

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

Address: PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654
www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or www.soapboxderby.co.nz



JULY: <NO ROTARY DESIGNATION>
NEXT WEEK:



THIS WEEK

NICK SCHOUTEN



Nick is the owner of the Full Swing Golf in Te Pai Place in Henderson and also a trustee of the Westy Trust.

He came from Holland to New Zealand at the age of 6, was brought up in West Auckland and has always had a passion for sports.



Nick was a member of the Bethells Surf Lifesaving Club back in the days when rescuers swam out to sea with a rope around their waist – with a teammate on shore feeding the rope out to them.

Whilst he was with the Club a brand new product appeared on the market – new fangled rescue tubes. These were highly expensive at \$10 each and money in the Club was in short supply. The Club members therefore went down to Henderson to ask local businesses if they could help fund 10 for the Club.

A few weeks later the Club's tractor blew up and once again local businesses came to their aid.

Nick was thrilled at the help they received and has, in his turn, gone on to help fund or organize charities that help with Sport activities in West Auckland.

Amongst other things he and others helped set up the Don Oliver Youth Foundation; The Waitakere City Charity Fun Run and the Westy Trust.

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20TH JULY 2011

CALENDAR

23RD JULY

Akron SBD Race

27TH JULY

Guest Speaker

SAT 30TH JULY

Afternoon tea at Linda's

3RD AUGUST

Guest Speaker

5TH AUGUST

Trees for Survival

MONDAY 8TH AUGUST

Board Meeting

10TH AUGUST

DG Brian Tuck

ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

CURRENT CLUB PROJECTS

CLUB SERVICE

IYE – Elise to Chile

IYE – Cecile from Belgium

COMMUNITY

"Grandma's House"

Trees for Survival

INTERNATIONAL

Orap School, Vanuatu

VOCATIONAL

Political night

YOUTH

SBD Finals

From the Westy Trust website www.westytrust.co.nz:

The WESTY Trust aim is to initiate and organise community fundraising events in Waitakere for the exclusive purpose of supporting and promoting talented youth in Waitakere City in respect of their aspirations in sport, education and/or cultural pursuits.

The Westy Trust was formed to encourage and assist the young leaders in Waitakere City to reach their full potential to lead their generation.

WESTY is an acronym taken from: Waitakere Events Supporting Talented Youth

Nick has also been involved in things like The Trusts Stadium and Sports Waitakere.

So how did Nick come to speak to us? Well... back in 1985 he set up a Golf Shop in Henderson – and somehow ended up giving Kerry and Bob a hand to set up our first Don Page Memorial Golf Tournament and he and Bob have remained in touch ever since.

Nick ended his talk with a really relevant point “the kids we help today will in their turn become the helpers of the future”

A very interesting evening and we were glad that Nick could join us.

CLUB NEWS

OUR INCOMING IYE STUDENT

Cecile arrives here from Belgium next Wednesday afternoon. As it is a rather long flight with brief touch downs in 2 or 3 countries on the way here Linda has wisely decided that a family night at home will in all probability be most welcome for a jet lagged traveler.

As Linda would like us to meet Cecile she has offered to host a “Get to know you” afternoon tea on Saturday 30th July.

This will start at 2pm and everyone is asked to bring a plate. Linda’s address is in the address list – anyone who has lost this please let me know.

COMMITTEES

In the past the Board has often assigned people to committees. Sometimes this hasn’t worked as well as hoped so this time the Board is seeking volunteers. If you have an area that you would like to be involved in please see the relevant director or let the Secretary know.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Phyllis is working on a sketch for plans to update the community garden started by District at the conference. If anyone has any ideas for input please see Phyllis.

SOAPBOX DERBY FINALS

The soapbox season is nearly at an end – the American Races are **this weekend** (midnight Saturday to Sunday morning our time)

The website for the event, which will carry a live video stream of the races is at:
<http://aarace.com/aaraceweek/>

(and no, I haven’t spotted any photos of our team on it yet)

FIRST UPDATE FROM THE NZ SBD TEAM

Hi,

Starting from the beginning it took us 22 hours to get to Charlotte. We had to wait an extra two hours in San Francisco because of weather which meant we missed our connection at Charlotte to Akron.

We arrived in Charlotte at midnight their time after no food on the 5 hour flight from San Francisco VERY tired and hungry with everything at the airport closed, no transport and no accommodation. Found a 2brm suite in a motel and including breakfast and transport to and from the airport with a detour past macdonalds on the way to the Motel cost \$68 for the four of us.

Left for Akron next morning arriving just before lunch. Was met by Zane, our own personal driver who has been taking us to wherever we want to go whenever we want.

When we got there the crate was smashed open and the toolbox smashed open with stuff everywhere. The people at Derby Downs have taken the car out and put it in a shed. Even the bags of badges had been ripped open, car all locked up so went back this morning to check it out. We didn't ask to see it as it was getting late.

Had some initial major issues getting access but eventually got it. Some damage done but managed to get it at least 90% fixed with all the weights in. No way we could check or spindle the axles. Didn't even bother to attempt to get a practice in.

All sorted. Should be interesting as all other cars seem to be weighted so much differently to us but we all are sticking with what we all think will be best.

We went back to Wal Mart and had a look around. Some things are dirt cheap and some things are basically the same price as NZ once you take the exchange rate and GST into account and went to Derby Downs to have a look and weights and tools were all over the place by Customs.

I have taken quite a few photos but nowhere to plug into PC to send them to you.

Had a swim back at the motel. Indoor COOLED pool. Hot as he** over here but okay so far.

It is very hot here, not hot in NZ like being under a grille, but a general heat like being in an oven.

Settled into the motel and had a look around the shops. Shawn was tempted to buy a 1m snake for \$50 or tarantula for only \$16 but managed to resist the temptation, had pizza for lunch (as much as you could eat and drink in two hours) for just under \$20 for the four of us.

Aaron is supposed to be asleep as we are going back to Derby Downs at 8am to assemble, tune and if we can get away with it get a couple of runs down the hill.

Having a really early night tonight.

Cheers
The team.
Update

SECOND UPDATE FROM THE NZ SBD TEAM

Hi All,

Weather really hot still,

Very busy day today. Registration. Went and picked up documentation. Swapped hundreds of badges and gave away trinkets. Aaron got police escort to the second part of the registration process where we picked up freebies, race shirts and the like.

Went to the track and fitted the body to the trolley. Met heaps of people. Everyone loves the kiwi accent. Aaron has made heaps of friends.

Went to the baseball game tonight. Really neat. Game was delayed due to wicked electrical thunderstorm with gale winds. finished just as quickly though. Good game. local team won easily. Aaron got a ball that was thrown into the crowd. Was also interview and ended up (with permission) hitting a guy in the face with a huge plate full of cream pie. Got it with the camera just by chance.

Tomorrow have to go and do the final adjustments to the trolley and Aaron has a test run. The draw is

out and Aaron has drawn lane two which unfortunately is the worst lane to get. Apparently that lane only wins about 7% of the time.

Met the CEO of AASBD and had a look through the museum with cars going right back to the beginnings in 1934.

Shawn is handling the car well but Barry has difficulties with electronics. Spends hours trying to send texts to Jo but not sure whether they are being actually sent or not. Also managed to have our navman giving us the silent treatment for several hours today and when she did start speaking it was in German I think.

The soap box people we have met here are incredibly friendly and want to talk and talk. We have been invited to many places in our free time but not sure how we will fit it in.

Everyone has been baling up Shawn to take his photo as he has a 100mm stuffed lifelike kiwi on the top of his cap. They all want to know what it is. Some have asked if it was a real kiwi that has been stuffed.

The little orange kiwis have been a major hit. Once we started giving them out people were chasing us down for badges and a kiwi.

There were tons of kids. Heap of girls, probably more than boys, and from tiny ten year olds to boys and girls 17 years old over 6 foot tall. Not sure how they fit in the cars but obviously they do.

First run down the hill for Aaron. A couple of experts who have been racing the hill for years said we had the weight setup all wrong for this track. They predicted what would happen and when. We were not allowed to change them prior to his run and as a result he was beaten in his first run. What happened and when was exactly as we had been warned.

He had a really good body position and he was perfectly straight so it was either the lane or the car. Turns out the car was also under weight when we did get to weigh it. We were given dispensation to shift the weights to what the experts recommended and top them up to the absolute maximum. Talking to a guy here at the motel who we have become good friends with asked me what weight we were running and he said it would be perfect. His son is racing in another division and has run this track hundreds of times as it is in his area and he is not a local champ, he is one of those fanatical parents who take their kids all over getting points to come to Akron.

We found out today that Aaron will be racing a competitor from California and Kentucky so this track is not a home track for either of them.

Aaron is really positive which is great.

Tomorrow we get to tweak the suspension and alignment on the car which is critical and the last thing that needs to be done. Not sure if this is done before or after his second practice run tomorrow. He also picks his racing wheels and then the car is locked away until Saturday - race day.

Went to a mall this afternoon and we managed to lose each other. One thing about the USA everything is huge from the size of the country, this size of the shops, the size of the meals and thus the size of many of the people.

Aaron and I had a burrito each for tea. As thick as my wrist and 200mm long for 99 cents each. We could only eat one each and were full. No wonder the people here are so large.

The coffee here is disgusting. I like strong coffee but can only barely drink a cup of 50% regular coffee with 50% water - it is so strong. They actually have a 'robust' coffee. I cannot imagine what that is.

The Goodyear blimp, the giant airship is based near here somewhere. It is flying around most of the time. There is a giant hangar where it used to be kept next to Derby Downs. Apparently the airship is kept somewhere else now.

On the way home from shopping went through a shady part of town. People standing around in small

groups. Nothing specific but just got an uneasy feeling that you wouldn't want to be walking through there.

Lots of lovely buildings, lots of trees everywhere. There are hundreds and hundreds of large buildings built using bricks. Some are 20 plus stories high and must contain billions of bricks. Quite amazing but with the trees everywhere with few fences and underground power and phone gives the place and old fashioned friendly feel.

Shawn and Barry have gone to meet a guy who is going to show them a few tricks of the trade about tuning the cars, more specifically the masters cars. Aaron is sound asleep and I will be as well soon.

Cheers,
The Team.

NOTE

Aaron will be racing in Lane 2 (the middle one) for his race. Apparently this lane is at its fastest in wet weather. The forecast is:

Mostly sunny with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Humid with highs in the lower 90s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent.

MEMBERS NEWS

Email from Monique:

Dear Heather

Our Rotary Club send me a lovely bunch of flowers to day, it made me very happy. Please say thank you from me to everybody.

I have been in a lot of pain and quite down lately. So the flowers really cheered me up. My hip replacement is all booked for the 1st of August. I hope it is all going to be fine, Anyway thank you again for the flowers, and hopefully I will be back soon.

Kind Regards,
Monique

NORTHCOTE BOOK SALE

Email from our District Administrator, Sarah:

Books for a book sale

Northcote are having their Book Sale this week and there is likely to be a lot of surplus books at the end of the sale this coming weekend. If you would like some books to supplement your Book Sale then call David Hansen on 09 418 2015 or Stephen Wheeler on 09 444 7411

You will need to collect the books from Northcote College at 4pm this Saturday Afternoon. Bring your own truck and several strong people.

<And from this I take it that if you want to attend a book sale – there is one on Saturday on the Shore>



President Craiger Warmly Invites

Waitakere Rotary Club

To join the members of the Waitakere Rotary Club on

Wednesday the 24th of August 2011

To hear ACTs **Dr Don Brash**, GREENs **Russel Norman**,

LABOURs Hon **David Cunliffe**, &

NATIONALs Hon **Paula Bennett**, present

Tax & job growth in the new Zealand economy

Venue: Langtons on Lincoln. 130 Lincoln Road. Henderson.

Arrive: 6.00pm Pre dinner drinks and fellowship.

Official Welcome: 6.30pm – Dinner – followed by presentations,
concludes with questions and answers

Cost: Tables of 10 for \$400, individuals \$50.00 per person

Cash Bar available.

RSVP by Wednesday 10th August.

Bob Benzie – 021 434 611 or bob_suebenzie@clear.net.nz

PLEASE RSVP FOR TICKETS. NO DOOR SALES.

A ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE CITY VOCATIONAL & MEMBERSHIP EVENT

PARTING THOUGHT	David: There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting someone up
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RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE TOTAL	FINES TOTAL
Roger	T, H	\$31.20	\$58.60

APOLOGIES:
apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 no later than **12 noon on the Monday** prior to the meeting. Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for!

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District Governor's newsletter
<http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>
 Rotary Downunder Magazine
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Rotary NZ Promotions and Information
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