

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter January, 2016 – Volume 42

3rd Quarterly Members Meeting

Sunday 6th March 2016—4pm

The 3rd Quarterly Members meeting for the 2015/2016 year will be held at our Society Club rooms at 4pm. All members and their families can stay on following the meeting as Sunday Dinner will be available.

Agenda

Apologies	Treasurer's report
Minutes of previous quarterly meeting	Financial Overseer's report
Correspondence incoming/ outgoing	General business
President's report	

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Events Calendar

Croatian Consular Days June 2016	6th & 7th February 2016 10am - 6pm, CCS Clubrooms See notice for further dates around NZ
Vrgorac Dinner & Dance	Saturday 23rd January, 2016 CCS Clubrooms Featuring Nenad Vetma
Annual Croatian Picnic	Sunday 31st January, 2016 Wenderholm, Waiwera
Annual Croatian Buce Tournament	Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st February, 2016 CCS Clubrooms - See flyer for details
3rd Quarterly Members Meeting	Sunday 6th March, 2016 4pm at the CCS Clubrooms

BAR AND KITCHEN NEW YEAR'S NOTICE

THE BAR HAS REOPENED AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE CLOSED ON THE 31ST OF JANUARY DUE TO THE CROATIAN PICNIC BEING HELD AT WENDERHOLM PARK.

THE KITCHEN WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY THE 27th OF DECEMBER UNTIL SUNDAY THE 31st OF JANUARY. THE KITCHEN WILL REOPEN ON SUNDAY THE 7th FEBRUARY 2016.

2015 Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert



Presidents Report – January 2016

I would like to extend my best wishes to all of our members in this New Year. I hope it brings you and your families much happiness and good health.

Many of us had the pleasure of enjoying our Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert at the Society clubrooms in early December. We were privileged to have in attendance His Excellency Dr. Damir Kusen, Croatian Ambassador for Australia and New Zealand & his wife Loreta. Our new Honorary Conculs Mr Leo Panzic (North Island) and his wife Annemarie & Sir Peter Talijancich (South Island) and his wife Judy, Mr. Shane Jones and National List MP for Te Atatu Mr Alfred Ngaro and his wife Moka, Auckland Councilor Linda Cooper and her husband Noel, Elizabeth Grimmer – a former trustee of the Waitakere Licensing Trust and a great friend of our society and our first Mayor of Waitakere City Mr Assid Corban. It was also my honour to welcome our first and founding Society president Mr. Davorin Ozich and his wife Christine, and our world famous guitar maker Mr Laurie Williams. We were privileged to host our guests from Melbourne, Folklore Ensemble Hrvatska Zora and from Sydney Folklore Ensemble Vukovar. The evening was a celebration of our culture and our passion for music and dance. I was particularly happy to see that our junior and intermediate groups are continuing to grow and it was a delight to see them all perform.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and once again, a first class programme was produced. Thank you to Goran & Sanja Kačurov, all the performers and all the organisers for making the night a great success.

Sadly we had to farewell Tiana Lyles and Natasha Vujnovich as they were retiring and hanging up their dancing shoes. We also had the opportunity to say goodbye to one of our valued members and a Senior Ensemble dancer Josef Ukich. On behalf of the Executive Committee and all members I would like to wish Josef Good luck in all that comes his way in the future and we look forward to all his future visits.

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate General in Auckland will be held on the weekend of Saturday 6th February & Sunday 7th of February 2016. Please refer to the notice in this newsletter.

We have a busy few months ahead, starting with the Annual Croatian Picnic. Our upcoming annual Croatian picnic will be held at Wenderholm Park on Anniversary weekend in January 2016. The Dalmatian Club will be holding their picnic on the same day at Wenderholm Park. We have site 2 booked to accommodate both the DCS & CCS. We will be holding the children's games and races together. Please make an effort to attend the annual picnic as it is a wonderful opportunity for the people of our community to get together. Refer to flyer for more information.

This year's Annual Buč Tournament will be held on the weekend of Saturday the 20th February & Sunday

the 21st of February 2016. Mark these dates in your diary as this is a great social event for young and old. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

The first of our regional dinners for this year will be Vrgorac Vecer and is scheduled for Saturday 23rd of January 2016. We have been fortunate to secure Nenad Vetma, an extremely popular Croatian singer, to be our guest performer. Come along and experience the delicious Croatian cuisine provided by the kitchen crew and don't miss the opportunity to dance the night away. For more information refer to the flyer in this newsletter.

I look forward to this New Year, and I hope you will all join us in helping to build a stronger and more vibrant society in the months and years ahead.

Bog I Hrvati

Goran Katich

CROATIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AUCKLAND: JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016 CONSULAR DAYS

Canberra based Croatian consul for New Zealand, Loreta Bertosa-Kusen, will be holding "consular days" throughout New Zealand in January and early February 2016 as per the schedule below. She has requested that this information be shared through your websites and direct emails to all your members, with a plea to forward the information to Croatian friends/family in the South Island in particular.

Queenstown: Monday, 10 January

Te Anau: Wednesday, 12 January

Invercargill: Friday, 14 January

Christchurch: Saturday, 16 January

Dunedin: Sunday, 17 January

To arrange an appointment please email:

crocons.auckland@mvep.hr

**Auckland: Saturday/Sunday, 6/7 February
at Croatian Cultural Society Clubrooms, 161
McLeod Road, Te Atatu South, 10am to 6pm
(No appointment required - first come, first
served basis)**

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



VERGORAC

Dinner & Dance

with special guest

NENAD VETMA

7PM

SATURDAY 23rd January

ccs clubrooms ♦ 161 mc leod road ♦ te atatu
adults \$45 ♦ under 8 free ♦ 8-16 years \$20
tickets ♦ Katica ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz/834 7237

The Croatian Cultural Society presents

The Annual Croatian PICNIC



SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 2016

WENDERHOLM , WAIWERA

37 Schischka Road, Waiwera

*The park entrance is on State
Highway 1 just north of Waiwera*

GAMES & RACES
FROM 3PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOCIETY CLUBROOMS WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY.
For further details contact the secretary ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NZ CROATIAN BUĆE ASSOCIATION THE CCS IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE

ANNUAL CROATIAN BUĆE TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY 20TH & SUNDAY 21ST FEB
CCS CLUBROOMS ● 10AM START

Come to the club any Sunday to practice your skills in order to take the 2016 title.

- Teams are to consist of three players.
- Only one regular Sunday player (currently or formerly) per team (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).
- Entry is \$150 per team which includes complimentary dinner on each of the two nights.
- The team with the best uniform will win a bar tab at the club.
- Games to be played to 13 and you must win by 2.
- Naming rights for the cup are available.
- "HUGE" prize pool! Find entry form included in this newsletter.

***TWO DAYS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH KIDS
ENTERTAINMENT (BOUNCY CASTLE) AND SUNDAY FAMILY
DINNER FROM 6PM***

For queries contact Steven Stulich 021 779 500 or steven@adriacp.co.nz

PHOTO GALLERY View full gallery on Facebook on the Croatian Cultural Society page.



Photos courtesy of Josip Matkovich



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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.newzealandcroatiacricket.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:

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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. Playgroup will resume in 2016 in line with school term dates. 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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