

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo - Newsletter March, 2017 - Volume 49

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 21st May 2017 - 3pm

All members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st May at 3.00pm at our Society Club rooms.

Agenda

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Minutes of previous AGM meeting
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Correspondence
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Financial Overseer's Report
General Business

Events Calendar

Dalmatino Live in Concert

21st April, 2017
7pm start, see flyer for details

Consular Dates

29th and 30th April, 2017
Details inside the newsletter

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3pm CCS Clubrooms

Membership Fee Notice

This is a friendly reminder that the 2016/2017 membership fees are due. This payment is required before Sunday 22nd of May 2017 in order to attend the AGM. **Note: No membership fees will be accepted on the day of the AGM.**

Please feel free to contact the secretary at ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz to check your membership status if you are unsure what it is.



Winners of the 2017 Annual Croatian Buče Tournament - Marko Nuić, Ivan Slavić and Stipe Nuić

Presidents Report – March Newsletter

January was a relatively quiet month for the society, with the exception of our Annual Croatian Picnic, which 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 day was hot and sunny. The 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 18th & 19th hosted our annual Buće Tournament at the clubrooms. Congratulations to Ivan Slavich, Stipe & Marko Nuich, our winners of this year's trophy. It was lovely to see three generations of a family playing together. Congratulations to the second place team, Vinko, Antoni and Petar Curin, they played an extremely good game. The weekend proved to be a great social event for young and old. We also had a team of young members participating, and they got as far as the semifinals. What a great effort that was! This is what it is all about – all generations interacting and having a great time. The Society made a profit of **\$20,000** (including bar takings). A big thanks to the organisers of this event and our sincere appreciation goes to Vuksich & Borich and all those members who have made this facility possible. Thank you to Jelica and her team of helpers who worked in the kitchen. Thank you to Bob and his team that helped on the bar. Thank you everyone that helped, 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.

March saw our golfers from the Croatian Social Golf Club of New Zealand make their way to Australia for the annual AUSCRO Golf Tournament. This year's tournament was held in Melbourne and our golfers achieved 3rd place with Anthony Vuksich and Roy Sunde both collecting major tournament prizes. Congratulations guys! For more information refer to the full tournament notice in this newsletter.

I am pleased 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. Thank you to The Trusts Community Foundation!

Our new replacement chairs have been ordered and hopefully should be here by the end of March. If anyone wishes to purchase some of the old chairs at \$5.00 each, call me on 021 968 936.

Our next Consular days for the Croatian Consulate in Auckland will be held on **29 and 30 April 2017**. For more information, please refer to the notice in this newsletter.

We are fortunate to be hosting Dalmatino at the clubrooms on Friday the 21st of April. This promises to be a memorable event. For more information, refer to the flyer in this newsletter. For tickets contact Katica on 021 543 911.

Bog I Hrvati
Goran Katich
President

2017 Annual Croatian Buće Tournament

The 2017 buće tournament was another well enjoyed and supported CCS tournament. 30 Teams battled it out over two days. There were many hard fought games. Some of the perennial favourites returned and more importantly some new faces put in show stopping performances. It was great to see a record number of female teams bring some class to the tournament.

The finals rounds saw the emergence of new talent, namely "The Raptors". This young team, Mario Stulich, Anton Oliver and Nicholas Tolich were playing buće for the first time. To be Semi Finalists, only beaten by the tournament winners, is something they should all be extremely proud of. To see young players like this join the tournament gives it a healthy prognosis.

The final will be one remembered for years. Team "Tri Kralja" (Ivan Slavić, Stipe Nuić and Marko Nuić) were runners up in the 2013 inaugural tournament. Team "Gdinj" (Vinko Ćurin, Antoni Ćurin and Petar Ćurin) were 2014 tournament winners. The final was a very heart-warming finale to a great tournament. "Tri Kralja"-Dida, Zet & Unuk versus "Gdinj"- Otac I Sinovi. Ultimately it was "Tri Kralja" that will get their name immortalised on that magnificent trophy. Skipper Ivan Slavić is considered by all to be the ultimate gentleman and sportsman and along with his team could not be more worthy winners!

A huge thank you needs to go to all the people that make this tournament as successful as it is. \$20,000.00 net profit was made for the club and this is thanks to a small team of very generous members who have given their hard earned money or time to make this the great event that it is. To those that worked in the kitchen, in the bar or donated, the club extends a huge thank you. Once again, Congratulations to "Tri Kralja" and see you in 2018!



Auscro 2017 – Melbourne (Geelong) Golf Tournament

It's 20 years on and the annual tournament is still going strong. This year it was hosted by the Geelong team on the lovely southern coast of Torquay at the Sands golf course. Torquay is about half an hour away from Geelong. Statistics show Croatians are the second largest ethnic group in Geelong.

In total about 130 players entered the competition and many were accompanied by their partners in support. This year we had ten players and five partners who all had a very enjoyable week. This reflects on the great success we had last year with our own tournament. People are still talking about the show we put on in Auckland and are asking us to host it again soon.

We were all received warmly by the Geelong representatives who chose a very tough course this year at the Sands - Torquay. I am not the only one who thought that it was extremely challenging with numerous bunkers, hazards and not to mention the extremely windy conditions from the Southern Ocean. Again, we managed to come away with great results with the team coming third and both Roy Sunde and Anthony Vuksich collecting major tournament prizes, the blue and gold jackets respectively.

Geelong did themselves proud in their efforts to host and entertain us throughout the three days of competition. The evening dinners and prize giving ceremony were held at the Croatian Community Centre Geelong and Croatian Club at Bell Park. We were overwhelmed with the facilities and the food was spectacular, my pick was the fish dinner event at Bell Park.

On behalf of the players of the Croatian Social Golf Club (NZ), I would like to thank our golf club members and non-members who have supported us over the last five years – it is much appreciated and if you're thinking you would like to join the team, then have a chat with either Mladen on 0274545074 or myself on 0274810586.

Nick Suvalko - Secretary/Treasurer



From left to right: Mladen Goricki, Marc Oliver, Nick Suvalko, Brian Juretic, Barry Borich, Maria Loverich, Michael Loverich, Anthony Vuksich and Roy Sunde (absent Milenko Borich and Milica Unkovich).



Anthony Vuksich: winner gold jacket (over 55year nett competition)

Roy Sunde: winner blue jacket (best nett overall competition)

Dalmatino - Live in Auckland at the CCS

Dalmatino was founded by musicians Ivo Jagnjić and Zdravko Zsunara in 1998. Since they released their debut album Cukar i Sol in 2001, which sold more than 20,000 copies, they launched a small revolution in Croatian pop music and have gained great popularity. They have won gold and silver plates and Porina 2002 for new artist of the year.

Both Ivo and Zdravko are former members of the popular 80's band Tutti Frutti. Ivo is well known for his exceptional song writing abilities.

So far the group have released four albums: Cukar i Sol, Dobro Jutro, Lipa Ric and Moj Dom, and Jagnjić puts the author's signature on 40 of the 42 tracks. They are frequent guests at the festivals: Split, Melodies of the Croatian Adriatic, HRF, Zadarfest and CMC festival. They also tour around the world.

They wowed us with their unique sound when they last visited Auckland. Make sure you come along to experience their music on the 21st of April. It's a concert for the whole family! Get ready for lots of dancing and singing to a well respected and popular Croatian band.



THE CROATIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

dalmatino

LIVE IN AUCKLAND

CCS CLUBROOMS

161 MCLEOD ROAD, TE ATATU

TICKETS \$50
INCLUDING SUPPER

FOR TICKETS CONTACT KATICA KATICH
CCSSECRETARY@HOTMAIL.CO.NZ / 834 7237

FRIDAY 21ST
APRIL 7PM



PHOTO GALLERY To view more photos please visit our Facebook page

Annual Croatian Buće Tournament, February 2017



Croatian Consulate Dates

Consular days for the Croatian Consulate in Auckland will be held on

29 and 30 April 2017 with the following schedule:

Saturday 29th April from 10.00am to 6.00pm

Sunday 30th 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 or online. We are unable to accept Eftpos or cash.

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

Croatian Catholic Mission

EASTER MASS

will be held at St Anne's Church,
Cole Place,
at

10.30am on Sunday 16th April

Also - please note that *Stations of the Cross* will be held during Lent prior to Mass so please come a little earlier - it will start about 10.00-10.15am. Croatian Masses held prior to Easter are on 12th March, 26th March and 9th April

Croatian Women's League

**An invitation is extended to all the ladies
and MEN
AFTERNOON TEA AT CROATIAN CENTRE
WITH OUR SPECIAL GUEST
PRECIOUS MCKENZIE**

2 am - Sunday 23rd APRIL 2017



**Precious is a bouncing ball of energy! A virtual dynamo!
He will show you how you too can be a ball of Energy!
Precious is also an Ambassador for Settlers Lifestyle Village**

Come along and listen to and meet Precious McKenzie MBE who won Commonwealth titles representing both England and New Zealand and has won several World powerlifting and Masters World powerlifting titles.

The key to his success has been trusting in himself, and never believing there was something he could not do. His career has required many small steps, and leaps over hurdles. Even in the most difficult times, he never gave up all because of willpower.

Precious will talk about his return to weightlifting in Las Vegas in 2014 and how his body felt as a 78 year old compared to when he was in his prime and how to keep fit as we age. Precious will be joined by Rosalie Pearson from Settlers Lifestyle Village and can answer any questions you may have about lifestyle village living. Precious and his wife Elizabeth have lived at Settlers for just on 7 years.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

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

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CCS HALL HIRE

Hall and kitchen available for events and functions. For bookings, options and more information please contact:

Bozenka Mrkusich 021 341 634.

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

OUR KITCHEN

SUNDAY DINNERS 6PM

Call 836 6550 between 3pm - 5pm to pre-book your dinner or come long and place your order. **Dinner tickets are \$20** for a delicious hot dinner provided by the Sunday evening kitchen crew.

CROATIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS

For information about learning the Croatian language please contact the club secretary on:

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

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

Michal Nola 021 051 1139

FOLKLORE

Anyone interested in joining the Kralj Tomislav Folklore Ensemble please visit the CCS Website for a registration form or contact:

Goran Kačurov:

kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz

Nada Stulich:

nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz

Our groups include:

Senior Group: 16 years and over

Intermediate Group: 10-15 years

Junior Group: 4-9 years

Orchestra

NEW MEMBERS INVITED

If you have friends and family that are eligible to join, encourage them to enjoy the privilege of being members of our Society.

We offer our members a place where they can uphold their Croatian identity and enjoy the services on offer which includes sports, kolo, choir, card playing, bowls, library services and Consular visits, 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 or email the secretary, Katica Katich for an update. We remind you that only financial members are eligible to attend the Members Meetings.

Katica Katich

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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

Gregurec, Ivica - Nominator Goran Katich and Seconder Bozenka Mrkusich

Steele, Patrick James, Rose, Robert Maurice & Vivienne - Nominator Leo Panzic and Seconder Goran Katich

CCS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

The CCS Playgroup meets fortnightly on Friday mornings from 9.30am-12.00pm as suits. All are welcome for a coffee and kids playtime. If you have any questions or would like to join the email database, please contact Katica Katich at:

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

Playgroup is currently on a break. If you are interested in being the contact person for this group, please email Katica Katich.

TAMBURICA & INSTRUMENT TUITION

If you or any person you know of are interested in learning the tamburica or another musical instrument, contact Goran Kačurov: 021 877 247



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Women's League	Zdenka Batistich/Diane Yelash

