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May 2019

The Official Newsletter for the Wellington Naturist Club Inc.



What's on at WNC

May

Sat 25th **Finance Working Group Meeting** 1:30pm
(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 25th **"Curry In A Hurry" Club Dinner**
Hosted by Constance. RSVP by Wed 22nd.

Sun 26th **Club Working Bee**
Meet at the Hall at 9am. Remember to sign in.

June

Sun 9th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 29th **Club Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner**
Hosted by Shirley

Sun 30th **Club Working Bee**
Meet at the Hall at 9am. Remember to sign in.

July

Sun 14th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 27th **Club Dinner**

Sun 28th **Club Working Bee**
Meet at the Hall at 9am. Remember to sign in.

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From The Chair

Firstly as the incoming president, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution that Ken has made as president over the last seven years. He has been president ever since I have been in the club. He has overseen some of the most important developments and events in the club's history, from the upgrading of facilities, power project, and International Congress. This comes as a result of the team effort that Ken has fostered, and his determination to make the club the fantastic place it is today. He is a hard act to follow.

I also wish to acknowledge Jude as I know she has always been there to support Ken and has put up with him being at the club more than he should!

I am also delighted that the majority of the committee has chosen to stay on. I know from my previous experience as a committee member the work that goes into running the club. The old adage of many hands make light work comes to mind and I would encourage all members to get involved. You don't have to be on the committee, but can contribute in other ways with winter social events and working bees.

I believe we are now into a period of consolidation, finishing off remaining projects, building income through membership and visitors, and enjoying the facilities that so many of you have contributed to.

Remember that the club can be enjoyed through the winter months with the sauna, spa and gym facilities. If you haven't been to a winter dinner, come along. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow members and have a good time.

*Yours naturally
Malcolm*

Subs & Site Fees are now overdue

A reminder that memberships were due 30 April. For those who haven't paid can they do so no later than 31 May 2019.

Gate codes to change. Only financial members will be provided with the code. Club members are not to divulge the code to other members. Only committee members can provide the codes after the member has been confirmed as being fully financial.

Finance Working Group

The first meeting of the Finance Working Group will be held at 1.30pm, Saturday, 25th of May 2019 in the downstairs lounge of the club room. It is intended that meetings should not exceed more than 90 minutes.

The first meeting will focus on what working group is about, how we will operate and outline what we want to achieve. We will also discuss the proposed expenditure and projects list presented at the AGM held in April 2019.

All members are welcome to attend. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.



FOR SALE Caravan and permanent awning (awning roof now desert sand colour). Nice and cozy with a double bed, near new bench top stove with hot plate, small coffee machine etc. Includes L/boy chair, table & chairs, older sound system, heaters, fan, carpet etc. Ellie May the cat visits. To view please call Mike 0224656968. I am not available Tuesdays, Thursday evenings and some Saturdays due to Tai Chi commitments.

Trees on Golf Course.

The trees on the golf have been felled thanks to Nick W. They now need to be cut up & any help would be much appreciated. Please do not work on your own if possible. See or ask Ken what you can do?

Thanks
Ken

“Curry in A Hurry” Dinner

Don't forget to RSVP by Wed 22nd May for the Indian themed “Curry in a Hurry” dinner on Sat 25th May from 6:00pm. Cost \$20pp.

Constance would like to advise that the curry dishes will be mild, with hot condiments on the side for those wanting to spice it up.

Constance also requires 2-3 rice-cookers for the dinner, so if any club members can help out with that please let her know.

There will be a raffle run on the night, so bring along some cash to be in to win.

RSVP to onepurplefish@gmail.com or 021 123 7577

Upcoming Club Dinners

The social committee is still looking for volunteers to host dinners for the following dates:

July 27th - TBC

Rugby NZ vs South Africa

August 24th TBC

September 28th TBC

October 26th (Labour Weekend) TBC

Rugby World Cup Semi-Final 9:30pm

Area Name Changes

Please find attached a voting form for the area name changes.

Those interested in having a say on the name change please fill in the voting form and bring along to the Curry in a Hurry Dinner on Sat May 25th.

If unable to attend the dinner then please cast your vote by email to Constance at onepurplefish@gmail.com by Sat May 25th.

You can only vote for one name in each of the three areas.

Once all the votes are in, then the “residents” of each area Highlands, Midlands & Lowlands get the final say on whether they want the new name or not.

Health and Safety

We take the health and safety of our members seriously and wish to draw to your attention a couple of things.

- Please do not use chain saws or other dangerous power tools when you are unaccompanied. If anything should go wrong there is no help available.

- Ensure that if burning off rubbish, Fire Communications is firstly notified. A committee member should also approve this.

IMPORTANT - If needing to contact emergency services in the event of an emergency, tell them to go to Wellington Naturist Club next to Plateau School in Molloy's Road. Although we are 20 Molloy's Road, emergency services do not recognise this address.

Ablution Blocks

This is a reminder for members who camp down below the hall.

You are able to access the hall to use the toilets during the night but your allocated ablution block for showers etc is situated on the main lawn.

Thanks from your committee

Spa Etiquette

Please be considerate when using the spa this winter and ensure when you are wet to dry off on the rubber mats (to avoid slippage) before you stand on the carpet squares.

No one likes to stand on soggy wet carpet when it is cold.

Also Shirley is monitoring usage of the spa & sauna as part of the cleaning routine, so please mark the white board when you use either the spa or sauna.

Lost Property Notice

Lost Men's Gold Neck Chain

On the evening of Sat May 11th.

Possibly in the area of the sauna or carpark.

I would be very grateful you have found it.

Please phone or txt Rex on 0272514078.

Working Bee Sunday 26th May

Hi all,

As your new works manager please see working bee list for Sunday 26th May.
Please sign in on main deck for safety and lunch requirements.

The main effort will be on clearing up the fallen trees on the golf course. Person in charge Ken Mercer.

1. Trim and cut rings for splitting. Chainsaw and safety equipment required.
2. Clean up trimmings and put in a pile as directed. Gloves required.
3. Move previously cut tree trimmings to pile for burning. Gloves required
4. Start fire and supervise adding material as required. Gloves required.
5. Move rounds cut to piles. Gloves required.

Proper hi vis jackets required and proper safety equipment for all tasks.

Dig out stumps for access to upper dell.

Clear drains along side roads.

Clear leaves at front gate.

Straighten broken fence at front gate. Ken to supervise.

Clear out behind pool fence. eg. wandering willy and old mans beard.

Spray gravel drive way and sealed areas. Weather permitting.

Spray main lawn petanque court. Weather permitting

Put latch on spa door to deck.

Gardening group (See Jude)

Gardening tasks allocated on the day.

Ablution block and kitchen tidy and cleaning.

Cheers

Ken



Thinking of going to Europe?

Claire and Andy spent several weeks in France and Spain in 2018. We travelled in a campervan but most of the sites we visited had alternative accommodation such as caravans or cabins to rent. We also went to a few naturist beaches although it is fair to say quite a few were very hard to locate as they were not sign posted. Here are our top 5 recommendations for naturist campsites in France: -

1. Le Colombier, 85210 Saint-Martin-Lars-en-Sainte-Hermine, Pays de La Loire, France. We had planned to stay a couple of nights but ended up staying 8. Huge area available for walking, the largest pool we found on any naturist site, with plenty of room for swimming (some sites really only had plunge pools). There was also a spa pool, restaurant, bar and a shop on site. (<https://www.lecolombier-naturisme.com>). The pitches were huge and the cabins all looked very well maintained and were well spaced out. Staff were very helpful and friendly and the whole site felt very welcoming despite the fact it was a commercial rather than a club site. St Martin Lars en St Hermine was a very small typically French village with the requisite bakery. The campsite is situated about 4 hour's drive from St Malo and would be a great stopping place in either direction. (photos courtesy of their website.)



2. Camping Naturiste La Serre de Portelas, 4 Route du plateau, 63450 Saint-Saturnin, Auvergne, France. <http://laserredeportelas.com/en/> This club site had large open spaces, a lovely pool and the most wonderful views over the Puy de Dome volcanic region and is just 30 minutes from the interesting city of Clermont Ferrand. They have 4 cabins here to rent and numerous camping pitches. They had never had New Zealand visitors before, but despite a serious language barrier (our rubbish French, and the hosts lack of English) we managed to communicate. Many of the residents live in the City and commute back and forth during the summer and welcomed us with open arms at their drinks evening and were happy to give us lots of advice on the best tourist activities in the region. They also introduced us to the delights of Pernod and almond syrup, some local wines and numerous cheeses. Strangely they were really happy to receive in return, a half jar of Branston Pickle, which is (not surprisingly) hard to source in France!



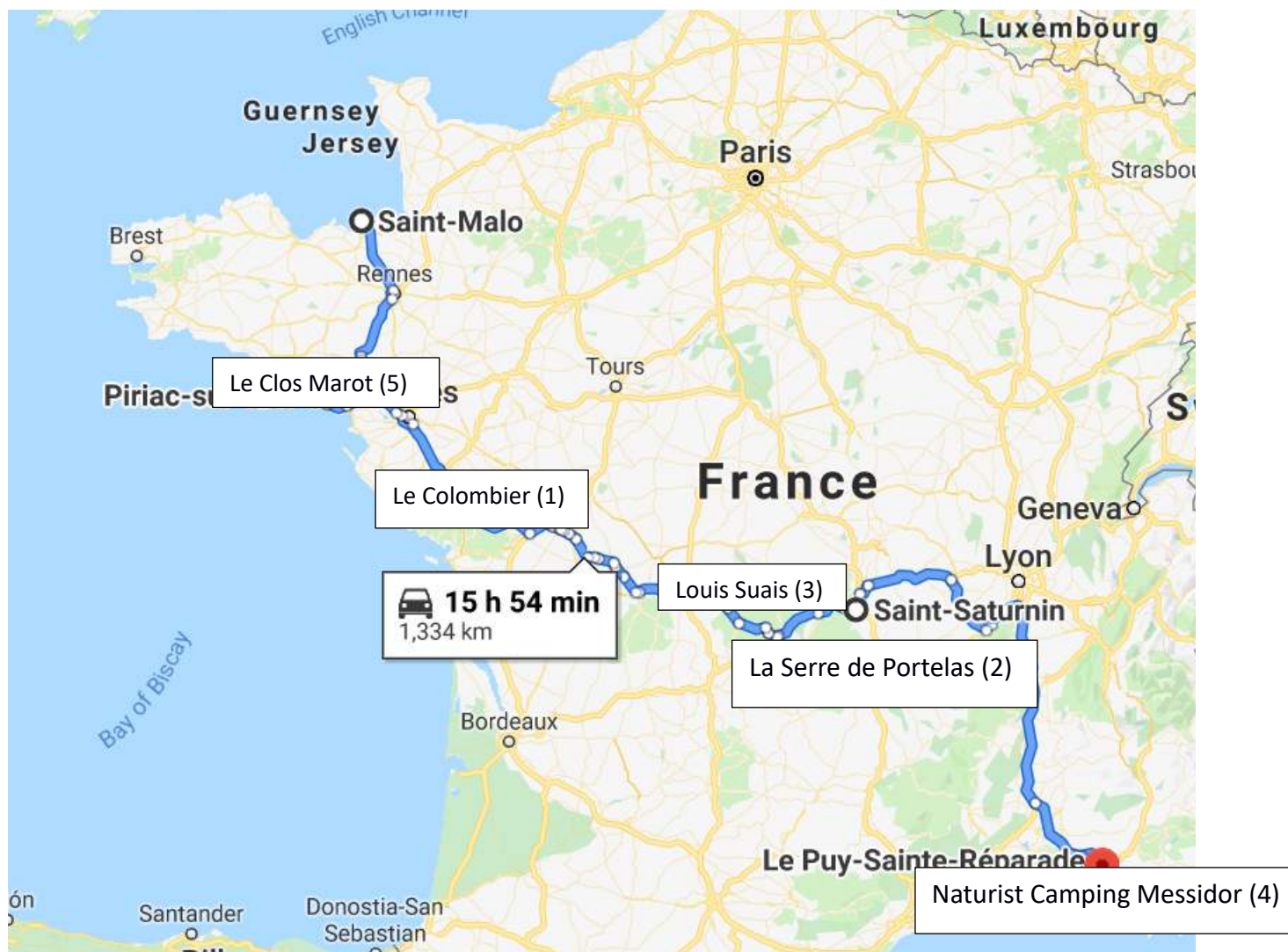
3. Camping Lous Suais naturist, Lous Suais, 87460 Cheissoux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France. Everyone we met at naturist sites new this one! In an amazing setting on a hillside next to a large lake, this commercial site is Dutch owned and run very well and has hosted the same families seemingly for generations. It was the busiest site by far and we got one of the last pitches. It certainly kept you fit as the lake, restaurant and bar were down a steep hillside! There was no pool, but again we found the whole vibe very welcoming and probably the largest number of English-speaking visitors. (<https://www.loussuais.com/en/index.php>). We were there in the school holidays so there was limited space down on the “beach” so would recommend going outside of high season. There are cabins and fully appointed tents to rent. This site is about 45 minutes from Limoges – famous for its pottery and Resistance Museum.

4. Naturist Camping Messidor, 70 Montée Du Chateau d'eau, Route de Saint-Canadet, 13610 Le Puy-Sainte-Réparate, Bouches de Rhone, France. Part of Naturism et Terroirs group, this site is just under 1 hour from Marseille. Some lovely sites in small clusters and there was a very large, older style pool and a new ablution block. (<http://www.naturisme-et-terroirs.com/accueilGB.html>). They arranged some rather eclectic activities including horse and cart rides and American Western style evening entertainment when we visited. This would be a great spot for visiting around South France as well as the beautiful Camargue region and the stunning Roman architecture in and around Nimes.



1. 5. Le Clos Marot, Route du Marault, 44420 Piriac-sur-Mer, Pays de la Loire, France. Nice local club site largely in a forest with shaded sites, facilities were well maintained but pool was a bit cold! (<http://www.anca-piriac.com/installations-services.html>) . The club lent us 2 bicycles for free and we cycled to the naturist beach Pen Bron – about 25 minutes each way. This was lovely

sandy beach and completely uncommercialized via a lovely pine forest.



Map courtesy Google Maps

We are happy to provide other advice on travel in UK, France and Spain, just ask.

Claire and Andy (Faraway Land)

CLUB DINNER

Saturday, May 25th 2019 from 6:00pm
Cost \$20pp

Grab your best Indian garb and join us for a



Hosted by Constance
(also looking for a couple of helpers please)

RSVP by Wednesday May 22nd 2019

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Goodbye
Au Revoir
Hasta LaVista
Arrivederci

to the following member who has left the club

Stu S

Thanks for your contribution to the club.

DELAY WITH GONATURAL MAGAZINE

To all our loyal gonatural subscribers in New Zealand, Australia and around the world, we offer our sincere appologies for the delay in our March / April magazine.

There have been a number of difficulties in recent months. Both the manager Noel Thomas and editor Michael Moore have been working to resolve these problems.

The good news is, the latest issue is due to be distributed next week, both the printed edition and the digital online edition.

Thanks for your patience and we have be gratified by your messages of concern and your ongoing support. If you have any questions, or you would like to contribute, please contact...

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