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## Newsletter February 2014.

### Greetings members,

After a very mild winter and settled spring the weather since Dec has not been settled with regular rainfall and some windy days as well. At least the threat of a another summer drought as experienced last year will have at least those with a farming background sleeping well at night .Most of you will have felt the big shake originating in the Wairarapa and with a number of aftershocks these have not kept us on edge. It makes me realise how much more those living in and around Christchurch have put up with many thousands of aftershocks and an ever extending damage to put right. Only recently have the last portaloos there been decommissioned.

With election year upon us all manner of antics have been started by the main parties as well as others trying to get not only our attention but our vote as well. Being election year we can look forward to be promised all manner of things.

On a more positive note let's take heart from the achievements of two of our up and coming teenage stars. Lydia Ko in the golfing world and Loyale with her achievement winning two Grammys. As I get this ready for posting the Black Caps are looking to take to India in the test series having dealt to them in ODI's, the Breakers are now looking to win enough to progress to the finals as are Phoenix. I hope results achieved so far are bringing a smile to your face.

### Member Functions:

The most recent member function was the Christmas lunch held at the Hotel coachman on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. I am pleased to say that the meal was enjoyed by those present and also that it gave me an opportunity to meet several members for the first time. In total 22 were present. A special note of appreciation to Michael and Jocelyn Craig who made the effort in travelling from Wanganui. Thanks also to the committee members who contacted those members that had not responded to the invitation. There was one member who made use of the offer of transport to the function.

### 2014 AGM:

The committee met at the end of Jan and the AGM is set for Sunday 2nd March at 3pm at 27a Alfred St, the home of the secretary. Allowing 90minutes for the meeting the meeting will be followed by a social time with afternoon tea and refreshments supplied by the society. Similar to last year many people commented that it made the occasion most enjoyable. For those with mobility issues there is good level access to my home from outside and with wheel chair access within the house.

**Notice of Motion:**

Members are advised of a “**Notice of Motion**” that will see an updated set of Rules for the Society discussed, approved and adopted at the AGM. These rules were drafted and circulated by the National Federation.

**Conference 2014:**

The National Conference will be held in Nelson 15-17<sup>th</sup> March. President John Byrnes will be attending as our delegate. An invitation is extended to any members who might wish to attend as observers. The society has made this opportunity available in the past and will cover the cost of accommodation, meals and travel. Registrations have to be completed by Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb so if you are at all interested please contact the secretary asap so that steps can be taken to give you the information available.

**Subscriptions for 2014 now due:**

While subscriptions for 2014 will be confirmed at the AGM there is no plan to increase these. \$5 for all amputee and able bodied members is very good value. This can be paid:

By posting to the Treasurer, Elaine Potbury 107 Roy St Palmerston North.

By internet banking to acc: 02 0719 0142317 000. Please use your name in the reference

By attending the AGM and handing \$5 to Elaine.

**Home and hospital visiting:**

This offer is still available by either the secretary or one of the committee members. Thanks to the members who noted that the secretaries phone number was a digit missing when trying to confirm attendance at the last function.

**Amputee Gathering in Wanganui:**

As secretary I am aware of a gathering planned for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wanganui East Club involving a number of amputees from the local area and maybe further afield. If you are interested in attending and want further information please contact the secretary and I will forward details once I receive them.

I trust this finds you well and in good spirits,

Regards

John Maher

