



# 41 Club New Zealand

**2013/2014 President**

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## President's report 2013/2014.

The strengthening of our relationship with Round Table New Zealand has been one of our key objectives during the past twelve months. Another objective has been to endeavour to improve the communication with our members at a national level. I can report that we have made some good progress with both of these objectives and hope that the incoming executive will develop these further during 2014/2015.

The friendship remains but our organisation is progressively disappearing. Our group has only one source of members- that of retiring round tablers, and therein lies the problem. Any future for 41 clubs in New Zealand rests with all of us, and the focus must clearly be on working with RTNZ to do two things-

- Help them to grow their membership.
- Move the older guys currently in Table into the 41 club network.

This year has seen us develop and begin to work on this, and to perhaps help to arrest the declining membership.

We have been working with the guys from Round Table New Zealand to further the relationship and improve and extend the links we have with Round Table here in New Zealand. Our focus here in Aotearoa was to initially establish closer links with our friends in RTNZ and then look at ways to work with them to help both our organisations. New Zealand was one of the first 41 National body's to begin with rebuilding closer links with Round Table, and this focus has now been duplicated on the international scene with moves by many clubs, to work together to address the many challenges faced, - particularly on securing and growing membership for both organisations.

This closer link with RTNZ and this combined convention cannot be one-off's, and I lay the challenge with all of you to "get in behind".... and make it work.

You all know that It's a pretty simple equation, and if we all don't work together on the membership issue – then we will see the end of not only our organisation here in NZ, but also sadly that of Round table.

Later on this year the half yearly meeting of 41 international is being held here in New Zealand and is being hosted by Blenheim 41. I understand that there are a good number of international 41ers travelling to New Zealand for the HYM and that these international guests will be joined by many of you.

This is probably the only time that New Zealand will host the international half yearly meeting and I'm sure many of you will want to experience international friendship right here at home in Godzone.

The team involved with arranging the HYM and the associated tours have done good work in getting this off the ground and putting New Zealand out in front of the 41 international network.

The future for 41 and for Round Table here in New Zealand is most certainly in your hands.

I acknowledge the support of a lot of people in our organisation that have assisted and helped me this year. I especially thank Judy my wife for all her help. Thanks to Grant Gibson and Mark Smith the National and Christchurch Club presidents respectively, from Round Table New Zealand. They both have actively supported the process of achieving closer bonds between both our organisations.

I wish the incoming president and executive a successful year for 2014/2015

Yours in 41  
Bruce Mayhew