

Top Table: This was the last meeting for 2010, and we had a number of interesting visitors.

- Guy Mousseau. Rotary Club of Vancouver and guest of Steve Winter.
- **Franzi Weiz.** She is and exchange student and hosted by Greenmeadows. Franzi is currently attending Tamatea High School, but perhaps of greater interest is the fact she is the Austrian Under 16 National Ski Champion.
- Oliver Macindoe and Xaver Hausner. More about these enterprising young men later.

Plus welcome backs to **Bill Smith** and **John Aston**. John returns for his perennial visit to the Antipodes to escape the northern winter.

- Mark Allardyce, a Club past-President, has resigned due to employment changes and new interests. Thank you Mark for all you did with your time in the Club and your willingness to always help out.
- Graham Duncan and Paul Shoebridge have next years trailer raffle well in hand.
- **Rebekah Walker** has written and thanked the Club for inviting her to the Xmas Party which she thoroughly enjoyed.
- Peter Warmke gave his weekly health report, notably that Joan Skudder is much improved and in Rehab; Gil Atkins has spent a week at home; and Audrey Ricketts has had a very nasty broken arm. It was also noted that a very good letter had been sent by Jill McTeague, stating that past-President Ray McTeague (right), had made a wonderful recovery from level 4 lymphoma cancer chemotherapy treatment, was fully mobile and active, and regain a full head of hair. (I've often wondered about chemo as a therapy for male baldness. Ed)



Bob Wallis- Trevor Page joined Taradale on 15 December 1960 and transferred to Napier West with three others. Eventually as he was dissatisfied with that Club he returned to Taradale and was inducted on 19 February 1998. With no break in membership he has completed 50 years of membership and joins Foundation Members Bill Beaton and Jim Dine along with Des Stephens [joined 6/8/1959] and Gil Cooper [joined 27/8/1959]. 5 current members now have 50 years of membership. *Remarkable*!





L to R. Trevor Page, Bill Beaton, Jim Dine, Gil Cooper, Des Stephens

# Floor:

Brian Neilson- reminds all that the Club BBQ will be 16<sup>th</sup> January and will be a luncheon at Dolbel Park.
Sue Parke- informed members that meal credits will be made available in January.
Bob McCaw- informed members that the Kelvin Tremain Memorial Education Trust trustees planed to hold

their meeting this Sunday at Princess Alexandra so Bob Twaddle could participate.

Graham Duncan- reported on progress over the Market Day project. See later.

## **3 Minute Speaker:**

The PolioPlus Roadshow cycled into Taradale today and we had the pleasure of hosting Ollie and Xav. Their website (*www.polio.org.nz*) records



On 24 November 2010 **Xaver Hausner** (left), a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Germany who is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Pencarrow (Eastbourne), and his friend and flatmate, **Oliver Macindoe**, left Cape Reinga on a 3360 kilometer journey to Bluff which they will reach 16<sup>th</sup> January.

What started out as a private journey being undertaken by two friends has become a major fundraising opportunity for one of Rotary's major global fundraising campaigns – PolioPlus. Xaver and Ollie decided their journey would be much more meaningful if they could use it to recognise Xaver's gratitude for the opportunity Rotary gave him to come to New Zealand to study and also to support the global campaign to eradicate polio from the planet.

Their initial fundraising efforts were quite modest – asking friends and family to buy kilometers (at \$1 a kilometer) - to raise funds for PolioPlus. Then they saw the opportunity to engage the wider Rotary movement in New Zealand.

President Selwyn took the opportunity to organize Club cyclists and a posse of pedal powered members, **Selwyn, Gordon Buckley, Doug Syme,** and **Strat Ellingham**, together with the Harley powered **Allan "Chalky" White** and **Eion Carty**, road out to meet them.

The two addressed the Club outlining the above and adding they would be met in Wellington by Mayor Celia Wade-Brown who would cycle into town with them.

#### To date they have raised \$28,234.

Fantastic effort by two extraordinary young men.





Wednesday 15 Dec - Our team of intrepid cyclists heading off to Bay View to meet Xaver Hausner and Oliver Macindoe, "Cycling for Polio" from Cape Reinga to Bluff. [L to R] Doug Syme, Strat Ellingham, Gordon Buckley & Selwyn Dyet.

### Sergeant:

The takings tonight were in support of PolioPlus. **Trevor Page** paid for his 50 years in Rotary; **Graham Duncan** for missing bar duty; **Robin Arnold** won the raffle; **John Aston** for venturing south to find summer; **John Reid** for multi-publicity photos in various papers.

## **Programme:** Merv Kite. Armish and Mennonite Communities of USA

Merv was a last minute replacement speaker and was introduced by John Reid.

Recently Merv, with his wife Ann, travelled across the USA, west to east. Being curious of the Armish and

Mennonite communities, groups that have retained their fundamental way of life for over 400 years, they drove to the towns of Lancaster and the curiously named Intercourse, in Pennsylvania. Merv's fascination was such that he pursued the possibility of arranging a homestay, something he was told would be impossible. However a discussion with a shop keeper led to them spending a couple of nights with Ben and Emma. What followed was a fascinating insight into the lives of the Amish and Mennonite people, which Merv shared with us. The following extract, taken from Wikipedia (not WikiLeaks!) and summarises much of what Merv told us.



The **Amish Mennonites** are a group of Christian church fellowships that form a subgroup of the Mennonite churches. The Amish are known for simple living, plain dress, and a reluctance to adopt many conveniences of modern technology.

The history of the Amish church began with a schism in Switzerland within a group of Swiss and Anabaptists (who believed baptism must be delayed until adolescence) in 1693 led by Jakob Ammann. Those who followed Ammann became known as Amish. These followers were originally from three main places: the German-speaking parts of Switzerland, Alsace (now part of France), and the Palatinate of Germany. In the early 18th century, many Amish and Mennonites emigrated to Pennsylvania for a variety of reasons. Today, the most traditional descendants of the Amish continue to speak Pennsylvania German, also known as Pennsylvania Dutch.



Amish church membership begins with baptism, usually between the ages of 16 and 25. It is a requirement for marriage, and once a person has affiliated with the church, she or he may only marry within the faith. Church districts average between 20 and 40 families, and worship services are held every other Sunday in a member's home. The district is led by a bishop and several ministers and deacons.

The rules of the church, must be observed by every member. These rules cover most aspects of day-to-day living, and include prohibitions or limitations on the use of powerline electricity, telephones and automobiles, as well as regulations on clothing. Many Amish church members may not buy insurance or accept government assistance such as

Social Security. Members practice nonresistance and will not perform any type of military service.

Members who do not conform to these expectations are excommunicated. Amish church groups seek to maintain a degree of separation from the non-Amish world. There is generally a heavy emphasis on church and family relationships. They typically operate their own one-room schools and discontinue formal education at grade eight. They value rural life, manual labor and humility.

A 2008 study suggested their numbers have increased to 227,000, and in 2010 a new study suggested their population had grown by 10% in the past two years to 249,000, with increasing movement to the West.



A series of photos shown by Merv reinforced this simple way of life; buggy transport, steel rimmed wheels, horsepower- literally. Amish land is intensely cultivated. It is also highly prized by developers, which issues a threat to their way of life. To combat this the Lancaster Trust has been set up to ensure that when land is sold, development rights separate, and the land can only be developed in line with the Armish way of life.

A great talk which kept members interested. Thanks was given by **Neil Kittow**, who pointed out that yet again we had been the fortunate recipients of the knowledge and experiences of one of our own members.



## **News Flash!**

The launch of the Evers-Swindell skiff will be at the HB Rowing Club Regatta, Clive River. Timing is for 12 noon on Sunday 2 Jan.

Racing will commence at 1.30 pm.

[Kevyn Moore]

# Market Day Project – Change of Venue Planned

Graham Duncan, Selwyn Dyet & Eoin Carty met with the Taradale Retailers Group this week.

A full presentation was made on the Market Day concept and highlighting the benefits for the Taradale Retailers. The Outcome from the meeting.

It became very clear that the requirements of the Retailers was too restrictive.

- The Group thought the project was a great idea.
- However, believed that the Pettigrew Green Arena was too far away from the shopping centre.
- People will travel to the event and then return home and not move on to the Retail shopping Centre unbelievable.
- There was a requirement to vet all prospective stall holders and exhibitors before acceptance, to ensure that their activities do not conflict with the products being sold by the retailers.
- Their desire was to have the event closer to the shopping centre and possibly take up the road section from McDonalds to beyond Richard Howell Motors a road closure....this was never going to happen.

The President of the Taradale Retailers group has since been advised that the Taradale Rotary Club will not proceed with the Pettigrew Green Arena project and will now take up an offer to stage the event at another venue.

The Taradale Club management are in full support of the Taradale Rotary Club staging the Market Day event on their land and a formal presentation is to be made to the Club to ensure both parties can work together to make this event work on an annual basis.

#### Benefits.

Most Saturdays throughout the year can now be made available.

- No restriction on the stall holders we wish to invite.
- Food stalls can now be included a restriction that was placed on us by the Food Hawke's Bay Group.
- An increased area for the number of stall holders.
- Good parking facilities with an option to source further parking across the road from the Club entrance. It is now likely that the Napier retailers will benefit more from this event than the Taradale Retailers.

#### Where to from here:

- Formal Agreement with the Taradale Club.
- Council Approval.
- Police notification.
- The Market Day Committee to now address all other matters to make this on going project a great success.

#### THIS & THAT . . . Leave of Absence/Apologies: Bob Twaddle indefinite sick leave

Club BBQ - Dolbel Reserve noon 16 January First meeting 2011 20 January

### DUTIES:

Please note that pronouncing Grace is a duty of Chief Steward. Members rostered for duty are reminded it is your responsibility to perform the duty allocated and if you are unable to be present to arrange a substitute. Table & tea/coffee stewards to clear tables at pre-programme break, remove tables to storage and stack chairs at close of meeting.

Duty Roster	20th January	27th January	3rd February
Host	Dine, Jim	Renfree, Harry	Wong, Mike
Duty starts 5:15pm			
Fellowship	Crotty, Frank	Buckley, Gordon	Crotty, Frank
Assistants	Kyle, Robert	Ross-Taylor, Ross	Adams, Clive
Duty starts 5:15pm	Lines, Keith	Royden, Tom	McBride, Barry
Chief Steward/Grace	Lum, Jim	Shoebridge, Paul	Aston, John
Duty starts 5:15pm			
Assistants	McBride, Barry	Smith, Bill	Arnold, Robin
	McDonald, Grant	Stephens, Des	Ball, Peter
	McGechan, Doug	Sugden, Peter	Banks, John
	McGrath, Frank	Syme, Doug	Bee, Paul
	McLeod, Bruce	Symons, Robbie	Campbell, Collin
Kitchen Assistant	Moore, Kevyn	Tuck, Allan	Carty, Eoin
Tea & Coffee	Neilson, Brian	Warmke, Peter	Cooper, Warren
	Oldershaw, Mark	White, Alan	Dine, Jim
	Page, Trevor	Williams, Ant	Duncan, Graham
3 Min. Speaker	Aston, John	Arnold, Robin	Kite, Merv
Speaker's Host	Plested, Max	Winter, Steve	Ebbett, Ron
Programme	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА
Thanks	Redington, Mary	Wishart, Alec	Ellingham, Strat
Meetings			
Reporter	Cooper, Gil	Pattullo, Robert	Grant, Janey
Audio/Visual	McCaw, Bob	McCaw, Bob	McCaw, Bob
Wedding Anniversaries	16th Redington, Mary & Kim 18th Warmke, Peter & Annie 20th McBride, Barry & Val	21st Sugden, Peter & Cheryl 23rd Buckley, Gordon & Margaret 25th Pattullo, Robert& Helen	January 29th Symons, Robbie & Linda February 1st Shoebridge, Paul & Joanna 2nd Page, Trevor & Virginia 3rd Grant, Janey & Bill
Birthdays	Nil	22nd Renfree, Harry 25th McBride, Barry 26th Beaton, Bill	Nil
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