



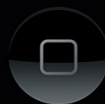
## Organising A District Activity

There is great benefit to be had by organising the opportunity for Freemasons of lodges in the District to come together for shared activities and fellowship. As well as often providing sufficient numbers for events it creates both opportunities for Freemasons around a District to get to meet each other and also to strengthen existing friendships. It will likely reinforce and promote visiting among lodges in the District. Involving wives/partners and/or non-masons can also add an extra dimension to any event.

All this requires a keen brother or brethren to step forward and arrange an event.

Successful District events include:

- Ten Pin Bowling Competition – Ideally hire out a section of the bowling centre so that mingling of participants can occur. Teams should consist of masons and non-masons in equally sized teams so as to best ensure games finish concurrently. Two games is about the right time.
- Clay Bird Shoot – Opportunity again for say teams of 3 or 4 to circulate around a series of bases. Perhaps do a round in the morning and one on the afternoon. Allow too for couples to share a round by shooting alternate bases.
- Car Rally – see separate tool.
- Snooker Tournament – A fun activity which requires a venue with several tables around which teams can alternate.
- Darts Night – Find a local RSA or Club with darts boards to host an event. Given the recent promotion of the sport on TV there is opportunity for each lodge to come dressed for the occasion!
- Lawn Bowls – Many Bowling Clubs are opening up their greens for social groups to give this sport a go.



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- Croquet – Don't overlook this activity. Like bowls your local Croquet Club could well be keen to assist in arranging a fun event.
- Golf – organising a day out on the course can be fun when shared in competition with other brethren. Encourage non-golfers to come along and caddie.
- Picnic – A great summer event, find a suitable recreational park with BBQ's where activities can be organised for family members such as backyard cricket etc. Petanque can be a fun challenge here too.
- Cycle Tour – Teams have previously completed in such events as the 'Taupo Cycle Challenge'. A District team is a good way to get involvement and support of a sponsored team.
- Whiskey Tasting Night – Find a purveyor of fine whiskeys to help host the night. Make arrangements to ensure participants get home safely.
- Wine Tasting – similar to whiskey except a variation for this one can be a blind tasting with wines disguised in paper bags and each table of participants guessing the wine types in a competition.
- Film Evening – A good way to involve a lot of people, especially during the winter. Arrange for drinks and nibbles beforehand. Could be arranged around a new release film or alternatively don't overlook some of the archival film facilities around the country which put on special screenings.

That's a selection – if you have another suggestion then email [mem.chair@freemasons.co.nz](mailto:mem.chair@freemasons.co.nz) and we can add it to the list.

