



Club Garibaldi News

JUNE 2009

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Italy's National Day function at the club on Monday, 1 June, was very well attended with over 90 members sharing in the warm atmosphere of the occasion. Once again, it was a pleasure to have Italy's Ambassador to New Zealand, His Excellency, Gioacchino Trizzino and Signora Trizzino, including other members of the Italian Embassy join us in the celebration of this special occasion.

The formal part of the evening commenced with the President, Ginette Toscano Page, welcoming everybody to the club and delivering a short speech (see below), marking the 63rd anniversary of the birth of the Republic of Italy. This was followed by the members standing to sing the Italian National Anthem, Fratelli D'Italia. In reply, His Excellency gave a moving speech to which he was given a loud applause, followed by Cav Elizabeth Peek, who spoke on behalf of the Circolo Italiano di Wellington.

Following a delicious supper and dessert members enjoyed a rousing sing-a-long of old Italian favourites, accompanied by the Mediterranean Quartet who re-formed the group especially for the occasion. A lot of fun was had by all. Special thanks to the musicians: Salvi Gaeta, Robin Page, Armando Gilmoni and Jane Boyer for sharing their musical talent with us.

Many thanks to Alfonso Basile who baked a fantastic celebration torta ~ this was cut by the Ambassador and Signora Trizzino.

Sincere thanks and much appreciation to the executive and social committee members who helped to prepare the supper under the guidance of Chef Alfonso, set up the clubrooms in preparation for the function, and cleaning up afterwards. You all helped to make the occasion very special. You know who you are, and we know who you are! Without your assistance, occasions such as this would not happen.

Annual subscription fees are due for the year beginning 1 July 2009. Current subscriptions expire on 30 June 2009. We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment, as soon as possible. The form is on a separate page attached to this newsletter. Please ensure that you fill out the form (rather than just send the payment) as some members have the same name, and it is difficult to tell which member has sent the payment. Thank you to all the members who have made their payments and updated their records.

Friendly reminder: Members who do not display the new 2009-10 stickers on their vehicles which are parked in the club car park after 30 June 2009, risk being towed away!

A date for the Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday, 9 August 2009. See further information in this newsletter.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Samantha, Jah'min and Unity Costa of Palmerston North, Lea Costa of Kilbirnie and Vince Costa of Tawa, and family on the recent tragic passing of their husband, father, son and brother, Tony Costa at Lyall Bay, Wellington.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joey & Amanda Basile of Tauranga, on the safe arrival of their daughter Maia. A granddaughter for Maddalena Basile of Island Bay, Wellington.

40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Ginette and Robin Page of Island Bay, Wellington, who celebrated 40 years of marriage on 14 June. Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FOURS CHAMPIONS - JOHN ZINO AND JOSEPH ZINO – INDOOR BOWLS TOURNAMENT, TIMARU

Hutt Valley's Joseph Zino, Richard Corry, Denise Clarkson and John Zino from the X Pats Club, Hutt Valley, won the fours at the 60th Lion Foundation National Indoor Bowls Championships at the SBS Events Centre, on Saturday, 13 June.

They defeated the defending champions Nigel Warnes, Fred Persico, Hayden Warnes and Chris Moffitt from the Tapawera Club, Nelson, 8-7. This was the first title for all of the Hutt Valley players.

Well done, John and Joseph (who are both club members)! May there be more titles to come in the future!



NEWSLETTER FORMATTER

For over 5 years Paul Muollo has been doing a brilliant job of formatting the club's monthly newsletter. He has worked hard to ensure that the newsletters are set out well and easy to read for the enjoyment of club members. We would like to find a club member to assume the duties of the newsletter formatter. If you do not have formatting experience Paul is happy to give instruction. No text writing is required.

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, 2009 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 6141. 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

2008: Claire Wilde, daughter of Susan Wilde (nee Battiston) of Silverstream, Upper Hutt.

PIRATES ATTACK ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP OFF SOMALIA

ANSA, 26 April 2009

Ciro Pinto, a 50-year-old who has spent the past 30 years at sea, never dreamed he would see anything like Saturday night's attack. He had carefully posted lookouts to back up the ship's radar, just in case! *Ciro's Neapolitan sixth sense proved too much for the Somali pirates despite their high-powered motors and searchlights. Little did the pirates know that waiting for them among the drinks parties and dances on the Italian luxury cruise liner Melody, was* **Ciro Pinto, a Neapolitan from Massa Lubrense, a devotee of Napoli football club, pizzas and the high seas.**

In an area where pirates had never been seen before 325 kilometres from the Seychelles, Captain Pinto was waiting, fire hoses at the ready, to blast them back down the side of the ship as they attempted to clamber up their hooked ladders. The armed pirates had no idea what they were about to meet as the ship's guards were armed and all the ship's lights had been switched off.

Pinto rolled the vessel from side to side to shake the attackers off which set up strange waves to disorient them. It was all too much for the pirates, who beat a retreat as Pinto muttered sarcastically "Remember me to your sister". Captain Pinto revealed how he felt only to his wife later on, when it was all over, reassuring her and their three children in the family home at Sant'Agata sui due Golfi. On board ship, he was calmness in person, despite the screaming 1200 passengers rushing for cover below deck.

INTRODUCING SIRA BALLARA THE NEW CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

Sira Ballara is now the new co-ordinator of the Children's Language classes and we thank her for taking on this role for the Club and its members. Sira's two children Jacob and Caitlin attend the classes.

Club Garibaldi warmly welcomes Sira to our team of volunteer helpers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 5 July 2009 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 2 August 2009 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.



Please bring a plate.

TOMBOLA

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

The next Tombola night is on Tuesday, 23 June, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.

Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

CIRCOLO JULY SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 2 July, Robert Carew and Scilla Askew will give a presentation entitled **Genoa, the unexpected city**. Last year Robert and Scilla attended an Italian Language School and holidayed in Genoa and the surrounding area and they will share some of their experiences with us and also show us lots of stunning photos.

ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on Thursday 16 July we will show **Find the Lady (Il Gioco di tre carte)**. Another exciting **Montalbano** treat!!

A \$2.00 cover charge towards costs will apply.

FAMILY NIGHT

Although the temperature is cool outside the atmosphere inside the clubrooms is always warm and friendly. Come and join us on Friday, 10 July, and enjoy a delicious plate of pasta with something sweet to follow, made by our very own super chef, Alfonso Basile. Dinner will be served at 6.30pm, after which the children can watch a DVD on our new flat screen television or simply play. The adults can socialise, play cards or just relax at the end of the working week. The bar will be open as well. \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 for each child up to age 13 years. This will be the start of many more family nights.

For catering purposes phone Alfonso to advise how many members of your family will be attending, no later than Wednesday, 8 July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 23rd June (7:30pm) - Tombola

Thursday 2nd July (7:30pm) - Circolo Social

Sunday 5th July (11:30am) - Italian Mass

Friday 10th July (6:30pm) - Family Night

Thursday 16th July (7pm) - Italian Film

Sunday 2nd August (1pm) - Shared Lunch

Sunday 9th August (7pm) - AGM

CLUB GARIBALDI'S TREASURER POSITION

Robin Page has been a member of the club for almost 40 years, and not long after joining he and Michael Petagna (*d*) were coaxed on to the executive committee by the then president Giovanni Stratti. With a few breaks in between, Robin is still on the committee, during which time he has served 11 years as the club's treasurer.

He has had the responsibility of carefully and frugally ensuring that the club's finances are all in order and running smoothly. However, Robin feels that it is time for a well-earned break and has made a decision to stand down from this position, after the Annual General Meeting.

We sincerely thank Robin for all the time and effort he has put into the club, not only as treasurer, but also for the additional 101 tasks he has done. We know that he will continue to play a helping roll with the running of our club.

We would like to invite a club member to assume the duties of treasurer.

THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL DAY SPEECH

Buonasera and benvenuti a tutti. A very warm welcome to His Excellency, Ambassador Gioacchino Trizzino, Signora Trizzino and members of the Embassy of Italy who have joined us at tonight's celebration. An equally warm welcome also to the members of The Circolo Italiano di Wellington.

Until 1946, Italy was officially a monarchy, ruled by the House of Savoy. Today, Italy's National Day (Festa della Repubblica) marks the 63rd anniversary of the birth of the Italian Republic. On that extraordinary day, June 2, 1946, following the results of a popular referendum ~ a 'new' Italy' was born out of the ashes and turmoil of World War II, and into the vibrant, free and democratic nation that it is today.

Although Italy is a young republic, it is an ancient land, rich in culture and great traditions. We have much to be proud of.

Club Garibaldi, with other Italian communities worldwide, salutes Italy as we celebrate our special day.

Please stand and sing our National Anthem with pride.

Viva l' Italia!!

Italy's National Day Celebration 2009



AMITRANO – VOLPICELLI WEDDING



Camillo Amitrano and Rosalia Volpicelli were married at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, Wellington, on 27 October 1951.

Left: Angelo Volpicelli, Carolina Volpicelli (Petagna) Camillo Amitrano, Rosalia Volpicelli, Raffaele Volpicelli, Carmelina Mollo (flower girl) and Teresa Basile (Dellabarca)