

WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



THE NAKED NEWS

Titbits:

September Committee Titbits.

- Yates Gardening Day freebies have arrived. Many thanks to Yates for their continued support. The flowers will really brighten our grounds.
- NZNF newsletter letterhead. WOS opinion = keep it simple. Embellishments unnecessary. Suggest just the logo and title - NZNF news [or quarterly news].
- Linelle has the November Mortgage Completion function well in hand. More to follow on this.
- NZNF bookings for December meeting at WOS coming in.
- 5 new member applications welcomed and accepted.
- Next meeting Oct 23 @ 7:15.

Significant Expenses

Spa pump rebuild	\$366.53
Month power/gas account	\$696.63

Editor's Note

Summer is fast approaching and it is great to see the club attracting not only our own members but also visitors from other clubs like Auckland, BOP and Manawatu. The visitors are very impressed with the WOS setup and the friendly nature of our members including the eels who are always a source of interest for them to look at and feed.

The wood for the new deck arrived and it's great to see the project nearly finished. It looks fantastic and gives us just the little bit extra deck space. It is also planned for new lighting to be installed at the end of the deck giving better visibility after the sun has settled. Many thanks to Kevin and Peggy and their WOS labourers for being onsite and helping the builder during this time of construction.

Even if it is a cloudy weekend there are always members at WOS to share a chat with, jump into the hot tub, join others for a game of cards or just have a meal with others and if you are really lucky you just might be treated to a plate of pikelets for morning tea or Trudi's famous Afghans. An example of this was our recent indoor sports day designed for the inclement weather although this proved fruitless and it was a beautiful sunny day. The sports were indoor bowls which was competitive but in the final ends the victory was enjoyed by David and Paul, 8 ball won by Bill and Ken and the darts by Tony and Ken. This was a great afternoon amongst the 38 people who attended both existing WOS members and visitors from Tauranga and Manawatu culminating in a bowl of hot soup and combination of sausages and bread. (See WOSSE for further details)

Remember this Labour Weekend is National Gardening Day and we would welcome members to WOS to assist in doing those little jobs to maintain our very high standard of presentation which has long been recognised by our frequent visitors. See the WOSSE social calendar for events planned for the weekend.

Reflections of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

I was sitting down last Sunday reflecting on the Pandemic and what we have endured over the last 6 months and after talking with friends decided to write my experiences that made me laugh, cry and generally kept me sane (depending on who you talk to). In Auckland we have a water shortage but no problem Auckland Council has decided to allow pools to open but close lanes 7 and 8 to conserve water. Watercare CEO has now departed. The trains are running but only so far, the transport authority has put buses on for the remainder of the journey but alas the roads are gridlocked the harbour bridge is damaged so it's like an Irish folkdance, we only go around and around. We are still breathing though.....

Unfortunately during the lockdown my friend separated from his wife of 13 years and only recently went to court but walked away quite happy with the decision. The judge on reviewing the case indicated he would give the wife \$895 per week to which my friend replied "thank you I'll chip in with a few dollars now and then as well". Judge was not impressed.

I suppose when lockdown started it was summer and then gradually we slid into winter watching more Netflix, more computer games and the intimate side crept in. This creates the question from our young ones like mum, dad, how was I born?

"Well, I said, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway! You're Mum and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo. Then I set up a date via e-mail with your Mum and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room, and Googled each other. There your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive. As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared that said: **You have male**. Gosh times have changed. You can see the pressure I was under.

Well the pandemic hopefully is coming to an end and we can dust off the jandals and get ready for the hot summer, charge our batteries and enjoy each other's company.

Working Bees - more reminiscing from our Secretary Gail.

After the initial clubroom was built and ground established which involved a lot of time and effort by members, working bees were scheduled annually in the spring or became impromptu events.

Some impromptu events have included; firewood picnic days, painting and staining, the retained wall pool garden, the cabin build, driveway maintenance and hedge clean-ups. Scheduled annual working bees are more of a WOS Spring Clean.

For several years our caretakers of the time, Kobie and James, had completed all the tasks on the whiteboard before the actual day. We soon learned to only write the tasks on the day before, as a purpose of working bees is to get to know others and develop a pride of ownership in the grounds and buildings.

Workers enjoy free Saturday camping and a BBQ sausage lunch.

Recently Nude Gardening Day has been incorporated with Yates supplying seeds for the gardens.

WOSSE

Waikato Outdoor Society Social Events

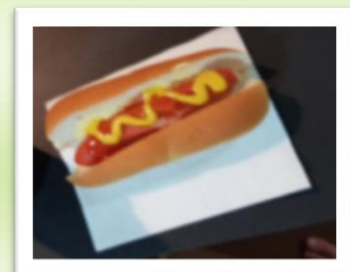
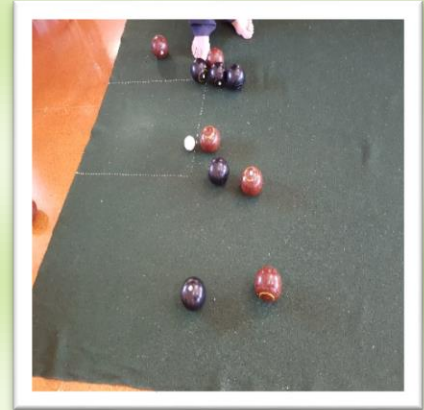
Hi and Welcome to Column no 4

The Winter Games! We were set up for Bowls, Pool and Darts. Bowls and Pool were played first, two mats were set up and teams picked. Bowls was played best of 7 ends to get through all the games. We stayed in our teams throughout the day's events. My partner is a good pool player until we got to the black and he went in off, so we were out of the that competition (note to self, find a better partner next time). We were lucky with the bowls as we managed to win all our games and were the eventual winners. The darts started after the bowls mats were put away. Darts was a bit less formal as 4.44pm rolled around and nibbles & drinks took over with more socializing. Darts was played straight in and not needing a double to finish to speed up the games. My partner and I managed to be runners up (well not such bad a partner after all, Thanks David!).

I had so much fun playing the games I forgot to take some photos☺.

37 members and guests took part in the day's events. Four of our newest members Gary & Sue and Roy & Sue and 3 couples Colin & Trish, Glen & Jo, Mike & Violet our new friends from Manawatu Naturist Club joining in on the day. Dinner was served with a choice of 4 different homemade soups with a bun and American hotdogs or sausages. Thanks to the ladies serving in the kitchen and the cooks who made the soups. Very yummy!!

On Sunday afternoon we played an impromptu game of 3 Down 10 players were paired off and a round robin started. The first-round winners were Warren and Colin. With a quick change of pairing the second-round winners were Trish and Glen. We all had such a great weekend!!



Facebook now has 454 followers up 14 from last month. Are you following us? Click [here](#) to view. Check out our Facebook page, like, follow and comment. We also can be viewed on Twitter. We welcome your ideas or thoughts. Email your funny posts and we will put them online for you if we can!



Our deck is starting to take shape.....

Upcoming Events:

Next Committee meeting 23rd October

1. **24-26th October** - Labour Weekend 26th Nude Gardening day. You can list an item on the whiteboard that you would like to do with your name beside it or just add your name by an item already there. Yates have given us a heap of seeds to plant bring your gloves and trowel to give us a hand to plant them! Saturday is complimentary camping with a lunch for the workers. Bingo on Saturday night with prizes \$1 per card...



21st November - MEGA PARTY!! Paid off the Mortgage Party. Come celebrate with us! This is a monumental event as we will be mortgage free. The Club is providing the meat and dessert. Bring a veggie dish or salad to share. Coins for the Raffles.



2. **31st December** - NZNF will be here from the 29th for their end of the year AGM. New Year's Eve Themed Party with Fireworks more details to follow...
3. **6th- 8th February 2021** - WOS Mini Rally this is our main fundraiser for the year details to follow...



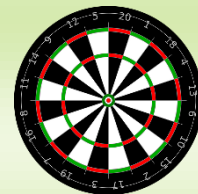
February 5th. 2021 Early bird sausage and bread. (Sat,Sun,Mon (Finish mid morn).

Email your suggestions or feedback to me on wosse.nz20@gmail.com

BOP Naturists Fun Games Weekend



WOS members are invited to join members of BOP Naturists for their annual fun games weekend (Covid restrictions permitting)



Where: Waikato Outdoor Society
When: 6-8 November 2020

Programme (subject to change):

Friday:

Arrive, check in and pay your camp fees for the weekend.

4:30pm: Happy hour on WOS's new deck! BYO drinks and nibbles. Provide your own dinner. Relax in the clubhouse or spa.

Saturday:

Provide your own breakfast.

From 8am: Register for fun games in front of the clubhouse. The games played will depend on the weather.

10am: Morning tea, provided free on the new deck. BYO cups.

Fun games begin.

Midday: Provide your own lunch.

Fun games continue.

3pm: Afternoon tea provided free on the deck. BYO cups.

4.30pm: Happy hour on the deck. BYO drinks and nibbles.

6pm (sharp): Potluck shared dinner in the clubhouse. **Please each bring a meat, vegetable OR dessert dish. Also your own crockery and cutlery etc. If you are not comfortable sharing food, feel free to eat on your own site.**

7.00-10.00pm: Indoor games OR

Watch the third Bledisloe Cup test between the All Blacks and Australia in Brisbane (time to be advised).

Sunday:

8am-9am: Continental and cooked breakfast outside the kitchen – supplied and cooked by BOP Naturists own naked chef. Just bring your own crockery, cutlery etc and an appetite. **Donation appreciated.**

Complete any outstanding games.

10am: Morning tea provided free on the deck. BYO cups.

11am: Prize giving in the clubhouse followed by BYO lunch.

Prizes for everyone!



As catering is involved, please let me know asap, but definitely by Monday 2nd November, if you intend to come. Also let me know when you expect to arrive.

Make bookings for sites directly to WOS on:

<https://waikato.gonatural.co.nz/accommodation.html>

Note to all club Members

Your annual subs are due 1/10/2020



Subscription letters have been posted or emailed with all payment details, email or contact the treasurer (treasurer.wos@gmail.com) if you did not get yours. We have another great year in store for all so don't miss out.

Letters to the Editor.

Having visited WOS (Waikato Outdoor Society) twice, in summer & winter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hospitality and warm welcome. Such a beautiful club with friendly members, relaxed atmosphere and a naturist environment all around. Well-kept, tidy club grounds with a lovely creek and amazing scenery.

Our 3 year old son loved feeding the eels (or water snakes as he calls them) playing with all the toys in the clubhouse and enjoying the swings (and solar heated pool in the summer and spa in winter)... A great community spirit that is contagious. You do us naturists proud, WOS! We hope to visit again soon!

Thank you,
Alice, Dion & our son Edwin (members of Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club).



Dear Editors,

I'd like to say thanks to everyone for such a well organised indoor sports afternoon and meal on Saturday 19th.

Peter and Paul [sports] and Peggy and co [meal] all did a great job. I am sure the 38 members and visitors enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

Bill

Bookings:

Peggy: 027 631 6883

Email: Waikato.outdoor@gonatural.co.nz 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 are required to meet local authority compliance standards.



No pets



Cabin



Tent sites



Powered sites



Wood fired hot tub



Club rooms with all facilities



solar heated pool



Reminders:

There has been a tendency for some users to leave the firebox door open - THIS IS A HUGE FIRE RISK DUE TO WAYWARD SPARKS - for the whole of the clubhouse area. Leaving it open would also possibly nullify any insurance claim due.

Please keep the Hot tub firebox door closed at all times

Please ensure you read the instructions on the wall adjacent to the hot tub before lighting the firebox. This is important information regarding when to turn on the switches in the pump box. Serious harm to the operation of the hot tub can occur if these instructions are not followed.

Reminder for everyone to observe the safety speed limit on the WOS Driveway

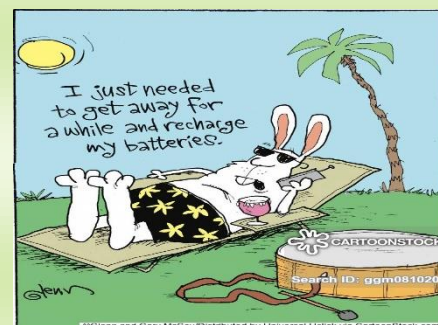


Here at WOS we have NO paid staff of any kind.

The nice tidy and presentable grounds and kitchen and ablution areas you see here are kept to a standard entirely by volunteer members. You are expected to adhere to the traditional camping law of cleaning up after yourselves and taking your rubbish and recycling with you. Don't tag yourself as the type that expects others to clean up your mess.



The W.O.S. grounds and facilities are yours and of course open to you and visitors at all times throughout the year so come on over any time, any day and enjoy holiday and leisure breaks here among friends - use the unique wood fired Hot tub, the BBQ, help out with a few chores if you want - explore the walkways, feed the eels, relax and enjoy, stay for a night or two



For those of you that enjoy the WOS hot tub it would be appreciated if you could replenish the wood box from the shed down the back occasionally.



What is the current temp of the WOS hot tub? Has the wood burner been lit yet? To find out txt the word pic to 021 265 0324 .A txt will be sent back to your phone with a link to view a pic readout of the current water temp.

Check out our website at www.waikato.gonatural.co.nz

We invite readers to send in their news items and we will do our best to include it in our newsletters. Email address is WOS.editors@gmail.com

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See below for the NZ Naturist Federation AGM booking form to be held on 30th 31st December. Come and enjoy the famous WOS hospitality and make it a cracking New Year.

<u>NZNF AGM Bookings</u>		Return to Waikato Outdoor PO Box 619 Hamilton 3240			
	e-mail to: waikato.outdoor @gonatural.co.nz				
NB: Complimentary	Camping Tuesday for	Club Reps	Others: \$12.50 pp	Children Free	
Arrival Date:	Departure:	Total Nights Payable	Site req: Powered	Unpowered	Vehicle Size
Name:	E-Mail	Status: NZNF EXE	CLUB REP	OTHER	CHILD
		Catering RSVP 20th December			
Wednesday 30th	Number required		Thursday 31st	Number req	
NZNF Pays for Exe & club reps M.tea/Lunch/A.tea			NEW YEARS EVE		
\$3 M.tea			\$3 M.tea		
\$7 Lunch			\$7 Lunch		
\$3 A.tea			\$3 A.tea		
\$17 Dinner - 2 Course			Dinner		
			\$5 Hamburger		
			\$2 Hot Chips		