

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo – Newsletter March, 2016 – Volume 43

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	Financial Overseer's report
Correspondence incoming/	General business
President's report	

Events Calendar

Croatian Consular Days June 2016	4th & 5th March, 2016 Friday 4 th - 10am - 6pm Saturday 5 th - 9am - 2pm See notice for details
3rd Quarterly Members Meeting	Sunday 6th March, 2016 4pm at the CCS Clubrooms
Annual General Meeting	Sunday 22nd May, 2016 3pm CCS Clubrooms

Membership Fees for 2015/2016

Please be aware that your CCS membership subscriptions must be paid for the 2015/2016 financial year. This payment is required **before** Sunday 22nd of May 2016 in order to attend the AGM. **Note: No membership fees will be accepted on the day of**

2016 Boce Tournament Winners with CCS President



Presidents Report – January 2016

January & February were busy months for our Society. Vrgorac Night, the first of our regional dinners, was a very successful evening. Nenad Vetma wowed the crowd with his ballads. Thank you to everyone involved for making Vrgorac Night the success that it was. The evening resulted in a profit of over **\$12,000** (excluding bar takings), and was another great result for our Society. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this important function.

This year our Annual Croatian Picnic was held at Wenderholm Regional Park and sharing our grounds was the Dalmatian Cultural Society. We held the children's running/novelty races and games together and a great time was had by one and all. There was a record turnout of club members and friends of the society and we were extremely lucky the weather stayed fine for most of the day. The first joint picnic was a great success and hopefully even more people will attend the picnic next year. Thank you to everyone that came along!

The weekend of February 20th & 21st hosted our annual Buće Tournament at the clubrooms. Congratulations to team 'Stari', once again Goran Vrdoljak, Vedran Skokandic and Tomislav Busljeta showed us how it is done. Congratulations to the second place team, team 'Sjor' - Tomislav Markotic, Nedo Klinac and Mladan Radonic played an extremely good game. The weekend proved to be a great social event for young and old. The Society made a profit of **\$12,500** (excluding bar takings). A big thank you to Steven Stulich for organizing this event and our sincere appreciation goes to Vuksich & Borich and all those members who have made this facility possible. Thank you to Jelica & Victor and their team of helpers who worked tirelessly in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone that helped on the bar, a special mention must go to Bob Vichelich who gave up his weekend and worked both days. Thank you!

I am please to inform you we have been successful in securing grant funding to the value of **\$50,000** – this going towards covering the salary for Goran Kacurov.

This is a great outcome for our Society and will enable us to continue supporting and developing our music and cultural groups within Kralj Tomislav and our community.

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate in Auckland will be held on 4 to 5 March 2016 with the following schedule:
Friday 4 March from 10am to 6pm
Saturday 5 March from 9am to 2pm

In conclusion I would also like to thank all of those

people that have made a massive contribution to our Society over the last 2 months. I do not wish to list everyone by name, but we all know who you are. Without you all, this Society would be far poorer and we are all the richer because of your hard work and generosity. From all of us, thank you very much.

I'd like to wish all members & friends of our Society a very safe and blessed Easter.

Bog I Hrvati

Goran Katich

Notification of AGM 2016

Sunday the 22nd of May, 2016

To be held at the
Croatian Cultural Society Clubrooms at 3pm.

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.

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT
WITH THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Vrgorac Night Report

Vrgorac Night was held on Saturday the 23rd of January and it was a very successful dinner and

dance which was enjoyed by all. Over 200 people attended and enjoyed the night's festivities. Our guest performer Nenad Vetma, also known as the Croatian Tom Jones, sang a great medley of songs and the dancing went on into the small hours.

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, Euro-dell, Leo Panzic, Talleys, Vuksich & Borich Limited, Stipe Nuich, Ivan and Milka Selak, Petar and Vinka Sain, Damir Selak, Antun Tolich, Ivan and Davorka Ozich, Anka Sokol, Berislav Jujnovich, Rick & Rose Ballinger, the Stulich family and Goran & Katica Katich.

Thank you to all of you for making Vrgorac Night the success that it was.

The evening resulted in a profit of over \$12,000 (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.

Nenad Vetma



Sretan Uskrs



Annual Buce Tournament 2016

The 4th annual Buce tournament was held at the clubrooms on the weekend of the 20th and 21st of February. The atmosphere was tense, teams were focused and the hunger to win the cup made the 2016 tournament the best the club has seen!

We again had a tight tournament with some new faces showing their skills and some familiar faces doing all they could to claim the coveted cup! The quarter finals and semis were all hard fought games. There were some stunning shots and tight games. New finalists, "Sjor" (Tomislav Markotic, Nedo Klinac and Mladan Radonic), progressed along with 2015 reigning champions "Stari" (Goran Vrdoljak, Vedran Skonkandic and Tomislav Busljeta). It was a great game but the Stari trio showed their class and retained the cup for another year. A big congratulations must be extended to them.

It was another great tournament and a huge success for the club. The first thanks needs to go to the Vuksich family and Vuksich & Borich. At huge expense they re-surfaced the court, which was no small job. Without the Vuksichs, our club would only be a fraction of what it is. Many other families also donated to the tournament and help make the tournament what it is. The club thanks you all for this.

The final thanks goes to the real machine at the club. The kitchen and bar staff worked hard for two days straight. It is them who give up their weekend for you to enjoy your weekend at the club. Please thank them and show them your appreciation. Maybe at the next function, instead of asking what the club can give you, ask what you can give the club and lend a hand.

Thanks again and see you all next year!

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





Photos courtesy of Josip Matkovich

VISIT OF CROATIAN-AUSTRALIAN PRIEST FR IVO TADIĆ

Delegate for Croatian Catholic Priests in Australia and New Zealand

FR LUKA PRANJIĆ AND FR IVO TADIĆ

WILL CELEBRATE MASS IN CROATIAN

1.30pm ON SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

AT THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

94 TAIKATA STREET, TE ATATU PENINSULA

Fr Ivo Tadić, from Wollongong, is making a special trip to Auckland to visit the Croatian Catholic community to ascertain our needs, prior to going to Zagreb the week after Easter, to attend a Management Meeting for Pastoral Care of Croats Abroad, to discuss our needs with them.

This is a unique opportunity, so it is extremely important that you make yourself available on this occasion and support his initiative on your behalf. He will be accompanied by Fr Pranjic from Geelong.

Note: Enclosed in the CCS newsletter is a Questionnaire from Fr Ivo Tadic, asking if you would like to have Holy Mass in the Croatian language and if so, how often: weekly, fortnightly, monthly or once/ twice a year?

Please complete this Questionnaire and hand it in when you attend the Mass on Sunday 6th March or at the Bar in the Croatian Club.

For any enquiries contact: Suzanne Pinčević 024 021 59908, Secretary, Croatian Catholic Mission, PO Box 36-263, Northcote 0748, Auckland.

CONSULATE DATES

Croatian Consulate Auckland: Consular days for March 2016

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate in Auckland will be held on 4 to 5 March 2016 with the following schedule:

Friday 4 March from 10am to 6pm

Saturday 5 March from 9am to 2pm

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 or online. We are unable to accept Eftpos or cash.

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

CCS CLUBROOMS CLOSED

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH

The clubrooms will be closed on the 27th of March due to the Easter Public Holidays. There will be no Sunday night dinner and the bar will be closed.



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:

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.

The Following applications for full membership have been received:

Krizanovic, Branko - Nominated by Goran Katich and seconded by Ljubica Vrdoljak

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



Key Contacts

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