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# Club Garibaldi News

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## Note from the President



Welcome to our final newsletter of the year.

This month we report on the wonderful football weekend in Nelson, our hugely successful Children's' and Seniors' Christmas parties, and we advise of some upcoming events in 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with our events this year and wish you all a

Buon Natale and a Felice Anno Nuovo 2023! If you are travelling away, have a safe trip and relaxing time away.

Catch up in the New Year!

Ciao for now

*Linda De Gregorio*



## **Aldo Cuccurullo Trophy Football Match – 5 November 2022**

On 5 November approximately 40 of us players and supporters headed down to Nelson for the annual football game against Club Italia.

As usual this was a great weekend away, and although Wellington lost, it certainly didn't spoil the events that took place at the Clubrooms later that evening. We would like to thank Francis Miccio and Club Italia members for making us welcome, and for the fantastic feast they provided for us, and look forward to hosting them in Wellington next year.

This year Club Garibaldi invested in a new Football kit for our team which reflect Italy's national team and the Wellington colours (Blue and Gold). Thanks to Tony Moreno who initiated and implemented this.

## **Time In The Sun For Club Italia – by David Da Vanzo**

Club Garibaldi travelled to Nelson for the annual Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy football clash.

Nelson turned on a warm, sunny day as usual, and we took the field resplendent in the new Club Garibaldi strip; a stunning blue, black and yellow Azzurri-cum-Wellington ensemble wonderfully created by Tony Moreno. Club Italia had not held the Trophy since 2017, and they began strongly, clearly determined to reclaim the Cup. They maintained possession and territory, and try as we might, we struggled to get the ball out of our half.



While Club Italia were dominating, they were not creating clear-cut chances. The weight of their dominance eventually told though, when they scored a rather fortuitous goal, which appeared to come from an obvious handball that went unnoticed by the referee. We went into the break 0-1 down, but believed we were more than capable of coming back into things and winning the game.

Club Italia had other ideas, though, and doubled their lead somewhat against the run of play, when a free-kick was cleverly steered into the net with a header. The second Club Italia goal took the wind out of our sails for a time, and our spirits further deflated when Club Italia added a third goal, with a well-placed header from a corner.

Being 0-3 down, we knew we had to throw caution to the wind, and unfortunately, this led to a fourth Club Italia goal, which came from a fast counterattack. Down 0-4, all hope seemed lost, but the Club Garibaldi spirit is never beaten, and we then enjoyed our best period of the game, launching several attacks on the



Club Italia goal. Our wave of attacks led to two majestic goals, one to perennial goal-scorer, Damian Hannah, and the other to the fleet-footed, Gianni Di Leva. We could have scored even more goals in this purple-patch, if not for the Club Italia player-of-the-day keeper, Dino Hill, who pulled off some tremendous saves at point-blank range, and prevented a complete come-back.

The game finished 4-2 to Club Italia. A well-deserved victory, having dominated the first half, and having shown great heart in repelling our spirited fight-back. Club Italia put on a sumptuous dinner back at their headquarters as usual, and we all had a wonderful evening.

Thank you to Linda De Gregorio for all her support and encouragement, to the players for making it happen, and to the supporters! We greatly look forward to hosting Club Italia in Wellington next year.

## Children's Christmas Party

Our juniors enjoyed a lovely day at the club on Sunday 27 November. The arts and crafts table proved to be popular as children created Christmas decorations to hang on their trees. Nigel the Magician brought along his magic and wowed the children and adults! We all enjoyed lunch and of course the moment we all waited for – Santa's visit with lots of presents.

Thanks to the Social Committee who put on a wonderful day – we had great reports from the families and a dozen or so very tired children went home for a well-deserved sleep.









## Senior's Lunch

Thanks to Alfonso and the social committee who provided our Senior club members with a lovely 3-course Christmas lunch on Sunday 4 December. Antipasto was served, followed by a Christmas Ham and salad and dessert. Coffee and tea with cake topped it off. We also thank Alexandra Basile who provided entertainment for us. Everyone enjoyed the day.











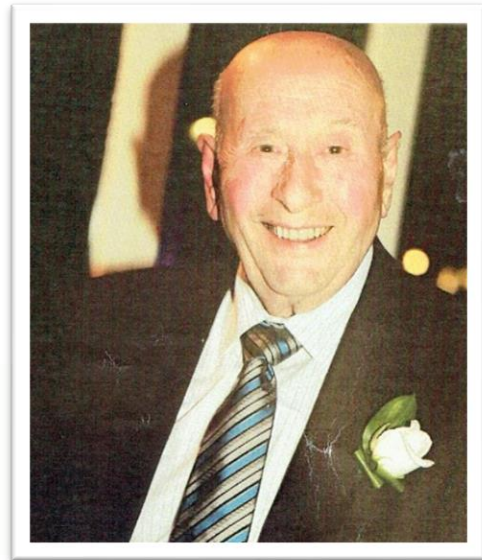
## Condolences

We wish to extend deep condolences to Rosalia Amitrano and family of Island Bay on the recent death of Camillo. Camillo was one of our oldest Members and passed away peacefully at the grand old age of 97 years.

He worked in his garden (which was his "Happy Place"), right till the end.

RIP Camillo.

Condolences also go out to Vic and Merlyn Criscillo & Sal and Erin Criscillo on the death of their brother Benny (Island Bay).  
RIP Benny



## Club Picnic – 2023 – Sunday 1 March – Days Bay, Eastbourne

Please note we have had to change the date for our picnic next year.

The reason is that there will be two big music concerts in Eastbourne on the dates we had planned, and we envisage that traffic getting in and out of Eastbourne and trying to find a park will be diabolical. So, the new date is now Sunday 1 March 2023, and it will be at our new venue of Days Bay Park in Eastbourne. We will give directions in next newsletter.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Carina Toscano, granddaughter of Salve and Diane Toscano, who was made Dux of Paraparaumu College.

Carina came first place in all her subjects and received a Cup in each subject. She was also awarded a scholarship to study physics at Canterbury University.

Wow, what a great achievement! Well done Carina and all the best for your future studies.

## Circolo Italian Lessons for Adults

If you wish to learn the Italian language or just simply brush up on your Italian, the Circolo offers lessons for adults commencing in 2023.

There are 30 lessons in total lasting fifty-five minutes held on Monday or Wednesday nights, with different levels from Beginners to Advanced.

The early bird enrolment fee for the 30 classes is: **1 Nov - 10 Jan \$285. 11 Jan onwards \$300.**

For further information and enrolments, please visit the Circolo website [Circolo Italiano di Wellington](http://Circolo Italiano di Wellington)

## Dates for your diary

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Sunday 1 March 2023

Club Picnic

More to come in 2023 !