

41 CLUB NEW ZEALAND

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2009

Reflecting on the past twelve months, the strength of 41 Club New Zealand is at Club level, with the National Executive providing international links by way of tours, contact with the world body, and hosting incoming visitors.

The most significant visit was from Randolph Riedlinger and his wife Rosie, President of 41 International, which provided many members from one end of New Zealand to the other with the opportunity to discuss 41 Club matters, and enjoy their company.

We now look forward to the visit of John Bellwood and his wife Helen – two 41 International Presidents in one year, I'm sure you will agree, is certainly keeping the contacts going between New Zealand and the international body.

I had the opportunity of representing 41 Club New Zealand at a dinner hosted by Canterbury 41 Club in the UK, at which I met the now President of 41 Club Great Britain and Ireland, Richard Matthews.

I represented 41 Club New Zealand at Graeme Dick's funeral, and forwarded condolence messages to the Beaumont and Fry families.

We struggled financially to meet our international commitment, and as will be discussed at the A.G.M., it is necessary to increase the levy to national to keep the association viable.

Thanks go to Peter Butchart for his efforts in organising the Beijing to Berlin tour, and further to that, congratulations must also go to Peter for the award given by Drew Cochran, the President of 41 Club G.B.I. for services to 41 Club world wide.

Together with these congratulations and thanks go a further thank you to Peter for his work with the Website, which I believe is going to be the future of communications within 41 Club.

A very big thank you goes to Derek Johns, who has done a considerable amount of work as the Tours Officer and International Relations Officer of 41 Club New Zealand.

There have been numerous phone calls and emails during the past 12 months that have shown me that this organisation owes a huge debt of gratitude to people like Derek and Peter Butchart.

My thanks also go to Bill Yardley (Secretary), who has worked very hard in chasing subscriptions and preparing membership lists etc., and also a considerable amount of work involved with the Convention.

To the committee, Bill Yardley, Les Rogers, Chris Haymes, Alan and Carolyn Irvin, Rosanne Marsden, Ruffy Muollo and Andy Wrighton, a big thank you.

It has been an interesting year, and I have enjoyed furthering my knowledge and doing my 'bit' for an organisation that has given me so much pleasure over a long period of time.

I now wish Barry O'Callahan and the Upper Hutt Club all the best for the next 12 months.

G.M. HAYMES