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Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre Inc

25th Anniversary follow up Newsletter!!

Editorial:

It been a harrowing few months hasn't it? With all the furore whipping up our community regarding the Poll tax issue it's definitely been an interesting period at our house lately.

For me personally, I didn't take too much of an interest late last year when it was announced that the Chinese people would receive an apology from the Government regarding a sum of money paid by our grandparents and Great grandparents when they entered NZ.

It wasn't until I started to listen to what was actually going on that I started to form my own opinion and realise that this will affect me in some form or another.

On Tuesday 21st May 2002 I attended a meeting held at the Office of Ethnic Affairs, I, along with 200 other of our community members went along to see what it was all about.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform people of what was happening at the present time, with regard to having been apologised to, the next question was, where to from here? This meeting was just one stop of a Nationwide roadshow with Hamilton and Levin being the next couple of stops.

I was stunned. Of the reported 200 attendees present I recognised that there were less than 10 people between the ages of 15 – 30. I thought to myself "hey, this concerns us too."

One girl, Koreen Young, (a student living in Wellington with family ties to the Hawkes Bay, and before someone asks "who are her parents?" I'm not able to tell you at this time), put forth the question "where were all the people her age?"

Good bloody point I said to myself.

And its true, where were all the people in that 15-30 year old bracket?

Many people of our age group, (and I write in general terms here), think that these issues do not affect them, some may take the view that their "olds" (parents) will take it upon themselves to "work it out" and tell us what happened at the outcome of all the discussions.

But the guts of it is, that we need to take it upon ourselves to arm ourselves with knowledge. Find out what's going on, and how it may affect us, should this issue go any further.

A group of young people are interested in getting everyone in this age group to attend a meeting, and before you all groan and say, "No, we don't want to" you may want to take note of this: Our

grandparents came here with the intention of giving their descendents (us) a better life, we have integrated very nicely into NZ society, and at present its in jeopardy – there are certain groups of people within our community who want to single us out from other ethnic groups in NZ and you need to make your voice heard whether you agree with it or not.

If you couldn't care less about this issue, I also urge you to come along to this meeting and tell them why you don't care. This is a responsibility bigger than voting for the next Government. Let your feelings be known.

A meeting will be held on **Sunday 28th July 2002 at 4.00pm** in the Members lounge of the WCSCC – and it's not open to just WCSCC members, its open to everyone of the 15-35 age group. So bring your friends, bring some questions, and bring your comments along to the forum. This is your chance to be heard without fear of being "shouted down " or "told" what to think. I urge everyone of you to tell as many people as you can to get them there. I'll be there and I'm looking forward to hearing what everyone else's views are on this on the day.

And on a lighter note – wasn't Queens Birthday weekend just FAB! I had a great time and it was good to see everyone – all in one place, all together – and the best part? Well, you'll just have to read what everyone else has to say about it you'll note that there is also an attachment in Chinese that was written in a recent publication about our Silver Jubilee celebrations.

Cheers

Justine

So..... WHAT HAPPENED DURING OUR WEEKEND?

The Ayatollahs Weekend

Ah, Queens Birthday weekend, a well organized and managed celebration it was too. Victor Wu with his trusty laptop managed to keep things ticking over when everything started turning to custard and most people finally got to the events they had paid for.

Starting with cocktails on Friday night it was great seeing Auntie Daisy and Auntie Molly there with a lot of other old timers going over the photo display put together by Auntie Kaye. Hey who forgot to tell the bar lady the orange juice was free? She nearly had a punch up with some of the customers when she tried to sell it. And who forgot to test the big video projector ? and who put up that unkind photo of Auntie Audrey?

The Center looked fabulous on Saturday night with the giant marquee inside, courtesy of "Graham Young Promotions Function Decorators", and the cultural concert by the kids was excellent. Unfortunately the old chap stood next to the drums during the lion dance and didn't hear much of the rest of the evening.

He enjoyed watching the NZ Latin American Dancing Champions do their demonstration and seeing the line dancing ladies do their thing. They looked cute in their white stetsons and cowboy boots and things really hotted up when Ruby, Tassie and Mary joined the line. - Hey who mucked up the table bookings? The group sitting outside in the rain were not impressed. And who designed that stage? there was more

steel in it than the BNZ building and dismantling it was a real mission.

Sunday was a hoot with all the oldies turning out for the Generation Games. The final result was two sprained ankles, a couple of sore backs, one hernia and a possible divorce. Next time the mixed boxing bouts will be substituted for something less violent, too many males got beaten up. Gee those old ladies are competitive. Did you see Hori throw those behind the head passes when he was playing goal attack? His playing partner Harvey didn't and the ball nearly knocked him out. Hey who mucked up the programme and how come one team managed to get 10 players into the netball game?

Dinner at the King Wah on Sunday night was a full house with the entertainment provided by some local karaoke singers who shall remain nameless. Cant remember Achy Breaky Heart sounding quite like their rendition and some how Amazing Grace doesn't sound the same when sung in chinese- so, don't give up your day jobs yet chaps. Hey who mucked up the table bookings and how come one group ended up having their meal down the road at the Mermaid?

Monday morning, those still on their feet enjoyed a 5km hike around the Newtown hills behind the Center. The fast pack cut it out in about 45 minutes while those with more sense took a little longer. Hey who mucked up the course markings? -one group took the wrong turning and were last seen climbing up Mt Kau Kau.

Finally the lunch on Monday, a beaut day it was with the barbeques sizzling away on the balcony. Yep, there is something special about eating raw meat with the edges slightly charred. Hey who mucked up the sausage order? Looks like curried sausages will be compulsory on the menu at the rest of the catering functions this year.

So a full and enjoyable weekend, just like the good old days only slower. Hey if you haven't got a copy of the jubilee magazine yet, get one - it's a good read and the centerfold is worth looking at. For a small fee the editor might even autograph your copy, just ask Alec.

Ayatollah Louie

GRANDADS VIEW OF THE SILVER JUBILEE

THURSDAY; The Grey Power team swung into action, first thing was the marquee, problem, only one fixing point on the ceiling when two were required, out came the 30 ft extension ladder and up went the smallest glad it wasn't me, if you look up at the ceiling there is still a G clamp on the steel beam. The cloth jigsaw was completed

The lanterns were hung. Along came the girls to set up the tables and mount the old photos (thanks to Kaye) on to the screens some good stuff there.

FRIDAY NIGHT; The Oldies were out in force with some out of towners, a good catch up time for all.

SATURDAY NIGHT; Entertainment, the young girls doing their song and dance were great (thanks to Mandy) my 2 grandsons doing the lion dance I know how much time and effort (thanks Lenny) has gone into this, keep up the excellent work

HURRAH for the 2 new life members

The band never stopped and lots of people danced to midnight.

HEY GUYS; where were the young guys when we needed them, It was after 2am when the Grey Power team (past my bed time) finally put away the last table and chairs, packed up the tent and decorations etc.

SUNDAY; Generation games hosted by the AYATOLLAH golf, table tennis, bowls, net ball, some stiff and sore bodies all over. The winners were anyone who managed to finish without injury.

SUNDAY; night ; Dinner at the King Wah full house. Did you catch the quartet singing out of tune with the karaoke machine.?

MONDAY morning walk around Newtown, Groups left at 11am some got lost, search party sent out to guide them back. Don't believe the rumour that some are still wandering around behind the zoo.
BACK AT THE CENTRE; BBQ lunch burnt sausages and raw meat ate myself to a stand still, a perfect way to end a memorable weekend.

A special mention to Alec who wrote the book.

A BIG THANKS to Victor but don't let me wait another 25 years for your next party you organise.

Grandad.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE CELEBRATIONS!

A pleasant informal evening was spent at the Centre on the Friday, to view displays of photographs, newspaper clippings and other items of interest, painstakingly put together by a small band of volunteers. The continuous playing of videos of Centre activities over the years, was also a "walk down memory lane".

Some parts of the photo display covered three generations of my family and was of great interest to my children and grandchildren. My father, Wong Cho Nam, was a great supporter of the centre and spent many years of his life helping to fundraise for the building of the Centre. My children occasionally assisted at several of the large fundraising dinners and thoroughly enjoyed the company of the Chinese community.

WCSCC was also where my children learnt to play competitive basketball. The basic skills learnt at the Centre helped them to attain high levels in basketball in their later years. It was interesting to note that the guests at the "Display Evening" were mainly in the older age group and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with people I had not seen in years!

The food was excellent and plentiful - thoroughly enjoyable. Overall, our family enjoyed the whole weekend and we will treasure the "Souvenir Booklet" for years to come. Many thanks to the organising Committee for making this event such a successful one. Good luck for the next 25 years. The future of the Centre is certainly ensured with so many wonderful people and so much wonderful support.

*Suie Thompson (nee Wong)
Wellington, June 2002*

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

On Monday morning of Queen's Birthday weekend, those who had survived the festivities of Friday, Saturday and Sunday and lived to tell the tale added one more activity to their busy schedules. As the brilliant day dawned, it was clear that those who had booked themselves in for the 5km walk couldn't get out of it. There was no sign of rain, the sun shone like it was summer and there was no wind - typical Wellington weather.

As the contingent of 30 or more arrived, Linda handed us our survival rations and Dennis checked our names off in case we got lost on the way. There were a few intrepid pensioners and one child in the group and I think the average age would have been around 50 (give or take a few years!). We were led up the track behind the Centre and made our way up the hill. There were a few huffs and puffs but that was because people tried to catch up on the gossip with friends while trying to ensure that they kept the ones in the front in sight. After a while those of us who are self-confessed couch potatoes decided to let the more athletic ones press on and we took it slowly, preferring to enjoy the talk, the view and the weather rather than work up a sweat.

The walk took us into Melrose, past the zoo, up into the top part of Newtown, through Newtown and back up past Berhampore to the Centre. There were some debates about which way was the right way but as all roads led back to the barbeque, some of us decided to take short detours to walk past our old homes and look at what had been done to preserve them. Newtown was full of Chinese fruit shops and laundries in the 1940s and 1950s and people began to reminisce about the "good old days" when we used newspapers for tablecloths and when we used those hanging scales to weigh the fruit and vegetables. There were no prizes for the first ones back but somebody who goes to Marsden school beat her favourite Aunty back to the Centre and two very fit matrons arrived back before anybody else! Nobody has been reported missing so everybody must have made it back!

As well as going for the walk, some people arrived back and immediately put on aprons to prepare the barbeque. The barbeque was delicious and filled the gap left after we had expended so much energy during the walk (well, some of us had!). The cooks at the Centre excelled again and everybody said it was a great end to the 25th Anniversary celebrations. Who wants to go on a 10km walk next time?????

Kitty Chang



Thanks From the President:

A word of thanks to all members and friends who supported us in one way or another in the celebrations of the silver jubilee of the opening of the Centre.

There were those who formed the committee that made it all happen. Congratulations to Victor Wu, Graham Young, Eric Sue, Kaye Wong, Alec Wong, Vivienne Ching, Peter Kohing for organising such a successful weekend. If the success of the weekend can be judged by the way I felt in the days that followed..... it was a successful celebration!!

Congratulations also to the newly elected life members, Peter Kohing and Graham Young. Many thanks for the dedication and personal sacrifices you have made over many years to ensure that the Centre became and remains such an important part of the Chinese community in Wellington. All your efforts are most appreciated by us all and we are pleased to have been able to recognise your efforts in this way.

Thank you also to all those who organised the cultural concert and the miniball and basketball activities during the weekend. They all helped to demonstrate the breadth of interest we now have at the Centre.

To all those of you who attended the various functions held during the weekend and/or participated in various events, thanks for your support, thank you for coming along and thanks for making the Centre a part of your life.

Kevin Hing.



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

All of you should have, by now received your membership renewal forms. The intention is to update the members database and get all the names and addresses correct. If you did receive the form and do not wish to continue membership – please send the form back in the stamped addressed envelope with a big cross through it. Alternatively, if you have not received a form, please email: wccsc_nz@hotmail.com or call Justine 478 5865.

YOUR HELP REQUIRED:

Our next fundraising catering function is the Masonic Lodges Fundraising Chinese Dinner on Saturday 17th August 2002.

Help is required with kitchen food preparations, setting up tables, waitering, serving, washing and cleaning up for this function.

440 guests are expected to attend this fundraising dinner being organised by the Masonic Lodges.

Help is required on –

Friday 16th August 2002

4.00pm onwards – Kitchen – food preparations – cutting up

6.00pm onwards – Stadium – decorations and setting up of tables and table settings.

Saturday 17th August 2002

9.00am onwards – kitchen – food preparations – preliminary cooking

5.30pm onwards – stadium – waiting staff (at least 25 – 30 waiters / waitresses required)

6.30pm onwards – washing up crew (10-14 washer-uppers required)

10.00pm onwards – cleaning up crew 8-10 required to put away tables and chairs, take down decorations, re-instate stadium area for Sunday's activities.

**Any help is required,
even if its only for ONE hour of your time
it would be appreciated**

Please contact Peter Kohing for more details
Ph: 478 5865

Poll Tax – Update As At 1 July 2002

It was very pleasing to see over 200 people from our Chinese community attend the public meeting arranged by the Office of Ethnic Affairs in Wellington on Tuesday 21 May 2002 to discuss issues relating to the Poll Tax.

Your General Committee, together with representatives of the Poon Fah, Tung Jung, Seyip Associations of New Zealand, together with the Chinese Dragons Sports and Social Club have advocated since January 2002 for families and descendants of early Chinese settlers who paid the Poll Tax to have the opportunity to be informed, to have their say, and present their views on this matter whatever those views may be.

The Office of Ethnic Affairs has now held the first series of ten consultation meetings with the descendants of early Chinese immigrants throughout New Zealand, a further meeting in Wellington has been postponed until after the election.

According to the Office of Ethnic Affairs UPDATE(S) dated 22 May and 17 June which have been posted to people in the Chinese community, the next stages involve –

"We are asking local communities to nominate people to work with us on the formation of a proposal to put to government. We are taking a partnership approach with descendants of poll tax payers in this process." (22 May 2002) **and**

"Once the current stage of community consultation to gather ideas and reactions has finished, we will analyse and write up all the comments and submissions received. We will then need to put the results of this consultation alongside the work we are doing with other departments on what is involved in taking some of these ideas forward. At that point we need to be able to talk to community representatives, to work out just what initiatives, if any, should be developed in detailed proposals for government to consider" (17 June 2002).

As the second Wellington meeting and the discussions on setting a closing date for submissions has now been postponed, submissions and community discussions can continue.

It is essential and important that **ALL** descendants be fully informed and be aware of the issues leading up to the Prime Ministers apology on 12 February 2002. It is also important for **ALL** descendants and families to have the opportunity to have their say on this matter.

Send in your submissions and let the government through the Office of Affairs know your views and opinions on this matter.

We will let you know the date, time, and venue of the next public meeting to be held in Wellington as soon as information comes to hand. Keep an eye on newspaper notices.

Compiled by Peter Kohing.

NEWS FROM THE CULTURAL GROUP –

JULY 2002

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The highlight for Term 2 for the Cultural group was of course the Silver Jubilee celebrations held over Queen's Birthday weekend. The Cultural Group was very proud to present a Cultural Concert as part of the dinner held on the Saturday night up at the Centre. Sixteen years ago, Yau-Yih-Yun was established by a group of



mothers who wanted to preserve the Cantonese language. For many years this formed the Cultural part of the Cultural Centre, but today we have a Lion Dance troupe, Girls Chinese Dancing Group, two Cantonese classes, and of course Yau-Yih-Yun which continues to thrive.

The children that performed in the Cultural Concert ranged in age from 2 to 14 years. Many of them have parents or grandparents who have had a long association with the Centre, and the items performed by this group of children were the result of the work that has gone into promoting the Cultural side of things in recent years, and showed that the Cultural part of the Cultural Centre is alive and very well. Congratulations to all the kids that participated in the Concert, who put on very polished performances that were enjoyed by all.



The Concert opened with the Centres very own Lion Dance Troupe. This group was established two years ago, with a group of boys interested in learning this traditional folk dance. They have come a long way since then, and most recently added a new dimension to the act with the incorporation of adult lions. The grande finale was a dance which girls primarily from the Cantonese class learnt especially for the Silver Jubilee celebrations. The dance was taught by Mandy Chen, who is the teacher for Yau-Yih-Yun and the Cantonese class. The dance was appropriately named the Celebration dance - a very

colourful dance using ribbons and tambourines. After six intensive weeks of practise, it was wonderful to see the dance coming together so well.

Cantonese Classes



Classes continued as usual through this busy period, with time taken out to enjoy a Yum Char lunch at the Eastern Sunrise . This was a joint field trip organised in conjunction with Yau-Yih-Yun. The children got to sample some delicious lunchtime treats.....but only if they could name all the things in Cantonese! (siu mai, har gow, char siu bow etc) Nobody left the restaurant hungry so the classes must be working pretty well.

Classes for Term 3 resume on Saturday 13 July. If you are interested in coming, please contact Linda Lim on 234 8849.

Upcoming Performances

? *Wellington Chinese Speech & Cultural Day - September 2002 @ Victoria University*

The Lion Dance troupe will be opening the Cultural Concert, and it is hoped that the Cantonese class will have entries in the Speech competition to vie for the cup donated by the Centre.

? *Parent & Child Show – 15 September 2002 @ Queens Wharf Events Centre*

Yau-Yih-Yun and the Dancing girls will be performing as part of the entertainment programme.



Thank you for the honour...

I feel very humble and honoured to be nominated as a Life Member of the Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre because firstly I never expected to be considered for this award and secondly I still do not feel I deserve it.

I have always thought that Life Memberships of organizations are only awarded to 'old people'.

To me the Centre is not just only the wonderful building and facilities we have established for our community, but all the people who are and have been part of our Centre is what makes it alive. The fact that our Centre has been built entirely with voluntary fundraising and is debt free makes it all the more rewarding, and something all of us can be extremely proud.

Over the 27 or so years that years I have been involved with the Centre I have come to regard the Centre as an extension of my own extended family. Through working with all you people contributing towards the development of the Centre through its fundraising, building, and social activities I have not only learnt a lot about our community, but have also met many new friends, shared ideas, skills, and knowledge with you. You have shared the happy times we have had in our families with us and you have also supported and helped us in our families' times of sadness. These are occasions we can never forget and will forever be part of us. Our children have grown up together at the Centre and they in turn have established their own circles of friends amongst us.

The unsung heroes of our Centre are the numerous people who have quietly worked away behind the scenes over the many years – through making donations in cash or goods in our fundraising activities, helping out and contributing in so many ways at the many, many fundraising and catering functions either in the kitchen, waiting, washing up, cleaning up, or helping with setting up, or with the decorations – the hours of work whether it was only for a few hours or a whole day or weekend, the offers of help through use of vehicles, equipment, expertise, or advice, - you are the people who really deserve the honour and accolades of recognition because you are the people who have done all the hard work. I would like to again thank you all for your help and support

I have seen my role in the Centre as being one of the many facilitators, working with others in getting people and things together at the appropriate place and time to get the tasks done. I have enjoyed the work, and have been very pleased with the successful outcomes we have achieved through working together.

We are also extremely fortunate in having a wide diverse pool of enthusiastic motivated talented people within our Centre membership working towards making our Centre a vibrant and growing community centre providing not only for the sporting, social, cultural and educational needs our Chinese community but also in fostering an awareness of 'things Chinese' to the wider community.

We have just celebrated the 25th anniversary, the Silver Jubilee, of the opening of our Centre – I am looking forward to seeing continued involvement from you all in making 'the Centre' a continuing success in the 21st century.

I thank you all again for the honour of Life Member you have bestowed upon me.

Peter Kohing



THE DANCING CORNER:

Geoff Hunter Dance Class Group – Sunday nights.

Update and information for WCSCC members and friends
30 June 2002

The next block of lessons will begin on Sunday 28 July 2002.

Geoff is offering the following programme for seven weeks. The format of each lesson has been changed to concentrate on teaching mainly one dance each lesson. There will be some time allowed for revision each week.

The first session on 28 July will feature Rock n Roll Workshop sessions for Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced levels with Kathy Farrell from the Wellington Revival R n R Club.

Beginners (Level 1) Group - 6.30 to 8.00 pm this will include practice & consolidation teaching with Alex Shortcliffe

Ballroom: e.g. Waltz, and Quickstep.

Latin American: e.g. Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Salsa

Jive/Rock n Roll

Intermediate (Level 2) Group – 7.00 to 8.00 pm

Ballroom: Waltz, Quickstep,

Latin American: Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba

Jive/Rock n Roll, & NewVogue

People who have completed a Beginners (Level 1) course with Geoff are able to join the Intermediate (Level 2) Group. The Intermediate Group will begin at 7.00 pm AND are welcome and recommended to attend (free of charge) the Beginners Group lessons starting at 6.30 pm to revise/practise/consolidate their skills before starting their Intermediate Class lessons at 7.00 pm.

Geoff emphasizes that it is important for people in the Beginners and Intermediate levels to attend ALL lessons, because unless you do, you will be holding back other people who attend regularly each week.

Advanced Group - 8.00 to 9.30 pm

Advanced Group lessons will introduce new moves and steps for Quickstep, Rumba, Samba, and Jive/Rock n Roll. Dance techniques will also be introduced.

People who have attended Geoff's Advanced Tuition Group and Intermediate Group and who have also attended other studio dance lessons during the past 6 months are able to join the Advanced Group AND are welcome and recommended to also attend (free of charge) both the Beginner's Group lessons starting at 6.30 pm AND Intermediate Group lessons starting at 7.00 pm to revise, practise, consolidate their skills before starting their Advanced Group lessons at 8.00 pm.

The seventh session on 8 September is planned to be an informal 'social dance evening' where everyone can 'practise' their dancing. Geoff and his team will give assistance wherever required.

Cost of these 7 sessions will be \$65.00 pp payable in full at the first lesson on 28 July.

This is an ideal opportunity for everyone to learn some dances, or for those who already know some dances to brush up on those dance steps you may have forgotten.
And for the more able dancers to learn some different or new steps and techniques...

Geoff is a well-known and experienced dancing teacher in the Eastern suburbs. He has a very enthusiastic and learner friendly approach to his teaching, which puts everyone quickly at ease, and his 'pupils' really enjoy attending his classes.

The seven Sunday nights are – 28 July, 4/11/18/25 August, 1/8 September.

Missed Lessons – should you miss a weekly lesson on Sunday, you can make arrangements with Geoff to attend a similar class at either the Johnsonville Club on Tuesday nights, at the City Council Rooms on Wednesday nights, or at the Petone Workingmen's Club on Thursday nights to keep up with the Sunday night classes.

Please mark these dates in your calendars and let your friends know too.

If you are interested in joining us again on Sunday nights starting 27 July, and have not already given your names to either Mary Ng/Mavis Hoon/Audrey Kohing, contact Peter Kohing, phone 4785 865, or email: kohing@actrix.gen.nz by Tuesday, 23 July 2002

Note: People wishing to participate in these dance sessions must join up for the whole seven sessions. The whole fee of \$65 per person is payable on 27 July 2002

Line Dancing Classes for Members & Friends



About twenty enthusiastic senior Centre members have just completed the first six week block of Line Dancing classes on Tuesday afternoons.

George Billing, of RSA Line Dancers, is available again to teach Line Dancing classes at the Centre on Tuesday afternoons **from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm** commencing on **Tuesday, 30 July 2002**.

The next block of Line Dancing classes will be held on **Tuesdays 30 July, 6/13/20/27 August**, and **3 September**.

The time has been changed to an earlier time to enable people who have other afternoon commitments to continue attending these popular classes.

Cost will be **\$20** per person for the **six** sessions, payable on attending the first session on 27 July, 2002

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 Tuesday 23 July 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 **leather-soled** shoes, bring a drink, and be prepared for an enjoyable afternoon.

Please register with Peter OR Yvonne by Tuesday 23 July 2002.

Future sessions will depend on your interest and support.



The Basketball Diaries:

Queens Birthday tournament 2002 was a little different from previous years, this year it coincided with the 25th Anniversary of the Centre. Unlike previous years the Centre was not the main venue for the basketball. Due to it being used for festivities, the Wellington Show buildings became the hub for the weekend. The clubs that participated included Centre, Dragons, ACM and Manawatu. There were 52 games in total which included a couple of exhibition games. This ensured a busy weekend, and early starts. It was great to see some retired players, dusting off their basketball boots to play.

Some highlights of the tournament ...

It was pleasing to see the number of women's U18 basketball teams entered, five in total... plus it was good to see the retro basketball tops being put to good use ... the girls seemed to think 'the more figure hugging the better'.

The Centre women's team was grateful to have the services of the experienced Veronica Thompson and Kathy Young to provide leadership on court. The WCS team was successful in the round robin games with a wins each against Dragon's A and Auckland, which saw the team through to the final against Dragons.

Centre entered two U18 men's teams, under the guidance of Ants Chiu, and despite not making the finals they are teams to watch out for in the future!

A close mens U18 final between Dragon's A and ACM saw a great comeback from Dragons with a win in overtime.

A successful social function was held at Curve Bar, Edward Street on Sunday night. Despite the 3am finish, some could have partied till the early hours!

Without the energy and time of dedicated individuals tournaments such as these cannot occur. A big hand goes out to Justine, Lenny, Rich C, Ants, Jared and Kat for running the tournament, but they also had the services of Amanda, Katie, Rich Hing, Roger, Raymond and Sheryl, their help was also invaluable. Lastly, a big thanks goes out to all those that participated and supported.



FINAL RESULTS QUEENS BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT 2002

Women's Under 18	Dragons A
Men's Under 18	Dragons A
Womens A Grade	Dragons A
Mens A Grade	Dragons A
Mens B	WCSC LOTR
Mens C Grade	Dragons

PALMERSTON NORTH TRIP

The Manawatu Chinese Sports Club are holding a basketball tournament over the weekend of the 17 & 18 August. The tournament is aimed at Intermediate and College grade participants.



The Sports committee are organising transport and accommodation for the weekend - please call Antony Chiu 479 6155 (h) or Lenny Loh 479 7509 (h) for more details or turn up to practice on Sundays

12.30 – 2.30 College guys
2.00 – 4.00pm – College girls

WCSCC MINI-BALL NEWS !!!

Lenny Loh 479-7509

Schedule of events for 2002

30/6/02	Dragons Fun Day
6/7/02 to 7/7 (School Holidays)	Basketball Camp + Pot Luck Lunch on Sunday
11/8/02	WCSCC Goodwill Games
17/8 – 18/8	Palmerston Nth Tournament (Intermediate / College only)
25/8/02	Family Day + Pot Luck Lunch
8/9 and 9/9	Dragons Tournament, Intermediate only, No Miniball practice
?????	Miniball Presentation
21/9/02	Huia Pool

At the Easter Tournament, a levy was required by Wellington Chinese Association to be paid for each child participating in the Miniball section of this tournament. 20 of WCSCC Miniball members took part in this and the levy was paid by your Miniball Committee. This event gave the Centre's kids an opportunity to play alongside with kids from the Dragons Sports Club. Which is a good way of building relationships between the two Wellington clubs.

On the Sunday morning during the Queens Birthday weekend 2002, as part of the annual Queens Birthday basketball tournament, a Miniball tournament was held at the Centre. It started at 9am and finished at 1pm. Over 50

kids from the Centre took part, making up 3 Tiniball, 4 Miniball and 2 Intermediate teams. Dragons Sports Club and Palmerston North also participated in the tournament, which totalled 100 kids. The

teams played well and enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the Miniball team consisting of Harry Liu, Aaron Lee, Andrew Young, Michael Lowe, Jamie Eng and Brendon Ng for winning their section. The Tiniball and Intermediate teams fought hard but Dragons Pokemon and Dragons Blue came up tops on that day.

THANK YOU to Brenda, Carol and Sharon for organising the kitchen on that Sunday and also to all the parents who brought food to be sold. Coaches Murray, Mike, Sharon, Brenda, Henry, Warren, Glen, Steven, Kathy, THANK YOU.

It is good to see so many kids with their own basketballs now. It meant that all the kids can participate at the same time. THANK YOU to Vivienne for organising the balls for the kids. Remember kiddos, you have to be at the Centre by 10:30am on a Sunday, if you want to win a prize.

Churchill Fruit Supply has generously sponsored the Miniball Club with some singlets. These have been ordered and will be ready for our Goodwill games. THANK YOU to Barry and Anita Williams for their continuous support to the Centre.

The holidays are just around the corner. The Dragons Fun Day will be held on the first Sunday of the holidays, 30th June. Looking forward to the yummy afternoon tea. The following weekend 6th and 7th July, will be the basketball camp where some of us parents will have to keep an eye on kids who sleep walk, kids who talk in their sleep and worst of all kids crawling into other kids' sleeping bags. The Centre has been invited to the Palmerston North basketball tournament on the 17th and 18th August. This will only be for Intermediate and College grades. We will be organising buses and accommodation.

The Miniball club participated in fundraising events at the Westpac Trust Stadium. We would like to acknowledge the following people:

Hurricanes vs Sharks, 15 March

Assisted by Lesley Wong, Kevin Wong, Carol Law, Wayne Turner, Stephen Luey, Mel Joe, Victor Young, Viv Ching,

Hurricanes vs Cats, 22 March

Thank you to those people who assisted Lenny Loh (you know who you are!)

Bulldogs vs Warriors

Assisted by Alec Wong, Mike Chong; Eric Cheng, Steven Young, Victor Eng, Barry Williams, Stephen Luey; Adrienne Luey, Lenny Loh, Paul Wong
She, Viv Ching

Hurricanes vs Crusaders, 4 May

Assisted by Carol Law, Kevin Wong, Stephen Luey, Adrienne Luey together with the Sports Committee

Diary Gurl.



Last Saturday the College kids had a "camp" up at the centre - read on to find out what they got up to that night - ..

5.45pm

We're here. The lounge has been tidied, the tv and stereo have been set up (courtesy of Richard). Ants and I have set up and designated ourselves a couch each in front of the tv. When are the little darlings arriving?

6.15

The girls have arrived, they're soo giggly and like, loud - oh my god. Am I ready for this?

6.20

A boy has arrived and the girls have added another to their gaggle. My distress beacon has just switched on and I begin to apologise in advance for the murders that may be committed here tonight.

7.00pm

I'm at the Supermarket getting supplies, Have had to abandon Ants in search of some sanity. Lenny has dropped off the rest of the boys from the Saints game. When I left, Ants was asking them what they wanted for dinner. Pizza or Pizza? Whislt at the Supey picking up supplies, (Chippies, soft drinks, chocolates, magazines, Band aids, tissues, panadol,) ... my phone rings..... Ants has requested that I bring him back a noose. Better get back and see what damage the demons have caused.

8.30

They've been fed and watered. Pizza Haven saved the day with 8 pizzas, garlic bread and some chips. We're settling down to watch some DVD's. They're playing cards, shooting hoops and the stereo has been moved into the stadium, some boy band is playing. I'm betting that the Brittany CD will start soon.

9.00pm

Am being asked by a couple of the other guys if its okay to go for a walk, "where are you going?" I ask.

"Out for a drive" they say. "Drive where?" I ask

"Into town, one of the guys has a car and we want to zip into town - we'll be back soon" comes the reply.

"Whose driving? And what kind of a license does he have" I question. Right now I'm beginning to feel like we're playing Good cop / Bad cop.

They poke their head into the stadium and in a loud whisper we hear them say, "Tell her it's a full license!" I pretend not to have heard that, "Show me the license and then you can go". 2 seconds later they tell us not to worry. They're not going now. Potential crisis averted.

9.45

The back up has arrived. Kat and Jared can't believe how boring it is up here and they've only been here for 5 minutes. (They should've been here an hour ago?) The Terrors are watching American Pie 2, that'll keep them quiet for a while. Richard has called. He's on his way up. Thank god.

3.00am.

We've watched Zoolander and Oceans Eleven. Kat and Jared left hours ago. I'm keen for sleep. But they're not. Bugger. The board games are coming out now. Some of the boys are playing the play station. Rich doesn't think that they're quite into girls just yet.

Richard lays down the law before he goes to sleep: 1. Don't leave the building and 2. Don't set the place on fire.

5.00.am

The boys have won the Trivial pursuit challenge. I wake up to the sound of the now sleepy energiser bunnies going to bed, "Ah, quiet.." I muse to myself, slowly drifting back to sleep only to be rudely awakened by "SHUT UP!! " "No, You shut up!" echoing from the other corner. I open one eye with interest expecting to see something I shouldn't. Rich tells them to shut up. And they do. But its to last for only for 30 seconds.... Its been a long night.

8.45am

They're up, some of them never went to sleep, - We take them to McDonalds for breakkie and an hour later we drop them back to the Centre. I leave to them to it - and later I get a text - the little angels have gone to sleep!

The next time we do this we'll be in Palmerston North. Has anyone seen my straitjacket?

C u next time - DG

Vacancy:

Enthusiastic College student required for checkout duties at Hoons Foodmarket. Must be reliable and able to work all day Saturday an after school on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Please apply in person to Hoons Foodmarket
131 Riddiford Street, Newtown

2002 Overseas Chinese Youth Study Tour to Taiwan



The Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission of Taiwan will again sponsor a group of New Zealand Chinese young people to Taiwan on 11-31 December 2002.

The object of the tour is to study Chinese history and culture, to achieve an in-depth understanding of Taiwan and will include various activities including group activities, visiting the country's national development projects as well an escorted tour to various cities and scenic attractions.

New Zealand Chinese citizens between the ages of 17 and 27 are eligible subject to certain conditions.

Tourists will be expected to meet their own air fares, airport taxes, travel insurance and tour jacket cost. The Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission will meet accommodation, transportation and meal costs in Taiwan.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Our website is currently under construction, but the new version promises to be even better! Look out for it soon.

www.wcsc.org.nz

POLL TAX - YOUTH FORUM – HAVE YOUR SAY

Where? Members Lounge, Wellington Chinese Sports and Cultural Centre
Mount Albert Road, Newtown

What time? 4.00pm

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See editorial at beginning of newsletter for more information.

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:**

Sunday 28th July
Youth Forum re: Poll Tax – 4.00pm members lounge
The next block of dancing begins

Tuesday 30th July
Line dancing classes begin 12noon – 2.00pm

Sunday 11th August
WCSCC Goodwill Games

Friday 16th / Saturday 17th August
Catering function - All hands on deck please.

Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th August
Palmerston North Tournament for Intermediate and College grades.

Sunday 25th August
Miniball Family day and Pot luck lunch

Saturday 8th and 9th September
Dragons Tournament

15th September
YYY and the Dancing girls are performing at the Parent & Child Show
– Queens Wharf events Centre



If you'd like an article published in the newsletter – please email it to wccsc_nz@hotmail.com

Coming up in the next issue:

Look out for details regarding the Christmas function! And an update from the Goodwill Games, and find out how the Palmerston North Tournament went!

Don't forget to send back your subscription forms!