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Klub Öffnungszeiten/ Opening Hours

Office:	Monday - Friday	10.00 am to 3.00pm
Bar*:	Tuesday	6.30pm to 10.30pm
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	Friday	6.00pm to 10.30pm
	Saturday	6.30pm to 11.00pm
	Sunday	4.00pm to 8.30pm
Kitchen*:	Wednesday	6.00pm to 9.00pm
	Friday	6.00pm to 9.00pm
	Saturday	6.30pm to 10.00pm
	Sunday	4.00pm to 8.00pm

*please note opening times may vary for special occasions

Neuigkeiten/ News

Note from the Editor

Dear RDC members, this magazine is here for all members to share their stories and experiences. This is what brings the magazine to life. Therefore we welcome your contributions for the next issue, August September 2020. Entry deadline for the issue is 1st July 2020, please send your contribution to **rheindcmag@gmail.com**

*Thank you,
Christine*

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Notice Board

Club able to reopen in stages

The WA Government has released a COVID-19 roadmap, which will see some restrictions relaxed further from 18th May.

We are as keen as anyone to reopen our Club and are working hard on plans to do so safely and comply with State Government requirements. Just like the Premier's Roadmap to Recovery, it's going to take a staged approach by our Club to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of our staff and members.

The restrictions mean that we will only be able to open the Club for a maximum of 20 members at a time. With this in mind, the Committee has made the decision to open the Club for Group activities only from Friday 22nd of May. There will be no Kitchen or Bar facilities open during this first stage at the Club. However, a new vending machine which was installed earlier in the year, will provide snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. A timetable based on current group activities will be implemented to give every group fair access to the Club's facilities.

All of this will be continuously reviewed as new announcements are made by our State Government.

Your continued understanding in these tough times is much appreciated.

President Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

Ich hoffe Sie sind alle gesund in diesen ungewöhnlichen Tagen. Unser Club ist noch geschlossen. Wir nutzen die Gelegenheit zu Verbesserungen und um die Gesundheit unserer Mitglieder sicherzustellen.

Die Regierung überprüft die Restriktionen bezüglich Club zu lockers und wir hoffen den Club in naher Zukunft wieder öffnen zu können. Wir danken

Ihnen allen für Ihre Unterstützung und freuen uns sehr dass viele Mitglieder Ihre Beiträge schon erneuert haben.

Das Komitee wird Sie mit den neuesten Entwicklungen auf dem Laufenden halten, in diesen ungewissen Zeiten.

Bleiben Sie gesund.

Dear Members,

I hope you are well and safe!! Our Club is still closed but we hope we can open soon. The Rhein-Donau Club is committed on keeping our Club safe and enhancing the well being of our members.

We understand the Federal Government is looking at reviewing restrictions on sport and recreation, which will hopefully start the process of re-opening in the near future.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are very happy a lot of members have renewed their membership subscriptions even though we are closed at the moment. Be reassured the Committee are working to keep you updated through this unpredictable time.

Stay Safe and look after yourself!!



Ursula Deck

AGM - New Date

Dear members, unfortunately the AGM which was scheduled for the 24th of May, will need to be postponed due to the ongoing restrictions imposed on us by the COVID-19 pandemic. The WA Government has thanked the community for taking restrictions seriously and playing their part in keeping WA numbers of infection rates low. They are continuously revising the restrictions and based on recent announcements,

we have rescheduled the AGM to the 9th of August 2020 in the Edelweiss Hall, starting at 3pm.

The existing Committee members have agreed to stay on and manage the club until a new Committee is elected.

This is an opportunity for everyone to think about how you can contribute to the future of our Club, by becoming a member of the Committee. All positions on the Committee will be open for nomination. Role descriptions for each position are available from the office via email, or you can get in touch with existing Committee members for more information. (Details of Committee members can be found at the beginning of the magazine). All Ordinary members are eligible to be nominated and eligible to vote. Looking forward to seeing you all again

Susan Muir
Vice President

Membership Renewal

The Committee is seeking the support of the members to renew memberships for the 2020/2021 year. Membership renewal invoices were sent out recently via email and post. We would like to thank the many members that have already renewed their membership. This is assisting the Club whilst it is closed and will help when we are allowed to re-open in a staged approach in the future.

The membership categories and fees will remain the same as in 2019:-

- Single member - \$80.00
- Couple member - \$140.00
- Single Pensioner/Social - \$60.00
- Couple Pensioner/Social - \$100.00
- Youth - \$20.00

The preferred method of payment is by direct debit. Please remember to include the Invoice number and/or your name as a reference.

If you are having any trouble with renewing your membership, or have not received your renewal advice, please contact the Treasurer via the Club's email address.

The Committee of The Rhein-Donau Club wishes to take this opportunity to thank our members for their continued support, which is much appreciated in these uncertain times.

Ein kommentarloser Rückblick

Vor 75 Jahren endete der 2. Weltkrieg. Aber wer erinnert sich schon noch an die gewaltigen Ländereien, die in jenem Schicksalsjahr durch Entscheid der Siegermächte, Deutschland genommen wurden?? Es sind dies:

1. Ostpreußen mit Königsberg und dem Memelland – größer als die Niederlande
2. Westpreußen mit Bromberg, Strasburg und Thorn – so groß wie die Schweiz
3. Danzig ist fast so groß wie Luxemburg
4. Pommern mit Stettin und Schneidemühl, größer als Belgien
5. Ostbrandenburg mit Landsberg a.d. Warthe, Schwiebus und Züllichau, ist fast so groß wie Nordirland
6. Schlesien mit Breslau und Oppeln , größer als Dänemark
7. Sudetenland mit Reichenberg, Karlsbad, Eger, dem Böhmerwald, Troppau und Südmähren, größer als Hessen und das Saarland zusammengekommen.

Nach 1945 wurden aus diesen Gebieten 14 Millionen Deutsche aus ihrer Heimat vertrieben. Etwa 2,6 Millionen, meist Frauen, Kinder und Greise, kamen dabei ums Leben.

Wolfgang A. Leonhardt

What happened to our Maibaum?

Normally I would report on the May Dance which is a popular annual event at the Rhein Donau Club. However, due to the current restrictions, our May Dance had to be cancelled this year. So please read on for some background on this tradition and what happened to our Maibaum...

In Germany and Austria the maypole (or Maibaum) is a tradition going back to the 16th century. It is a decorated tree or tree trunk that is usually erected either on the 1st of May, in Baden and Swabia, or on the evening before, for example, in East Frisia. In most areas, especially in Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria and Austria, it is usual to have a ceremony to erect the maypole on the village green. The custom of combining it with a village fete, that usually takes place on the 30th of April, 1st of May or at Pentecost, is widespread. This tradition is especially strong in the villages of the Bavarian Alps where the raising of the maypole on May 1 in the village square is a cause for much celebration. The pole is usually painted in the Bavarian colours of white and blue and decorated with emblems depicting local crafts and industry. In Bavaria the Maibaum is erected several weeks before May 1st. The young men from the villages try to steal the Maibaum from another, which is why the men of each village or city take turns in watching over the Maibaum. If a village



manages to steal a Maibaum, then the village the Maibaum has been stolen from has to invite the whole village of the thieves to free beer and a festivity which then takes place on May 1st.

Just before the Maibaum is erected, depending on the region, there may be a procession through the village, usually watched by crowds of spectators and accompanied by a brass band. While the maypole is traditionally set up with the help of long poles, today it may sometimes also be done using tractors, forklifts or even cranes. In Lower Austria, ropes and ladders are still used. Here in Perth, at the Rhein-Donau Club, we have tried to uphold this tradition as much as possible. In the early days of the Club, a procession with a wooden Maibaum was held along North Lake Rd accompanied by the Rhein-Donau Brass Band and the Edelweiss Dance Group, with many locals wondering what the fuss was all about. In later years, a more permanent Maibaum was erected in front of the Club, followed by our traditional May Dance.

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we were unable to hold our May Dance. However that did not stop us from taking the existing Maibaum down to give it some much needed TLC in time for next years big dance. Thanks to Dieter Ducke, Bruce Walker, Brian Muir and Trevor Solomon, especially Trevor and his Hyab, for spending a day at the Club to take down the Maibaum.



Susan

Dear Rhein Donau Club Members and Readers,

Normally you find the Neerlandia submission for your magazine to be a light hearted article or an update of activities organised by the Dutch Club. This time though I feel compelled to be a bit more serious.

Hardly ever do the people of the world fight the same enemy, but they are now. Turn on the television, open your newspaper or the feed on your laptops – the world is fighting COVID-19. Washing hands and social distancing are probably the two habits that have now become activities that we practise without thinking.

As we are born with social skills that need to be used, and with social needs that hunger to be satisfied, social distancing is probably the hardest activity for human beings to exercise. But there is another human characteristic: our in-born ability to adapt to a changed situation.

Before Corona moved into our society, we were busying ourselves with our own lives, our own four walls and own interests. However, when Corona became our uninvited guest, we realised that social isolation gave us time, a precious commodity. Families have rediscovered family life; neighbours look out for each other while younger people care for the elderly.

And although this new situation can bring loneliness and anxiety, we are all in this together.

This sentiment was certainly experienced within the Neerlandia Community when we asked our members to assist us with articles to produce the May issue of the Neerlandia Club magazine.

This COVID-19 period, without any Club activity, is a difficult time for any Club Committee and any Editor of Club Magazines. However with a Club as varied as the Rhein-Donau Club with its various sub-clubs, I am certain that you will receive, as always, a good read.

Enjoy your magazine and please adhere to Government Regulations so that we will see each other again when Club life resumes.

Stay safe, stay well, see you at the other side.

Eric van Waaijenburg

President Dutch Club Neerlandia

Tresurer

Dear Members,

In these difficult times the Committee has his focus on keeping the club running and thanks to the strong financial basis the club will get through these times without too many problems. I like to thank all the committee members and the Editor for relinquishing all gratuity during this time.

Just about 45% of the members have paid their membership fee for this year. Especially in this time we have to rely on our members support and would like to ask all members, who have not paid up their membership fees, to do so in the near future.

I'm looking forward of meeting you all back soon in the club in good health.

Dieter Pflaumbaum

Treasurer

Table Tennis Group

Hopefully when you are reading this article we will all be back playing table tennis on a Tuesday night. It has been a long couple of months lockdown but necessary given the circumstances.

The Club Open Day on March 15th was very quiet due to the emerging health crisis, however we did set up 2 table tennis tables in the beer garden for members and guests on the day. We also enjoyed watching Taka Wild and Dave Ramsay having a hit up.



Likewise the Schutzenfest on the Saturday night prior (14th) was quieter than usual and my husband Trevor and I tried our hand at the shooting competition. We kept trying to beat each other's score but at the end of the night (apart from a lighter wallet) Trev won King of the Schützenfest and I won Queen. And yes, our trophies are on display at home! And yes, Trev beat my score!



About 2 years ago I took over the position of group leader from Joyce Williams. Joyce had been an active and capable groupleader for the previous 20 years or so and was a competitive player. Although I am not up to her standard of playing we do have something in common. It turns out we may both be descendants of the Clan Maclean. Our ancestors hailed from the rather formidable 14th century Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull off the west coast of Scotland. I was lucky enough to visit the castle a number of years ago with my mother as this was on her bucket list. There are approx. 283 days of rainfall per year on the Isle of Mull so it is a fairly bleak place at times, but beautiful nonetheless. A lot of restoration work has been done to Duart Castle over many years and it was fascinating to see the dungeons and the huge banquet hall with portraits of past descendants. Duart Castle has also featured in a few movies, two of them being "When Eight Bells Toll" with Anthony Hopkins and the 1999 film "Entrapment" with Sean Connery (who also has MacLean ancestry).



Our table tennis group has hosted the Christmas in July festivity over the last couple of years however given the current circumstances I do not know if this event will go ahead this year. I am sure the club will keep everyone posted.

Debbie Solomon
Group Leader

Schreiben an eine Versicherung

Die Auszüge stammen von der Züricher Versicherung, die daraus Spots für eine Werbekampagne gestaltete : Beispiele aus dem richtigen Leben! Ich habe so viele Formulare ausfüllen müssen, daß es mir bald lieber wäre, mein geliebter Mann wäre nicht gestorben.- Ich habe mir den rechten Arm gebrochen, meine Braut hat sich den rechten Fuß verstaucht. Ich hoffe ihnen damit gedient zu haben.- In einer Linkskurve geriet ich ins Schleudern, wobei mein Wagen einen Obstand traf und ich - behindert durch die wild durcheinander-fliegenden Bananen, Orangen und Kürbisse – nach dem Umfahren eines Briekastens auf die andere Strassenseite geriet, dort gegen einen Baum prallte und schließlich – zusammen mit zwei Pkws - den Hang herunterrutschte. Danach verlor ich bedauerlicherweise die Herrschaft über mich.- Ich überfuhr einen Mann. Er gab seine Schuld zu, da ihm das schon mal passiert war.- Ihre Argumente sind wirklich schwach, Für solche faulen Ausreden müssen Sie sich einen Dümmeren suchen, aber den werden sie kaum finden.- Unsere Autos prallten genau in dem Augenblick zusammen, als sie sich begegneten.- Ich bin ferner mit meinen Nerven am Ende und habe es mit einer schweren Kastritis zu tun.- Ich trat auf die Straße. Ein Auto fuhr von links direkt auf mich zu. Ich dachte, es wollte noch vor mir vorbei, und trat wieder einen Schritt zurück. Es wollte aber hinter mir vorbei. Als ich das merkte, ging ich schnell zwei Schritte vor. Der Autofahrer hatte aber auch reagiert und wollte nun doch wohl vor mir vorbei. Er hielt an und kurbelte die Scheibe herunter. Wütend rief er: Nun bleiben Sie doch endlich stehen, Sie! Das tat ich – und da hat er mich überfahren.- Trotz Bremsens und Überschlagens holte ich den Wagen noch ein und beschädigte den linken Kotflügel des Wagens.- Mein Fahrrad kam vom Gehsteig ab, touchierte einen Porsche und fuhr ohne mich weiter.- Alle Rechnungen, die ich erhalte, bezahle ich niemals sofort, da mir dazu einfach das Geld fehlt. Die Rechnungen werden vielmehr in eine große Trommel geschüttet, aus der ich am Anfang jeden Monats drei Rechnungen mit verbundenen Augen herausziehe. Diese Rechnungen bezahle ich dann sofort. Ich bitte Sie zu warten , bis sie das große Los trifft.- Einnahmen aus der Viehhaltung haben wir keine. Mit dem Tod meines Mannes ging das letzte Rindvieh vom Hof.

Wolfgang A. Leonhardt

West Australian Mandolin Orchestra

The Mandolin Orchestra went into recess due to social distancing a week before the Rhein-Donau Club shut down.

We had been rehearsing for the Fairbridge Festival but this has also been cancelled. The Orchestra is planning to host a national Mandolin Orchestra Festival in 2022 and members have already begun practising some of the music for this.

Meanwhile our hardworking conductor Robert Schulz has been emailing members weekly instead of waving his baton. Robert has written and arranged guitar and mandolin solos for the members to keep their fingers striving.

He has also sent us lessons to revive our theory knowledge and a couple of musical crosswords to entertain us whilst in lockdown. So, although we all miss the challenge of playing together and the enjoyment of socializing, we have plenty to do and look forward to things returning to normal.

Harry Baker



Railway Group

Oktoberfest 2019. **Looking back.**

As for most clubs etc, we too are in hibernation. Naturally all our plans are on hold. Perhaps a couple of old pictures will remind you of the good times of the past and of those yet to come.

To add interest both pictures have an item to find.

When we are back it will be a good time for new members to join, as there will plenty of chance to acquire new skills.

Ed

Important item missing



The busy market place, find mirror.



Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
Billiard (Snooker) Sanjay Kumar	0415 292 536	Tues & Fri 7pm
Edelweiss Dance Group Rebecca Watson	0428 190 412	Sun from 5-7pm Juniors Sun from 4pm
Model Railway Bret Hummel	0412 939 699	Fri from 6pm
Perth Miniature Gamers Michael Walsh	0402 408 778	Wed at 6pm
Eagle Eye Pistols Philip KroczeK	0467 787 857	Fri from 5pm
Chess Sanjay Kumar	0415 292 536	Wed at 7pm
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Sophia Bayley	08 9417 2640	Fri at 7pm
Seniors Rita Zeller	08 9457 2784	Wed 10am to 3pm
Table Tennis Debbie Solomon	0427 354 153	Tues at 7pm
Theatre Fritzi Waters	08 9314 2812	Fri at 7pm
Mandolin Orchestra Robert Schulz	0490 868 344	Wed 7.30 to 9.30pm
Volkssingen Irene Harrop	0488 585 850	Fri 1.30 to 3pm

Note: To join a group you must be a member of the Rhein-Donau Club. Please contact 19 the Group Leader for any enquiries



The Rhein-Donau Club Inc. Restaurant

- A la carte menu including a selection of authentic German and Dutch meals
- Catering for private functions for 30 - 220 guests

We have rooms available for your private functions, conventions or meetings, in the Lounge, Sports Hall, Edelweiss Dance Hall and Beer Garden.

For bookings please contact our Club Office

Ph: 9330 6488 (weekdays 10am -3pm)

Opening hours of Restaurant

Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6pm

Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm

Sunday 4pm to 8.00pm

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