



# Club Garibaldi News

JULY 2007

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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As winter has come with a vengeance, I hope you are all well and in good health, bearing in mind the few cold snaps we have had over the last month. However, you can be assured of a warm reception at the clubrooms every Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 8pm. The heaters are very efficient, so wrap yourselves up and come on down for a cappuccino (or something stronger). If you have never played indoor bowls, this would be a great opportunity to have a go. I am sure our regular players will be more than happy to guide you through a friendly game with them.

Another unique gathering is our bi-monthly shared lunches. If you have not been to one of these, you don't know what you have been missing! Bring your whole family (children are very welcome) and/or some friends (they do not have to be members) plus a couple of plates of food or dessert – Italian or non Italian, and join us for a 'smorgasbord board' style lunch at the club. We will supply a free cup of coffee, and the cash bar will be in operation if you prefer wine, fruit juice or beer. These lunches are held every second month, following Italian Mass. Italian Mass is celebrated every month. Check the dates at the end of our newsletters.

Although you do not have to attend the Mass in order to join our shared lunches, I would like to encourage members to attend occasionally, as it is a privilege that we have the opportunity to celebrate Mass in our mother tongue. It does not matter if you do not understand Italian fluently. My personal satisfaction is knowing that this is the language which my parents and ancestors would have prayed, back in Italy.

A reminder that the annual membership subscriptions are due now. Thank you to all the members who have made their payments and updated their records.

Many thanks to Lucia Zanmonti of Lower Hutt, who translated this month's newsletter.

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page

## IMPORTANT REMINDER – CLUB CAR PARKING

Weekdays during the hours of 7.30 am to 5.30 pm, all the car parks in the area on the side of our building, Vivian Street and Tory Street are rented out. However, during the evenings and weekends, members who display the current green/white/red window stickers are permitted to use some of these parks. The owners of vehicles who do not display their current window sticker run the risk of being towed away.

All the car parks on the Tory Street side of the building are rented out 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are not available to any member at any time. The club will not be responsible for illegally parked cars that are towed away.

## CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy to Michael and Dianne Trlin and family of Lower Hutt, on the recent passing of their father and grandfather, Stripe Trlin of Lower Hutt.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Niki Monaghan of Karori, Lisa Gibson of Miramar, and Angelo Cacciato of Waikanae

## CRISTINA VINACCIA

Congratulations to Cristina Vinaccia who recently reached the milestone of 70 years young! Buon compleanno Cristina! Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.



## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



Club member, Enzo Cassino, currently living in London, recently celebrated his marriage to Marie McGinty on 14th April at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, London. Marie was born and raised in London, but her parents immigrated to England from Donegal, Ireland.

Enzo's mother, Bianca, travelled to London for the wedding, and then on to Italy for 4 weeks to see her family. The happy couple are aiming to leave London at the end of the year and make their new home back in Wellington.



**Bianca Cassino with the newlyweds Enzo and Marie Cassino**

## ANNUAL SOCCER GAME: CLUB GARIBALDI vs CLUB ITALIA NELSON

This year the soccer game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson will be played in Nelson on Saturday, 20 October 2007. Anybody who is interested in going as a supporter needs to book early so as not to miss out ~ remember that it is Labour weekend. We are hoping a lot of club members will travel to Nelson, to support the club's team at the game. The weekend away is a lot of fun, and is an opportunity to socialise and build friendships as it is to play football.

## MELHOP TRUST

Club Garibaldi, the Wellington social and cultural organisation for New Zealanders of Italian descent, is calling for applications for funding from the Melhop Trust. The trust, established by a long-time club member, offers funding for young people of Italian descent for educational purposes involving formal study in a wide variety of fields and endeavours. Applications close on July 31, 2007 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised in September. Applications, citing the academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6451, Wellington. A list of the criteria for the annual award is also available from the Secretary.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 5 August 2007 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

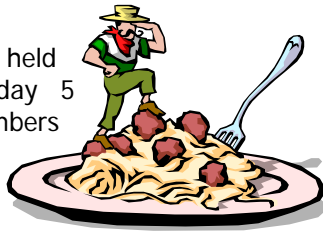
Mass is held every first Sunday of the month throughout the year.



## SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 5 August 2007 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.

Please bring a plate.



## ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on Thursday 16 August the film **Kiss me first** (2004) will be shown. An epic and emotionally charged story about a couple's life together - apart!! A magical love story by first time director Ambrogio Lo Giudice. Duration 83 minutes.



A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.

## TOMBOLA EVENINGS

The Tombola nights are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. **The next evening is on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.** Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

## CIRCOLO AUGUST SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 2 August, Peter Smith will give a presentation on his recent trip to Italy. Peter was the recipient of the 2006 Circolo Scholarship and in June /July 2007 he attended the Accademia di Italiano School in Milan. Peter will also talk about his holiday in the Lake Como area. This will be a Power Point presentation so there will be lots of stunning photos!!

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## CLUB GARIBALDI SOCCER TEAM FUND-RAISER DINNER

A fund-raiser dinner for the club's soccer team has been planned for Saturday, 28 July 2007.

The venue is at Club Garibaldi and La Bella Italia will be catering a fantastic meal for the occasion. The price per person is \$40.00. As there will be a limited number of tables, you are asked to get in early, to ensure a reservation.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the clubrooms on 7.00 pm on **Sunday, 26 August 2007**. Details about the submission of motions and nominations for the executive committee can be found later in this newsletter. Remember that only paid-up members are eligible to vote at the AGM or serve as a member of the executive committee.

## SERATA CIBOARTE (Friday 20 July)

La Bella Italia presents Serata Ciboarte with guest pianist Matteo Napoli. The programme: Liszt: Nocturne No.3 (Lieberstraum, Sonata in b minor. Cimarosa: Three Sonatas, Albeniz: Evocation, El Puerto, Granados: Minuetto, Zarabanda, Villanesca. De Falla: Danza del mugnaio, Danza del fuoco.

Venue: Sacred Heart Cathedral – 41 Hill Street, Wellington.

Time: 6.30pm Friday 20 July.

Cost for duo ticket – Recital + Cocktail and Coffee, \$49.00 for 1 person, \$95 for 2 people or \$45 each for 6 or more people.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July (6:30pm)    | - Serata Ciboarte           |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July (7:30pm)   | - Tombola                   |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)     | - Soccer Fundraising Dinner |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August (7:30pm) | - Circolo Social            |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August (11:30am)  | - Italian Mass              |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August (1pm)      | - Shared Lunch              |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August (7pm)   | - Italian Film              |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August (7pm)     | - AGM                       |

## ITALIAN FILMS AT THE WELLINGTON 2007 FILM FESTIVAL

This year's Wellington Film Festival will be held July 20 to August 5. If you are a movie buff, the following two excellent Italian movies are not to be missed ~ *Golden Door (Nuovomondo)* and *Salty Air (L'aria salata)*.

*Golden Door* is the latest film from Respiro's Emanuele Crialese; it's a stunning classic about a Sicilian family emigrating to New York in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*Salty Air* is the debut film by the very promising Alessandro Angelini with Giorgio Pasotti (After Midnight) about a difficult father and son relationship.

## CAMEO SHELL LAMPS



Wanting to buy or just photograph cameo shell lamps from Italy. I remember these lamps from my childhood but sadly we do not have any left in our family.

If you are willing to sell yours then please contact me or else if you are willing I would just like to take a photo.

## NZ HOUSE AND GARDEN

Don't miss the July issue of NZ House and Garden, as the residence of the Italian Ambassador in Wellington will be featured with 8 pages of beautiful photos in an article by Alessandra Zecchini. During the last 3 years the residence has been renovated to its former glory, and with a touch of Italian style, by Her Excellency Liana Marolla, Italian Ambassador, and Milanese architect, Maurella Boifava.



## MATARIKI DAWN CEREMONY – HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Nina Cuccurullo

Ginette and Robin Page, along with Nina Cuccurullo, were guests of Te Papa and Susan Superville (Community Relations Manager) for the Matariki Celebration held on Monday, 18 June.

The day began at 6am on the Te Papa Marae with prayers. This was followed by a presentation on Matariki and then breakfast, speeches and entertainment. Matariki signals the start of the Maori New Year. It is the name for the group of stars know as the Pleiades. It is also an important occasion for family to gather and reflect on the past. This also being a time for us all as our own ancestors from Italy would have looked at the same night sky when they arrived.



At Te Papa: Ginette Toscano Page, Piri Sciascia, Susan Superville  
Back: Robin Page and Nina Cuccurullo



## PROFILE – PAUL MUOLLO

My name is Paul Muollo, and I grew up in Clyde Street, Island Bay, where my parents, Tony and Eileen Muollo still reside. I have three brothers and two sisters; Joseph, Phillip, Bernard, Mary and Catherine.

I live in Miramar with my partner Lisa, and my two beautiful children Bianca (15) and Damon (7). Damon, who is in Year 3, attends St Francis de Sales School in Island Bay, while Bianca is at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie.

I have worked in the IT Department at Wellington Hospital since 1998 and enjoy working in Newtown, as it is close to home, family and the children's schools. For the past 5 years, it is from these premises that I have stayed late and put together/formatted Club Garibaldi's monthly newsletter.

I have been very fortunate to have played in the annual Aldo Cuccurullo football match between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson, since the very first game way back in 1995. It is something I really look forward to every year, and I am already counting down the days until we catch up with our friends in Nelson, in October.

I have been playing football for Island Bay United since I left school. As well as being a member of the club's committee, I have been coaching junior football for 10 years, starting with Bianca's team when she was 5 years old, and now currently coaching Damon's team.

My favourite times are when all my family gathers at Clyde Street for Sunday pasta!



Paul, Damon, Bianca & Lisa

## A BIT OF TRIVIA

By Ginette Toscano Page

ANSA – Rome, May 16  
Eighty year olds raid Gucci – again!

Two 80 year-old-sisters were arrested on Wednesday, after stealing a large haul of Gucci handbags, purses and key-rings from the Italian fashion icon's flagship store in Rome.

The police said that it was the second time in two years that the elderly shoplifters had targeted the boutique in Rome's upmarket Via Condotti.

In the raids, the Rome-born sisters took a total of 7,000 euros worth of Gucci goods back to their homes in Catania and Perugia.

# A GLIMPSE INTO ~ ~ ~ THE ISLE OF CAPRI

By Nina Cuccurullo

The Isle of Capri is located in the region of Campania in the Bay of Naples, near the city of Naples. It is 6 km long and 2.5 km at its widest point. Limestone cliffs, 275 metres high, rise from the sea in the east; Monte Solaro, in the west, the highest point on the island, is 586 metres above sea level.

It has been a celebrated 'beauty spot' and resort since the time of the Roman Republic. Its features are a litany of postcard views: the Marina Piccola (Small Harbour), the Belvedere of Tragara, a high panoramic promenade lined with villas, the limestone masses that stand out of the sea, the Faraglioni, Anacapri, the ruins of the Imperial Roman villas and the Blue Grotto - Grotta Azzurra.



**Brother and sister, Teresa (Cuccurullo) and Salvatore Ruocco.**

The famous Blue Grotto which attracts millions of people from around the world each year is what was responsible for Luigi Ruocco, father of Teresa and Salvatore, coming to emigrate to New Zealand. Because the waiting list for sailors to join the co-operative to take tourists to the Blue Grotto was too long, Luigi decided to come back to New Zealand. Firstly with another fisherman Salvatore Ferraro and then later calling his family to join him in 1938.

The etymology of the name 'Capri' comes from the Latin 'capraeae' (goats), not from the Greek 'kapros' (wild boar), even though numerous fossil remains of this animal have been found on the island. Inhabited since the Paleolithic era, when it was joined to the mainland, the island was first Greek and later Roman. When Caesar Augustus visited it in 29 BC., he was the first to build a villa here.

Tiberius, his successor, lived here from 27 to 37 AD. After Tiberius, other emperors stayed on Capri and until the 7th century AD it was visited and inhabited by Roman nobles. After the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, the island belonged for a time to the Duchy of Naples. In the 7th century it was raided by the Saracens and in the centuries that followed it was dominated by the Longobards, Normans, Anjouins, Aragonese and finally the Spanish. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the island came back into fashion, in unison with Naples' period of great political and artistic pride, thanks to an active diocese and the privileges conferred on it first by the Spanish and later by the Bourbons.

From the mid-19th century onwards, following the 'rediscovery' of the [Blue Grotto](#), Italian and foreign visitors flocked to the island, attracted by the climate, the inhabitants' hospitality and the colours and magnetic atmosphere of the places. Artists, intellectuals, writers, exiles, eccentrics and wealthy visitors chose it as their permanent or seasonal residence, contributing to form the highly varied cosmopolitan international colony that has made the name of Capri famous throughout the world.

From the nineteen fifties onwards Capri became the world capital of the Cafè Society: This is when the season of fashionable parties, gala dinners in fine evening wear and ostentatious luxury began. Today Capri remains a much desired and dreamt of destination, visited by tourists from all over the world. Tourists come to the island just for the day or stay much longer, sitting in the Piazzetta.

The patron saint of the whole island of Capri is St Costanzo and is celebrated every 14 May. Legend has it that St Costanzo arrived in Capri during a return journey to Constantinople, on a barrel boat. Forced by the stormy sea conditions to seek shelter on the island, he died there shortly afterwards. His body is said to have protected the island from attacks by the Saracens from that day onwards. Luigi Ruocco's first fishing boat was named San Costanzo in honour of the saint and because his wife, Immacolatina had a great devotion to the saint.

Teresa married Antonio Cuccurullo from the Mainland – Massalubrense, and Salvatore married Luisa Basile daughter of another Mainlander, Antonino Basile.

The following is a link to an article prepared for Capri News about Luigi and Immacolatina Ruocco.  
<http://www.caprinews.it/capresi/index.html>