

HC Klein Zwitserland 2024 – Tournament Party

The Tournament Party took place at the Park of “Madurodam” on Thursday 27th June from 5 p.m. and what a splendid venue it proved to be!

Drinks were available on arrival at several locations and the ticket price included three free drinks. Dinner, which was a traditional Indonesian buffet with a good choice of dishes, was offered in 2 sittings in comfortable surroundings to accommodate the numbers.

While one sitting enjoyed their food and good company, the other group had the opportunity to wander round and explore the “streets” of the miniature “city” in the park which consisted of many beautiful replicas of historic landmarks in the Netherlands, including special buildings and squares, windmills and ferries. Some exhibits were mobile such as boats on the river, others interactive offering opportunity to operate locks and dykes, and others provided small mementos. Small-leaved trees and bushes, kept to a maximum height of 60cm, completed the overall effect.

One building in the park housed exhibits which brought the art of Dutch masters to life, with the opportunity to become immersed in the colourful world of Vincent van Gogh, Piet Mondrian, Johannes Vermeer, Judith Leyster and Rembrandt van Rijn. You could even have your photo taken and transformed into a portrait as portrayed by one of the masters of your choosing!

An attraction which proved to be very popular was sitting in the Flying Dutchman to experience a flight simulation over the Netherlands - during day and night. Some guests at the event were so taken with the experience that they repeated it three times!

After dinner came the time to rock to the tunes of “The Clarks”, reputedly (and now decidedly) the best Rolling Stones cover band in The Netherlands, with the four talented band members easily qualifying as Grand Masters. And rock we did with some of us spending the night on the dance floor till the last encore!

A great evening alongside a great tournament. Thank you HC Klein Zwitserland.

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