



# Club Garibaldi News

OCTOBER 2009

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It has certainly has been a long, cold winter, however daylight saving has begun, and we can look forward to warmer weather from now on.

One of Club Garibaldi's biggest social events of the year is the annual soccer match against Club Italia Nelson. As always, the encounter will take place at Labour weekend, Saturday 24 October. This year the Club Garibaldi soccer team, who are current holders of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy for the last four years, and a very large group of supporters will travel down to Nelson for the occasion. If you are interested in coming and have not yet booked your flights and accommodation, I advise you to do so now. If you want to know more please contact Maria Colucci. The weekend is always a lot of fun, and a good opportunity to socialise, build friendships, and enjoy a good game of football.

The second Family Night recently held at the club rooms was an outstanding success with ninety adults and children enjoying a very relaxed, evening together. Special thanks and much appreciation to Alfonso Basile, who catered the meal, which was excellent! Many thanks also to the team of dedicated helpers. Without their assistance the evening would not have been possible.

There is a lot going on at the club in the next couple of months leading up to Christmas, so I suggest you mark off these dates on your calendars.

You may be interested to know that our Club Garibaldi's membership is made up from people whose families originate from 36 different areas or regions throughout Italy. Quite amazing!

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page  
President

## ITALIAN RADIO

Welcome to La Vita e' Bella! An Italian radio program, broadcast from Auckland!

A little corner of Italy can be heard throughout New Zealand just by tuning your radio to **104.2FM every Sunday night at 9.10pm until 10.10pm** for a unique Italian entertainment program! Mostly in the Italian language, La Vita e' Bella will take you through amazing, and sometimes surprising regional traditions, food, culture, entertainment, interviews, guests, phone-ins, surveys and competitions.

HEAR ITALIAN, THINK ITALIAN, BE ITALIAN! ENJOY!



## 14<sup>TH</sup> ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL IN WELLINGTON

The dates have been set for this year's Italian Film Festival ~ 14 to 28 October 2009, at The Embassy Theatre, Courtenay Place, Wellington. Make up a group and enjoy an evening/s of great Italian cinema.

Enclosed with your newsletter this month is the programme for the 2009 Italian Film Festival. A selection of 17 films has been made which includes the best of Italian cinema from the years 2006 to 2008. All films are in Italian with English subtitles. For further Festival information visit the website: [www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz](http://www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz).

### 'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' JULIA BOOTH BENEFIT

Both Benefit nights on 6th and 7th November are now sold out.



### A DAY IN POMPEII



An exhibition entitled *A Day in Pompeii* will be coming to Te Papa at the end of the year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Roman treasures from the ancient city of Pompeii, buried by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. At the exhibition you will be able to walk back in time to glimpse daily life in a Roman city. So watch this space for more information as there are exciting events planned to support the exhibition.

## RENATO ("MICHAEL") AMATO RESEARCH PROJECT



Dr Sally Hill (Senior Lecturer in Italian at Victoria University of Wellington) is working on a research project on the life and works of Italian New Zealand writer Renato (known as "Michael") Amato (1928-1964), who was born in Potenza, studied in Turin and worked in Naples and Rome before moving to New Zealand in 1954.

Sally's research looks at what immigration to New Zealand meant for Renato Amato, particularly in terms of questions of cultural identity and how he made the change from writing in Italian to English. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers him. If you are able to help, please contact her.

## JOSEPH ZINO MAKES HISTORY!



Congratulations to Club Member Joseph Zino, who recently won the NZ Indoor Bowls Champion of Champions Singles title and who with his father, John, skippered the team to the National Indoors Fours title, so a double celebration! Every district sends their winners to the National Final, which was held in Dunedin this year with 36 players entered. Joseph is the first Italian to win this title. See article below from the Dominion Post on 23 September 2009.

# Zino 'over the moon'

■ INDOOR BOWLS  
SAM WORTHINGTON

JOSEPH ZINO is walking home from work with a spring in his step after completing a breakthrough season of indoor bowls.

The 34-year-old grocery manager bowed out as runner-up in Wellington's interclub champion of champions final on Monday night - but that could not put a dampener on a near-perfect year.

Zino skipped his father, John, Richard Corry and Denice Clarkson to the national indoor fours title in

Timaru in June before landing the big one - the New Zealand indoor champion of champions singles title in Dunedin this month.

"These are two massive breakthroughs," a chuffed Zino said. "I'm 34 and I've been bowling since I was seven or eight. I'm over the moon, really happy."

Zino is now aiming to crack the North Island and New Zealand indoor representative teams next year.

"That's something to strive for next season, it's a definite ambition, yes. You can't expect to win a national title

every year but I think it's just keeping your consistency, keeping your name up there in tournaments, that's what it comes down to."

Zino plays his outdoor bowls at the Island Bay club but, despite the indoor game receiving less recognition, he prefers the comfort of the carpet.

"For me, my outdoor is quite recreational and it's enjoyable but I'm no great shakes. I target the indoor."

Wellington's outdoor bowls season gets under way on October 3 with the first round of interclub.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies go out to the following members and their families affected by recent losses.

- Anna Geremia and family of Lower Hutt, on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Armida Geremia.
- Sante Battiston and Faye Search and families, both of Lower Hutt, on the passing of their brother, Joseph Battiston.
- Celia and John Barnao and family of Lower Hutt, on the passing of Celia's mother, Helen Moriarty.
- Yolanda and Joe Cuccurullo and family of Island Bay, on the passing of Yolanda's father, Piet Haver.
- Joe and Phillip Natoli and their families, on the passing of their mother, Felina Natoli of Island Bay.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Luciano Colucci of Island Bay, Cinque and Kelly Casimiro of Northland, Wellington, and Chiara Giovanazzi-Palman and Alex Palman of Brooklyn, Wellington.

## THE MIGRATING KITCHEN EXHIBITION



The Migrating Kitchen exhibition, which was recently held at the Pataka Museum, Porirua, featured an Italian section where people were able to explore the kitchen space, sample food and find recipes. Thanks to club members Anna Quinn and the Basile family, and to Maria Colucci and Lucy Esposito, who were involved with the organisation of this exhibition. Nina Cuccurullo, along with Teresa Cuccurullo and Dolores Di Leva, all of Island Bay, represented the Club at the closing event held on Sunday, 13 September. For further information about the exhibition and past events, check out the following website: [www.migratingkitchen.org](http://www.migratingkitchen.org)

## **ITALIAN DAY AT RICHMOND GARDEN**

**When:** 8 November 2009. **Start** 10:00 am. **End:** 4.00 pm

Enjoy an Italian Day in Carterton. Sumptuous Italian food, antipasta platters, gelato ice-cream, Italian wine and music. Food and bar under large marquee cover. A Ferrari and Bambino car and a Venice-style gondola will be on display for the purpose of photo taking. To be held at Richmond Garden, 40 Wakelin Street, Carterton from 10am to 4pm. Gate entry \$10 per person, children under 14 - \$5; food and wine purchased separately. Tickets also available at the Masterton i-SITE in Dixon Street. Proceeds to 'Keep Carterton Beautiful' group (to redevelop Millennium Park). For further enquiries contact Alan Bateman. Poster is on display in clubrooms. Check out the gardens at this website [www.boxwood.co.nz](http://www.boxwood.co.nz)

## **NEW BAR PERSON**

The position of Bar Person has now been filled. More details in the next newsletter.

## **THANKS**

After 18 months of service as the club's bar person, Hannah Timms recently resigned due to study and work commitments. We would like to thank Hannah for being such a great worker and wish her well for the future.

## **NO PARKING ON TORY STREET SIDE OF CLUB BUILDING**

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 by those who lease these parks.

**Note:** On weekdays, during the hours of 7.30 am to 5.30 pm, all the car parks in the area on the Vivian Street side of the building, are rented out. However, during the evenings and weekends, members who display the current green/white/red window stickers are permitted to use these parks.

## **CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES**

If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2010, and your child's name is not on the waiting list, please contact Sira Ballara.

## **A BIT OF TRIVIA**

(ANSA) - Squillace, July 24

An amateur scuba diver has discovered what may be the ruins of an ancient city off the coast of Calabria. Alessandro Ciliberto, an architect with a passion for scuba diving, discovered a group of stone blocks around 3-4 metres beneath the water while he was diving 15 metres from the shore near the town of Squillace on Calabria's east coast.

"Standing out against the sandy seabed there was a dark-coloured form, around two metres in length and a metre and a half wide which seemed to be man-made," Ciliberto said. "I then found a white-coloured stand half a metre high, and further on, a pair of stone blocks". The Squillace Town Council said it was possible that the ruins belonged to the ancient seaside city of Scylletium, which was founded when Southern Italy was a Greek colony. The town became a Roman colony in 124 BC and was the birthplace of 6<sup>th</sup> century Roman writer and statesman Cassiodorus, who claimed that it's founder was the legendary Greek king, Ulysses. Ruins from the city have previously been found in the nearby town of Roccelletta di Borgia.



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINA!**

Club Garibaldi's most senior member, Angela (Lina) Panettieri of Kilbirnie, Wellington, recently celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Birthday Lina, we all wish you many more happy, healthy years to come.

## **CIRCOLO ITALIANO 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Due to unforeseen circumstances it was necessary to postpone the Circolo's previously advertised 60th Birthday Party. The function will now be held at the end of January 2010 - more information in the next Newsletter.

## **BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT**

By Salvi Gaeta

As you are all aware, over a month ago Wellington was battered by a severe storm. As a result, a skylight on the club's roof was blown away, causing severe water damage to the parquet floor. The good news is that the damage has now been repaired, and was covered by the club's insurance policy.

### **Note:**

On behalf of the executive committee and members of the club, I would like to thank Salvi for attending to the problem so efficiently and for organising the repairs quickly: Ginette ☺

## **WORDS AND SOUNDS TO REMEMBER POMPEII**

New Zealand's first Poet Laureate Bill Manhire, Italian poet Marco Sonzogni and musician Lorenzo Buhne come together to remember Pompeii and mark the launch of the exhibition *A Day in Pompeii*. Te Papa Museum, Espresso on Level 4. Thursday, 26 November, from 6.30pm -8.30pm. Free entry.

## **CHRISTMAS SENIOR LUNCHEON**

This year's Christmas senior luncheon date has been set for **Saturday, 28 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, 23 November**. Please ring Maria Colucci or Josephine Gaeta.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This will be held on **Saturday, 5 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 **Tuesday, 1 December** to Maria Colucci.

## **ANNUAL BUS TRIP**



Next year's annual bus trip dates have been set for **8-11 February 2010** ~ destination Tauranga

This is always a great trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who come on it. If you are interested in coming please contact Maria Colucci or Josephine Gaeta as soon as possible as the bus seats 46 people and there are only 3 seats left. At this stage the price is \$350 per person ~ hopefully if won't go up!

## **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 11.30am and 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 Sunday 1 November.

## **STROMBOLI CONNECTION WEEKEND DVD/VIDEO**

A DVD or VHS video of the highlights of the Stromboli Connection Weekend, which was held in October 2000 is available.

The weekend programme includes the official opening at Parliament Buildings, the dinner function at the Flamingo Cabaret with the Club's Tarantella group performing and the Mass of Remembrance & Celebration at Sacred Heart Cathedral with the Italian Choir. Many of the club's members appear in this 2-hour video.

The cost to purchase a copy of the DVD or VHS is \$25.00 each, plus \$5.00 postage & packaging. Please contact Vic Criscillo (evenings) and an order form will be sent to you.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## ITALIAN MASS



The next Italian Mass will be held on **Sunday 1 November 2009** at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

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

## ITALIAN FILM

At 7.00pm on Thursday, 19 November the film **August Flame** will be shown. Another Inspector Montalbano treat from Volume 4, number 1.

This will be the last film for 2009 so come along and enjoy a good night out!

A \$2.00 charge towards costs will apply.

## SHARED LUNCH



The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday 6 December 2009** at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.

Please bring a plate.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 November (11:30am) – Italian Mass

Tuesday 27 October (7:30pm) – Tombola

Thursday 19 November (7pm) – Italian Film

Saturday 28 November (11.45am) – Christmas Senior Lunch

Saturday 5 December (11.30am) – Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 6 December (1pm) – Shared Lunch

## TOMBOLA

Tombola nights are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. **The next night for Tombola will be Tuesday, 27 October, 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.

## **BENVENUTI – CANCIAN WEDDING**



Felice Benvenuti and Shirley Cancian were married on 1 May 1954  
at the Church of Sts Peter & Paul, Lower Hutt.