripted better. Lasting well over an hour the game went end for end, point for point. There was no viewing room left and such a large crowd has never been so quiet at the CCS. The game went for 19 ends and the final score was 11-9 to 'Stari'. 19 ends and the score highlight the quality of these two teams and the spirit the 6 players played with. A huge congratulations needs to go out to 'Stari' being the 2015 champions but equally, 'Forani' who were the ultimate adversary.

This was the biggest tournament yet and it only looks like it will grow again next year. The club made a net profit circa. \$19,000.00 from the tournament and that doesn't happen by mistake. The kitchen team (as always) needs the biggest thanks along with the bar staff and all others who helped. There was also a small team of people who donated generously to this tournament. Without their help this would not be possible. I will not name all involved as they all do it for the club and not their own egos. A sincere thankyou to you all.

See you in 2016!



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Vrgorac Night Report

Vrgorac Night was held on Saturday the 28th of March and it was a very successful dinner and dance which was enjoyed by all. Over 250 people attended, with a large number of our younger members coming along with their parents to enjoy the night's festivities. Our own 'Prva Liga' band played a great medley of songs and the dancing went on into the small hours. Thank you Ivan, Goran and Aniela for putting on such a great performance.

The night would not have been possible without the hard work and generosity of so many of our people. We would like to thank the following key contributors for their generous donations and hard work: Jelica and Ivo Arnerich, Victor and Bozenka Mrkusich, Leo Panzic, Anka Sokol, Ivan and Senka Marsic, Talley, Vuksich & Borich Limited, Stipe Nuich, Ivan and Milka Selak, Westpac Mussels—the Antunovich family, Petar and Vinka Sain, Dragica Selak, Mara and Marinko Sokol, Zdenko Mrkusich, Antun Tolich, Ivan and Davorka Ozich, Nick Jurlina, Goran and Katica Katich, Tonko Tolich and the Stulich family. Thank you to all of you for making Vrgorac Night the success that it was.

The evening resulted in a profit of over \$13,000 (excluding bar takings), and was another great result for our Society. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this important function. These regional dinner and dance functions are an important part of our heritage in New Zealand and we believe that we must strive to preserve them for our younger generations to enjoy, so that they can hopefully continue with this great tradition.

KRALJ TOMISLAV REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW DUE

Anyone interested in joining The Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble please print off a registration form from our the CCS website or email the contacts below, and send with payment to the CCS. 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



CONTACTS

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KRALJ TOMISLAV REGISTRATION 2015



Kralj Tomislav
FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE AJUTARONA



CCS Playgroup Reminder

Don't forget that the Croatian Cultural Society run a playgroup fortnightly on Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. 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. The next playgroup will be on Friday 17th April. We look forward to seeing you all there.

SAVE THE DATE - QUIZZ NIGHT AT THE CRO CLUB!!!



FRIDAY 1st MAY

Have a fun night out with friends and at the same time help raise funds to support the KT Folklore Ensemble 2015 Tour to Croatia.

Supper, Cash Bar, Fabulous Raffle prize and more.

Look out for further details in the next newsletter.

Croatian Social Golf Club News

After two previous successful years at Melbourne and the Gold Coast, the Croatian Social Golf Club NZ had a very challenging trip to Perth to play the annual AUSCRO 2015 competition at Meadow Springs, Mandurah.

This year we were reduced to seven players. We had bad news the day before we were due to fly out with Mike Glamuzina falling sick and being rushed to hospital. Thankfully he has recovered!

For some of us, this trip was a first visit to Perth. We received a warm welcome from the Perth Club, a very well organised venue at Meadow Springs and great weather for the entire trip. Even with the seven players we battled on over the days of competition and were able to achieve our very first team victory on our third attempt.

Our NZ team came out on top with a comfortable margin over Adelaide with every player contributing to a combined team aggregate score. We had several runner-up individual prizes just missing out on prestigious jackets. Marc Oliver – second overall based on gross score, Neil Norton – second overall based on net (handicap) and Mladen Goricki – second overall in over 55 year category based on net (handicap).

I would like to personally thank all the following team players for their contribution in the planning and hard work that went into this trip. Mladen Goricki, Neil Norton, Brian Juretich, Mike Simpkins, Marc Oliver, Bill Paton and Mike Glamuzina.

The club is now looking ahead to March 2016, as we are now responsible for holding the competition at Muriwai Golf Club. We are expecting a full field of over 100 players as this is a new venue for the Australians.

We will need help and will be looking to our community to assist in any way to make this the best event so far. I would like to see more Croatian players put their hands up to play in the tournament and we need to start looking seriously at sponsorship for the event. If you can assist in any way please get in touch with Mladen or myself.

Nick Suvalko



Croatian Consulate General Auckland: April 2015 Consular Days

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate General in Auckland will be held from **Friday 17th April to Sunday 19th April 2015**, with the following schedule:

Friday 17th April from 1pm to 6pm

Saturday 18th April from 10am to 6pm

Sunday 19th April from 10am to 6pm

The Consular days will be held at the Croatian Cultural Society clubrooms 161 McLeod Road, Te Atatu South. Payments for consular services need to be in the form of a cheque. We are unable to accept Eftpos or cash.

For all enquiries please email crocons.auckland@mvep.hr

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 Fabian Ukich for more information about joining NK Auckland Croatia.

Fabian Ukich: 021 987 250

New Zealand Croatia Cricket

New Zealand Croatia Cricket exists to provide a home for New Zealanders with Croatian ancestry to come together through their mutual love of cricket to connect, share and celebrate their Croatian heritage and culture. Check us out at:

www.nwezealandcroatiacricket.weebly.com

For further information please contact:

John Vujnovich: 021 922 044

Croatian Library

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

Our Kitchen

Sunday Dinners 6pm

Call 836-6550 between 3pm and 5pm to pre-book your dinner or come along and place your order. **As of 1st February 2015 Sunday dinners will be \$20.00.**



Cost \$20 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:

Goran Kačurov:

kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz

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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

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 playgroup for 2015 is **Friday April 17th**. 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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