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BIG BIRD CUP 2009



Pictured with the Cup. The Triumphant winning team.
Tenick Dennison, Colin Scadden, Janet Dennison, Emile Schmiege, and
Miles King. (pic taken by Des Lovatt)

Yes, Masterton has retained the Cup for another year, against the Greytown team which outnumbered them 2 to 1. Our grateful thanks to Mike Lynch who became our ring-in quizmaster. Thank you, also to Aalbert Rebergen who compiled the quiz questions, but was unable to

be quizmaster.

Our own Greytown poet, Eileen Van Trigt, has penned the following poem. .

It certainly doesn't feel sweet
When it comes to conceding defeat
However, next year
If we move up a gear
The " champs " we will try to unseat !

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MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY SEPT. 10,.

at 4 Clara Anne Grove, Greytown.7 P.M

Note this earlier start please. Colin Miskelly, from DOC Wellington Conservancy, will give an illustrated presentation entitled

"SOUTH ATLANTIC SOJOURNS: BIRDS OF THE FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA, TRISTAN DA CUNA, THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULAR AND SOUTH AMERICA.. Colin was a resource lecturer on an Expedition Cruise ship to this part of the world. As the presentation will take over an hour, the meeting will start half an hour earlier than usual.

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FIELD TRIP SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12. Meet at Farmlands Greytown 1 p.m. for a visit to **LAKE WAIRARAPA RESERVE & BARTONS' LAGOON.**

Followed by coffee at The Tin Hut.

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News from OSNZ Council.

Previous R.R.s will recall the large, black, ringbinder that was inherited with the position of R.R. . It contained all the rules and regulations of OSNZ. Information was added or deleted, but overall, it became an out-of-date and dogs-eared tome.

Now our CEO, Ingrid Hutzler, has circulated to R.R.s a draft copy of a CD containing everything you ever needed or wanted to know, regarding OSNZ, and it is one CD! The convenience and joy of the electronic age.

BREAKING NEWS.....

Peter Frost, the Wanganui R.R. has been co-opted to OSNZ Council. He has also been appointed by Council to be the Convenor of the Projects and Activities Committee. Peter is scheduled to visit us in November (see our Spring Programme). He will also use that opportunity to discuss our vision for the future OSNZ especially in relation to projects and activities. Peter was a very valuable member of our Expedition to the Whanganui River, in June.

OSNZ WAIRARAPA COMMITTEE NEWS.

After many years of service, Tenick Dennison has resigned from committee. Thank you, Tenick, for your valuable, inspiring, and enthusiastic commitment. We now welcome Peggy Duncan, from Greytown, who has consented to be co-opted as Tenick's replacement.

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MORE NEWS

In the Tuesday August 18 edition of "The Wairarapa Midweek" our OSNZ Wairarapa Junior member, Claudia Green appeared. Claudia was pictured with fellow-St Matthew's Collegiate pupils participating in the annual "Wairarapa Matharapa" mathematics competitions, as part of Maths Week. Claudia was the winner of our OSNZ Award in the Science Fair last year. It is such a joy to have young people such as Claudia participating fully in educational opportunities. You are finding your wings, Claudia. Fly high. Soar. We wish you well, as you progress in your education.



This leukistic Starling was first pictured in the July 08 Newsletter. It was first seen in the Lovatts' garden in April, 08. It has continued to visit, in the company of other starlings, and is seen here this week, feasting on bread crusts. Since moulting its white areas have become even more pronounced. It looks very healthy and is accepted by its flock. Note its white "knickerboker" feathers on both legs. (Pic taken by Des Lovatt.)