



Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre Inc

Editorial:

Gosh, it hasn't been that long between editions, and we've been a busy bunch. The Sports committee are putting the final touches organising the forthcoming season, the cultural group have been busy with performances at the 7's, Cuba Carnival and at the Dragon boat festival in Wellington.

The Centre has taken delivery of its Dragon, and once its been assembled and the troupe organised, the ceremony to awaken the dragon will be held later this year and we look forward to seeing everybody there to welcome the new addition!

The annual AGM is on Sunday the 18th of April and all members are welcome to attend, keep reading for more details.

Fundraising is essential to help maintaining the WCSCC and its facilities, the sports committee will be co-ordinating the sales of the 2004/05 entertainment books – if you've heard about them but don't know too much about them or how they work – read on for more info, but don't buy them off anyone else – get your orders in now!

Did you know that we currently have a membership of over 1100 people (that's 500+ families) and that we mail not only to Wellingtonian's, but to members all over New Zealand and around the world. Each time we mail you a newsletter, a copy of it gets sent to the National Archives for record keeping and also a copy is also sent to various Members of Parliament, so its great that all members – be they foundation members or new families that have arrived into Wellington, it's a pleasure to reach you 4 times a year. I believe that the newsletter is a good indication of what we've been doing and where we're heading. Many thanks to those people that contribute articles, its good to get a cross section of what's happening in and around the community for all the members to read about.

Our Annual Queens Birthday weekend Tournament will be held June 5 – 7, if you're interested in participating / helping – please contact any member of the Sports or Miniball committee.

Good luck to our members participating at the Easter tournament in Auckland – make sure you bring home ALL the trophies!

May the easter bunny bring lots of goodies to everyone!

See you next time

The Ed.

2004 WCSCC AGM:

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Wellington Chinese Sports & Cultural Centre Inc will be held on Sunday 18 April 2004 at the Centre commencing at 2.00pm.



Agenda

- 1 **Apologies**
- 2 **Confirmation of the minutes of the 2003 annual general meeting**
- 3 **Annual Report**
- 4 **Financial Report**
- 5 **Committee reports**
 - a. Sports
 - i. Basketball
 - ii. Miniball
 - b. Culture
 - c. Yau Yih Yun
 - d. Building
 - e. Catering
 - f. Stadium Bookings
 - g. Fundraising
- 6 **Election of Officers**
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Stadium Manager
 - f. Committee members
- 7 **Appointment of Auditor**




SUBS 2004

Many of you will have received via post a subscription renewal form for 2004. Thank you to those of you who have sent your subs back already! Its great to have such a good response. Subs and activity fees can be sent back in the freepost envelope provided or taken to the first session of miniball / basketball on Sunday 18th April. If you were not sent a renewal form please email us at wcscinc@paradise.net.nz or call Justine on 478 5865 so she can send you a form in the post.

Your contributions help us to keep the WCSCC and its facilities maintained. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. Its good to know that we have so many supporters across the country!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

 We have a new email address, its wcscinc@paradise.net.nz and if you'd like to receive updates from us – please email your details to the email address above so we can add you to the mailing list.

YOUR HELP REQUIRED:

Several catering functions have been booked at the Centre so far this year.

The first one is the **Miramar Central School 75th year Reunion and Celebrations** being held over **Easter Weekend on Saturday 10 April**.

Then the NZCA two day Annual Conference in June and over Labour weekend the Newtown School celebrates its 150th



There are possibly two more functions to come which are currently under negotiation.

Help is required for the Miramar Central School function being held on Saturday 10 April. As many of our younger people will be involved with Easter Tournament sports in Auckland this weekend **we are asking for help and assistance from all of our members** who will be in Wellington over the Easter weekend.

It would be very much appreciated if you can possibly help at some of these times for the Miramar Central School function –

Friday, 9 April (Good Friday) –

10.00 a.m. onwards (i) Kitchen food preparations
(ii) hall decorations

12.00 noon Setting up tables and chairs, table settings.
Work is expected to finish by late afternoon

Saturday 10 April

9.00 a.m onwards –

Kitchen food preparations – cutting, washing, cooking...

5.30 p.m. Bar staff (4) and clearing up/waiting staff (10) required.

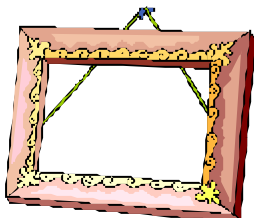
Kitchen help with washing up, serving up required.

7.30 p.m Washing up team required for the washing up area – washing up should finish by about 10.30/11.00 p.m. (10 required)

11.30 p.m Cleaning up team required to help put away tables/chairs/decorations and clean up stadium. (at least 8 people required)

For further information or details contact Peter Kohing, ph 4785865, 027 2456702, or email kohing@actrix.gen.nz

ON THE WALLS:



Next time you visit the stadium not only will you see the pictures of the buried army, you'll see two new pictures on the wall generously donated to us from Te Papa Tongarewa, the Museum of New Zealand.

One of which is a picture taken in Beijing by the late Brian Brake (1927 – 1988) who incidentally was one of the few western photographers allowed into China to cover the 10th Anniversary celebrations during the 1950's.

We would like to thank Te Papa Tongarewa for their generosity for donating the pictures to the Centre.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

We are now taking orders for 2004 / 2005 entertainment books – These books make great gifts and you save HEAPS! See below for where you can use your cards.

All proceeds will benefit the Centre so don't buy them from anyone else! Get your order in today and avoid the rush! You'll save HEAPS!

Please contact Katrina Ng of the sports committee to reserve your copy of the 2004 / 2005 book. Email: wcsc.entertainmentbook@paradise.net.nz

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• Logan Brown	• The Martinborough Hotel	• Wakein House	• The White Swan
• Zibbibo	• Francois	• Aubergine	• Wharekauhau
• Boulcott St Biste	• Dockside	• Stellar	• Red Square
• The Grill at the Duxton	• Chameleon	• Pravda	and many more...
Casual Restaurants and Café Dining			
• Hog's Breath Café	• Felix	• The Flying Burrito Brothers	• Speights Ale House
• Wellington Sports Cafe	• Parade Cafe	• Arizona	• The Black Bencher
• The Occidental	• Wild Oats	• Armadillo	• Lone Star
• The Quarter	• Chicago	• Smith the Grocer	and many more...
Informal Dining and Take Away Restaurants			
• Starbucks	• Brumby's	• Janus Bakkerij	• McCafé
• Burger King	• BP Café Zip	• Emporio	• McDonald's
• Domino's Pizza	• Nando's	• Ma Higgins	• Wendy's Supa Sundaes
• Pizza Haven	• Bordeaux Bakery	• St Pierre's Sushi	and many more...
Arts, Leisure, Attractions and Sport			
• Hoyts Cinemas	• Fly By Wire	• Rialto Cinema	• Staglands
• NZSO	• Downstage Theatre	• Circa Theatre	• Karori Wildlife Sanctuary
• Wellington Zoo	• Royal NZ Ballet	• Heliro	and many more...
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• Civic Video	• Avis New Zealand	• Dunk & Erampton Islands	• Wet 'n' Wild Water World
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• Video Ezy	• Hamilton Island	• Dreamworld	• P & O Cruises
• New Zealand Dry Cleaning	• Couran Cove Island Resort	• Warner Bros. Movie World	and many more...

To purchase your new Entertainment™ Book, contact: wcsc.entertainmentbook@paradise.net.nz

YAU YIH YUN UPDATE

Yau Yih Yun have been very busy over the past couple of months with our children participating in the Chinese New Year celebrations and many of the parents assisting with the annual Teddy Bears Picnic. Thanks to all those who have volunteered their time to make these events a success.



We have had a great start to 2004 with the Wednesday and Saturday classes running to full capacity with 27 families currently enrolled.

The newly elected committee for 2004 is as follows:

President	Rita Tom
Treasurer	Lisa Dong
Secretary	Pamela Lee

We have a field trip to the Wellington Zoo scheduled for Wednesday 10th and Saturday 13th March. This is always a fun day for both parents and children.

If you are interested in joining YYY, please go to the Centre web site www.wcsc.org.nz or email yauihyun@clear.net.nz to request an information pack.

CANTONESE CLASSES

Term one is underway already, but if you're interested in your kids learning Cantonese please contact Linda Lim on 234 8849, or Shona Lee 972 2126. Cantonese Classes are open to all members of the WCSCC.



The Basketball Diaries:



The dates have been set, so dust last years boots off and get ready for the 2004 season of Basketball which is about to begin on **Sunday 18th of April** (the weekend after Easter). Practice times are as below for Under 18's and Overs.

Practice times:

12.30 – 2.30	Mens Under 18
2.30 – 4.30	Womens Under 18 & Womens Overs
4.30 – 6.30	MO

The Sports committee in conjunction with the Miniball committee have been busy looking at implementing new strategies for the coming season and are looking forward to seeing everybody return to practice.

If you have any questions about the forthcoming season, please contact one of the sports committee for more details:

Womens Overs – Justine Kohing (478 5865) / Katrina Ng (477 1473)
 Mens Overs – Malcolm Young (934 8791)
 Mens Under 18 – Antony Chiu (479 6155) / Malcolm Young (934 8791)
 Womens Under 18 – Kathy Young (388 1008)
 Admin – Justine Kohing (478 5865)

Over the summer Holidays, the Mens and Womens U18's have entered summer league and have even taken to practicing over the holidays! Read on below for an update of how their summer season has been going

Men's U18 Summer League

For the second year in a row, the Men's U18 basketball team entered into the WBA Men's Open C Grade for Summer League. With our coach, Antony Chiu, we entered the competition to give ourselves more confidence in our game and to gain some experience.

At the beginning of the season we were hoping to record a few more wins than we did last year, and with the addition of two new players both measuring at over 185cm our goal looked promising. However, 6 weeks into the season and we'd only won once, but the most important thing is that we're all still having fun and are taking a lot of

confidence and experience from this and will continue to with the few games left in the season and maybe even record a couple more wins.

- Frank Cheung

WU18 College Girls Summer League

This summer season we currently have a team of ten girls entered in the WBA League. We now half way through the season. The girls have had some hard games and are improving with the experience of playing against 'seasoned' players. We are currently practising at 12.00pm for a hour up at the Centre and anyone who may wish to come along for a 'run' is welcome to join us.

On Saturday 13th March teams will be playing Queen Margaret's College at 1.00pm at the Centre, supporters and spectators are welcome.

- Kathy Young



MINIBALL NEWS - Whatsup!!

Well, it's nearly time to start getting into the "hoop" mode of thinking as practices for Tini-ball, Mini-ball and InterMeds will be starting mid-April. Last year overall our teams did really well in both the Chinese and external tournaments for all grades. WCSCC teams participated in the Hutt Valley Hoop Club tourney and mid week leagues.

This year, we'll be looking to build on what was learnt last year and get everyone up-skilled, dunking and shooting 3's by the end of the season. It looks like we'll have about the same number of players, but if you know of more who'd like to play - bring them along, especially if they wear number 11 (for Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets) on the back of their shirt!! We've also got lots of activities coming up that we'll be doing during the basketball season : a pool evening, a Time Out evening and an over-night camp at the Centre (Saturday, 1st. May 2004). So come on down, get down, get dribbling and shoot some hoops.

The first practice will be after Easter, Sunday, 18 April 2004.

The times for the different grades are:

- **9:30am to 11:00 am** Tiniball (5-7 years) & Biniball (under 5's)
- **9:30am to 11:30 am** Miniball (8-10 years)
- **11:00am to 12:30pm** (at Intermediate School)

The age is at 31 December 2003.

We are always looking for coaches and will be planning coaching sessions for anyone interested in developing coaching skills. Please note that as parents, we must help our children practice what had been learnt at the Centre. Basketball has homework too. You can only get better if you do your homework!

We will be purchasing balls for the new season. If you need one, please let me know. Remember to wear shorts, gym shoes, t-shirt, sweat shirt and bring a bottle of water and some food (if required) after each practice.

For more information, please Glenn Tims –
Email: Glenn.Tims@standards.co.nz
work : 495 0921 / home : 977 7425

- Glenn Tims

CHINESE IDOLS:

Congratulations to Jo Brown, daughter of Denise Wilson-Young who has been selected for the Wellington Shakers Netball Team for 2004. Denise is well remembered for coaching netball for the Wellington Easter Tournament teams during the 1980's and helping to coach miniball back in the day – Well done Jo!

Good Luck to Robyn Wong who will soon hear if she will be selected to represent NZ at the Athens Olympic later this year. We have our fingers crossed Robyn!!

Chinese idols is now a regular feature of the WCSCC newsletter – if you know of someone achieving great things in the community be they sporting / academic / creative – please forward their name and details to wcsc.cinc@paradise.net.nz for inclusion in future newsletters.

LINE DANCING CLASSES



A reminder and invitation to all Centre members and friends that Line Dancing classes are being held at the Centre on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Classes for people at beginners' level are held on Saturday mornings from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon.

Classes for people with some experience already in Line Dancing are held on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon.

Line Dancing at the Centre is fun, good gentle rhythmic exercising, sociable, and a good opportunity to catch up and meet with friends.

A good pair of comfortable shoes is recommended for Line Dancing!

For further details and information contact either Yvonne Chew Lee, phone 04 4768382 or Aimee Poy, phone 04 4774228

WCSCC CULTURAL GROUP



Were you at Shed 6 during the Chinese New Year performance?

I was so proud of the team. It was pouring with rain but everyone turned up. We had to squeeze 6 lions onto a small stage.

Zac fell off the stage at the end (Phil, there are other ways of getting on the stage to perform besides pulling Zac's legs, you closet Lion Dancer!!). We introduced the junior musicians in the act. Did you see the Kung Fu dance. Oh! Grasshopper! They were tumbling all over the stage. Zac made sure he was not near the end of the stage this time. And the little cuties, throwing the hankies in the air and catching them. Not easy man, I tried it. Then there was the drum dance with their beautiful costumes. Everything just fell into the place. Well done team. The Centre is very proud of you.

To show our appreciation for the Taiwanese dancing teacher who spent some time in NZ studying with the various Chinese Groups around the country, there was a concert held for her at the Anglican Church. All the dances she had taught the various groups of Wellington kids were performed on that day. When our kids performed, there was a section of the audience who cheered the loudest. Wonder which organization they belonged to!! Lots of "Ooohs !! and Arhhhs !!" from the crowd when the handkerchief dancers were throwing their handkerchiefs up in the air and catching them on the way down.

Our Cultural Group was also at the launch of the Hong Kong 7's stamps by New Zealand Post at the Westpac Trust Stadium. The Lion roared loudly for the audience. I did not know one had to walk 10 kilometers around the stadium, to get to the New Zealand Post corporate box!! The NZ Post CEO gave a speech, thanking the WCSCC and we were offered drinks and food afterwards which was much appreciated!

On Sunday, 29/2, the cultural group performed at the Cuba Street carnival. The kids were so cute in their costumes. A number of photographers and tourists were taking photos of me, oops sorry, with kids, I mean. It was another successful event performed by the children. At least 200 were watching our performances. And It didn't rain!!!

Only two more performances at the Dragon Boat Festival, on the weekend of the 6/3 and 7/3 guys. Hang in there!!

As a Cultural Group co-ordinator, you feel so proud of these little ones after every performance. It won't be long when they will decide it is not so cool to participate. We will hold on to them as long as we can. Also, THANK YOU, you big and wise guys doing the big Lions and the instruments, puffing away and rubbing those bones of yours after every performance. Yes, it is very tiring especially the tail.

Last and not least a big THANK YOU to all the parents and supporters, doing the makeup, dressing the kids between performances, organizing food and drinks for us, transporting the equipment. There is a lot of work organizing the logistics.

The new 20 people Dragon has arrived at the Centre. Wow !! the Centre's own Dragon. What an achievement. Thank you to Barry Williams of the Churchill Fruit Supply, WCC Creative Communities Grant, TECO and the WCSCC Main Committee for helping us fund the Dragon. We will be organizing the blessing of the Dragon before we can start using this. If anyone wants to participate in the Cultural activities, please contact either one of us:

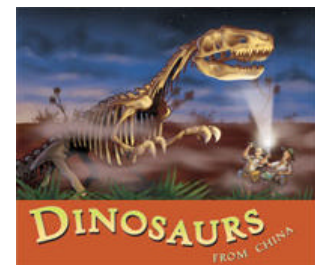
Lenny Loh 479-7509, Henry Lee 972-2126, Linda Lim 234-8849

- Lenny Loh

DINOSAURS FROM CHINA EXHIBITION:

On display @ Te Papa Tongarewa there are the Dinosaurs from China which encompasses a wide range of dinosaurs, many of them dating back over 150 million years to the Jurassic period.

They include some spectacular specimens – A gigantic lumbering sauropods, such as the 24-metre-long Mamenchisaurus, stegosaurus with their sharp spines and sturdy plates, and the vicious predators such as the terrifying Yangchuanosaurus. This is a Chinese relative of Tyrannosaurus rex, with sharp, jagged teeth, long claws, and sturdy arms – ideal for tearing up the flesh of its prey!



Dinosaurs from China serves as a great introduction to the study of fossils, and a special Dinosaur Trail activity has been developed for younger children. Highlights in the exhibition include information and objects relating to one of the most exciting areas of dinosaur discovery in recent years – the evolutionary connection between dinosaurs and birds.

The Exhibition is on until 12 April 2004 in the Tower Gallery @ Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington. Admission charges apply.

MATTS JOKE FOR THE MONTH

Denny is relaxing in his back garden, sitting in the shade sipping a beer and listening to the radio.

As he chills out, his wife struggles with a manual mower, pushing it up and down the large lawn, sweating and red-faced.



Denny's next-door-neighbor sees the woman battling with the mower and shouts across the fence

"You pathetic excuse for a man," he yells "sitting there sipping your beer while your poor wife cuts the grass. You should be bloody well hung."

"I am" Denny shouts back. "That's why she's doing the grass."

FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE:

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

WCSCC DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday 13th March 2004

Basketball

WU18 vs Queen Margaret College @ the WCSCC –
1.00pm start.

Easter weekend 2004

fri 9th – Monday 12th April 2004

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th April 2004

Catering job on –your help required – see issue for details.

Sunday 18th April 2004

WCSCC AGM

2.00pm in the eastern lounge – all members welcome

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Things to do:

- Get orders in for Entertainment books
- Pay 2004 membership subs & activity fees
- Email wscsc.inc@paradise.net.nz to be registered for the emailing list

www.wscsc.org.nz

