

Annual Report 2012 - International Relations

An even busier year than ever, with so much unnecessary work being created by Associations wanting to change rules to give them more votes and make 41 Club which is by definition "An Organisation for Ex Tablers" into something quite different.

Firstly by wanting to give votes to "Countries with less than 3 Clubs" then by trying to push through other rule changes that hadn't been voted on and lastly by bringing up resolutions that had been defeated at the last AGM and several times over the last 20 years.

I can assure you that I, with the consent of the National Exec have been rather vocal and NZ's point of view is extremely well known by every Association.

At the time of writing the International AGM Meeting has just been held in Chennai, India and hopefully we will soon hear that these divisive issues have been resolved in a way that they will no longer be a problem and we can all get on together with our main function which of course is "Friendship".

We have had 41er's from Germany, England, France, Reunion Island and India etc. here this year and have helped several to plan their trips, it's a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends.

Earlier this year I was asked by the Vice President Elect, Carsten Flink of Denmark if we would consider hosting the 2014 international HYM and as you know The National Exec have said yes.

After much deliberation, discussion, seeking support and information from several Ex International Presidents and Secretary we decided that it would be unfair to put this on any single 41 Club and have decided that this National Exec will organise this meeting at the end of October 2014.

We are very mindful of the risk of a loss and have budgeted extremely carefully for low numbers and that means that with more coming we might even make a profit. We have been actively canvassing for votes and Chris White has made a presentation for us in Chennai. I am now delighted to report that we have won!!!!

As many of you know 41Club New Zealand now has just over 300 paid up members and is down to 14 Clubs of more than 6 members, including Perth.

However I believe we are still just as strong and will continue as long as there are still some of us to hold a reunion each year.

Yours in continuing friendship

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Annual Report 2012 - Tours

After the fantastic AGM/Reunion we shared with Apex 40 in Nelson last year Tina and I carried on with a coachload of 45 Aussies and 1 Pom around the South Island. Another extremely successful Tour without a single complaint, maybe I didn't have my hearing aids on!!

They were a great group and we had so much fun, naturally there was a certain amount of good natured cross Tasman rivalry which came to a head when they had me thrown off the Kawarau Bridge on the end of a rubber band.

I survived and have the pictures to prove it!!

As you know I asked Chris White to help me and he has had his hands full organizing a Tour through India for next year. He has done a great job.

I'm sure Chris will say a few words about that in a minute.

There are 20 of us including our esteemed friends from Germany, Bob and Gisela Parton heading north from here to have fun, explore the coastline and places of interest along the way.

For those of you who can't take the time to go to India next year I am thinking of a roughly fortnight trip around the top of the North Island above that other place they call Auckland using self-drive vans as we did for the Wild South Tour.

We could perhaps also include the Coromandel Peninsular.

Lots of interesting places and history up there.

Who's keen?

I have also planned and priced a Post International HYM 2014 Tour around the South Island which was also presented over in Chennai.

Pre Tours and other trips will be offered to the participants later.

I am happy to put my name forward to work on these and other short tours in NZ and Australia for the next year if you so desire.

In continuing friendship

Derek Johns