

**March 2016**

The Official Newsletter for the Wellington Naturist Club Inc.



## What's on at WNC

### March

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> **St Paddy's Day Celebration** 3pm  
Bring green food & accessories.

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Mon 28<sup>th</sup> **Easter Weekend**

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Mon 28<sup>th</sup> **Working Bee**  
To be held over the weekend. All assistance appreciated.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> **Easter Egg Hunt On The Lawn** 2:45pm

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunday Afternoon Tea** 3pm

### April

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> **INF Congress Committee Meeting**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> **Pot Luck Dinner with the INF Congress Committee** 6pm

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm  
(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> **Mad Hatter's Day**

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> **Club Pot Luck Dinner** 6pm

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> **Working Bee** 9am

### May

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm  
(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> **Nautical Dinner** 6pm  
Come dressed in a nautical theme: Pirate, Mermaid, Barnacle Bill, anything fishy.

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## From The Chair

Well time is flying past and already the temperatures are dropping. At present due to a total fire ban we can't light the wood fired BBQ, but the gas BBQ is now in action over by the pool. The brazier is also out of action. However this only means outside evening activities may well have to go indoors. Last Saturday night the 12<sup>th</sup> March quite a few went into the hall for a sing a long thanks to Dave, a visitor, playing his guitar.

Nice to see so many observers at the last committee meeting. See meeting highlights further on. One thing I am pleased to say is we have approved the purchase of a defibrillator and it should be on the grounds at Easter. Training on its use will also be done. Your committee are a great team so if they need a hand please help out where you can. Mike has worked tirelessly on the underground power project and needs a hand to pull cables and put sand over the pipes. The trenches will be filled in with a machine. We have allocated Easter weekend to get this done along with other projects.

The Midlands shower block is almost complete with internal linings being done this coming weekend 19 and 20. Then power and plumbing will be finished off. This will be a great asset to the club.

Check out the new tracks the team have developed around the grounds. The BBQ track to Midlands ablution block is complete with new steps added to the ablution block end. Also there are new steps up on Highlands to access the new bush track up the hill. This track is through but still needs more work to make it useable so be careful if you decide to give it a go. Great effort team.

OK, do you need a new challenge in your life or just want to make a contribution? Then volunteer to come on the committee. We need a new secretary and there are vacant committee positions. As usual all positions are up for grabs but there has been indications that some present committee members are happy to continue. This is great. Remember that if you want to make a difference fill out a nomination form. I hope to see as many of you at the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm. Volunteer now by having a chat to me.

The Congress committee are well underway with organising for this great event. Want to know more then turn up for the pot luck dinner on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Mid winter dinners are now being planned. A pot luck dinner is arranged for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> May is Nautical Theme organized by Jim. If you would like to do or help with a dinner contact Shirley on 5278311.

Those with sites may have noticed new markings on the ground. Regulations require that there is at least 3m between structures on sites. We will not be making anyone move. It is just that when an opportunity arises we will then try and comply with the regulations.

Well the sun has come out so I am off to do outside work.

Look forward to talking to all of you.

Ken



The club sadly advises of the passing of Graham Stuart on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Our thoughts go out to his partner Susan, as well as his family & friends.

### Working Bee over Easter Weekend

We having a working weekend over Easter.

We are pulling new cables for the lower field caravan power supply.

Running water pipes to the new outlets

Covering the newly laid conduits with sand.

Testing water pipes for leaks before covering and filling the trenches.

Our Walker lawn mower requires a service and blade sharpening.

Regards

Mike

## Highlights from WNC Executive Committee Meeting

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Accounts totaling \$ 5,953.25 approved for payment.

Four new membership applications were approved, while eight provisional members were confirmed as full members.

Steps in place to access bush tracks at Midlands and Highlands.

There is now a drying line in Faraway Land. Members to use club washing lines and not hang washing around caravans.

St. Patrick's Day afternoon tea to be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Both social activities & a Working Bee to be held over Easter Weekend.

Club Dinner in April will be pot luck & Jim will hosted a nautical themed dinner in May. Volunteers required for future dinners.

INF Congress Committee meeting at the club on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Pot luck dinner Saturday night when Kay would like to meet with volunteers. All volunteers will be requested to register before this date.

A defibulator will be purchased for the club thanks to the generous assistance of a club member.

WNC will host the NZNF Rally in 2017. We need a co-ordinator & a theme.

Richard looking at arranging for a sign on State Highway 2 for the club



to the following provisional members:-

Mark from Belmont  
Perry from Stokes Valley  
Neville from Khandallah  
John from Normandale

We hope you have a long and enjoyable association with the club.

Also full membership has been confirmed for:-

Gavin  
Rhonda and Thom  
David and Cecelia  
Josie  
Alan H  
Kirsty

### INF CONGRESS VOLUNTEERS

It is now just 8 months until Delegates and attendees will begin to arrive in the country for the 2016 International Congress of Naturism. Planning continues in earnest to ensure the Congress is a huge success - a memorable and professional event with no detail overlooked.

It will take a number of volunteers before and during the Congress to facilitate this success so please consider areas that you could assist with.

There is now a Volunteers section on the Congress website with information for volunteers along with an online Registration form. Please have a look and complete the registration form. Please register before 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Even if you have previously given your name as a volunteer to the Planning Committee, please complete a formal registration as this includes additional information we require for our database.

Depending on what extent you volunteer to, there could be a charge to cover the cost of your meals if you wish these to be provided also for a site or accommodation and more information on this is available on the website.

Murray Nash is co-ordinating the volunteer database in conjunction with the lead of each operational area and will put you in touch with this person and also advise if there will be a charge and how this can be paid.

The website is:- <http://congress.nznf.nz/volunteers/>

If you don't have internet access please contact June or Brent to get registered.

## **Upcoming Social Events**

March 20th St. Patrick's Day celebrations

If you are going to wear anything, it has to be Green.

Please bring a plate of food to eat at the afternoon tea but make it green; Green iced muffins, green scones for example.

March 27th Easter Sunday at 2.45 pm Easter Egg hunt on the lawn. Just before afternoon tea.

April 23rd Mad Hatters Day. Wear your craziest hat with a Pot Luck Dinner to follow.

April 23rd Club Pot Luck Dinner 6pm

April 24th Working Bee

May 28th Nautical Dinner 6pm Come dressed in a nautical theme; Pirate, Mermaid, Barnacle Bill, anything fishy.

Catered dinner by Jim B. Cost \$20 pp.

Bookings [barnes39@hotmail](mailto:barnes39@hotmail), phone 589 2916 or text 021 146 7048

## **Binh Trinh Photo Shoot**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February renowned photographer Binh Trinh was at our club doing a mass nude photo shoot. It was five years since Binh last visited the club on another similar mission.

It was great to see new people on the grounds who wanted to participate in this. Many stayed and enjoyed our facilities afterwards. Many of our own club members embraced the day and got involved.

Binh also did some personal shoots and he utilised the grounds to great effect for both the large and individual photos.

## **Thank you to Albert & Geraldine**

I would like to say a thank you to Albert and Geraldine from Wellington club who went out of their way to drop me off at Palmerston North Hospital [from Hawkes Bay club] on their way back home to Welly. One of our girls was in there [nothing too serious] and they needed Nana to help look after the granddaughter. Thank you again guys was much appreciated.

Kay, from Hawkes Bay club.

## **Spa Pool**

When you're the last person getting out of the spa pool, please ensure that the bubbles have been turned off & the cover replaced. Please Do Not turn off the switch on the wall by the spa. The next user will thank you.

## **NZNF Rally 2017/18**

The club is going to host the NZNF Rally at the end of 2017. To start the planning we need a Rally Co-Ordinator & a theme for the rally. If you are able to assist or have any ideas please contact Ken.

## A Trial Walk

With the Congress approaching it was time for a trial run of one of the proposed outdoor walks. The Kaitoke Ridge Track starts at Te Marua and ends at Pakuratahi Forks and has a bit of an up and a down in between. Being quite a popular track, I elected to make it a clothes on trip in order to avoid any possibly complicated discussions with other people.

Only two of us showed up, but that was enough to put a car at each end. We started walking at the Te Marua end from the carpark at the end of the road. The first part was an easy walk over a grassy field and then on to a foot track that climbed gently into some bush. It got steeper, then a little steeper, then started to zig and zag. I soon lost track of whether we were zigging or zagging on any given straight bit, but it was a whole lot easier than just ploughing straight up the slope.

We passed a seat that looked good for a bit of repose, it may previously have had a good view too but the regenerating bush all around was reaching for the sky. I ended up missing out on both the view and a rest as we carried on upwards. The track soon levelled off and we stopped for a refreshing drink at the top of the ridge. The nature of the bush varies along the track between regenerating scrub at the start to good stands of beech in sheltered spots. Parts of the ridge top are exposed to strong winds from all directions, making all the small trees the same height, none daring to grow taller than their neighbours for fear of catching more of the winter winds. Today however was a good clear day with a gentle breeze.

Travel on the ridge top was good with a gentle climb and after reaching a local high point we shortly afterward turned off on a side track to a lookout. This time the seat had a view over the upper part of the Hutt Valley with the hills around Wellington visible in the distance, the short rest was good too. We could also see the scorched hillside from the recent fire not far from the club grounds.

There was more good travel with increasing amounts of forest and a while later another lookout. This time the view was into bush clad tributaries of the Hutt River. It felt like we were in some remote place rather than just a bit of a walk away from the main road.

It was a long downhill run (walk) to Pakuratahi forks. We eventually started to hear sounds from other people out enjoying the day. Our descent ended at Rivendell, a short distance from the carpark. This is a popular spot for picnics, the occasional wedding and reading about parts of Lord of the Rings filmed there.

The Congress version of the Ridge Track walk will happen at a much more relaxed pace than ours. More importantly, we gained knowledge of the places of interest and the travel times in between. Incidentally, we met nobody else on the track.

Patrick Fotheringham.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2016  
2.00PM**

Notice is given that the **Annual General Meeting** is to be held at 2.00pm on Sunday, 1st May in the club hall. This will be followed by afternoon tea at 3pm

A reminder that any notices of motion must be with the Secretary 28 days before the meeting. In this case that means that the notice of motion must be received by the Secretary **by Sunday 3rd April**.

Forms for the election of the Executive must be received by the Secretary 14 days before the meeting which means they should be with the Secretary **by Sunday 17th April**.

All positions as follows will be open for nomination.

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**5 Executive Officers**

Also a reminder that while all members are welcome, only full financial members and life members are entitled to vote.

Notices of motion and nomination forms can either be;  
e-mailed to [kmercerc@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:kmercerc@slingshot.co.nz)

Handed to the President Ken Mercer or a member of the executive.

Posted to (The Secretary, Wellington Naurist Club, PO Box 2854, Wellington)

The Agenda and papers will be distributed prior to the meeting.