

't Penseeltje

May 2022



Club Hours

Wednesday 9:30-1:00pm

Friday 3.00-8.30pm

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The Board wishes to advise,

Covid regulations in NSW have been scaled back. We ask all to maintain their commitment to stop the spread. If you don't feel well, please stay home and visit us another day. Sanitiser is available but hand washing is still best practise. Singing and dancing are back on our programs. Live acts have started on stage and Ballroom dancers on the floor 4:30-5:30pm Fridays. Using your Dine and Discover vouchers gives you a great excuse to come for dinner. Parents with the new NSW \$50 vouchers can also use them to shop. Come and join into our Wednesday morning coffee and games or the Friday dinners and activities. Remember to sign into club register on entry.

Members and Guests,

Please be advised that the club operates under State Government and Local Council COVID regulations and needs your help to maintain a safe environment for all. You are required to sign-IN to Club register on entry. The club provides Alcohol based sanitiser for your convenience. Our volunteers and Council cleaners work hard to keep the hall clean so we can keep operating. Your continued patronage is valued. As one we are working together, on the occasion that you are not feeling well, have a cold, snuffle or cough, look after yourself and others and consult your GP and come visit us another day.

Thank you for your assistance,
Rembrandt Board



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President's report

By Allan Potter

Valued Members, On Friday the 8th of April the our members who attended the club were treated with some special entertainment from Jimmy Jack. I sadly was unable to attend Jimmy's performance due to a repeat flooding of Wallacia bridge including all the other escape routes from this area lasting several days, I thank La Nina rainfall for this. Some other members had to cancel because of other weather problems I was delighted to receive reports From those attending showing their appreciation for Jimmy's entertaining musical performance. April 15th the club was closed for the Easter break to allow member time with their loved ones and travel for the long weekend. I must report that I was very good in resisting the temptation of over indulging in the consumption of those appealing chocolate Easter eggs. Friday 22nd we continued our Anzac tradition with music and a the Rembrandt variant of Two Up games. Wednesday mornings members still play Triominos and Klaverjassen no bookings are required. The purchase of Your Dutch treats are still in great demand via Gerda and frozen foods via myself, to assure frozen orders are delivered please pre order for Wednesday & Friday club delivery. Friday 29th was our King's Day meeting and saw members contributing to the festivities by wearing your favourite Dutch regalia. We thank all those dedicated members for their continued patronage, stay safe, see you at the Rembrandt. **Allan J. Potter**

What is a Dutch-Style Bike? A thing of simplicity designed for the pursuit of cycling in a socially inclusive upright position on a machine which is easy to mount or dismount providing relative comfort via a softer wider saddle whilst protected from some of the elements and oily chains and grease.

It has a frame you can 'walk-through', as opposed to the diamond frame of a men's model, this design originally allowed women to ride easily even though they were wearing dresses or, later, wearing skirts. It has a guard covering the top third of the rear wheel (at 9 o'clock to 1 o'clock) which specifically was designed to prevent garments from becoming meshed in the back end.

Why Are Dutch Bikes Called 'Omafiets' (Granny Bikes)? Although the name has its origins in the 1970s, the machine referred to has changed little since the time of the First World War. The memory is from the Dutch seeing their elderly relatives still riding this type of bicycle which fell out of fashion elsewhere in Western Europe. The Omafiets bicycle has a single-speed gear, 28 inch / 635C wheels, a black frame and mudguards. The rear of these is painted white in the lower third. The chain is also fully covered. They often have a built-in dynamo to provide lighting. The frame is made of steel and is heavy. Weights with the accessories included may top 25 kilos. The riding position created by lofty handlebars and a long stem joining the headset is comfortable and friendly – it's hard to be aggressive on a granny bicycle.

Why Are Upright Bikes Popular in the Netherlands? Upright bicycles are firmly in the Dutch DNA. The benefits of a long unbroken history with cycling is that it limits the fads and fashions. They have never been out of style. Longevity means there are millions of them. The upright style allows more visibility of the rider and for the rider. They offer so much flexibility and comfort. It's not unusual to see a passenger sitting across the rear racks on designated cycle racks. You can hold an umbrella (after you've examined all the safety considerations!) and change gear. Many have coaster style brakes, you can slow down by pedalling backwards.

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Dutch winter warmer
Hutspot met worst



Oer echte Hollandse
Uien Hachee met rooie kool



Stamppot is synonymous with Dutch winter food

These vegetable pairings traditionally include sauerkraut, endive, kale, spinach, turnip greens, or carrot and onion (the combination of the latter two is known as hutspot in the Netherlands and as wortelstoemp in Belgium). Leafy greens such as endive may be left raw and added to the potatoes only at the mashing stage. Some less common regional varieties of stamppot are made with fruit and potatoes, such as blauwe bliksem (blue lightning), made with pears, and hete bliksem (hot lightning), made with sweet apples.

Pineapple may also be included in sauerkraut^[3] or endive stamppot.^[1] In recent years, variations on the traditional stamppot have been becoming more and more popular with people adding ingredients such as rocket, leeks, beets, sweet potato, mushrooms and various other vegetables. Sometimes, fish is used as an ingredient in stamppot as well. Stamppot is primarily a cold-weather dish. Stamppot is usually served with sausage (in the Netherlands often smoked, in Belgium more often fried), julienned bacon, or stewed meat. Other accompaniments include cheese, gherkins, nuts, and pickled onions.

Prepared stamppot can be purchased from shops and supermarkets. It can also be ordered in cafe-style restaurants, but more strict recent regulations about allowed foods in taverns versus restaurants has restricted the custom of offering simple dishes in many Belgian pubs.

The origin of stamppot is unknown, although legend attributes the invention of hutspot to the 1574 Siege of Leiden.

Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook

May 6th is our Mother's Day celebration dinner so get to the club with your mum and let's treat her to a good night out. The Friday specials have been a real hit this year and keep on coming.

This Friday its hiep, hiep, Hachee, a very Dutch take on beef stew with onions served with red cabbage and potatoes. If that's not your cup of tea we have other options on the menu.



May 13th Gets us in the groove with an iconic group that is known by young and old. Provided the sound-track to many movies but especially well known down under for Pricilla queen of the desert. We are talking music royalty since their performance at the euro song contest launched them on stage and the airwaves. Let's boogie with ABBA

May 20th is the perfect day to have a good chat with the barman and see what he can create. John has been at the club for a great many years and always makes sure everyone gets their favourite drop. His bar skills recently got him inducted in the 'Order of the Night watch'. Tonight we get to see his creative side.



May 27th is games night, actually its always games on at the Rembrandt but last Friday of the month we try to throw in that little extra to keep everyone happy.

So get your markers out and check your forms it **Rembrandt Bingo Time**

June 3rd We all jump in the time machine and travel back to the 80's. Many great things we recorded in the tumultuous 80s we won't have time to play them all, but we are sure to get to some of your favourite tunes



Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

My doctor said to exercise more , "So, I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over." A retired man now volunteers to entertain patients in assisted living homes and hospitals. He visited one hospital in St Marys and brought along his portable keyboard. After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too." A businessman boarded an international flight and found a fancy young woman seated next to him wearing a large diamond ring. During the flight, he asked her about the ring. "It is the Klopman diamond, but it comes with a terrible curse," she said. "What's the curse," he asked. She replied, "Mr. Klopman." An older gentleman shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, rather painfully looking, onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split supreme. The waitress smiled kindly at him, asking, "Crushed nuts?" The older gentleman replied, "No... arthritis." Thinking that this presidential candidate needed to show a more human side of himself and improve his popularity, his committee advised him to visit an old age home and chat with the residents. The candidate walked into the room of an old kind looking man. With the cameras whirring, the nominee was surprised when the old man smiled at him and offered him some peanuts from a bowl on the table. "Thank you", said the nominee. He took a few and ate them. After being offered more for the 3rd time the candidate asked the kind old fellow, "Why don't you have some with me?" "Oh, no thank you. " The old fellow replied. "I can't eat them. I don't have any teeth." "So why do you have them?" asked the candidate. "Oh, I like the chocolate around it." Grandma Annie's first great-grandchild was born. After a few weeks, when the parents said they needed a little break, Grandma Annie was given the job of watching the child. During the day Annie's friend Ruthie comes to visit. "Let me see the little cutie," says Ruthie. "Not yet", Sally responds. About five minutes later Ruthie asks again. Again, she is refused. So, in a little bit Ruthie asks one more time and is refused again. "What are you waiting for?", Ruthie shouts out. "I'm waiting for her to cry. " says Annie. "Why??" Ruthie exclaims. "Because I forgot where I put her. Every year, Sammy and his wife Matilda went to the annual State Fair. And every year, Smitty would say, "Matilda, I'd like to ride in that antique airplane." And every year, Matilda would reply, "I know, Sammy, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars." This one year Sammy and Matilda went to the fair and Sammy said, "Matilda, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance. " Matilda replied, "Sammy, that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars." The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you anything, but, if you say one word it's ten dollars." Sammy and Matilda agreed, and up they went. The pilot performed all kinds of acrobatic twists and turns, he did rolls and dives, but there was not a word is heard. So, he even did a nose dive, pulling up the old plane just 15 feet above the ground. But, still not a word. After they landed, the pilot turned to Smitty and said, "By golly Mister, I did everything I could think of to get you two to yell out, but you didn't." Sammy replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Matilda fell out, ...but ten dollars is ten dollars!"



E.D.A.H.

Shop Rembrandt



Waar komt de naam Drop vandaan? De oudste Nederlandse vermelding die spreekt over drop stamt uit 1603. Dit is waarschijnlijk waar de naam drop vandaan komt: *"Soet hout of drop soet hout ('verdikt sap van zoethout') ghenutticht, gheneest den borste [1603; Jacobs, D5v]"*. Het druppeltje zoethoutextract is uitgegroeid tot een echt Nederlands product en de naam hebben we nooit veranderd. Het Nederlandse woord drop is afgeleid van een druppel (drop). Vroeger bestond er nog geen drop, alleen sap uit de zoethoutwortelplant. De druppels of "drops" van dit extract werden verkocht als geneesmiddel tegen hoest. Niet alleen het extract werd zo genoemd, maar ook alles wat er uit voortkwam - het dropje zoals wij dat nu kennen!

For Frozen foods call Allan 0439 758 000

For shop items call Gerda 02 9746 8420

For Cheese & Spek call Alice 0412 304 837

Special orders

Apart from a selection of pantry favourites, traditional biscuits, lollies and dropjes we also supply cheeses, Frozen snack foods (frikandel, kroket and bitterballen). Dutch Rookworst is another high demand item. We also have smoked 'Spek' and 'Bakbloed worst'. For dessert we have apple pie or Hollandse vlaai. Stock up for your next party or join us on Wednesday mornings and Friday nights. Call Gerda on 9746 8420 place your orders

Activities groups

Klaverjassen & sequence

Wednesdays 10:00AM till 1:00PM

Triominos

Wednesdays 10:00AM till 1:00PM

Scrabble Second and Fourth

Wednesday of the month

10:00 AM till 1:00 PM

Knitting first and third

Friday of the month

3:30 PM till 5:00 PM

Book swap every Wednesday

9:30 AM till 1:00 PM

Puzzle mania second and fourth

Friday of the month

Ballroom Dancing group Fridays

4:30PM till 5:30PM

Bingo Fridays on games night

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Past and present

By Mia & Jan Joosten

How it all started part 4. Back in 1985 my first trip back home. Our 2 youngest came with me. Tradition in my family circle was; one night every week the ladies come together to catch up while ironing, doing any craft or just enjoying coffee and a drink after. Daughter Petra was only 16 at the time and enjoyed these evenings with her aunties. When we came home it was decided to start this to and name it the same as in Holland; TRUTTE AVOND. The Dutch ladies reading this would at this moment just smile or go OMG. After a few months of these nights we came up with the idea of 'doing something productive'. So, we practiced some songs and decided to perform at the Sunrise Christmas party, as well as the Rembrandt Dutch Club. We made all the costumes our self. This was the start of many entertainment nights. Together with my sister in law we imitated the Alpen zusjes. It all started as a joke, but after some practice people actually believed that we were the singing artists. We had a TV crew from Holland at the club ones, to do a write up about the Rembrandt Club and film some moments. There was some good fun to be had.

Petra decided that she would like to go back to Holland for a year. The deal was; go in the NSW Holland Festival quest and raise enough money to win. The decision was made for the 1987 Festival and we had a family night at the Club. Every person paid \$10.00 entry fee and received 10 tickets in the lottery. During the night there were more tickets sold. This was the first of many Holland Festival quest nights. For entertainment we organise a 'commercial' show and an 'out of tune' singing contest. The funniest commercial was the one about that wine CARTE D'OR, famous on TV at that time. On the floor was a customer (Beppie Boersma) sitting at a table asking the steward (Wayne Clemens) for a bottle of wine. The Steward asks: What brand would you like? And the customer says: Cart'door. The Steward is confused and keeps asking of she is absolutely sure about that. Yes!!!! So, he goes out and comes back with a car door. (This car door was on loan from a detailer). The out of tune contest was complete with judges. The contestant with the lowest points result would win. There were some good (bad) singers. I really wanted to win this contest and did my best playing guitar and singing the Italian song Quan do Quan do Quan do. With the guitar out of tune there was no way of singing properly. Yes, I did win with a below zero score.

After Petra won the Festival quest, i wanted to do some more good work so the Heart Foundation was my choice. Again the Club opened the doors to a good course. This time it would be professional entertainment. The aim was to organise a "Pot of Gold" night. I wonder how many members remember this night. Looking for a jury panel was easy. Bernard King was replaced by Johan Wewer and of course he was our main man on the panel. To get some good artists together Petra and I went to Studio B in Sydney. There were artists of any kind and after explaining my Heart Foundation event they were all keen to perform for free. However, Petra and I had to sing for them. We picked this one; Take me home country road, but with these words. TAKE ME HOME POT HOLE ROAD. TO THE PLACE I COME FROM. WESTERN SYDNEY, BLUE MOUNTAINS. TAKE ME HOME POTHOLE ROAD. They had a chuckle about this alright. On the night the entry money went to the heart Foundation. Every guest would bring a cake. We sold coffee and cake galore. This was my main event and took me to the Heart Foundation final. I didn't win but won new Club members.



Rembrandt Gallery

By Kiara VDM



Kings day at the Rembrandt was a very Orange affair and brought out young and old. Herman performed live and delivered a great show. As always, the kitchen turns out the Dutch traditional food occasionally with a twist. Tonight's dessert tompouce with orange jelly topping was a winner as was ... who won the Kings Raffle.



Rembrandt Social Club MEMBERSHIP

By Mia Joosten

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Single	\$20.00
Couple	\$30.00
Pensioner Single	\$15.00
Pensioner Couple	\$20.00

Where one person is a pensioner,
his/her partner also pays pensioner fee.
Membership year is
October 2021 to October 2022



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the Netherlands.
Who am I?

For details on
events please check



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Rembrandt Calendar

Fri May 6th Mother's Day
Fri May 13th Music Night
Fri May 20th Cocktail arvo
Fri May 27th Games Night
Fri June 3rd Back to the 80s
Fri June 10th Queens B'Day

Wednesday mornings Café & Shop
Triominos, Cards, Chess & knitting



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