

# Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo - Newsletter June, 2017 - Volume 51

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Members Meeting

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
- 4pm**

The 1st Quarterly Members meeting for the 2017/2018 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
- Minutes of previous quarterly meeting
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Financial Overseer's Report
- General Business

On the 21st of May HNK Auckland hosted U-Strikers in the first round of the Auckland Sunday League Cup at our home ground of the Croatian Cultural Society.

The game itself was fairly slow to start off due to the opposition not wanting to press into our half leaving the boys plenty of time at

the back to dictate the terms of play lads were able to find a way through with goals coming from Oliver Sardelic, Greg Uhlman and Felipe Corredor. HNK Auckland finished the game 4-1 leaving the team still undefeated in the Sunday League and Sunday League Cup!

The boys were over the moon with the number of supporters who came down to the Club to watch us play, a side line head count was over 100 spectators which is incredible for our newly formed team; hats off to all who watched.

After the game the men and women in the kitchen put on a magnificent dinner for all the spectators and players. The food was excellent! Well done to everyone that helped to make the day an incredible success, this does not go unnoticed.

The dinner was attended by over 130 people which left us overwhelmed with the level of support. At the dinner, we ran a small raffle as a fundraiser for our trip to the Australia New Zealand Croatia soccer Tournament in Canberra. This raised a profit of \$360. Thank you to all who purchased a ticket.

Special mention must go to a couple of people. Firstly Goran Kačurov who has released our team song after sending it to Zagreb to be digitally remastered! The song is great and represents who we are as a team. We have been playing this song before every game. Secondly to Chris Marinovic who donated 6 professionally made NK AUCKLAND CROATIA flags which are flying proudly above the dugout. Also a huge thank you to Annette Farac and Marlen Farac who are kindly donating their time to run our media department.

## Events Calendar

**An Evening with Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović - President of Croatia**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**  
Details to follow

**1st Quarterly Meeting**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**  
4pm CCS Clubrooms

**HNK Fundraising Dinner and Raffle Drawing**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**  
6pm CCS Clubrooms

**Ladies Luncheon**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

## HNK AUCKLAND CUP AND DINNER



## Words from our Captain: Zoran Kacic Bartulovic

On behalf of the team i would like to thank the community for getting behind us and supporting our team. Each and every week there is a group of dedicated supporters that turn up and watch us. Without their support we wouldn't be undefeated this year to date.

We have assembled a strong squad this season with players ranging in ages from 18 to 40 with a lot of great characters in the group. Their is never dull moment and this has transferred on to the field with our results and style of play. It's an honour to captain these boys and I'm sure with your continued support we will achieve our goals of winning the league, our league cup and also to be undefeated this season.

## Player Profiles

### Oliver Sardelic

Currently our top goal scorer. Sardelic has made a strong start to the season starting all 10 games where is has scored a total of 13 goals to date. He was able to find his feet early in the season where he scored a hat trick in the opening game of the season. The team has come to rely on Sardelic's work ethic. He has formed a strong partnership with Greg Uhlman up front and we can't wait to see what the pair will do over the rest of the season.



Oliver Sardelic vs Nixon Park FC

### Jacob Posa

Posa signed for HNK Auckland in the summer on a free transfer following the end of his contract with Western Springs. Posa is the chameleon of the team and has played every position on the field apart from goalkeeper. He is not afraid to get stuck in and do the hard work for the team. He has gone from strength to strength this season and is growing in confidence in every game. He will be a huge asset for the team in years to come.



Jacob Posa vs Zamantix Rovers



Supporters at HNK Auckland v U-Strikers

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# HNK AUCKLAND CROATIA

Croatian Cultural Society

Player of the Year '17

Date	Competition	Opponent	Venue	Ground	RESULT	Goalscorers	PLAYER OF THE YEAR			
							3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	
2.4.17	ASFA Div 1	University of Auckland Reserves	Away	Eastdale Reserve	W	3 - 0	Oliver Sardelic (3)	Marko Nuich	Oliver Sardelic	Jacob Posa
9.4.17	ASFA Div 1	Auckland Wanderers 2	Home	Croatian Cultural Society	W	4 - 1	Zoran Bartulovic (2), Oliver Sardelic, Peter Simons	Zoran Bartulovic	Felipe	Stefan Bebich
23.4.17	ASFA Div 1	Nixon Park FC	Home	Croatian Cultural Society	W	3 - 1	James Simons, Zoran Bartulovic, Nick Farac	James Simons	Zoran Bartulovic	Marko Nuich
25.4.17	Chatham Cup	West Hamilton United	Away	Weka Street	L	2 - 5	Zoran Bartulovic (2)	James Simons	Stefan Bebich	Peter Van Kampen
30.4.17	ASFA Div 1	Dalín FC	Away	Colin Maiden Park	W	3 - 1	Peter Simons (2), Oliver Sardelic	Peter Simons	Felipe	Luka Matkovic
7.5.17	ASFA Div 1	AUT FC 2	Home	Croatian Cultural Society	W	9 - 1	Greg Uhlman (4), Zoran Bartulovic (2), Felipe (2), Oliver Sardelic	Felipe	Greg Uhlman	Zoran Bartulovic
14.5.17	ASFA Div 1	Kamarak FC	Away	Rongomai Reserve	W	10 - 1	Sardelic(3), Uhlman(2), Vezich(2), Z.Bartulovic, M.Bartulovic, Felipe	Greg Uhlman	Steve Vezich	Oliver Sardelic
21.5.17	Conference Cup	U-Strikers	Home	Croatian Cultural Society	W	4 - 1	Oliver Sardelic, Felipe, Greg Uhlman, Own Goal	Greg Uhlman	Felipe	Tomy Tomos
28.5.17	ASFA Div 1	Zamantix Rovers Return	Home	Croatian Cultural Society	W	2 - 0	Oliver Sardelic, Greg Uhlman	Peter Curin	Stefan Lausev	Stefan Bebich
4.6.17	Conference Cup	Zamantix Force	Away	Bill McKinlay Park	W	10 - 0	J Simons(3), Sardelic(2), Z.Bartulovic(2), Vezich, Posa, Nuich	James Simons	Nick Farac	Zoran Bartulovic
11.6.17	ASFA Div 1	University of Auckland Reserves	Home	Croatian Cultural Society						



*Saturday 10th June, Len Stulich, Leo Panzic, Gordan Bakota and Goran Kačurov*

## **President's Report – June 2017**

It is a privilege to be back on the committee serving as your President, and I thank you for your support and encouragement.

On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June we held our Croatian Independence Day celebration at the club, and it was a great evening which was well attended and enjoyed by all. We were honoured to have Mr. Gordan Bakota – the Assistant to the Croatian Minister of Foreign Affairs – visiting us, along with the Croatian Ambassador, Dr. Damir Kušen. Mr. Bakota spoke highly of our Society, and he enjoyed his brief time here with many of our members.

Dr. Kušen announced that the Croatian President, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, was an invited guest of the New Zealand government and would be coming to visit us on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. This is very exciting news, and we look forward to hosting her at our Society on that day. We will communicate more details to you about this event closer to the time.

We were also honoured to have Minister Alfred Ngaro in attendance, along with Auckland Councillor Linda Cooper and Elizabeth Grimmer.

Our members and guests were treated to performances by Kralj Tomislav, which were beautifully choreographed and led by Goran Kačurov. A wonderful video compilation of some of our Society's history and a tribute to Tonči Čović were presented. It was a very touching video which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Goran Kačurov and all of Kralj Tomislav for these performances, which did us all proud.

Our appreciation goes out to everyone who helped in the kitchen and the bar. The supper was superb, and the service was first class. Thank you to all of you for the generosity of your time and effort.

Well done to the HNK Auckland Croatia boys for another great win on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. You are a pleasure to watch and it is great to see many supporters come out and cheer you on. This is a great development for the club, and it is helping to bring more young supporters and families along to watch the games. We are proud of you all and we will be supporting you all the way, so that you can hopefully find success in Australia later this year.

We have a great committee that will be working hard for you over the coming year and we aim to bring you many exciting events and functions. Please do your best to support these functions with your family, and enjoy all the benefits that your Society can bring to you.

Bog i Hrvati, Len Stulich

# HELLO CROATIA

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## Now flying daily to Zagreb.

Fly to Zagreb, your gateway to Croatia and our newest destination in Europe. Immerse yourself in the capital's bustling café culture, lose yourself in the island maze of the Dalmatian Coast or move to the pulse of Croatia's vibrant nightlife. On the way, explore the many wonders of Dubai with a stop over.

*DON'T JUST VISIT, LIVE IT.*

Hello Tomorrow



Emirates

### LETTER FROM VESNA RADONICH: WAKA AMA - OUTRIGGERS COMPETITOR

My name is Vesna Aroha Radonich, I am the daughter of Mladen Radonich. He mentioned it would be good to put a story about my recent success at the World Masters Games, which had over 28,000 participants held in Auckland.

I am involved in a sport called waka ama (outriggers) it is the fastest growing water sport in NZ. I have been doing waka ama for over 15 years and have several world, national titles/medals. Recently I attended the World Masters Games in Auckland for waka ama. I competed in team events (6 person and 12 person) mixed teams (3 men 3 women) and individual waka. Excited to say that I came back with 9 medals. This is the most successful campaign I have been apart of:

#### GOLD

15km W1 Master Women (solo event)  
W12 500m Master Women (12 person team event)  
W12 500m Master Mixed (12 team with 6 men / 6 women)  
W6 1000m Master Mixed (6 person with 3 women / 3 men)  
W6 1000m Master Women (6 person team event)  
W6 500m Master Mixed (6 person with 3 women / 3 men)

#### SILVER

W6 500m Master Women (team event)  
W6 25km Master Women (team event)

#### BRONZE

W1 500m Master Women (solo event)

Now I am training for the 2017 World Va'a (waka ama) ELITE Marathon Championships to be held on 28-30 June in Tahiti. To be able to go to this event, you have to trial and train to be selected as one of 6 paddlers to represent NZ at the championships. I am excited to say that I made the OPEN women's division, which is the most competitive division of them all. Though I am a master paddler, I wanted to show people that my age shouldn't stop me from trialling for the OPEN women's team.

Also, one thing to note is that I have a hearing disability and wear a hearing aid to help me hear. Though I can not wear them on the water, I have learnt to rely on my other senses such as feeling, sight and touch to help me succeed in my sport. I am so grateful to my team and paddlers who support me where they can, they don't let my hearing loss be a disadvantage to them as they see how passionate I am about the sport.

None of my success is possible without the support of my family, loved ones, friends and supporters. I am so grateful to everyone for their continual and endless support.

To date I have over 70 medals from World, National and regional events in waka ama. I also have success in other sports stand up paddle boarding, bodybuilding and surf life saving (surf canoes)

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So my next adventure is the 2017 World Va'a Marathon Championships 28-30 June in Tahiti. This sport is a self funded support and I am always looking for funds/koha to help get me there. If you would like to help me out and be a part of my success journey, I have set up an account that you can contribute to, it is:

Vesna Radonich

ASB Bank

12-3045-05598-56

REF: Koha **YOUR NAME**

Every cent counts and gets me one step closer to GOING FOR GOLD

### CROATIAN RUGBY

#### Recent Test Campaign Update

The most recent cycle of games for the Croatian National Rugby team have been completed with the side recording a win and a draw. Playing against UK player dominated Malta (29th April) and Cyprus (6th May); Croatia competed with a local based team with just 4 players selected from overseas.

A tough fought game resulting in a draw against Malta, played in Zagreb, took away any chance of winning our European Rugby pool and subsequently halted any further advancement in the Rugby World Cup qualifying matches for Japan RWC 2019. Leading 14-11 with 10 minutes to go Croatia gave away what turned out to be a crucial penalty resulting in the final score line of 14 all. The game was played in front of a lively crowd of 2500 people and was broadcast live on HRT2. Croatia did take small satisfaction in scoring 2 tries to Malta's 1 in the match.

The second match was played in Cyprus and was very much a game of 2 halves. Croatia looked asleep for much of the 1st half, conceding a 20-3 halftime deficit. In the 2nd half we played more attacking football and scored 4 tries in a come from behind win, taking an 29-27 victory in the final minute of the match.

The game was notable for NZ based player Josh Brajkovic, who after earning his 1st test cap for Croatia the week previous, celebrated with his first try for Croatia in this game and playing a major role in the victory. Congratulations to him on his performances and to the rest of his team mates on these results. We look forward to the next set of games in October/November try for Croatia in this game and playing a major role in

the victory. Congratulations to him on his performances and to the rest of his team mates on these results. We look forward to the next set of games in October/November

Milan Yelavich – Coach, Croatian National Team

## CROATIAN RUGBY – A FIRST TIME NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER'S PERSPECTIVE

In mid-March I received a call from Michael Borich (Croatian Rugby Union NZ Representative) asking if I was keen to travel to Croatia to play in two Rugby Europe Championship games for the Croatian National Rugby team. I always had a desire to play for the team, with my brother having played a few years ago, and him mentioning what an excellent opportunity it is. A few weeks later, after plenty of conversations with Michael, Croatian National Team Coach Milan Yelavich and I were off to Zagreb to begin preparations for our first Test Match versus Malta.

Milan told me to pack my swimming gear and sunblock, so naturally when we touched down in Croatia it was a sweltering 3C. Three further overseas players were also brought in, with veterans Jai Ayoub and Dylan Rowe from Australia and fellow debutant Martin Altamirano from Argentina. The local contingent of the team assembled in Zagreb over the next few days for a short camp leading into the first match. Luckily the temperature warmed as the week progressed, with the trainings running smoothly as I learnt how to play the Croatian style of rugby.

The build up to the first game was intense, with all the players very passionate and some slightly nervous before kick-off. As the game approached a large and vocal crowd started to fill the stands on a brisk but sunny day in Zagreb. After a hard fought battle the game ended in a 14 all draw, with the unfortunate loss of our key playmaker Ayoub to a broken leg just after halftime hindering our efforts. It was a highly memorable game, and one I won't forget for a long time.



We had a couple of days off in Split following the game, where we enjoyed the food, wine and the beaches, before flying to Cyprus for another week of preparations before our second game. Again the trainings were very intense and accurate, but somehow we managed to find ourselves down by 20 points at half time. After a calm talking to by the Coach and Captain, we came out firing in the second half and scored 4 tries, to take victory and end the tour on a high note.

It was a great honour to represent Croatia, and to play in front of a home crowd in my first game. I hope I get the opportunity again in the future, with the many new friends I made over there. Many thanks to Milan and Michael for all their hard work and preparation, which ensured a successful campaign.

Josh Brajkovic



## WORLD MASTER BOWLS RESULTS

Runners up in the fours silver medals  
left to right:

Max Ulrich, Nick Krajancic, Lloyd Wong, Ivan Zonich

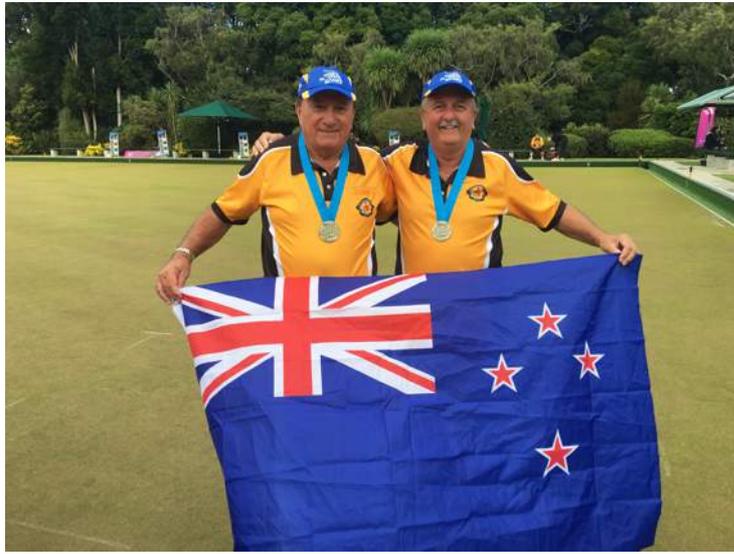
Mixed pairs gold: Nick Krajancic

Mixed pairs bronze: Ivan Zonich

Winners and runners up fours:

Ivan Zonich, Wayne Wrack(Lunjevich), Lloyd Wong,  
Gary Lawrence, Nick Kranjancic, Max Urlic, Nick  
Grgicevich

gold medals pairs: Petar Sain, Rob Ashton



**SAFE TRAVELS FROM THE CCS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....**

*We wish all of our members who are travelling over the next few  
months, a safe and fulfilling journey abroad*

## Kitchen Notice for July and August

The kitchen will be closed for the months of July and August while many of our members make their way back to Croatia for the summer.



## Correction from the Previous Newsletter: President's Report

Please note that in the previous club newsletter, Volume 50, the name of the daycare centre printed in the Presidents Report was incorrectly stated as 'Bambino's'. It should have read 'McLeod Kids'.

## PHOTO GALLERY *Visit our Facebook page for more photos*



*Photos supplied by Vesna Radonich from the World Masters Games 2017 in Auckland where Vesna picked up a total of 9 medals. Congratulations Vesna!*

Photos from Dan Državnosti - June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017



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**SATURDAY 16**  
**SEPTEMBER 16**

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or CONTACT KATICA KATICH [ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz)  
or phone 09 834 7237 or 021 543 911

NK AUCKLAND  
CROATIA

*Get down and support the Boys!*

\*All proceeds go towards helping the team participate in this years  
Australian & New Zealand Croatian Soccer Tournament in Canberra.

# 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 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](http://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](mailto:ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz)

## CROATIAN RUGBY REPS - NZ

If you are interested in being associated or playing rudy 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

## AUSCRO GOLF CONTACTS

Mladen Goricki: 027 454 5074 or

Nick Suvalko: 027 481 0586

## FOLKLORE

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

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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](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto: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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