



- Next Committee meeting is on Friday- March 17th 7pm
- Next Social event— Women only Renew weekend 24 -26th March



8th April NZNF meeting/workshop WOS clubrooms

## *Presidents report - By Lex*

## Visitors Welcome

### WOS Accommodation available

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Hi All,

It has been a very busy time over the last couple of months with Meet the Neighbours, the Mini-Rally and 50 year celebrations .

It is great to see so many people out having a great time and chatting with old friends and making new ones.

Over the weekend of the 50 year celebrations the big thing I got out of it was the pride of the people who have put in time and done things to improve the club, from the early days in Pirongia, to the grounds we have today. I feel the pride was in the doing, advancing and making better. As is in anything in life if you are not advancing you are declining there is no staying where you are.

So as a club I hope we can work hard to move forward so we are here for another successful 50 years and not just reminisce about the good old days and go backwards. Looking back is great to see where we have come from and use the lessons we have learned but we must keep focussed on the future.

Regards,

Lex.

**The Mini-Rally** is always the highlight each year for W.O.S. on Waitangi weekend and with the added attraction of it also being our 50th anniversary we had a record number of happy campers on site as for “kick off” on the Friday evening with a communal gathering for BBQ and greeting from club president Lex.

Gail and her star helper Bill managed the sporting events throughout the weekend and with the input of the other keen members we were assured of enjoying to the max a great variety of fun and games while making the most of the superb weather, picturesque club grounds and the prevailing relaxed atmosphere.



There was a wide variety of sports events on offer to cater for our differing levels of enthusiasm and skills - it soon proved to be great fun “havin a go” at the different or previously untried games—even willing participants like me with some entertainment value but limited skills gained high status in the form of encouraging applause from the contingent of appreciative onlookers.

Games included darts, 8 ball and bowls to outdoor stuff like Miniten, ladder golf, croquet, golf, Kubb and everybody’s favourite Petanque. There were novelty things like the gumboot throwing and whacking the head of a nail into the log with the minimum number of hammer hits—a bit of a hit and miss affair for some of us but I reckon it was rigged because my allocated nail head kept nodding, it seemed quite evasive so probably bent too.



**Winners were**

- Darts**——Rod & Bruce/Donna & Andrew
- 8 Ball**——Tom& Ashley/Donna & Andrew
- Mini-Ten**——Neil & Des/David & Sherida
- Croquet**——David & Sherida/Des & Neil
- Kubb**——Des & Margaret/Donna & Andrew
- Petanque**——Des & Margaret/John & Dave
- Bowls**——Ken & Cor/Ray & Lyn
- Golf**———Allison ——Darrin
- Ladder Golf**——Anne
- Hammer& Nail**——Rod——Gail
- Gumboot Throw**——Darren——Anne——Jo & Darcy
- Family Feud**——Stephan, Peggy & Kevin



The social and fun atmosphere and evening entertainment was a feature of the entire weekend as was time out taken to enjoy the pleasure of a stroll to the perimeter of the site to

## 50th Anniversary - plus annual Mini-Rally - Waitangi weekend at W.O.S

Waikato seemed the place to be judging by the large numbers who turned up for the 4 days of fun and festivities in perfect weather at our wonderful club site.



Yes the Waitangi weekend annual W.O.S Mini-Rally had extra zing this year because the event included celebrations to mark the **50th Year** since the Waikato Outdoor Society was formed to promote the benefits of the nudism club lifestyle in the Waikato.

The formal sector of the anniversary celebrations were presided over by Lex giving us an overview of the preceding 50 years then he introduced speakers from different eras of club who gave us an in depth insight into the trials and tribulations involved over the formative years of building up the Club to the

successful and flourishing facility that we enjoy so much today. We were treated to the pleasure of hearing from a number of notable club members of their experiences in the establishment of first the Pirongia site then the formation of the current facilities here at Matangi. Especially enlightening for us newer members was the full rendition of events over the years from Rae, Stan, and all the other speakers—we felt very honoured and humbled to be aware of the great input and sacrifices some of our past stalwart members contributed to ensure the club not only survived the hard times but flourished to become one of the most notable clubs around with its great facilities and grounds.

Christine and John produced and published a commemorative anniversary illustrated booklet, a valuable keepsake record of events and history of The Waikato Outdoor Society that is now available direct from the club for \$10—or \$15 if posted.

Nick Lowe on behalf of the NZNF presented to Lex a wall plaque to commemorate our club 50th anniversary—a very much appreciated feature for “our wall of fame”



High Tea

Another highlight was the ceremonious cutting of the cake by our life member **Win P** and long serving past President **Stan G & wife Barbara**- aptly followed by the bringing out of the best china and tablecloths etc for the much vaunted **High Tea** segment of the celebrations with all our past presidents and celebrated guests seated at the head table.

There was of course no end to the varied and ongoing highlights during this memorable time together but the outstanding feature was we had a bloody great time and sure as hell won't forget sharing Waitangi weekend celebrating - **50 years of W.O.S.**

explore the shaded and cool nature walkways down to the meandering stream where partially tame eels can be encouraged to entertain by showing their lithe prowess in the water to those who feed them morsels of food.

Saturday evening's highlight was a Disco/dance with all the professional trimmings and lighting organized by Carrie [is there no end to her talents] and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone making the most of a twirl or two to the variety of dance music on tap.

The Sunday after dinner entertainment involved teams of three playing the real McCoy TV3 Game of "Family Feud" utilizing the technology skills of club member **Mark R** who built his own programme then created a studio in our WOS clubhouse. This proved to be popular and outstanding game show for everyone present—thanks to Mark leading us toward the grand finale of another fabulous Waitangi Mini-Rally at WOS. **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**

**W.O.S grounds and facilities are yours and of course open to you and visitors at all times throughout the year so com'on over any time, any day and enjoy holiday and leisure breaks here among friends—use the BBQ explore the walkways, relax and enjoy, stay over for a night or two.**



**Reminder** \_ Members as well as all visitors to the club grounds are required to fill out and sign the visitors book in the clubhouse on every visit. We have to meet local authority compliance requirements.

**Renew weekend is 24-26th March.**

Adverts for this can be found over the page and advertising and booking forms can be found online at <http://waikato.gonatural.co.nz/>

Or on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WaikatoOutdoorSociety/](http://www.facebook.com/WaikatoOutdoorSociety/)



BBQ's are listed for 1st & 3rd wed of the month at the club but it is very flexible as any time you fancy can be BBQ time contact Bruce 0211 692 768

**See you there Happy hour 4:44**



Waikato Outdoor Society

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The main social event in January was the **Meet the Neighbours** BBQ and social afternoon at W.O.S. on Sunday 29 January. A great turnout of members, neighbours and visitors were welcomed and invited to explore and enjoy the grounds and facilities at their leisure by club President Lex. Many favourable comments were forthcoming about



the wonderful site layout and location. The solar heated pool, clubhouse facilities and spa pool were also fully patronized and appreciated.

Following the 4:44 happy hour was a lavish meal prepared almost single handed by Carrie, supplemented by a tasty array of BBQ meats etc. cooked by Lex and appreciated by all. The value and goodwill achieved through socializing with those around us seems to be of great benefit to us all and no doubt the merit of making this an ongoing annual happening will enhance other's viewpoint of the hospitality available in places like The Waikato Outdoor Society.

**IT** seems appropriate at this time of year when we have a full schedule of club commitment to quite large events that there seems to be a core of members that do the lions share of the work—often behind the scenes and unfortunately often without thanks—however enormously appreciated by us all. So **accolades go out to the following** :-

**Carrie G \*** outstanding Secretary work and all the associated toil that only some of us are aware of — amazing cook, food provider and event organizer + heaps of other stuff.

**Peggy M \*** outstanding Treasurer and second only to Carrie as outstanding cook, food provider and event organizer. Tending to the tricky tasks that none of us want to tackle.

**Rod G \*** The unstoppable working bee. Has walking tracks named after him and has taken responsibility for many site maintenance tasks.

**Bruce B \*** Custodian and helper friend to everyone and multitasker extraordinaire.

**Gail & Bill R \*** Talented organizers of sports events and long serving club members.

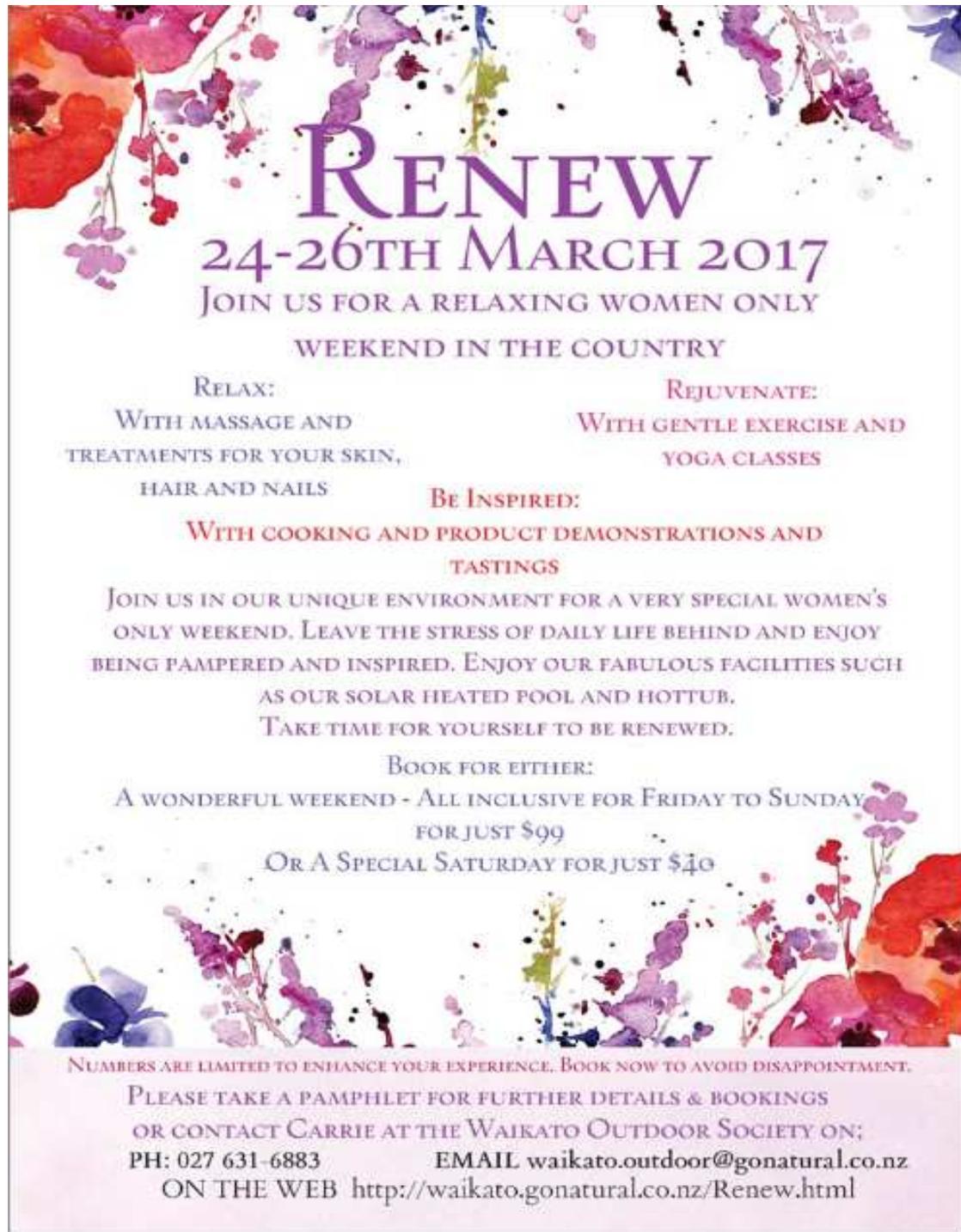
**Frank & Susanne \*** Reliable couple responsible for many of the behind the scenes tasks

There are other dedicated members missing here however those above make an outstanding contribution towards ensuring a guaranteed success for our featured current events.

We are indebted to many members for giving their time and expertise to the club - John & Christine, Cor & Pamela, Mike G, Lex G, Kevin M, Tom R, Barry & Lynelle, Anne & Tom, to name just a few, plus of course the raft of recent key members that have made such a valued input for the benefit of WOS.

### Today's Gem

Two old blokes were talking in the R.S.A. club. "Remember those pills they used to give us in the army to keep our minds off girls.?" said Mike. "Vaguely" said Harry "Well" said Mike "I think they are beginning to work."



# RENEW

## 24-26TH MARCH 2017

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ON THE WEB <http://waikato.gonatural.co.nz/Renew.html>

Bookings for Renew are coming in but there is still spaces available so get your booking form in!

You can book by post or email or you can book and pay online through

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/renew-weekend/hamilton>

If you don't have your own accommodation and don't want to stay in the communal digs you can book a caravan which will be delivered onsite for the weekend which will sleep 4 for \$240. There are limited numbers available so you may want to book soon for this option.

**WITH** The AGM drawing closer it is time to start considering your input for the upcoming elections. Our current **President** and **Secretary** are standing down this year so we need you think about these and the committee positions and chat amongst your fellow members with the view of making it known that you are available for nomination for any of the positions on the administration panel.

**W.O.S.** is passionate about being proactive in offering quality service to benefit all of our members so share your thoughts by ensuring your name is nominated.

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