

Wcsc 25th Anniversary details inside !!

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**WELLINGTON CHINESE SPORTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE
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Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre Inc

25th Anniversary Special Newsletter April 2002

This year celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Wellington Chinese Sports and Cultural Centre. For many of you, it's a time to catch up with old friends and family, for others it's a good time to play some basketball and see who can consume the most alcohol!

WHATS ON FOR THE WEEKEND?



To celebrate this momentous occasion - a weekend of sports, fun and social activities has been organised during the Queens Birthday weekend in conjunction with the Centre's traditional Queen Birthday Basketball Tournament.

The Programme of events for the weekend is as follows.

Friday 31st May 2002

Cocktail Function and Memorabilia.

Venue: Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre

Time: 7pm -

Cost: \$12.00 (includes soft drinks and nibbles)

Cash bar available

There will be video clips showing throughout the night. Come along and catch up with friends and family and have a laugh at the old photos!

Saturday 1st June 2002

The annual Queens Birthday basketball tourney will start today - games for this day will be held at Wellington Show buildings and St Patricks college

Anniversary Sporting Activities will run throughout the day. - Golf, Tennis, table tennis, outdoor bowls

Golf will be played on the Miramar Golf Course, Entry is restricted to members of affiliated golf clubs and having official slope handicaps. We are limited to 24 entries and we will confirm acceptance of your entry at a later date.- please contact Victor Wu for more details. Tee off at 10.00am

Tennis will be held at the Renouf Tennis Centre - 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturday night function:

Silver Jubilee Family Buffet dinner.

Venue: Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre

Time: 6.00pm

Cost: \$25.00 adults
\$10.00 Intermediate and Primary school aged children

Reservations: Tables of 12 available

BYO – Soft drinks provided

Entertainment: Razzle Dazzle Band with a dance to follow.

This night will include a performances from the Childrens Cultural Group and our very own Lion Dance Troupe. Not a night to be missed!

Sunday 2nd June 2002

8.30am to 2pm - Mini Ball and Grand Finals of the Generation Games contest.

3.00pm – Tournament Basketball games will resume at the WCSCC.

Sunday night Function:

Family dinner at the King Wah Chinese Restaurant

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: King Wah Chinese Restaurant, Courtenay Place

Price: \$25.00per person
\$10.00 Special menu for Primary and Intermediate children who sit at special Children's tables.

Reservations: Tables of 10 available

8.00pm – Tournament social event – venue to be confirmed

Monday 3rd June 2002

10.00am – *Anniversary activity for the day:*

A 5km walk, for people of all ages, starting and finishing at the WCSCC.

10.00am – Basketball Finals kick off - The Canteen will be open for business.

Monday Function:

Barbecue at the Centre.

Cost: \$10 adults.

\$5 children (primary & Intermediate aged children)

The above events have been organised and tickets are now available. We anticipate a large response to these functions some of which have limited capacity and we would advise you to pre-book by filling in the attached form and send together with payment. Early purchases will assist us with catering and seating arrangements.

There is a ticket order form and an Entry form for sports events attached to the newsletter – and if you have any questions with regards to tickets and reservations – please contact Victor Wu or Peter Kohing.

GENERATION GAMES – QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2002

Okay, Its time to settle the old debate on who are the best of the best.

*Are today's youngsters as good as the older generations think they were at that age?
Are the stories the parents tell about their sporting triumphs true?
Is youth and enthusiasm a match for experience and cunning?
Will Cully make it back?*

To find the answer, each generation is invited to enter the teams in the "Generation Games" to be played at Queens Birthday weekend as part of the Centre's Jubilee celebrations. These games will be a test of various skills in a social indoor competition with the emphasis on having FUN!

Teams shall consist of 3 males and 3 females, all from the same generation. The age groups are as below. Age shall be as at January 1st 2002.

Generation 1	13 to under 20 years old
Generation 2	over 20 to under 35
Generation 3	over 35 to under 45
Generation 4	over 45

Teams will compete in the following games, each game played to a set time limit or fixed number of balls. Games to be shared amongst team members.

Table tennis	one game if mixed doubles, 5 minutes duration
Indoor Bowls	one game of mixed doubles, 5 minutes duration
Golf pitching	mixed pair, 4 pitches each
Golf putting	mixed pair, 4 putts each
Foul shooting	3 female members, alternate shots for 1 minute
3 point shooting	3 male members, alternate shots for 1 minute
indoor netball	team of 3 female and 3 male, 1 game of 6 minutes

Scoring will be equalised with adjustments for age and weight, officials must not be offered bribes.

If sufficient teams are entered, preliminary games will be played at the Centre on the Sunday before Queens Birthday weekend (time to be organised), finals to be played at the Centre on the Sunday morning of Queens Birthday weekend.

Right. Now get together a team, start practising and get the cheerleaders routine sorted out. Entries are to be forwarded to Eric Sue 478 5362 before Monday 13th May.

- Eric Sue

POLL TAX – CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ACT 1881

We have reached the next stage in the process of resolving the Poll tax issue – whereby a process of consultation will take place. This is scheduled to take place in Wellington for interested Poll tax payers and their descendents. Time to be confirmed.

This will be an educational meeting where there will be a chance for people to ask questions and gather information to help them in coming to an educated point of view.

Shortly, we will be receiving information packs with an update for all members of the community- if you would like to receive an information pack – please contact Kevin Hing ph: 972 3202. or Peter Kohing 478 5865.



LION HEAD EYE DOTTING CEREMONY

As reported in the last newsletter, the WCSCC were gifted by the Taiwan Economic & Cultural Office a lions head. The date for the dotting of the eyes was set down for Sunday April 28 at the Centre – this date has now been changed to **Saturday 11th May at 2.00pm**. It would be a pleasure to see as many of our members there as this is quite a rare opportunity to be part of. Performances by our own lion dance troupe and cultural group will also be given with afternoon tea to follow.



WCSCC PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2001/02

Centre members

It is my honour to present to you the President's annual report for 2001/2002.

The past year has seen the Centre continuing to be active in a range of areas designed to benefit members in a number of ways.

Activities for members apart from the traditional sporting activities included further series of Tai Chi classes, the very popular ballroom dancing classes and a bus tour around the Hutt Valley. Each of these was well attended and served as popular social gatherings as well. We look forward to these being repeated again in the coming year.

Basketball continues to be the main sporting activity among our younger members who competed in our own Queen's Birthday Tournament and Goodwill Games for the miniballers as well as in other Chinese tournaments locally and further afield. The importance of these occasions in fostering social interchange as well as competition in sport should not be underestimated and I urge all parents to encourage their children, regardless of sporting ability to participate as Centre members.

Culture too is a way of bringing our young people together and I am pleased to report that this aspect of Centre life has continued to flourish. Our singing and dancing groups and the lion dance team have performed several times in public during the year, perhaps the most memorable occasion being during the Chinese New Year celebrations in Courtenay Place in February. Although the parade and concert involved performers from various Chinese organisations I have to say that our children performed well in

that company and that the success of the event was due to the organisational efforts of three mothers from the Centre's Yau Yih Yun and cultural group supported by many other parents.

Yau Yih Yun and Cantonese classes continue to be well supported and our new teacher has settled in and established her own style. Students from these classes displayed their language skills once more by competing in the annual Chinese Speech and Language competition in which the Centre continues to sponsor a prize in the Cantonese section.

In May we hosted visits to the Centre by the new Ambassador for the Peoples' Republic of China and some of his colleagues and the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office and some of his colleagues. These were worthwhile functions, serving to demonstrate the substance of the Centre to these important people. Both representatives were impressed by the facilities we have and by the activities that were being held at the times of their visits. We also acknowledge the support that has been received from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office with their donation of a lion head and costumes for the use of our lion dance team. The official dotting of the eye will take place shortly.

In conjunction with the Poon Fah Association and the Tung Jung Association, the Centre conducted a very successful Moon Festival celebration in October. Around 470 people attended this celebration including the Ambassador from China and the Representative from the Taipei office. Demonstrations of moon cake and lantern making as well as a cultural program added to the fun of the afternoon.

During the middle of the year we conducted a series of presentations from members of the legal fraternity on the implications of the new Property Relations Act, trusts and wills. These presentations were well attended and generated a lot of interest among members.

On something quite different, members considered and decided to make changes to the Centre rules on membership and eligibility. It was felt that the rules should provide a more definitive determination of a "Chinese" person, should reflect today's social climate and also should lay down criteria for the participation of "non Chinese" persons in Centre activities. The changes made at the Special General Meeting held on 25 November have determined that membership of the Centre should be open to an "ethnic Chinese person up to and including the fourth generation plus their children, spouse or de facto partner". For those not meeting the criteria a category "friend of the Centre" has been created.

On 12 February this year the Prime Minister made a formal apology to the Chinese community for the imposition of the discriminatory poll tax on Chinese immigrants. In the period leading up to the apology and since, Centre representatives have been working with the Poon Fah, Seyip and Tung Jung associations and Dragons Sports and Social Club, to ensure that poll tax payers and their descendents, many of whom are Centre members, are given a fair and adequate opportunity to be consulted by government about what action if any the government should take from now on the matter. Our representations have been acknowledged by the government and we look forward to a conclusion to this sad part in New Zealand's history to the satisfaction of the poll tax payers and their descendents.

Our major asset is the Centre itself and during the year we have continued with the redecoration commenced last year by having the interior of the gym, foyer and stairwell repainted. We also installed some new lighting in the gym. The result has been excellent and we have had many favourable comments, especially about the improvement in lighting in the gym. New hoops have been installed and other less visible improvements have been made as well and we are pleased that the Centre is now in a smart condition.

All of these matters I have reported on could not have eventuated without a considerable amount of resources; financial and human. The funds that have been accumulated in recent years have been put to good use and we have continued with our fundraising efforts. These efforts included four catering

functions, manning the mobile bar at the WetspacTrust Stadium, stocktaking at Fuelquip and we also received a grant from the Community Trust through the Goanna Bar to whom we express our thanks and appreciation. Our Miniball group also received a grant which they have reported on. Significant funds have also been raised from rentals received from those who have hired the Centre for their own activities. The support of these organisations is also appreciated.

I have to reiterate that it costs around \$40,000 each year to operate our Centre and so the task of fundraising is a never ending one. In the years to come methods of fundraising will no doubt change as they have done in the past. It will take members with energy, foresight and vision to maintain the level of income we must have in order to continue. As usual at this time of the year I make a plea for all members to consider their commitment to the future of the Centre and feel free to step forward to contribute as a Committee member or in some other role. I know we all want to be able to preserve the Centre for future generations. Therefore we cannot afford to place the Centre at any risk because of lack of interest or default on our part. We all have a role to play and should not leave it just to others to take responsibility.

To conclude I wish to thank all those who have contributed in one way or another towards another successful year for the Centre. Your time and effort is most appreciated and I look forward to a continuation of the same.

Kevin Hing
President



2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The AGM was held on Sunday 14 April at 2.00pm at the Centre.

The results of the elections are as follows:

President:	Kevin Hing
Vice President:	Victor Wu
Secretary:	Justine Kohing
Treasurer:	Victor Wu
Stadium Manager:	Tom Ng

Committee:

Bill Hoon, Dennis Young, Mark Chiu, Sam Shum, Kaye Wong, Alec Wong, Graham Young, Don Wong, Peter Kohing, Lenny Loh, Charles Lum, Irene Lau, Richard Chiu, Malcolm Young.

TAI CHI CLASSES



Aimee Poy will be holding another series of six Tai Chi classes commencing on Saturday 4 May at 10.30am.

The classes will be held each Saturday thereafter until 15 June.

There will be no lesson on 1 June as this is Queen's Birthday Weekend.

The classes will be for beginners and others. The exercises are designed for arthritis sufferers although anyone may attend and take part.

Members of the Centre and friends are welcome.

Contact Kevin Hing, tel 972 3202 if you have any inquiries

LINE DANCING CLASSES FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

George Billing of RSA Line Dancers is available to teach Line Dancing classes at the Centre on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm commencing on Tuesday, 14 May 2002.

The first block of classes will be for 6 weeks on Tuesdays, 14/21/28 May, and 4/11/18 June. Cost will be \$20 per person, payable on attending the first session on 14 May.

We require a minimum of 12 people to attend before we can commence these classes.

If you and your friends are interested in joining these classes please register with Peter Kohing, ph 4785 865 OR Yvonne Chew Lee ph 4768 382 by Monday 6 May 2002.

Line Dancing is an American mid-western form of dancing, and one of the great appeals of this form of recreational exercise dancing is that you don't require a partner! Dancers stand in lines, and follow an instructor through a series of steps and movements to lively music, make a half or quarter turn, and then repeat the sequence. Many of the steps are used in other dances too.



It's easy to learn, very sociable, and a great form of exercise. It's also been claimed that over a period of time, Line Dancing can help reduce high blood pressure, arthritis, and even asthma!

You will need to wear a good comfortable pair of shoes, bring a drink, and be prepared for an enjoyable afternoon.

Please register with Peter OR Yvonne by Monday 6 May 2002.

Future sessions will depend on your interest and support.

GEOFF HUNTER DANCE CLASS GROUP – SUNDAY NIGHTS.

Here's an update of activities -

Sunday 14 April is the last session of this block of lessons.

Sunday's session will be a informal 'social dancing evening' from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm. Geoff will play the music for all the dances you have learnt for you to practice, and he and his team will be available to help anyone who requires it during the evening.

We'll finish the evening with a shared cuppa and supper – you're welcome to bring along a plate to share!

The next block of 7 Sunday lessons is being planned to commence on **Sunday 12 May**, but these dates need to be confirmed and worked in with other Centre activities over this period. Geoff is also planning a new programme of lessons for us at the *Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced levels*.

We will also need an indication of numbers of people attending the next block, so please let your friends know and register your interest with Mary Ng (383 6480), Mavis Hoon (389 64 68), or Audrey or Peter Kohing (478 5865) as soon as possible. Costs will be the same - \$65.00 per person for the 7 lessons.

I will let you know about the programme and dates for the next block as soon as they have been finalized.

SALSA AND MERENGUE WORKSHOP – SUNDAY 5 MAY 2002, PETONE WORKINGMEN'S CLUB

Salsa and Merengue dancing is a Latin American style of dancing which has become very popular with all age groups all over the world.

Annie and Johnny from Blenheim are two well-known exponents of this form of dancing.

Geoff has arranged for this couple to take a practical workshop session for people interested in learning this dance on Sunday, 5 May, at the Petone Workingmen's Club in Udy Street, commencing at 12.00 noon.

The programme for the afternoon is –

12.00 noon – 1.30 p m Salsa workshop

1.30 p m - 2.30 p m - Lunch (available for purchase from the Club or can be bought from the many food places in Petone / Lower Hutt)

2.30 p m – 4.00 pm Merange workshop

4.00 p m – 4.30 p m Performance by Annie and Johnny

Cost to Centre members is \$20.00 per person.

Non-Centre members \$28.00 per person

Please register your interest with Geoff on 970 4879 OR let Peter know as soon as possible

- Peter Kohing

"THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO 'ROUND AND 'ROUND....."

Willie Moon has kindly supplied us with a video of the bus trip we took to the Hutt Valley in January. It's quite comprehensive and a good record of the day. There is also footage of the Chinese New Year parade in Courtenay Place.



If you would like to borrow the video to have a look and see what people got up to contact Kevin 972 3202

Thanks Willie for taking the time to put the video together.



The Basketball Diaries:

2002 SEASON:

Practices have started – the times are as follows:

College Guys	12.30 – 2.00pm
College Girls and Womens Overs (combined practice)	2.00 – 4.00pm
Mens Overs	4.00 – 6.00pm

As we'll want to get a move on in terms of organising teams for the Silver Jubilee Tournament – the earlier you turn up to practice the better the teams will be.

WCSCC MINI – BALL NEWS !!!

Lenny Loh 479-7509

2002 SEASON

The season started last Sunday, 21st April , from 10:30am. And the times for each grade are as follows:

10:30am to 12:00pm	Tiniball (Ages 5 – 7 years)
10:30am to 12:30pm	Miniball (Ages 8 – 10 years)
12:30pm to 2:00pm	Intermediate (At Intermediate 11 & 12 years)

On the Web with Justine

Wanting to get away for the weekend – but just don't know where to go? Log onto www.friars.co.nz

Friars is a guide to New Zealand accommodation for the discerning traveller and its quite informative, with over 400 places to stay around New Zealand. Check it out next time you want to get away from it all!

FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE:

Please find enclosed your free gift with this edition of the newsletter– it's a free **cut-out-and-stick-to-the-fridge-diary** of important dates that are coming up for WCSCC members:

**WCSCC
DATES TO REMEMBER:**

SATURDAY 11th MAY – 2.00pm
✍ Dotting of the lion's head eyes

FRIDAY 31st MAY 2002
✍ WCSCC Silver Jubilee Cocktail function

SATURDAY 1st JUNE 2002
✍ WCSCC Annual Queens Birthday weekend
Basketball tournament starts today
✍ Jubilee sports activities on through out the day
✍ WCSCC Silver Jubilee Family buffet dinner to be held at the Centre

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE 2002
✍ Miniball and Grand finals of the Generation Games
✍ WCSCC Silver Jubilee dinner at King Wah restaurant
✍ Tournament social – venue to be confirmed

MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2002
✍ Jubilee 5km walk – 10.00am
✍ BBQ lunch at the Centre – 12.00pm
✍ Basketball Tournament Finals 10.00am

FRIDAY 31ST MAY – MONDAY JUNE 3RD
✍ WCSCC Annual Queens Birthday weekend
Tournament and 25th Anniversary Celebrations



FUNCTIONS TICKET ORDER FORM

Please post your ticket orders to: **Victor Wu, PO Box 10-340, Wellington**
 Please make cheques payable to: **Wellington Chinese Sports & Culture Centre**

	Quantity		
Friday 31 May Cocktail Function	_____	x \$12 =	\$ _____

Saturday 1 June Family Buffet Dinner	ADULTS	_____	x \$25 =	\$ _____
	CHILDREN	_____	x \$10 =	\$ _____

Sunday 2 June Silver Jubilee Family Chinese Dinner	<i>Adults</i>	_____	x \$25 =	\$ _____
	SPECIAL CHILDREN'S TABLE MENU	_____	x \$10 =	\$ _____

Monday 3 June Barbeque	ADULTS	_____	x \$10 =	\$ _____
	CHILDREN	_____	x \$5 =	\$ _____

**CHEQUE
 ENCLOSED**

Please send tickets to:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

City _____ Email _____

ENTRY FORM FOR SPORTS EVENTS

(Entry fees will be payable on the day)

I wish to enter for the following:

Tennis – Saturday 1 June
1.00pm – 5.00pm
at the Renouf Centre

Yes No

Golf – Saturday 1 June
10.00am
at the Miramar Golf Club
(\$25 green fees)

Yes No

Slope handicap_____

Entry is restricted to members of affiliated golf clubs and having official slope handicaps. We are limited to 24 entries and we will confirm acceptance of your entry at a later date.

Table Tennis – Saturday 1 June
1.00pm

Yes No

Outdoor Bowls – Saturday 1 June

Yes No

Generation Game Team Entry – *see attached for details*

Yes No

5km Walk – Sunday 2 June
10.00am
Leaving from the Centre

Yes No

Please post your entry form to:

Victor Wu
PO Box 10-340
Wellington

Entrant (Name) _____
Address _____
City _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email: _____