



Club Garibaldi News

NOVEMBER 2010

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



On behalf of the club's members I would like to congratulate Club Italia Nelson's soccer team, who won the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy from Club Garibaldi's team at Labour weekend. At the final whistle the score was even: 3-3. It was decided to hold a penalty shoot out which Club Italia won 5-4. It was a hard fought game and both teams played well under a lot of pressure. It is the first time after five years, that the trophy has gone south ... see article about the game further on.

We are very fortunate to have the Nuncio, Archbishop Balvo and Don Marinko celebrate Holy Mass in our mother tongue for us in Island Bay on the first Sunday of each month. I would love more of our members to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. You can bring your parents, your Nonna and Nonno, if they are still with us, along with your own children or grandchildren. For the elderly it will bring back nostalgic memories to when they were living in Italy, and for the young it would be a refreshing new experience. For those who are not fluent in Italian you may be pleasantly surprised to find that you can actually understand more than you realise or may have forgotten over the years, yet it is still stored in your memory bank from happy childhood days. I look forward to seeing you at the next Mass in December and in the following months to come. A good idea to make this a New Year' Resolution!

As there is a lot going on at the club in the next few weeks leading up to Christmas, I suggest you check the 'Dates for your Diary' section and mark them on your calendars.

Ciao a presto,
Ginette Toscano Page

CHRISTMAS SENIOR LUNCHEON

This year's Christmas senior luncheon date has been set for **Saturday, 27 November**, with the meal to be served between 12.15 and 12.30 pm. It would be appreciated if everybody were at the clubrooms and seated by around 11.45 am. This invitation is extended to all senior members aged 60 years or over. If you are a couple, both people must be members. For those who plan to come, it is important you confirm your attendance by **Monday, 22 November**. Please ring Maria Colucci.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held on **Saturday, 4 December** at the clubrooms, and will be from 11.30am until 2.30pm. Once again, Father Christmas will be visiting ~ please ensure that your child/children have a wrapped gift with their name on it, for Santa's bag. The value of the gift should be no more than \$15.00 each. This function is for members' children only. Please confirm attendance by **Wednesday, 1st December** to: Maria Colucci Tel: 383 8476.

SHARING NEWS

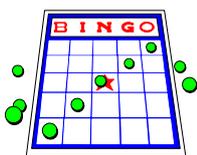
We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members. Our contact details are: Ginette or Robin.

ANNUAL BUS TRIP – 2011



Next year's annual bus trip dates have been set for **8th, 9th, 10th** and returning on **11 February 2011** ~ destination Hamilton. This is always a great trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who go on it. If you are interested in coming contact (evenings) Maria Colucci, or Salvi and Josephine Gaeta as soon as possible. Please remember that priority is given to club members until the end of November after which it will be open to members' friends.

TOMBOLA NIGHT



The last Tombola night for 2010 will be Tuesday, 23 November, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to the following new member: Anthony Dapas of Karori, Wellington.

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

- Maria, Gina, Pia, Tony, Lisa and Simone Canderle of Levin, on the recent passing of their husband and father, Bruno Canderle. Bruno was also the brother-in-law and uncle of Anna, Giorgio and Carolyn Canderle.
- Sophia Cooper, the Club's barperson, on the recent passing of her grandfather.

A BIT OF TRIVIA



'Lion hunt' near Bologna - Latest of string of sightings across Italy

ANSA - Bologna, 7 October 2010

A big cat hunt has been launched in the hills near Bologna after a truck driver said he saw "a young lion" Thursday morning. Police said the animal "may in fact be a puma that was reported further north, near Ferrara, a week ago". A circus in the Bologna area has reported no big cats missing. In August police and wildlife experts spent two weeks looking for a tiger near Florence after several reported sightings. No animal was caught. There have been several reports of panther sightings in recent years in various parts of Italy, ranging from Sicily to Umbria. Italian animal lovers often buy exotic pets which they let loose when they get too big.

ITALIAN DVD'S

To celebrate the recent launch of the Embassy Theatre's 2010 season of Sunday Classic Films, the Embassy are selling a range of Italian DVD's including titles such as *Ladri Biciclette*, *8 1/2*, *Casanova*, *La Dolce Vita*, *Open City*, *Mid-August Lunch* and the *Sicilian Girl*. If you are interested in purchasing any of these DVD's please contact the Manager of Embassy Theatre, Damianos George, directly.

TROPHY FLIES SOUTH FOR SUMMER!

By David Da Vanzo



One minute silence in memory of Aldo Cuccurullo before start of soccer match

The annual Aldo Cuccurullo Cup football match was played out over Labour weekend in Wellington. The venue for the game was Te Whaea park, the new artificial pitch by the Wellington Show Buildings, and proved to be a wonderful surface on which to play a game of football. The game started at a high tempo, with both sides looking to attack in the knowledge that a drawn result would lead to a penalty shoot-out (thanks to a foolish change in the rules initiated by the writer after last year's game!).

Club Italia opened the scoring with a nicely placed lob over our keeper. While there was no panic in Club Garibaldi ranks, there was a noticeable lift in urgency, and our increased efforts led to a wonderful, headed equalizing goal from Paul Scoringe. We dominated proceedings for a time after the goal, and were rewarded with another goal before halftime, when a neat interchange in the Club Italia goal-box between Tom Kelly and Luciano Colucci, led to a brilliantly taken goal by Luciano Colucci.

The second half carried on in the same vein as the first, with both sides playing with speed and purpose. It was apparent that Club Italia were not going to lose without a fight, and they pushed forward in search of a levelling goal. The equaliser eventually came, when Joe Lupi pounced onto a through ball, and thundered the ball into the far corner with the outside of his boot.

With the game level at two-all, a penalty shootout beckoned, and despite the best efforts of both sides to force a result in normal time, a penalty shootout duly eventuated. Both sides proceeded to convert their penalties with composure and decisiveness, until the Club Italia keeper made a good save to repel one of our kicks. The task of winning the shootout then fell on P.J. Lupi, who buried it with aplomb, and sent the Club Italia players and supporters into raptures, as Club Italia had reclaimed the Cup after 5 years of unsuccessful challenges.

A wonderful dinner followed the game at the Garibaldi Club, and both sides celebrated what had been an epic clash. A big thank you to Maria Colucci for all her work in making the weekend run so smoothly, and to Club Garibaldi for generously supporting the event.

We may have lost the Cup this year, but as Club Garibaldi President, Ginette Page, so humorously put it, "it was Club Italia's turn to polish it anyway!"

CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Planning for the 2011 children's language classes is well under way. There are 2 places left in the beginners class. If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2011, and your child's name is not already on the waiting list, please contact Sira Ballara.



BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chiara Giovanazzi and Alex Palman of Karori, Wellington, on the safe arrival of their son, Leonardo Andrew Palman.

ITALIAN NAMING TRADITIONS

By Ginette Toscano Page

This is the traditional pattern for naming children in Italy:

The first son is named after the father's father.

The second son is named after the mother's father.

The first daughter is named after the father's mother.

The second daughter is named after the mother's mother.

This was custom and tradition not law, so it varied. However, most couples if they knew who their parents were and were on good terms with them, stuck to this tradition especially in Southern Italy. People are individuals so you will find couples who were very respectful of their Italian tradition yet still felt compelled to exercise their own free will. Therefore, you will find families that follow no specific pattern in naming their children, sometimes naming the children after the patron saint of the day, patron saint of the town, or since the arrival of television in the 1950's, they are often named after a popular celebrity or star in television programmes - whatever they feel right to do at the time.

There are a few standard variations. If the first born or second born child (one given the paternal or maternal grandparent's name) died as an infant or young child, the name of the deceased baby or child was often given to the next newborn. Another naming variation is that if the first born is a girl, some parents, wanting to show respect and love for the paternal grandfather (and also for good luck) gave the girl a female variation of her paternal grandfather's name such as: Angela for Angelo, Antonia/Antonio, Benedetta/Benedetto, Carla/Carlo, and Donata/Donato. Other children are frequently named for Patron Saints or relatives. Almost all Italian Catholic children have a saint's name in their personal litany of given names. Many children in Italy are given more than one middle name and some children are given many names at birth to make all the relatives and saints happy!

The tradition is still practiced in many places especially in the smaller towns where traditions have not been disregarded. Nicknames are derived from a personal characteristic of the individual and a person is known by his or her nickname throughout life. In addition, entire families have nicknames too, but that is another story!

A BIT OF HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

The Italian Pasta Diet – It really works!

1. You walk pasta da bakery
2. You walk pasta da chocolate store
3. You walk pasta da ice cream shop
4. You walk pasta da table and fridge

You will lose weight!

ITALIAN MASS

On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 175 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see more members and their families attend, as we are very fortunate to have this opportunity in New Zealand. If you can help with a reading or the offertory, please contact Ida Basile. The Mass is celebrated by either His Excellency Archbishop Balvo or Reverend Marinko Antolovic from the Apostolic Nunciature. **The next Mass will be on 5 December.**

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Enjoy a tour of the interior of St Peter's Basilica in Rome just by sitting at your computer desk!

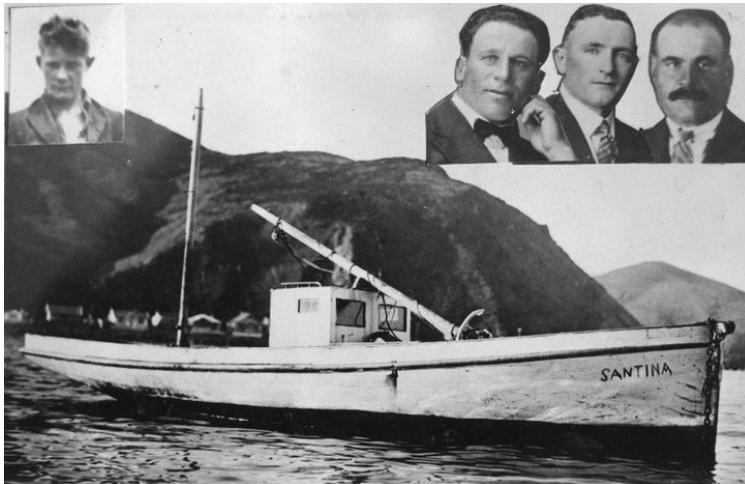
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REMEMBERING THE SANTINA – FAMILY REACHES OUT

Article courtesy of Agnes Ginestet, Reporter, Citylife-Cook Strait News



FISHERMAN'S DESCENDANTS: Mattia Amitrano holds a picture of fishermen among whom his dad Gennaro, on the right side of the dinghy, disappeared at sea after leaving Island Bay on the Santina in 1933. Pictured with him are his wife Emma Amitrano (left), and daughters Annalisa (second from left) and Ida (right).



THE SANTINA AND ITS CREW: From left to right: Ronald Alley, Gennaro Amitrano, Paolo Panozzo and Vincenzo Costa.

November 5 will mark 59 years since Mattia Amitrano left Italy for Island Bay. Eighteen years earlier, his father Gennaro had disappeared at sea on September 25, 1933. He was one of the four crew who left Island Bay on the Santina, a fishing launch whose wreckage was found after its engine broke down in a southerly storm.

Today, Mattia's family members, including wife Emma, and daughters Annalisa Devitt and Ida Di Leva, are seeking the relatives of the crew, as they pursue an application to set up a memorial chair by the old bait house, now the Marine Education Centre.

They are currently waiting for the city council's decision.

"The whole thing is to find relations of the three crew: Vincenzo Costa, Paolo Panozzo and Ronald Alley. The idea is for families of these three people to come forward if they want to be involved with setting up this memorial ... We thought of doing it because there has never been any plot of any kind to commemorate. There is no grave or anything. It is some where for the next generation to visit and to know the history of what happened." says Annalisa, of Grenada Village.

The Amitrano family expects the chair to be unveiled in February 2011 at the Blessing of the Boats, the annual ritual which takes place during the Island Bay Festival and was started after the Santina's crew disappeared to protect other boat crews from the sea.

The Santina's story is also quite a big part of Island Bay's history, and many people know about it, they say.

Gennaro left Italy to work as a fisherman in Island Bay in 1925. Most Italian fishermen used to bring their families along with them, but his wife Giuseppina didn't want to come to New Zealand.

So Gennaro left behind his three children, and Giuseppina, who was pregnant with Mattia at the time. "When he died, dad was seven. He never met his father," says Annalisa.

Giuseppina only was informed of her husband's death through a letter she received 40 days later.

One of Mattia's sisters came to Wellington to settle down afterwards, and asked him to come over in 1951. So like his father, Mattia became a fisherman in Island Bay. He went back to Italy in 1957 where he married Emma, and they came back soon after. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

Mattia's sister Rosalia who passed away had three children and seven grandchildren, his sister Anna who lives in Italy has three children and five grandchildren, and his brother Salvatore who passed away had a son.



SEA FUNERAL: Flotilla of fishing boats setting out to sea from Island Bay, for the funerals of four fishermen who were lost on the Santina in 1933. *Photo: Museum of Wellington City & Sea.*

More info:

If you are a descendant of one of the Santina crew or if you remember attending the funeral or have any information, you can call Annalisa.

GUGLIELMO AND ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD



Congratulations to Giancarlo Cuccurullo, son of Gino and Caterina Cuccurullo of Island Bay, who is the 2010 recipient of the Melhop Trust Study Award.

Giancarlo has just completed one year at Victoria University, Wellington, in Law and Commerce and plans to continue his studies next year at Otago University studying for a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration, majoring in Accounting and Management.

MOUNT STREET CEMETERY BLESSING SERVICE

by Nina Cuccurullo



Photos: The headstone and grave of Salvatore Cimino and family and the blessing ceremony at the Cemetery.

On 31 October about 200 people gathered at the Mount Street Cemetery to attend a service of blessing and remembrance led by Archbishop John Dew to commemorate the 170th anniversary of the cemetery's consecration. The following is a prayer which was read out by Donato Scioscioli, Second Secretary from the Italian Embassy, which was translated by Marco Sonzogni from the Italian Programme at Victoria university. Other prayers were read in Maori, French, Polish and English.

"Per tutte le persone che abitano in questa città: rafforza, O Signore, il nostro senso di comunità; aiutaci a rispettare tutte le culture e gli stili di vita che formano il tessuto sociale in cui viviamo; liberaci da ogni forma di pregiudizio; aiutaci ad essere sempre compassionevoli con il prossimo e a non giudicare mai nessuno. Ascoltaci, O Signore."

"For the people of this city: strengthen our sense of community; help us to respect the great diversity of cultures and life-styles that form the fabric of social life; free us from prejudice; help us to place compassion before judgment in every situation. Lord hear us."

Mount Street Cemetery was Wellington's main Catholic cemetery until 1891, although burials in existing family plots continued until 1954. The Friends of the Mount Street Cemetery committee have organised working bees to restore the overgrown cemetery. About 200 headstones survive, but it is estimated there could be as many as 800 graves. An initial burial list has been completed and can be viewed online at mountstreetcemetery.org

As mentioned in the March newsletter earlier this year some initial tidying up work has been done in the Cemetery and some graves of Italian pioneer families in Wellington have been located. The following families have had family members buried at Mount Street: Biancini, Cenci, Cimino, Corrado, Rosetta Lulah Kane, Livorno, Joseph Brennan Ligouri McDonald, Vitali-Innocenti, and Matteo Tanzabel.

The committee would be interested to hear from anyone who may be a descendant of these families or know any information about these families in Wellington, or have information about others who may have been buried in the Cemetery. Please contact Karen or Nina Cuccurullo if you have any information to offer.

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' - 29th and 30th October

It was standing room only for the 34th Benefit Concert in the series as audiences were treated to an array of talent rarely seen on the Garibaldi stage all at one time. Out of town featured performers included Tim Beveridge, NZ Aria winner Julia Booth and Naomi Ferguson. On the local scene, several leads from the stage musical Miss Saigon (including Miss Saigon herself, Ivy Rose Padilla) reprised songs and a dance from the show. A five piece band backed a 1950's tribute mega-mix in song and dance and lead singer Waylon Edwards and company showed just why Poppydust won the supreme Battle of the Bands award in Auckland earlier this year with his version of American Dream. A Sunday matinee of the show was held at Old St Paul's on Sunday 31st October.

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' continued



Elitsa Kappatos and Giuseppe Garibaldi!



Ivy Rose Padilla and Chris Crowe

The generous financial sponsorship of Franco and Audrey Pol and Rotary District 9940 is acknowledged without whose assistance an event on this scale would not have been possible. A night to remember!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Sunday (3.00pm–8.00pm)

Club Day

Tuesday 23 November (7:30pm)

Tombola

Saturday 27 November (11.30am)

Christmas Senior Luncheon

Saturday 4 December (11.30am–2.30pm)

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 5 December (11.30am)

Italian Mass

8–11 February 2011

Annual Club Bus Trip