



Club Garibaldi News

JULY 2008

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, winter has certainly arrived! I hope you are all in good health and keeping warm! Talking about warmth, 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, or if you prefer, you could join in a game of cards.

I trust you enjoy reading the monthly newsletters as much as I enjoy putting them together for you.

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

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

GUGLIELMO AND ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD

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, 2008 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.

Previous successful applicants for assistance from the trust were:

2006: Chris Di Leva, son of Maria and Giuseppe Di Leva of Island Bay, Wellington
2007: John Mollo, son of Teresa and Liberato Mollo of Island Bay, Wellington

FELICE BENVENUTI – 80 YEARS YOUNG!

Congratulations to Felice Benvenuti of Lower Hutt who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 80 years young. Buon compleanno, Felice. Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

THE 2008 NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

There will be two excellent Italian films screening in this year's International Film Festival in Wellington.

The films are: One Hundred Nails (Centochiodi) and Gomorrah (Gomorra).

Gomorrah: Italy 2007. Director: Matteo Garrone Based on the book by Roberto Saviano. In Italian and Neapolitan with English subtitles. This film was awarded the Grand Jury Prize at Cannes Film Festival 2008.

A piercing representation of Italian society in the choking grip of the Napoli Mafia, the Camorra. Roberto Saviano, has created a modern classic that blends documentary inquiry with a thrilling criss-cross of stories and characters all caught in the web of slavery and poverty spun by the Mafia.

Screening for this film is:

Tuesday 29-Jul-08 **3:30 PM** Embassy Theatre

Tuesday 29-Jul-08 **8:30 PM** Embassy Theatre

One Hundred Nails (Centochiodi): Italy 2007. Director/Screenplay: Ermanno Olmi. In Italian with English subtitles.

Though it begins as an investigative thriller, the film is essentially the simple tale of a young Bologna professor who turns his back on the world of learning (dramatically, by driving nails through 100 leather-bound tomes) and finds his way into a small riverside community where traditional life is threatened by modernisation.

Screening for this film is:

Saturday 19-Jul-08 **1:45 PM** Embassy Theatre

Sunday 20-Jul-08 **6:00 PM** Penthouse

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Pietro Dal Din of Otaki, who recently passed away. Pietro was the father of Franco and Anna, and Nonno of five grandchildren.

THANK YOU

Many thanks and much appreciation to club members Giovanni Martini of the West Coast, South Island, for translating our newsletters, to Paul Muollo of Miramar, for formatting these newsletters and to Salvi Gaeta, of Island Bay, the club's Building Manager, for the fantastic job he does keeping the maintenance of our club rooms in tip-top condition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

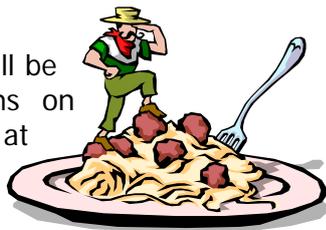
ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 3 August 2008 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 3 August 2008 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.



Please bring a plate.

ITALIAN FILMS

At 7pm on Thursday 17 July the film **The Golden Door** (2006) will be shown. This award winning Italian drama follows the fortunes of poor Sicilian peasants from their homeland to Ellis Island at the turn of the 20th century, in pursuit of the original American dream. Duration 85 minutes. A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.



At 7pm on Thursday 21 August the film **The Scent of the Night** will be shown - number 8 in the popular Montalbano series.

TOMBOLA NIGHT

Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month.

The next night for Tombola will be Tuesday, 22 July, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend.

CIRCOLO AUGUST SOCIAL FUNCTION

At 7.30pm on Thursday 7 August Cav. Elizabeth Peek will give a presentation. Elizabeth was the recipient of a Societa` Dante Alighieri Scholarship and a special Circolo Italiano di Wellington award and she will talk about her experiences at the Dante Alighieri School in Florence during April/May 2008 and she will also give details of her holiday in Italy.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CIRCOLO SEPTEMBER SOCIAL FUNCTION

At 7.30pm on Thursday 4 September a special evening will be held in honour of Cav. Jack Ball and Cav. Tamara Budec. On 5 June 2008, H.E. The Ambassador of Italy, Dr Gioacchino Trizzino presented awards to two Circolo members. Cav. Jack Ball and Cav. Tamara Budec received the title Knight of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity (Ordine della Stella della Solidarieta` Italiana). The awards were in recognition of the exceptional way they have promoted knowledge and appreciation of the Italian language and culture. Club Garibaldi members are very welcome to attend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 17th July (7pm) - Italian Film
- Tuesday 22nd July (7:30pm) - Tombola
- Sunday 3rd August (11:30am) - Italian Mass
- Sunday 3rd August (1pm) - Shared Lunch
- Thursday 7th August (7:30pm) - Circolo Social
- Thursday 21st August (7pm) - Italian Film
- Sunday 31st August (7pm) - AGM
- Thursday 4th September (7:30pm) - Circolo Social

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI'

GC Benefit Series ~ Jade Steele Benefit
By Rex Da Vanzo

This year's beneficiary was Jade Steele from Christchurch who returned from London in March to entertain capacity audiences at the Clubrooms with a selection of Broadway standards.

Jade, who has already made her debut appearance on the West End, was in fine touch. Supporting artists included Ali Harper, Matthew Pike, Jessica Graham, TV Morning host Sarah Bradley, Sarah Lineham, Nigel Edgecombe, Kirsten Te Rito and Naomi Ferguson. They were accompanied on piano by Mark Lipman, James Illingworth and Tom McLeod.

Next year's beneficiary will be Naomi Ferguson from Christchurch. These concerts are scheduled to take place at the Clubrooms on 27th and 28th February 2009.



London based Beneficiary Jade Steele receiving her presentation bouquet from Avril Da Vanzo



Sarah Lineham and Nigel Edgecombe (direct from a performance at Bats Theatre on the same night) singing a duet.

CLUB GARIBALDI CONGRATULATES TWO MEMBERS OF THE CIRCOLO ITALIANO DI WELLINGTON

Club Garibaldi wish to congratulate Tamara Budec and Jack Ball, members of The Circolo Italiano, on being awarded the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity - L'Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà Italiana. Their awards were in recognition of the exceptional way they have promoted knowledge and appreciation of the Italian language and culture.

This honorific was originally established in 1947, to recognize the achievements of Italians and foreigners who played a distinguished role in the reconstruction of Italy after World War II.

WELL DONE! JANE LOUGHNAN

Club Garibaldi congratulates club member Jane Loughnan, who represented New Zealand in Vancouver, on her great achievement.

Below, Jane shares her experience with fellow members.

Vancouver World Championships Race Report:

I had never dared dream that I would ever represent New Zealand triathlon – but months of hard work and determination paid off with my selection in the NZ Age Group Team 40-44 for Vancouver World Champs! I was totally stoked!

Vancouver in early June can be very changeable and so it proved for the whole of the World Champs. The weather was pretty dire with rain on most days and temperatures around 10 degrees. The biggest shock though was the water temperature at 12 degrees! It doesn't even get that cool here in Wellington so it took quite a few practice swims to get used to it.

On race day the first waves went off with no real drama, but the wind was getting up. By the time my age group was ready to go there were 3-4 metre swells out on the water and none of us were really looking forward to the swim. The swim did end up being pretty gruesome and I was pleased to get out at the other end and get on the bike. I put a vest and arm warmers on – something I would never normally do in a race to try and keep my body temperature ok. I had a really good ride – it was a 4 lap course with a big hill in the middle. I came off the bike feeling really great! I was in total awe at being at the World Champs and couldn't stop smiling and trying to enjoy the moment. I had an awesome run and felt really good at the end of the race. I came 48th in my age group and was 2nd kiwi home – beating 3 other girls who I'd never beaten before and running a PB in the 10km!

The experience was just so great that I will be doing everything I can to try and qualify for Worlds next year – which is on the Gold Coast which should be a bit warmer!!



Sisters Pip & Jane Loughnan, daughters of Marie Barnao & cousin Stephanie McHugh, daughter of late Pauline Barnao in Vancouver

DO YOU KNOW THESE CLUB MEMBERS?

These members knew how to have a 'swinging time' in days gone by! I am sure this photograph was taken at the Overseas Terminal, during the 1960's, at one of the many balls the club used to hold. Don't they look wonderful?

1st row seated left: Armando Gilmoni, ?, Mauro Barsi and Bob Barnao

2nd row left: Joe & Erminia Zino, Vince Criscillo, Elsa Gilmoni, Vince Toscano, ?, Elia Barsi, Dominic Di Mattina, Margery Barnao, Vince Di Mattina, Grace Toscano, Jane Di Mattina, Stella Criscillo and Ines Di Mattina.

SAPETE CHI SONO QUESTI SOCI DEL CLUB?

Questi Soci del Club sapevano come divertirsi negli anni passati ! Sono sicura che questa fotografia e` stata scattata all' Overseas Terminal, nell'anno 1960, in uno dei tanti balli che il Club organizzava. Non sono magnifici?

In prima fila seduti da sinistra: Armando Gilmori, ? , Mauro Barsi e Bob Barnao.

Seconda fila da sinistra: Joe e Erminia Zino, Vince Criscillo, Elsa Gilmoni, Vince Toscano, ? , Elia Barsi, Dominic Di Mattina, Margery Barnao, Vince Di Mattina, Grace Toscano, Jane Di Mattina, Stella Criscillo e Ines Di Mattina.

Se avete piacere di condividere con i vostri amici del Club delle fotografie di gruppi, per favore mandatele a Ginette, al numero Postale 6451, Wellington, o per via e-mail: rpage@xtra.co.nz. Ricordatevi di unire i nomi e l'anno che le foto sono state scattate.



MESSAGE FROM ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI DI BRERA DI MILANO

From Grazia Manigrasso docente dell'accademia di Brera di Milano:

My students and I we still talk about the trip and the meeting (referring at the Club Garibaldi), I had to say that New Zealand has left in each of us a beautiful memory and an immense desire to come back. It is a thought that will never leave any of our hearts!!! Come back as soon as possible!!

From Grazia Manigrasso docente dell'accademia di Brera di Milano:

Io ed i miei studenti parliamo ancora di quel viaggio e di quell'incontro, devo dire che la nuova Zelanda ha lasciato a tutti noi un grande ricordo ed una immensa voglia di tornare. Nel cuore di tutti noi è rimasto un pensiero che non ci abbandona!!! Ritornare al più presto!!



WEST COAST ITALIANS' REUNION

On Saturday, 28 June 2008, West Coast Italian and their descendants met at the Union Hotel for a reunion dinner. Over 40 members of the Caldana, Comis, Crestani, Martini, Passuello, Pizzato, Piasenti, Rubbo, Soster, Tommasi, and Zampese families attended. Home-made salami, made the traditional way by John Rubbo, was an enjoyable antipasto course before the main course. Italian songs and music played softly in the background. Everyone enjoyed the chance to re-live old memories and all are looking forward to making it an annual winter time function. During the summer months it is planned to hold a family BBQ picnic for the younger members.

Sabato 28 giugno 2008, italiani e discendenti che risiedono nel West Coast S.I. si sono incontrati al Union Hotel per una cena. Erano presenti piu` di 40 membri delle famiglie, Caldana, Comis, Crestani, Martini, Passuello, Pizzato, Piasenti, Rubbo, Soster, Tommasi, Zampese. Un' antipasto con salami fatti in casa da John Rubbo e` stato un piacevole inizio prima della cena. Canzoni e musiche italiane accompagnavano la cena. Avere la possibilita` di rivivere vecchie memorie e` stato veramente piacevole. Tutti hanno espresso il desiderio di incontrarsi nuovamente e di fare la cena un avvenimento invernale annuale. Durante l'estate e' in progetto di fare un BBQ per tutte le famiglie con i giovani membri.



