

The Naked News

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President's Piece.

FROM THE OBLONG OFFICE.

In the years that I've been watching the occasional television program that mentions naturism, nudism etc, and reading articles in magazines on the same subject I've noted that the "snigger factor" was invariably there. But of late that seems to be changing for the better.

Watching programs such as Gok Wan's hugely popular "How to look good naked," Trinny and Suzanna with their show featuring a huge group of bares out on a hillside, "Parents who go naked" and reading the several articles on the nudist lifestyle that have appeared in the main stream magazines of late along with the very popular webpage on MSN News that covers (or uncovers so to speak) the increasing popularity of Nudist holidays and other "exposure" in the media, I note that the slightly prurient tone has largely disappeared.

There is also an increasing view being expressed that managed whole body exposure to the sun has real health benefits. All of this suggests that the public view of what it might be like to be dressed just in a smile, is at least better tolerated, and at best, viewed much more positively than in the past.

What will it take to convert this into increased activity within our club? Ideas are welcome, in the meantime, we're working on it.

John Welsford
President, Waikato Outdoor Society.



English Pub Night

This is the first time we've run one of these, and it was a real success.

Dockside Dolly's Alehouse and Eatery was the place to be on Saturday night. A good time was had by all, we had the local undertaker (Bruce in top hat, claw hammer coat, stovepipe trousers and bow tie) the Squire and his mistress (Val and Wal in English period dress) Richard came dressed as a country "lad" and many others made the effort dress for the evening.

Congratulations all, particularly to Dockside Dolly whose partner Keith had to go out for much of the evening but who's to place at dinner (and what a dinner, wow, burp!) was taken by the beautifully dressed and made up "Keitha."

Well done all who participated, the costumes were wonderful, the atmosphere happy and the excellent comestibles wonderfully presented by the serving wench (Thanks Shelley). Particular thanks to Heather who organised the event and who, with the rest of the team, produced a wonderful meal, and a menu that had to be read to be believed. ("Sorry, its off dear.")



Next Event

August 8th is an Indoor sports day with 8 ball, table tennis, bowls and darts to be played. The games start at 1pm.

In the evening we will have a fish & chips for tea at the small cost of \$6 per person and a continuation of the games not completed.

Your Social Director Heather.

Around our Club.

July Committee Minutes

- John W welcomed Graeme to his first committee meeting
- Vision for the future – prioritised as: kitchen revamp, deck extension, more loos.
- Funding to be applied for once quotes are in.
- Condolence thank you/appreciation from Jill (Ed's wife) & Roger's mum.
- Spa boiler repaired – will need replacing in about 2 years.
- Free Wheelers Motor Caravan Club given approval to hold a gathering on WOS grounds during Spring or Autumn.
- Constitution & Bylaws will be on-line in a couple of months.
- Trench for power & water to be funded by club.
- September Working bee tasks: Trench to shed, asset inventory, waterline stop cock & valve, power outlets, paint poplar cuts, mezzanine floor staircase, chimney swept, WOS to provide BBQ lunch.
- October neighbourhood BBQ to be organised by Bruce (textile event)



July Birthdays

Best wishes to:-

Michelle M, Andrew W, Anthony,
John D, Lesley

Next Committee Meeting

Sunday August 8 at 1.30pm

All Members are welcome to attend

Around the Clubs

Check updates on

www.gonatural.co.nz/whatson_nz.html

Hibiscus –25 July, 29 August (Last Saturday in month 6-12pm
Hot nude swim at Parakai Palm Springs. \$10 Adults, \$5 for children.

22 August 7.30pm Masked Nude Ball
Take or cook your own meal, BBQW available
BYO drinks. Supper provided \$5 per person.

BOP – 19 July 1pm Mid-Winter Xmas Lunch
(3 course meal)
\$12 per Adult. Bring a small gift for the present swap, RSVP.

24-26 October – Labour Weekend
Extravaganza and Craft market

WOS Events for 2009

August 8th: Indoor Sports at 1pm

Fish & Chip tea \$6

9th Committee meeting

September 12: Working Bee, Lunch supplied by
WOS

13 Committee meeting

October 10th: Neighbourhood BBQ & Sausage
Sizzle

11th Committee meeting

28th Labour weekend

November 6. 7. 8. Phoenix Shield at BOP

8 Committee meeting

December 5, Xmas Dinner

6 Committee meeting

Worm Farm.

WOS is going "green." We've now got a worm farm, Rather than saving them for rubbish day or having to drag them home, kitchen scraps, leftovers and organic waste from our kitchen and from our residents can now be taken off to our worm farm in the "Works Depot" down in the far corner of the grounds. Our wriggly pets will turn it all into super compost and fertiliser for the shrubs and trees being planted in the hedge and the river, and I've no doubt that some will find its way into our residents gardens to help their veges grow.

There is a lidded pail in the Kitchen, food scraps in there please but please ensure that there is no plastic, cleaning materials or fluids included. Thanks to John D for the bath and its carpet cover that is home to the "farm", the starter kits of worms and the coaching of the "farm managers" to get it up and running. We're looking forward to seeing our new plantings growing apace. For those gardeners and recyclers interested in worm farms and the benefits thereof, here is an informative link.

http://www.mitre10.co.nz/how_to_guides/gardening/a_guide_on_worm_farms.cfm?section=4

Spa Pool

The wood burning heater has been in heater hospital for a couple of weeks, the firebox and chimney is made of relatively light material and its getting a bit thin in places. A few weeks back the chimney split flooding the firebox, so soaks in the spa pool were not possible. John D carted the sick patient off in his van, prevailed upon his son's employers who are fabricators of things stainless steel to do some surgery at a friendly rate and its all back in service again.

For those curious the little pipe fitting at the top of the water jacket will soon be fitted with a pressure relief valve that will reduce the chances of damage in case of pump failure.

Firewood

There has been a major team effort by a number of members of late, and we have as result of that effort a huge stack of firewood cut, stacked, and drying. John d, Tom, Barry and Linelle, Bruce, Richard and myself (John W) dragged in about 10 trailer loads and got it all sorted. There is a good 12 months supply there now.

Think of the firewood team when you sit in the spa or by the clubhouse fire and raise a glass. Thanks people, wonderful stuff.

Midwinter Polar Bares Plunge

BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB!!!!!!

12 brave polar bares braved the very cold water in the pool. A series of frosts had made sure that it was colder than in previous years and I'm sure that I heard icicles clinking when I (John W) climbed out. Soup and buns helped to warm the cockles (thanks Kobie, that was the best pumpkin soup I've had in a long time) and the hot spa was deservedly popular for a while there.

Projects

We are progressing the kitchen issue, what began as a need to reconfigure the kitchen to enable us to handle the higher numbers that we host for our major events, and to replace what was originally intended as temporary protection for the floor has evolved into a proposal that will improve not only the kitchen but which will see the bar and the shop improved as well Watch that space!

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