

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo - Newsletter December, 2018 - Volume 59

2nd Quarterly Members Meeting

Sunday 24th February 2019 - 4pm

The 2nd Quarterly Members meeting for the 2018/2019 year will be held at our Society Club rooms at 4pm.

Agenda

Apologies, Minutes of previous quarterly meeting, Correspondence, President's Report, Treasurer's Report, Financial Overseer's Report, General Business

Events Calendar

Annual Croatian Picnic

Sunday 27th January, 2019
Wenderholm Regional Park

Sunday Night Lamb on the Spit

Sunday 24th February, 2019
6pm, CCS Clubrooms

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The Annual Croatian Buće Tournament

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March, 2019
CCS Clubrooms

KRALJ TOMISLAV CHRISTMAS COCERT 2018



We are so proud of this incredible group of performers for producing an inspiring cultural performance

President's Report – Dec 2018

It was a pleasure to host the Zatrešić Boys at our club last month, after their amazing performances in Croatia during and after the Soccer World Cup. They performed at the club on Saturday the 3rd of November to a large and vocal crowd, and it was a great night with a good turnout of our younger members. They also filmed and sang with our junior kolo members, and this footage was shared with Croatian media outlets, and will be included in their new music videos. They were here for an entire week and I would like to thank Goran Kačurov, Ivan Zonich, Goran Vrdoljak and everyone else who donated their time and money to help accommodate and entertain them during this period.

Our Ladies Lunch was a great success on the following Sunday, with a great turnout. A big thank you to Katica, Nada and Anija for the organisation and setup of the hall – well done on a great job! A big thank you to Davorka Ozich and Luka Farac for an amazing job in the kitchen and a beautiful lunch, which was highly commended by everyone that I spoke to. Great job! Thank you also to Victor Mrkusich, Milka Selak, Bozenka Mrkusich, Stefan Erceg, Niksha Farac, Robert Oliver and Dinko Butkovic for their help, which was awesome. Thank you also to everyone that donated food and their time and sponsorship.

We had our annual Inter-Village Soccer Tournament a couple of weeks ago and despite the wet weather, it was another great tournament. With some respite from the rain on the Sunday, the Junior Inter-Village teams had a great run and they all had a lot of fun with their friends. This was a pleasure to watch. Thank you to Fabian Ukich and the entire Inter-Village subcommittee for organising this, as it is a major undertaking to pull together. Thank you to Goran Katich, Bob Vichelich and Stefan Erceg, who helped run the bar. Thank you to our helpers in the kitchen – Victor Mrkusich, Luka Farac, Davorka Ozich, Milka Selak, Mira Sumich and everyone else who helped. I would also like to thank the volunteers who worked on the grill over the weekend – Antony Arnerich, John Ulrich, Niksha Farac, Dinko Butkovic, Steven Stulich and Hamish Firth. You were all a pleasure to work with and it made the workload a lot lighter for all of us. We also held our Kids Christmas Party on the Sunday, which brought more fun and life to the club. Thank you to Iva Stulich and helpers for bringing this together.

We held our annual Kralj Tomislav Christmas Concert on Saturday the 8th of December, and it was a sell-out performance in front of more than 300 guests, who all thoroughly enjoyed the performances from our kolo groups. It was beautiful to watch all of our younger members performing and seeing many of them transitioning into the intermediate and senior kolo groups. To Goran and Sanja Kacurov, you delivered a masterpiece of culture and music and you made every one of us proud to be Croatian Cultural Society members. It was a wonderful and fitting end to our year, and it brought together all of the positive aspects of our culture and community. Thank you also to everybody that helped make this possible!

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Take care and God bless.

Lijepi pozdrav svima i Sretan Božić! Len Stulich



*The Croatian Cultural Society
Executive Committee wish our members a
very blessed and safe
Christmas
and
New Year
with your families*



CROATIAN PICNIC

THE CROATIAN CULTURAL
SOCIETY PRESENTS

THE ANNUAL CROATIAN PICNIC

SUN 27 JAN 2019 ♦ WENDERHOLM
REGIONAL PARK



CCS CLUBROOMS
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THIS DAY

37 SCHISCHKA ROAD, WAIWERA ♦ PARK ENTRANCE IS
ON SH1 JUST NORTH OF WAIWERA, SITE 2 ♦ BRING
PICNIC GEAR, LUNCH/DINNER, SWIMMING TOGS,
BEACH GAMES ♦ GATE OPENING HOURS 6AM-9PM ♦
TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

CCS

Sunday Lamb on the pit

24TH FEBRUARY 2019

CLUB OPEN FROM 12PM

Buće/Briškula/kids playground

CCS CLUBROOMS

161 MCLEOD ROAD
TE ATATU



DINNER @ 6PM ♦ \$20/U10 \$10



THE CROATIAN CULTURAL
SOCIETY PRESENTS

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THE ANNUAL CROATIAN

BUĆE

TOURNAMENT

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2ND & 3RD MARCH

CCS CLUBROOMS ♦ 8AM

Come to the club any Sunday to
practice your skills in order to take the
2019 title

Teams are to consist of three players
Only one regular Sunday player (currently
or formally) per team

Entry is \$200 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
HUGE prize pool



BOUNCY CASTLE
FOR KIDS



SUNDAY FAMILY
DINNER FROM 5.30PM



QUERIES TO STEVEN
STULICH steven@adria.nz

CLUB NOTICES

KITCHEN DATES FOR THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Kitchen will be closed from Sunday 15th December until the next Sunday dinner on the 24th February. There will be no Lamb on the Spit dinner in January as it will be Anniversary Weekend and we will all be at the picnic.

Bar/club - Closed on Sunday 23rd December & Sunday 30th December and reopens 6th January. The club will also be closed on Sunday 27th January, due to the picnic.

LANGUAGE LESSONS DATES

The last Croatian Language Lesson is on Sunday 16th December.

Croatian Language Lessons for 2019 will begin in February. Registration will be on Sunday 3rd February at 3PM. This will be essential to attend for enrolment/registration.

Classes will begin from Sunday 10th February at the same running times as 2018. Details of classes and times will be handed out at registration.

CROATIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE – NEWS OF OUR YEAR'S EVENTS

The League had a very full year in 2018. The highlight must be **our long week-end trip in October to Napier** where we visited the gannet colony at Cape Kidnappers and toured the region – including wine tasting at the Mission and Church Road Estates, then a drive up Te Mata Peak for a fabulous view. This trip follows-on from our **Nelson** trip last year and our trip to **New Plymouth** the year before – both equally fabulous. These big trips out of town have become an annual event. The next one? *Hmmm let's see - maybe Sydney !!*

Our other annual events are the **one day Bus Trips** – this year exploring the fascinating Karangahake Gorge, the Martha Goldmine in Waihi, the Ngatea Watergardens and visiting the lookout at Bowentown with a super buffet lunch at Waihi Beach. Last year it was a cruise on the Kaipara Harbour followed a few weeks later by a bus trip to the Vilagrad Restaurant in Hamilton and Zealong Tea Estate.

Then we had our **Breast Cancer fundraising walks** – this year on the new Hobosville Board-walk and last year at Cornwall Park – always earning a good donation to the Breast Cancer appeal.

This year we also raised funds for a donation of toys to Starship Hospital.

At our regular afternoon teas at the Croatian Clubrooms we have had some very interesting guest speakers – this year it was **Leanne Borich** who was a model in Italy with Melanie Trump and last year it was an invigorating visit from the Olympic weightlifter **Precious McKenzie**. And in September we enjoyed a morning at St Lukes Cinema watching "Ladies in Black" – *a film we could all relate to really well !!*

In October we received an unexpected request from **St Margaret's Rest Home in Te Atatu Peninsula** who were arranging 'ethnic' days for their residents in October. They have a few Croatians staying in the Home and decided to contact the Cultural Society – who let us know. Our ladies were able to give an impromptu entertainment with kolo videos and they brought along Croatian cakes. We were very well received and even encouraged some of the residents to get up and dance. The Chinese group before us did a fabulous dance routine – even though there was only one Chinese lady there. Our people would certainly *love* a performance from our Kolo group! – maybe next year?

In the New Year we are kicking off with a Members' Luncheon at Soljan's in Kumeu and the next month we are off on a River cruise - this will be followed by a bus trip to Matakana, Omaha and the Sculpture Gardens at Point Wells - and of course, wherever we go lunch - and a lot of chat - are a big part of the day!

Yes - The League Ladies are always on the GO !!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM THE LEAGUE

CROATIAN HOLY MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

This will be celebrated by Fr Matthew Clerkin

9.00 pm - Monday 24th December 2018

St Anne's Church

Cole Place, Te Atatu South

There will be a respite over the summer holidays in January.

The **next** Croatian Mass will be held at **10.30am on Sunday 10th FEBRUARY 2019**

– and will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at St Anne's Church.

KOLO DATES FOR 2019

The 2019 Kolo programme under the expert tutorage of Goran Kačurov will begin in the first term of the 2019 school year.

For registration for the Junior and Intermediate Kolo groups, please attend the first rehearsal on **Friday 8th of February 2019 at 6.30pm for Juniors and 7.15pm for Intermediates**.

The registration date and first rehearsal for the Senior Kolo will be advised in the New Year. For information please contact nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz or ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

SOCIETY INFORMATION

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

LAMB ON THE SPIT DINNER 6PM

Lamb on the Spit dinners will take place on the last Sunday of each month starting on the **24th February, 2019**. **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

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:

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.

Vodanovich, Anthony Rudy – Nominator: Goran Katich/Seconder: Diane Jelas
Miro Brkan - Nominator: Goran Katich/Seconder: Stefan Erceg.

CCS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

The CCS Playgroup meets monthly on Monday mornings from 9:00am-11:00am 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 Iva Stulich:
ivastulich@gmail.com



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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