

Dates for your diary

Watch out for Steve's texts for impromptu events. Contact 027 257 5020 or email: steviess69@hotmail.com to be added or removed

April

Fri 18th Pickleball Singles Club Champs 1pm (Pg 2)

Fri 18th Fish & Chips (orders by 6pm)

Sat 19th Golf 2pm (Pg 2)

Sat 19th BYO BBQ then movie (Pg 2)

Sun 20th Pickleball Doubles Club Champs 10am (Pg 2)

Sun 20th Easter Egg Hunt 2.30pm (Pg 2)

Sun 20th Afternoon Tea 3pm (Pg 2)

Sun 20th Movie Night Special 8pm (Pg 2)

Sat 26th Love Shack Catered Dinner 6pm (Pg 7)

Sun 27th Working Bee 9am, lunch provided

Sun 27th Life Drawing 11pm (Pg 8)

May

Sun 4th WNC Committee Meeting 11am

Sun 18th Life Drawing 11-3pm (Pg 8)

June

Sun 9th WNC Committee Meeting 11am

Sun 15th WNC AGM 2pm (Pg 8)

Sun 22nd Life Drawing 11-3pm (Pg 8)

Oct /Nov 2025 WNC 75th Anniversary

President's Notes

It was sad that one of our life members past away recently. Marie Verschoor was a much loved member. More about her in the newsletter except to say that over 40 club members attended the funeral along with eight ex members. This is awesome.



Well where has the year gone! Only two months to the AGM so please consider making yourself available for election on our committee. Trust me it is a lot of fun and you can learn more on how the club operates. Keep an eye out in your email for nomination and notice of motion forms along with other important information.

Winter dinners are starting up this month so please support these events. They are good value for money. Those putting on the dinners spend a lot of time preparing the food. These are fund raising events and your support is appreciated. Working bees will also start this month.

The club has done a lot of work recently. All the branches on the golf course have been disposed of and the golf course is now ready for playing. The ground is looking very tidy and fun to play on. There are a few obstacles to make it interesting. Clubs and balls are available at the end of the mural fence.

The club has also brought a 40ft container so read more about this further in this newsletter.

Our custodians, Steve and Toni, finish up at the end of this month They will continue to answer reservation requests but may not be available for meeting and greeting. If anyone can help fill a few days we would love to hear from you.

Expressions of interest are being sought for the position of custodians for the 2025/26 summer season. Read further in this newsletter.

That's it from me.

Ken

EASTER WEEKEND

**FRI
18th**

1pm PICKLEBALL SINGLES CLUB CHAMPS*

FISH & CHIP NIGHT - orders in by 6pm

2pm GOLF

6pm BYO BBQ

MOVIE TO FOLLOW

**SAT
19th**

**SUN
20th**

10am PICKLEBALL DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPS*

2:30pm EASTER EGG HUNT

3pm AFTERNOON TEA

8pm MOVIE NIGHT SPECIAL

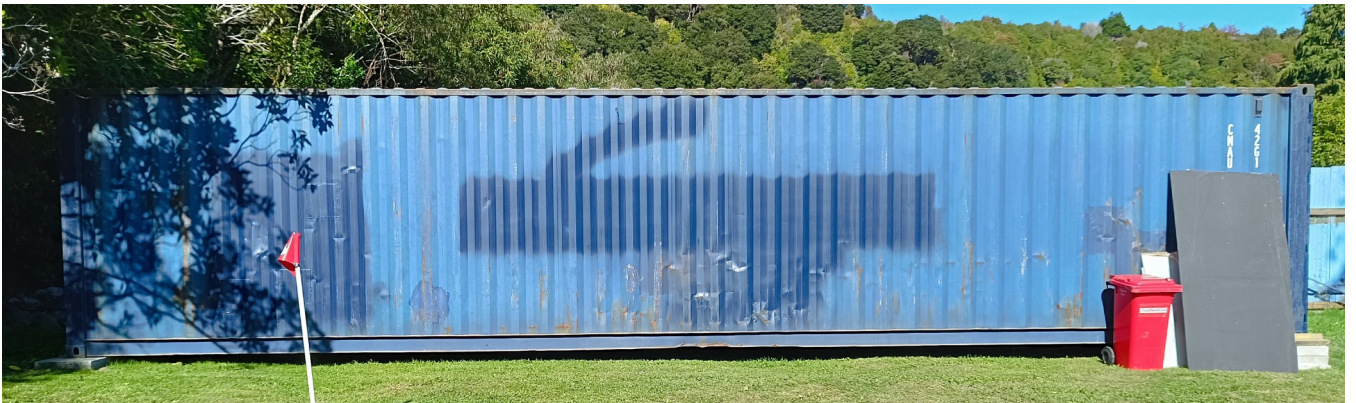
***A separate Novice tournament will be held to encourage beginners and those who don't play often**



Around the grounds



The golf course is looking very neat after the removal of all the tree trimmings allowing the grass to be mowed sufficient for a round now. Our recent visitors from the US proved it is fit for purpose.



The 40 ft container in place behind the painted fence on the golf course. There is still a way to go to get it up to speed as a workshop—not least lighting and ventilation! See the article on Page 4 for more about the rationale for this container and its purpose.



Rationale and usage of the new storage container

Feedback from visitors this year continues to be outstanding and focuses on the quality and standard of our facilities and the welcoming atmosphere and general culture they experience. If you have not reviewed the visitor book in the bar it is worth a read.

In order that we continue to develop our facilities and maintain the great feedback and maintain our club in a form that as members we can be proud of many members have volunteered time and equipment to do extensive work this year on our grounds and buildings.

We are consequently running out of tool storage and workspace, so we decided in late March to take advantage of an opportunity that arose to purchase in a 40ft container at a good price which is now down behind the painted fence by the golf course. This container represented excellent value and now provides us with a very secure and dry storage space.

Specifically, the container will be used for the following:

- ***Storing paints**, paint trays, brushes etc. for club use.
- ***Secure storage of power tools** e.g. circular saw benches, Drop saws, drill presses, steel working gear, welders, mowers etc which are used for club and member site maintenance and construction purposes. Movement of these items away from our site and visitor areas will limit the amount of disturbance they can cause. Dave C or Steve S own many of these tools but are happy for anyone to make use of the equipment under supervision and with the owners and club permission.
- ***Temporary storage of broken equipment** for repair such as spade handles, wheelbarrows and mowers etc.

The future plan for the container is to:

- ***Install windows** to allow light in and air circulation.
- ***Install power** for machinery and lighting
- ***Build a ramp** to allow easy access and a hard stand area
- *Later we plan to build a lean too between the container and the fence for dry storage of re-useable timber

Mowers will still be available at Midlands, FAL and under hall for lowlands and main lawn use.

Rakes, shovels, spades wheelbarrows and weed eaters will continue to be stored under the hall for easy access by members. This will be tidied and allow room for the ride on mower.

The fuel for mowers will still be kept in the fuel locker by Miniten courts noting that the green container is only to be used for 2 stroke engines such as weed eaters.

Marie Verschoor—Life Member who passed away 9th April 2025

This is the Eulogy presented by Mike M at the funeral on Monday 14th April

Marie along with Rob and family joined the Wellington Naturist Club in January 1968.

Right from the time they joined they found it was a wonderful environment and being the person she is Marie got involved in lots of club activities. Sport, especially volleyball, was popular along with water sports, they were also very good indoor bowlers.

She also found the club environment good for their young children who were safe and made lots of friends



Marie enjoyed visiting other naturist clubs around New Zealand and meeting like minded people. Some of those people are still friends today. They formed a group who travelled overseas and visited many naturist places around the world. They have a number of photo albums from those trips and a lot of good memories

Marie is a very talented artist she painted, did macramé, mosaics and almost any of the arty things that were popular at the time. Sitting in their home last Thursday the walls are covered in Maries handy work, plus she has given a lot away, I know of two items that she made that are taking pride of place in our house.

During the annual festivals Marie ran some craft sessions which were always popular. The grounds at Te Marua, Upper Hutt, are decorated with a number of murals and birds and clowns all painted by Marie.

As club members Marie and Rob enjoyed going off and doing little jobs on their own in particular concrete steps where Marie mixed the concrete and took it to Rob to lay. They also placed the handrails on the steps.

Very keen for the club to progress Marie fully supported club activities and members trying to make the club a better place

She had her views but never took sides although she would reinforce her opinions. There was a time when members of the committee were looking to sell the old tractor in the playground for scrap, Marie voiced her opinion and the tractor issue was put on the back burner but to enforce her point we next saw the tractor being given a new paint job.

Marie was pretty social she made a point of supporting club functions even when she was not all that well.

Eulogy continued...

We used Marie as a sounding post and her advice was very practical and to the point. She was a very good person to have available for any club disputes she gave an honest and thoughtful opinion.

Marie was a very caring person and many of can tell stories of her letting us know if we were burning or she had seen an abnormality.

She was a well respected and popular member in the club and we all enjoyed her friendly banter over the board games she and Rob played and a cuppa or at the BBQs or other functions.

Rob has asked me not to mention him in this eulogy but how could we not do so as they were a very close couple and normally seen together.

Two years ago the Club honoured them both with life membership a very well deserved award.

Marie you were known for doing things your own way and in your last days you kept us on edge and doing things in your own time.

Thank you for being a part of our lives we are better people for knowing you

Rest in peace Marie



The mosaic at the Club entrance and the colourful birds by the stream are some of the many art works by Marie.



Catered Dinner

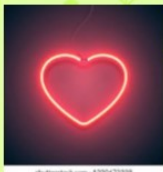
Saturday 26 April

6pm

\$25/person

**Join us at the Love Shack for a
fabulous dinner and great
entertainment**

Hosted by Toni & Steve



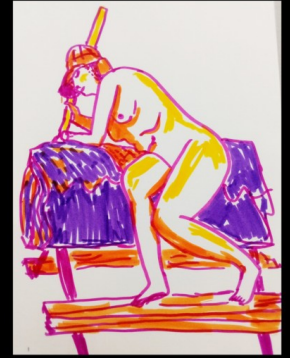
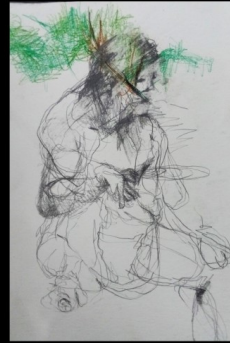
**RSVP by Wednesday 23 April
text club mobile 027 330 6212
or e: dinner@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz**

LIFE DRAWING @WELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB

Sun 27th April
Sun 18th May
Sun 22nd June

11am-
3pm

Life drawing with a difference.
You can choose between modelling for the artists,
or being an artist, drawing the models,
or - of course - swap between the two.
Bring your own art materials, or use what's provided.
You don't have to be good at drawing - just enjoy doing it.
Some instruction and tips also given if required.
Rain or shine. Join in on creating the art of the nude.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: CRAIG AND MICHELLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRIENA, LUKE AND RYAN AN BECOMING FULL MEMBERS

FAREWELL TO BRENT & LINDSAY, JOEL, REX AND RAYMOND

You are always welcome to bring visitors to the Club—please ensure they register and pay for their visit.

**Don't forget the WNC AGM is
Sunday 15th June at 2pm—AGM
Packs will be sent out in early May**

New Acceptable use of club sites and facilities in winter months Policy—The Club will commence charging site users a levy of \$10 per night per person to cover usage of power staying “significant time over the winter period”. This policy will not apply to you if you come to the Club for the weekends, events, or you are helping with Club maintenance etc. For more information and definitions of the terms of the Policy, **please ensure you read the Policy attached with this Newsletter.**

Club Champs Results to date:

Petanque

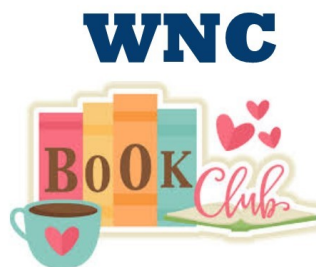
- Singles Dave F
- Doubles Jude & Ken

Kubb

- Singles Perry
- Doubles Steve & Toni

3-Down

- Singles Jude
- Doubles Jude & Ken



New releases and popular books

WNC members are welcome to borrow these books from the library. Please return these books to back to the same shelf.

Expressions of Interest are invited for the role of Club Custodian/s for 2025/6 summer season (Nov-Apr)

Duties include managing and ensuring the following key areas are well looked after:-

- Cabin & site bookings - maintain booking system
- Club phone – answer queries, open gate for visitors
- Introducing Visitors and promoting club to potential members
- Financial – ensuring all visitors pay for the services provided
- Cabins – general maintenance and cleaning
- Pools - general maintenance and cleaning
- Other club areas - ensure these are clean and tidy
- Rubbish and recycling collection and putting in street for collection each week
- Maintaining Security on the grounds and managing visitor and member behaviour where required

Please reply to committee@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz for more information or to apply

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