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Dutch Touch

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The windmills at Kinderdijk are a group of 19 monumental windmills in the Alblasserwaard polder, in the province of South Holland, Netherlands. Most of the mills are part of the village of Kinderdijk in the municipality of Molenlanden, and one mill, De Blokker, is part of the municipality of Alblasserdam. Built in 1738 and 1740, to keep water out of the polder, it is the largest concentration of old windmills in the Netherlands and one of the best-known Dutch tourist sites. The mills are listed as national monuments and the entire area is a protected village view since 1993. They have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997.

EDITORIAL

by Jenny Smits

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Where has the summer gone! It was nice to have some nice warm weather, sometimes even a little bit too warm and I hope everyone is recharged and ready to start the fall activities at the club. I look forward to getting together with everyone again. Now that the COVID restrictions are lifted we would love to welcome our members back to enjoy our socials and activities.

For me the summer was a little bit different because I was hospitalized a couple of times, so I missed out on the really hot weather. But maybe September will be nice yet. But yes, the leaves are beginning to turn already.

I would like to thank our readers and advertisers for supporting our monthly newsletter. I enjoy getting it ready every month and would love to see more contributions from our members. It is a great way to connect with each other. We all like to hear about the places you've been to and the life experiences you have had. Everyone has a story to tell.

Until next month,

Jenny



Aster is the primary birth flower for those born in September. Aster Amellus is the scientific name of this small flower with tall upright stems and a yellow centre. This perennial flowering plant can come in different colors, including purple, white, red and pink

Welcome to our new members!

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From the desk of Frank Stolk

Dear Membership:



I hope to find you all well and rested.

Yeah, it is that time of the year to slowly getting things ready again for our members.

I guess that some of you are eagerly waiting to hear that we are fully back in business.

The Rental department was able to get another group on the books, it is the Professional Singles Club of Edmonton. They have their activities in the Nordic Room once a month, altering Cribbage Tournaments and Darts Tournaments.

We had our hopes up that the wedding bookings would roar back up again but talking to a catering company, there is still a reluctance to have a big events for the foreseeable future.

We had to renew our Gas and Power contract, as it was due for renewal, and that was quite a shock to the system. Gas prices are up 3-fold and power is double from what we used to pay, so during the last 3 months I have shut the heating /cooling completely off, with the exception when there was a rental. Every little bit helps.

Now I'm working on renewing our insurance to see if we can get a better deal than we had last year. Let's hope we get a break somewhere.

We did receive the City of Edmonton Operating Grant again, \$ 9,200.00. 30% less that last year as it is based on your spending/income. And the moment it was in our account we had to fork it over to a contractor to repair a large sinkhole in our parking lot catch basin.

The good news is we are still in business and looking forward seeing you all again. When you see Rinske give her a big pat on the back because the flowers look fantastic again this season.

Frank



Klaverjas Club

By Piet Van Leeuwen

Attention all Klaverjas players:

On Tuesday September 13 at 11:00 AM we will have a klaverjas club meeting to discuss the future of our club and play a few games. We hope you can all make it and we invite new players to join us as well.

Piet



Card Makers

By Ria Bok - 780-472-2725

Welcome back to our bi-weekly card making. We will start again on September 24, followed by October 15 and 29 (we are skipping the thanksgiving weekend). I hope you all had a great summer and I look forward to getting together again with you. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Edith who lost her brother and her son. We are very sorry for your loss.

Ria



Sewing & Craft Circle

By Jenny Smits

We are planning to start our sewing again on Tuesday, September 13, from 10:30 until 3. I look forward to starting some new projects again and it will be nice to get into our fall/winter routine. If you would like to join us, come check us out.

Our condolences to Edith, we were very saddened to hear of your loss. You have our deepest sympathy.

Jenny



Stitch 'N Rip Knitting Club

By Edith Van Leeuwen

I Hope to see you all again on September 12, after the long weekend. I do hope everyone had a great summer. More in our next newsletter.

Edith



7 Choices of September Birthstone

What is the birthstone for September? As a matter of fact, it is more proper to ask, what are the birthstones for September? There are all in all seven birthstones of September, the ninth month of the year. What are these different September birthstones? Sapphire, Lapus Lazuli, Peridot, Sardonyx, Zircon, Moonstone, Agate.

SATURDAY SOCIALS

By Aris Smits - 780-920-7699 - smitsaris@gmail.com

We have a few plans for our Saturday socials, starting again on September 24. All events start around 1:00 pm

September 24, 2022 - CRIB afternoon - Everyone welcome. If you would like to learn how the game is played, we are there to show you.

October 15, 2022 - BINGO - Various prizes are up for grabs. Join us for an afternoon of fun.

October 29, 2022 - Cooking with Ria - Details in the next newsletter. We are sure Ria will come up with a delicious recipe for us to try hands-on.

We have snacks available from the Dutch kitchen and the bar will be open as well. Join us for socializing over a cup of (free) coffee or a drink.

Aris



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This and that to the Windmills

By Rinske TerHeide

Now that we are nearing the end of summer we are looking forward to the start of another season of social activities at the Dutch Canadian Club.

Our start up date will be after the Labour Day weekend on Thursday September 8th.



Here is a recap of the few events we enjoyed at the club just before the summer break:

- Thursday June 2; a representative from St. John's Ambulance gave us a very informational session on basic first aid as well as demonstrating how to use the defibrillator located at the club.
- Saturday June 11; during our Saturday social a few people came out wanting to learn to play crib and ended up playing a few fun cribbage card games.
- Thursday June 16th; we held our annual Windmill Windup Barbeque. Roel and Aris barbequed the steaks and the auxiliary ladies took care of the rest. As always a good time was had by all.



- Saturday June 25; It was a nice sunny day when we enjoyed a patio party at the club. Dick looked after the bar and there was lots of food available with Aris taking orders for kroketts, fries etc., as well as Jenny making up some beautiful looking cold plates. Thank you, Aris and Jenny, for organizing the Saturday socials over the past year.



I hope everyone enjoyed their summer during this long break away from the club and that everyone was able to stay cool during the warm weather we experienced in August.

On the news we see that the Netherlands and the rest of Europe have suffered quite the heat wave. We look forward to hear the stories from Ria Bok and Willie Korendyk who traveled there this summer. Roel and I stayed around while Roel enjoyed playing golf at the numerous beautiful golf courses we have right here in the Edmonton and surrounding area. We did however take a road trip in July, driving through

Saskatchewan all the way to Souris Manitoba. It was a whole new experience for us since we were always drawn to go to BC and the West coast but as we discovered, Canada has a lot more to offer. On the way to Manitoba we spend a night in Saskatoon enjoying a walk along the boulevard by the South Saskatchewan River as well as staying a night in Regina visiting the legislative grounds and the provincial museum. Souris is located about 50 km south-west of Brandon Manitoba. We decided to go there after some urging by the parents of our daughter-in-law to join them there. The parents live in Edmonton, but the family in Souris still run the farm where our daughter-in-law's mother grew up and whose family has a lot of history there. We visited the farm and enjoyed the sights while staying in the hotel in town. The town looks like what one would imagine a country village should look like, with lots of historic features, beautifully kept with lots of planters and places to sit and hang out. It also boasts to have the longest swinging pedestrian bridge in Canada. There is a large swimming pool surrounded by a campground where our son and his wife were camping, while their 3 kids took daily swimming lessons. Also one of the reasons a lot of people go there. The adults played golf daily and really enjoyed the very reasonable priced local golf courses in the area. We also happened to be there for their annual Peacock festival. The Peacocks are a tourist attraction with the birds roaming freely around town.



One afternoon we drove out to Riding Mountain National park where we rented a large pontoon boat and explored the waters of Clear Lake. On the way back through Saskatchewan we stayed a few nights in Moose Mountain National park enjoying the beach at Kenosee Lake and playing golf at the Kenosee golf course. We also made a stop in Moose Jaw where we visited the museum downtown. The guides put on a little act and took us through the underground tunnels where, allegedly once upon a time, Al Capone ran one of his bootlegging operations.

After spending a night in Swift Current and picking up some goodies at the Dutch bakery, we drove home with a few stops along the way.

The remainder of the summer we took trips to the acreage by Rocky Mountain House where our daughter and her family live and we would also hang out with the kids and grand kids while they were camping on the weekends at different Alberta campgrounds like Pigeon Lake, Gull Lake and Crimson Lake and our own lake lot by Wetaskiwin. It was also fun taking the 3 youngest grand children to the Edmonton Zoo, Fort Edmonton and the Space Science Centre seeing it fresh through their eyes.

These were my “summer adventures” and I look forward to hear about some of yours. Unfortunately some of you had to spent time in the hospital and visited health centres for various reasons but I hope everyone will bounce back and will be in reasonably good health again. Wishing you all “Beterschap”. It is the people that make the club, so take care and see you soon.



Rinske

WORLD CUP SOCCER 2022 - QATAR

This year World cup Soccer will be held in Qatar, starting November 20. The Dutch national team is in Group A together with Qatar, Ecuador and Senegal and the Canadian national team is in Group F playing against Belgium, Morocco and Croatia..

If there is enough interest, we will try to show the games at the club, maybe we could provide breakfast or lunch whichever the case may be.

The schedules for the Dutch and Canada games in the first round are:



Game 1

November 21 at 9:00 AM - Senegal vs Netherlands

November 23 at 12:00 PM - Belgium vs Canada

Game 2

November 25 at 9:00 AM - Netherlands vs Ecuador

November 27 at 9:00 AM - Croatia vs Canada

Game 3

November 29 at 8:00 AM - Netherlands vs Qatar

December 1 at 8:00 AM - Canada vs Morocco

NEDERLANDSE TOP 10

Source: 100% NL

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|----|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Tussen Jou En Mij | Willem en Jan |
| 2 | Multicolor | Son Mieux |
| 3 | Naar De Maan | Maan en de Jeugd van Tegenwoordig |
| 4 | Laat Me Los | S10 |
| 5 | Darte Un Beso | Rolf Sanchez |
| 6 | Somebody To Love | Marf |
| 7 | Automatisch | Flemming |
| 8 | Superman | ChefSpecial |
| 9 | Love Myself | Rondé |
| 10 | Dans M'n Ogen Dicht | Meau |



100%NL

Club activities:

In September our regular club activities are starting up again. We invite our members to participate in the activities of their choice, because it is your club and we want you to enjoy what is offered and get together with fellow-members.

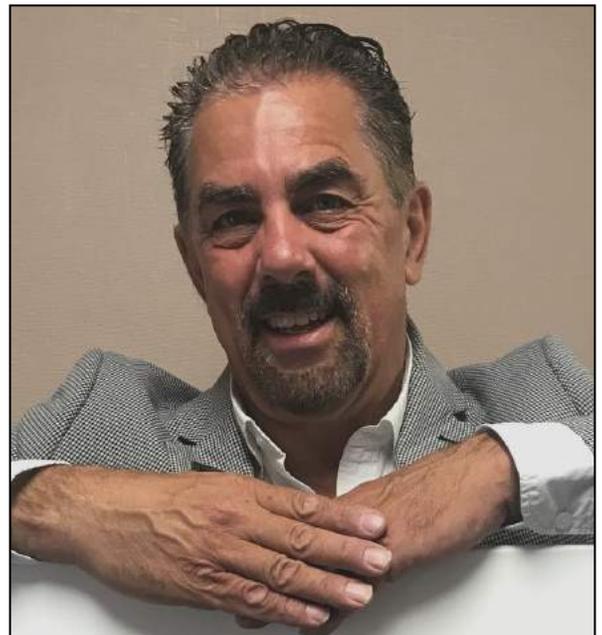
Fall schedule:

- **Mondays** from 12:00-3:00 -Stitch 'N Rip. If you enjoy knitting/crocheting/crafts come check us out. We start again on September 12.
- **Tuesdays** from 10:30-3:00 -Sewing and Craft Circle. Beginning September 13 we get together and make all kinds of different sewing and craft projects. Everyone welcome.
- **Tuesdays** from 11:00-3:00 - Klaverjas Club. For everyone who likes to play a few games of Klaverjas or would like to learn to play. New members are encouraged to join us.
- **Thursdays** from 12:00-5:00 -Windmills. Our Senior Drop-In afternoon. We always have a lunch available around 3:00 and you can play cards, billiards, crib, do puzzles or just socialize.
- **Fridays** from 7:00-11:00 -Evening social for our members of all ages. Dutch snacks are available and the bar will be open.
- **Saturdays** from 10:00-3:00 on alternate Saturdays a group of Card Makers meet to create some beautiful greeting cards. We start again on September 24. We will skip October 8 (thanksgiving).
- Also on those **Saturdays**, beginning September 24 from 1:00-4:00 we have lined up a variety of social activities, starting with an afternoon of Crib, followed by Bingo on October 15.

We hope there is something you would like to join and if you have ideas for different activities, please let us know and we will try to organize them.



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Happy Birthday to
Bert van der Werf
who celebrated his
98th birthday
on August 2, 2022



Happy Birthday to

Karola Bens,
who celebrated his
90th birthday
on July 11, 2022



Welcome September!

*May this month bring you
satisfaction, peace and joy.*

*May all the desires of your
heart be granted.*

*May this be the beginning of
new things in your life.*

*Stay strong, be positive and
fulfill your dreams*

Happy new month friends!



Happy Birthday to
Toni Kantelmann *who*
celebrates her
90th birthday
on September 15, 2022

We congratulate everyone who has celebrated a birthday or an anniversary. If you would like to share these or other special events with our members please email me at:
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or phone 780-975-7426 and I will include it on our member's page.

Jenny





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De Koninklijke Porceleyne Fles

From Wikipedia

The Koninklijke Porceleyne Fles N.V. (trading publicly as Royal Delft) is a Dutch manufacturer of Delft Blue earthenware, headquartered in Delft, the Netherlands. It is the only remaining factory out of 32 that were established in Delft during the 17th century. Today, the company has been active for over 360 years without interruption.



The Koninklijke Delftsche Aardewerfabriek [Royal Delft Pottery] "De Porceleyne Fles Anno 1653" N.V. (Royal Delft) is the leading producer of authentic Delft Blue ornamental earthenware and modern earthenware. The company is not only active as a knowledge centre for ceramics but also receives over 140,000 visitors annually from all over the world who come to view the traditional production process of Delft earthenware. The building located on the Rotterdamseweg houses the company museum, the factory, the showroom and the Brasserie. You can enjoy a guided tour around the impressive indoor garden and the exhibition rooms which give a good picture of their centuries-old history. You can also see the painters at work and follow the production process in the factory step by step. In the company museum you can admire antique pieces of Delft Blue. You will find a complete overview of the collection of hand-painted Delft Blue in their showroom, where you will also find an extensive assortment of Dutch earthenware and souvenirs.

You can enjoy a drink and a bite to eat in their conservatory as you recover from all the impressions and relax in their unique indoor garden. Guided tours for groups are available in Dutch, English, German and French (other languages such as Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Italian and Spanish are available on request). In addition to these guided tours there are also customised programmes for groups. And you could paint your own tile in Delft Blue during a unique painting workshop



During the Dutch Golden Age, the Dutch East India Company had a lively trade with the East and imported millions of pieces of Chinese porcelain in the early 17th century. Exotic blue-and-white designs from China were particularly prized by Dutch and European elites. The decline of the Ming Dynasty following the death of the Wanli Emperor negatively impacted Sino-Dutch trade, including earthenware, to the extent that Dutch merchants decided the only solution was to produce such objects locally.

One such manufacturer was David Anthonisz van der Pieth, who founded De Porceleyne Fles ("the Porcelain Bottle") in 1653. From then until the late 18th century, the company produced earthenware for clients around the Netherlands and Europe. Delftware ranged from simple household items – plain white earthenware with little or no decoration – to fancy artwork. Pictorial plates were made in abundance, illustrated with religious motifs, native Dutch scenes: windmills and fishing boats, hunting scenes, landscapes and seascapes. Competition from the European porcelain industry, was fierce but by 1840, De Porceleyne Fles was the last factory remaining, all other competitors having ceased operations.

In 1876, Joost Thoofst bought the factory with the aim to revive the production of Delftware. Together with Leo Senf, he worked to modernise operations and produce products that would be able to compete with European manufacturers. Thoofst developed the trademark that is applied to all hand-painted Royal Delft items. After Thoofst's death in 1890, owner Abel Labouchere helmed the company, overseeing the centralisation of production from dispersed locations around the city to the current factory location in 1916. In 1919, the Dutch royal house awarded the company the right to add the prefix Koninklijke (Royal) to its name, a sign of appreciation for the company's efforts to preserve an important Dutch industry. To this day, the company maintains a close relation with the Dutch Royal Family.

Uit het NL marine kookboek Jaren 30.

NASSI GORENG SINGAPORE

Nodig:

Kook per persoon 1 kopje rijst (meer mag ook),
2 grote fijngemaakte uien,
1 teentje fijngemaakte knoflook,
1 ons gepelde garnalen,
stukje trassie (garnalen pasta),
stukje fijngemaakte prei (1 kopje),
Wat fijngesneden selderie,
sambal,
3 geklutste eieren,
komkommer
ketjap.



Fruit in wat slaolie de trassie, knoflook en de ui, totdat deze begint te bruinen. Doe er dan de garnalen, de prei, de selderie en wat sambal (naar smaak) bij en kruid af. Als laatste de drooggekookte rijst en 1 eetlepel ketjap en meng alles goed door elkaar.

Op klein vuur zo'n 10 min. goed door laten bakken en goed roeren.

Bak intussen een omelet van de geklutste eieren (doe er wat zout en peper bij), rol de omelet op en snij er reepjes van. Garneer de warme nasi met de reepjes ei en gesneden schijfjes komkommer.

Geef er desnoods atjar (groenten in 't zuur), zoute vis en kroepoek bij. Saté erbij is ook erg lekker.

From the Dutch navy cookbook +/-1935

NASSI GORENG SINGAPORE



Ingredients:

Boil 1 cup of rice per person (or you can use more),
2 large chopped onions,
1 clove minced garlic,
1 ounce peeled shrimp,
piece of trassie (shrimp paste),
piece of chopped leek (1 cup),
Some finely chopped celery,
sambal,
3 beaten eggs,
cucumber
soy sauce.

Fry the trassie, garlic and onion in some salad oil until it starts to brown. Then add the shrimp, the leek, the celery and some sambal (to taste) and season. Finally add the cooked rice and 1 tablespoon soy sauce and mix everything well.

Fry for about 10 minutes on low heat, stirring well.

Meanwhile, bake an omelette of the beaten eggs (add some salt and pepper), roll up the omelette and cut into strips. Garnish the warm fried rice with the egg strips and sliced cucumber.

If necessary, add atjar (pickled vegetables), salty fish and prawn crackers. Satay is also very tasty to add.

Skûtsjesilen

by Rinske TerHeide

Skûtsjesilen is a top sailing event taking place in the province of Friesland in the Netherlands every summer. It has become a great tourist attraction with people able to watch the spectacle from shore or from the comfort of their own boats while the races take place in different locations on the lakes in Friesland. The races are very exciting to watch and draw tourist from all over and provide an exciting and lively atmosphere in the towns surrounding the competitions.

The crews of 14 traditional old freight ships compete in 11 races, over the span of 2 weeks in an effort to win the coveted champions pendant and the beautiful challenge trophy the “Sulveren skûtsje.” But it is also about the honour of a town, village or region.

These flat bottom boats were built at the beginning of the last century for transportation of peat, manure and other loads to the farms. For this purpose the boats had to be long and flat in order to sail in shallow waters. Traditionally the skipper lived on board along with his whole household and family. Having to compete and anticipate the demand and adapting to the weather conditions it was a struggle to make a living in this manner. To make some extra money a skipper could be persuaded by the local inn keeper, also looking for extra business, to enter in a race. Leaving his family and belongings on shore the skipper would compete with the skûtsjes of other regions. Thus the tradition of skûtsjesilen started and is the basis of the organization of the SKS (Sintrale Kommisje Skûtsjesilen).

The sailors have to abide by the rules and regulations that assure the competition is traditionally and historically authentic. The present skippers still descent from the ancient skipper families and together they want to preserve the tradition of sailing contests in these typical Frisian flat bottom boats.

This year the races were held from July 30 to August 12 with the skûtsje from Lemmer winning the event. The standings were as follows:

Lemmer, Grouw, Langweer, Heerenveen, Leeuwarden, Eernewoude, Huizum, Sneek, Joure, Drachten, another skûtsje from Drachten, Akrum, Stavoren and Woudsend.

For anyone who is interested, the event can be viewed on YouTube. The commentating is entirely in the Frisian language.



Note: As a child I spent a big part of my summer vacations in Sneek with my Pake and Beppe (grandparents) taking me boating through Friesland.

The boat from Sneek, the “Sneker Pan” ended up in 8th place this year.

Klondike Days

By Harold Bens, Edmonton, June 24, 2022

After almost three years absence due to Covid-19, Klondike Days (now called K-Days) are starting again with their 10-day exhibition in Edmonton Alberta. In recent years it has attracted between 700,000-800,000 visitors. Klondike Days was not just an exhibition but was celebrated all over Edmonton where Klondike music was heard everywhere, and people dressed up in their Klondike outfits, even going to work!

In the 80's we started a harmonica group called The Harmonika Rascals as part of the Dutch Canadian Club (DCC). We played at many places in Edmonton (see picture). Having enjoyed so many Klondike years I decided to learn more about the real legacy of the Klondike gold rush and started reading the different Wikipedia accounts of the era and this is what I found....

Klondike Days was originally named the Edmonton Exhibition from it's inception in 1879 until 1964 when it was renamed Klondike Days. The name change referred to the 1890 Klondike Gold Rush, several hundreds of miles to the Northwest of the city of Edmonton, which was a stopping point for Prospectors headed to the Yukon Territory on the "all Canadian Route". The Klondike Gold Rush was a migration by an estimated 100,000 Prospectors to the Klondike Region of the Yukon between 1896 - 1899. The first gold was discovered in 1896. When news of the gold discovery reached Seattle and San Francisco, it triggered a stampede of Prospectors. You can imagine how difficult it was at that time to reach the gold fields. Most Prospectors took the routes through Ports Dyea and Skagway, South/East of Alaska and followed the Chilkoot or White Pass trails and sailed down the Yukon River. The Canadian Authorities required each of the Prospectors to bring a year's supply of food. I don't know how that was possible, it must have weighed close to a ton! It's hard to imagine performing this task contending with the mountainous terrain and cold climate. Traveling to the gold fields took two years for the ones who persisted. Once they arrived they found few opportunities and many left disappointed.

You can imagine the boom towns that sprung up along the trails and Dawson City with a population of 30,000 people was founded in the summer of 1898. Dawson's houses were built of wood, isolated, unsanitary and the town suffered from fires, high prices and epidemics. Despite all this, the wealthiest Prospectors spent extravagantly, gambling and drinking in the saloons. This is where the real Klondike music was born with the piano player surrounded by singing Prospectors and girls! Sadly, the indigenous Han people suffered from the gold rush and were forcibly moved into a reserve were many died.

The end of the Harmonika Rascals came in 2008 and the Klondike gold rush ended in 1899 when gold was discovered in West Alaska.

THE HARMONIKA RASCALS

Top row from L to R; Hyska, Hess Nyenhuis, Floyd Barto, Henk Harks, George Boekholt, Mike Kay
Bottom row L to R; John Corregen, Benny Bens



September 2022

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