



# Club Garibaldi News

NOVEMBER 2012

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Since the month of November has two special days for Italians in Italy, I felt it was appropriate to make mention of them in this month's newsletter.

As most know, Italian holidays, festivals and feast days reflect Italian culture, history and religious practices. Traditionally, in November there are two religious feasts – 1<sup>st</sup> November, **Ognissanti** (All Saints Day), and on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, **il Giorno dei Morti** (Day of the Dead). Generally, Italians celebrate these two holidays together, both in association with the autumn harvest, which is reflected in the traditions of the day.

**Ognissanti (All Saints Day).** The origins of this feast date back to ancient times. On 1<sup>st</sup> June 1949, the Italian Constitution listed the day of Ognissanti as a public holiday. This day honours all Saints of the church, even those not known by name. Wheat is one of the symbols of All Saints Day.

**Il Giorno dei Morti (Day of the Dead).** This feast can be considered a direct consequence of the celebration of All Saints Day. This day represents an important feast honouring the dead and keeping their beloved memory alive, first by attending Mass then visiting the cemetery to decorate the graves of the dead with flowers, often chrysanthemums, and candles. It is also a time to reflect on those who have passed, especially loved ones and friends. In spite of the day's sombre moniker, it is not entirely a period of gloom; for like all other Italian feste, each region has its own traditional foods and customs, which are enjoyed by all.

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: VISIT TO CLUB GARIBALDI OF GROUP FROM ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI DI BRERA, MILANO

As in November 2007, we once again welcome 44 graduate students and 4 faculty staff from the Brera Academy of Fine Arts in Milan, who are touring New Zealand for three weeks from 14 November. Brera is Italy's oldest film school, within a historic arts academy founded in 1776. Located in the historic heart of Milan, it is a few minutes walk from La Scala opera house and Il Duomo cathedral. Classrooms and workshops

share a centuries old palace with a fine art gallery, an astronomical observatory (where Galileo once worked), and other public attractions.

Each year graduate students in film have the opportunity to visit another country and study its film history. New Zealand's fame through the films of Peter Jackson drew them here five years ago. These young artists are keen to meet NZ professionals in film, theatre and television, to learn more about their operations and innovations, and to experience our country's unique indigenous culture and natural marvels as well.

Join us on the evening of **Wednesday, 28 November**, to welcome these visitors to Club Garibaldi and learn about their recent adventures in our middle-earth! The Club will host a buffet dinner – 7.30pm arrival for an 8.00pm start. Entry is free, however, please bring a generous/large plate of dessert or dolci. Let's demonstrate what a convivial club we are to visitors from Italy and ensure they have the same great time their predecessors enjoyed five years ago. The club will provide juice, coffee and tea. As attendance is limited, it is important that you register your name/s by contacting Josephine Van der Donk by **Saturday, 24 November**.

## **CLOSE DOESN'T QUITE CUP IT**

*By David Da Vanzo*

The Club Garibaldi football team travelled down to Nelson this year to take on Club Italia in the annual Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy match. We had a good blend of youth and experience in the side, but were without our evergreen maestro, Paul Muollo, who was unavailable due to overseas travel. The players in this year's club team were: George Aranyi, Luciano Colucci, Adam Costa, Giancarlo Cuccurullo, David Da Vanzo (captain), Michael De Gregorio, Peter Elenio, Rory Gilmoni, Damian Hannah, Tom Kelly, Nicola Lippolis, Bernard Muollo, Carlo Petagna and Anthony Volpicelli.

Nelson, as usual, put on a gloriously-fine afternoon for the game, which was great for players and spectators alike. Club Italia started brightly, and opened the scoring with a nice goal from Joe Lupi. We were a bit shell-shocked by this, and in an effort to shut down a subsequent attack down, left Joe Lupi unmarked, and he made it 2 goals for him, and 2 for Club Italia.

The second goal spurred us into action, and we bounced back with a wonderfully-worked goal from Damian Hannah, who, remarkably, seems to score every year without fail in these Cup games. We had to contend with some disruption in our line-up, caused by a swollen-eye injury to Luciano Colucci, which meant he had to leave the field for attention quite a bit. Club Italia added a third goal before half-time, after Joe Lupi's brother, Paul, was brought down in the box. The Club Italia captain, George Molnar, made no mistake with the resulting penalty, and half-time arrived with the hosts leading 3 goals to 1. We began to assert ourselves far more prominently in the second half, and the pressure paid off, when debutante player, Nicola Lippolis, steered the ball nicely into the net to bring us within a goal of drawing level. We felt we had momentum at this point, and just when we started to think an equalizer was on the cards, Club Italia benefited from a sequence resembling human pin-ball, which led to an opening for Raffaele Darroch, who made no mistake in re-establishing Club Italia's two-goal lead.

We almost pulled a goal back immediately, but what would have been a second goal to Nicola Lippolis, was disallowed for offside. With 8 minutes to go, Damian Hannah was brought down in the Club Italia box, and Tom Kelly slammed home the penalty that ensued. At 3-4 down, we threw caution to the little wind there was, and went all-out in search of an equalizer. We went close, but alas, close couldn't quite "Cup it" this year!

As always, Club Italia were wonderful hosts, and put on a delightful dinner for us back at their club rooms. Tanti grazie to Club Garibaldi for their support, especially to Paul Elenio, Robin Page and Maria Colucci for all their time and energy behind the scenes in organizing things. We look forward to hosting Club Italia next year.

### **Club Garibaldi 2012 Team**



### **WELL DONE, MATTHEW DI LEVA!**



Earlier this year we advised that Matthew, son of Maria and Joe Di Leva of Island Bay, had been selected to represent Wellington in the Special Olympics Trans-Tasman Tournament in Cairns, Australia, in early October 2012. The tournament was a huge success with over 300 athletes competing from four countries. Maria, Joe, and brother Christopher travelled from Wellington to join another brother, Damian, from Brisbane, to be there and to support Matthew.

It is pleasing to let you know that Matthew did extremely well. As well as been given the honour of torch-bearer for the Wellington team, Matthew won a gold medal in the 400m sprint and a silver medal in the 200m sprint. Because of his great achievements, Matthew was named a finalist in the College Sport Wellington Awards in the athletes with a disability category, where he made it to the final three.

Congratulations and well done Matthew, from all the members of Club Garibaldi, on your great success.

### **FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES**

*By Ginette Toscano Page*

#### ***Stormy cook strait – most dangerous in world – Italian fisherman's view Auckland Star – 1 February 1935***

After fishing for 30 years, an old Italian, one of the community at Island Bay, Wellington, says that Cook Strait is the most dangerous fishing ground in the world. 'It give-a me many frights' he said with a chuckle 'It turna the whiskers white!' It is the winds of the Strait that constitute their baffling qualities and the meteorological forecast does not help the fishermen much. They have gone out on many a fine morning and come back in a gale. Sometimes their derelict launch has been towed back by another vessel. Only a few years ago four men lost their lives in such a storm as this. Only one and a half miles from the Island Bay haven a launch has spent hours struggling to make its way back to the narrow rocky passage leading to safety. Often they have thought they would never come back. Huge seas have swamped their insignificant little craft and headway against the sweeping winds has seem impossible. A storm may loom up at any time from any direction. Some of these fishermen have had experience of other parts of New Zealand. They like Napier best, but Cook Strait has no good word from them. The Scottish fishermen say that it is worse than the North Sea!



## "A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI" – TRE-BELLE BENEFIT CONCERT

Advance notice is given of the next Benefit evenings, which will be held in the clubrooms on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th April 2013. Ticket price is \$35 (includes light supper). Preferential booking to GCBS concert regulars until 30th November. Phone bookings to: Rex Da Vanzo.

## CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES 2013

I wish to invite all those beautiful Italian children within the Club Garibaldi family to come and learn the Italian language!! Ideally the children should start learning when they are 5 or 6 and have started to write. The classes are 1 hour long and held on Tuesdays during the New Zealand primary school terms. An indication of any interest would be appreciated so planning can get underway for Term 1. If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2013, please contact me, Carmela Massa.

Carmela Massa, Children's Language Classes Co-ordinator

## CARTOLINA – ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMME



### 5 December:

Water in Rome has been a source of inspiration for Denis Walker's studies and writing in Rome. He's published an online book: "The Memory of Water. Writing in Rome, Writing Home, A Journal", freely available from: [www.deniswalker.net](http://www.deniswalker.net), along with other of his works. In this programme Denis

describes his aquatic adventures, and the strands of items that make his e-book. We play parts of Ottorino Respighi's symphonic poem 'Le Fontane di Roma'.

### 19 December:

In this follow-up programme Denis Walker delves into details of the Roman fountains, from the ubiquitous *nasoni* to the most theatrical Baroque *mostre d'acqua*. We play Roman songs.

All programmes are available via internet live or in podcast from <http://plainsfm.org.nz>. Cartolina producers Wilma Laryn and Denis Walker wish you all: Buon ascolto!

## PROFILE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER – LYNDA MARSON



Hi everyone, my name is Lynda Marson. I have been married to Jim Marson for 41 years and we have three children, all married – 2 boys and a girl – and six lovely grandchildren. I have lived in the Hutt Valley/Wellington all of my life. I work part-time as a merchandiser in the supermarkets around the Wellington area. Jim was on the Executive Committee for four years and I helped out when required for special functions alongside the other members of the Executive which I really enjoyed, so when a position became available this year on the Executive I decided it was time for me to give a little time to the Club. The committee are a very hard working group, and it is great to be able to be part of them. I have been involved in the Italian culture since I was 16 years old. I adore the food and have been lucky enough to have been to many parts of Italy. In my spare time I enjoy walking, dining out with my friends and family, and spending hours watching the grandchildren play sport.

## HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A tearful and heartbroken Guido, went to the parish priest who was Irish and asked 'Farder, Pepe, my-a dog ...he's a dead! Could-a you say una Messa for heem?' The priest replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some other churches down the road, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature'.

Wiping away his tears, Guido thanked him and added 'Grazie, grazie – I'll-a go right-a now! Farder, do you think-a \$5,000 is enough to give-a them for the Messa?'. The priest exclaimed 'Sweet Mary and Joseph. Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

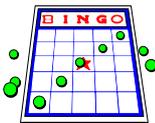
## A BIT OF TRIVIA

ANSA – Verona. 24 August 2012.

### **Desperate For Ice Cream!**

The siren call of gelato on a sizzling hot August day drove a Verona man to break house arrest. Police found the 37 year old man AWOL during an inspection, and tracked him down eating an ice cream in a bar. The man has now been sentenced to 8 months in jail.

## TOMBOLA



The final tombola night for 2012 will be on **Tuesday, 27 November 2012** at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Please bring a plate for our Christmas supper, which follows tombola. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



This will be held on **Saturday, 8 December**, at the clubrooms, and will be from 11.30am until 2.00 pm. 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 each. This function is for members' children only. Please confirm attendance by **Tuesday, 3 December**, to Maria Colucci.

## ITALIAN MASS



On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am. 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 Abp Charles Balvo or Mons Jean Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature. The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 2 December 2012**.

## CHRISTMAS SENIOR LUNCHEON



This year's Christmas senior luncheon date has been set for **1 December**, 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 11.45am. This invitation is extended to all 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, 26 November**. Please telephone Maria Colucci.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 27 November (7.30pm)	Tombola
Sunday, 2 December (11.30am)	Italian Mass
Saturday 1 December (11.45am)	Christmas Senior Luncheon
Saturday 8 December (11.30am – 2.30pm)	Children's Christmas Party
First week February 2013	Annual Club Bus Trip