



# Club Garibaldi News

JULY 2010

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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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.

Thank you to those who have congratulated me for composing the monthly newsletters. It is most rewarding to receive positive feedback for a job that I enjoy doing, as well as keeping members up to date and sharing new information with each other.

We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members. Contact Ginette or alternatively, send to the club post box: Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141.

The Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday, 10 October 2010.

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page

## ITALIAN FESTIVAL NEW ZEALAND REPORT

Well, we have certainly come a long way from the first Italian Festival held at the Petone Settlers Museum in 1995 when numbers were around 1,000 attending. The festival at that time was held in conjunction with the opening of the exhibition ALLA FINE DEL MONDO – The Italians in Wellington and also the launch of the book by Paul Elenio of the same name. This was really the beginning of our Italian community having a recognised strong presence in Wellington.

After a few years the festival became so popular that we decided to move the event to the Overseas Terminal under the guidance of the then President, Cav Gerry May, and now in 2010 we are now moving to another venue, The Westpac Stadium.

The festival, which this year will be in its 16th year, draws crowds of 12-15,000 and showcases the best in Italian food, beverages, products and services to the wider public, plus it is a time for all Italians to celebrate both our culture and our lively and well-respected presence in Wellington.

Because the festival has outgrown its traditional home and, with the plan to convert the Overseas Terminal eventually to apartments, the decision was made to move the festival to the new venue. This will enable us to have a larger number of Italian producers and exporters represented at the festival, which already draws exhibitors of everything from travel and books to fashion. A great variety of entertainment and demonstrations will be featured as well.

This is a new venture for Club Garibaldi and one that will require support from our members. Discussions have already been held with Cav Antonio Cacace, the principal organiser. We will make a cultural stand, as well as having our usual stand advertising the club and its activities, and of course, the wonderful food stall where festival goers have come to find delicious home-baked goodies.

We are now asking members to think about how they can help make this new venture an even greater success. Here are some ways you can help:

- Baking a cake or biscuits, una torta, or dolci. One from each family home would be fantastic!
- Helping on the cultural stand, or serving food and drinks from the club's stall.
- Setting up, collecting of cultural items, and taking down, at the conclusion of the festival.
- Blowing up balloons and hanging up Italian flags and club posters.
- Signing up new members and answering questions about the Club and its history.

Please contact Ginette or any of the executive committee for more information of how you can be involved.

Ginette Toscano Page:

Alfonso Basile:

Cav Nina Cuccurullo:

Michael Musso:

Mattio Amitrano:

John Cao:

Maria Colucci:

Jim Marson:

Martin Van der Donk:

We may also approach you too! As you can imagine, this type of event and commitment takes a lot of effort and our efforts are voluntary. All those who have been involved in our previous festivals have enjoyed the experience of helping make our festivals a huge success.

The club will benefit financially too, as this is the only 'fundraising' that members participate in ensuring our club's continuance, and keeping our lovely premises well maintained.

More details in our next newsletter as the committee will be meeting to finalise details. We encourage all members to be involved and, of course, attend the festival to celebrate what it means to be an Italian living in Wellington. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we have much to be proud of.

You can view more details on, [www.theitalianfestivalnewzealand.com](http://www.theitalianfestivalnewzealand.com) This link can also be found in our club website: [www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz](http://www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz) If you know of anyone that may want to register as an exhibitor, then direct them to the festival website and download the application form and Westpac Stadium event floor plan. You can also contact Antonio Cacace direct on [events@labellaitalia.co.nz](mailto:events@labellaitalia.co.nz)

Ginette Toscano Page

President

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE DUE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 2010 - THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS!**

Current subscriptions expired on 30 June 2010.

Many thanks to those members who have sent in their form and payment. We have received nearly two thirds of subscriptions since our last newsletter – a great response. Members who have not renewed their membership yet will find a red dot on the front of your envelopes as a reminder.

Remember to also join up your spouses as there are several club functions which are for financial members only. In addition, if your child has reached the age of 18, they are required to pay to become a member. If they are still students, their membership will be \$20. We can send you a membership form for them. Please contact Nina Cuccurullo. You need to also order a form to introduce a new member.

If you have just turned 70 and have been a financial member continuously for 5 years, please notify Caterina Costa or post in the form. We look forward to your continued membership and support.

**Friendly reminder:** All members are supplied with a dated sticker to paste on the inside rear window of their vehicle. This enables them to use our car park in Vivian Street each day, after 5.30pm and also, all day Saturdays, Sundays and long weekends. After 30 June 2010 your new 2010-11 sticker must be used to avoid been towed away!

## **AN ITEM OF INTEREST**

Ginette Toscano Page  
ANSA Rome, 21 June 2010

Italy has a new entry to its big collection of volcanos after scientists found an underwater volcano that blew its last fire at least 670,000 years ago! "This volcano does not give us any cause for concern" said Massimo Chiappini, a member of the National Geophysics and Vulcanology Institute (INGV) team that found it in the Tyrrhenian Sea, off the Coast of the southern region of Calabria. The middle-sized volcano, which has not yet been named, has a length about 15 kilometres and its summit is 120 metres below the surface of the sea. The team estimated that it became inactive some time between a million and 670,000 years ago. The discovery will soon be presented in a paper in a Journal of Geophysical Research, and takes Italy's volcano tally up to 29. Nine of these are still active, including Stromboli, Sicilian giant Mt Etna, and Mt Vesuvius near Naples, which destroyed the ancient Roman city of Pompeii with an eruption in 79AD.

## **FAMILY NIGHT**

The next Family Night will be at 6.30 pm on **Friday, 30 July**. Once again, this will be along the same lines as earlier Family Nights. The bar will be open as well. For catering purposes please call Alfonso to advise how many members of your family will be attending, no later than Tuesday, 27 July. Please note that no bookings will be accepted after this date, and that it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Cost: \$8.00 per adult: 12-15 years old \$5.00, and \$2.00 each for children.

## **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 11.30 am. 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 1 August .**

## SHARED LUNCH

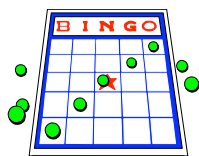


The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 5 September**, at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

## CIRCOLO ITALIANO - AUGUST SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 5 August, Leslie Singh will give a presentation on his recent trip to Italy. This will follow on from his very interesting and entertaining talk on Perugia in June. After attending an Italian language course for one month, Leslie and his wife Linda went on holiday and they visited many cities which included Venezia, Milano and Roma. Leslie will give us lots of travel tips and expect to see some excellent images in his Power Point presentation. A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## TOMBOLA EVENING



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 24 August** 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.

## BETTINA SERCI – 80 YEARS YOUNG!



*Bettina and her family*

Congratulations to Bettina Serci of Lower Hutt who recently reached the wonderful milestone of 80 years young. Buon compleanno, Bettina, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come. To celebrate this special occasion a delicious four course sit-down luncheon was held at the clubrooms, which was festively decorated in a purple and silver theme, and served to a large group of family and friends. As Bettina was about to cut the cake, unknown to her and much to her delight, Armando Gilmoni and Robin Page surprised her by coming out of the library playing and singing 'Happy Birthday' on the piano accordion and guitar. Armando and Robin also played a short bracket of popular music to which everybody sang along to. A great time was had by all.

## LEGEND OF THE ITALIAN CORNU



The cornu, cornuto, or cornicello refer to a long, gently twisted horn-shaped Italian amulet of ancient origin. Cornicelli are usually carved out of red coral or made of gold or silver, and were worn as a symbol in ancient times when the moon goddess was worshipped, before the rise of Christianity in Europe, to give protection from the evil eye and to ward off evil. Other superstitions link it to sexual power and good luck. It is often worn with a cross, perhaps for double protection or luck!

The Italian cornu is no longer used for protection today. Rather, it may be used as a good luck charm, a fashion statement or a symbol of pride in one's Italian heritage.

## TE PAPA TE EXHIBITIONS WITH AN ITALIAN THEME

### ***New Zealand at the Venice Biennale 2009***

Te Papa brings you fresh and exciting artworks - direct from the New Zealand pavilions at the prestigious Venice Biennale 2009. Judy Millar's *Giraffe-Bottle-Gun* and Francis Upritchard's *Save Yourself* are powerful new works by two of New Zealand's finest contemporary artists. Toi Te Papa Art of the Nation, Level 5. Free entry.

### ***The Lure of Italy: Continental travel pictures from 1775-1840***

This small exhibition of watercolours and prints presents a visual record of European journeys made by 18th and 19th century British artists. The Ilott Room, Level 4. Free entry.

## CIRCOLO ITALIANO - SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 2 September, Robert Carew will talk to us about his experiences in Grado, Italy. Robert was the recipient of the Circolo 2009 Charles Bell Memorial Scholarship and in June/July 2010 he studied at Scuola Insieme for 6 weeks. The resort of Grado, in the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, like Venice, is situated on a group of low islands in the middle of the Adriatic lagoon, attached to the mainland by a long narrow causeway. Robert's Power Point presentation will contain many beautiful images and his descriptions will enlighten us! A \$4.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## 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, 2010** 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

**2009:** Hannah Timms, daughter of Michele Timms (nee Wholey) of Wellington

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Delia Benazzo and Carlo Puglia, of Te Aro, Wellington, Giancarlo Cuccurullo, of Island Bay, Anthony Cuccurullo, of Island Bay, and Antonina De Gregorio of Island Bay.

## CONGRATULATIONS JOHN ZINO



Club Garibaldi heartily congratulates John Zino of Island Bay, on winning the Hutt Valley Indoor Bowls singles title which featured four centres. Another club member, Marcus Trlin, reached the semi finals ~ well done, Marcus! Over the years many fine bowls players from within the club membership have also won this award. They are: Lou Cancian, Giorgio Benvenuti, Bert Volpi, Cataldo Mollo, Stephen Zino and John Zino.

## A BIT OF HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

One sunny day Luigi and Paolo were fishing in the Mediterranean Sea when a World War II mine came floating along. On seeing the round, spiky object coming nearer and nearer, Luigi shouts at his friend " Hey Paolo, it's a mine, it's a mine!" Paolo replies " OK, Luigi, you can-a have it!"

## BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following on the recent additions to their families:

Maria (Maresca) and Greg Brown of Tawa, a daughter Sophia Francesca Brown. A granddaughter for Maria and Tony Maresca, Island Bay.

Kristina (Muollo) and Antony Volpicelli of Roseneath, Wellington, a son, Antonio. A grandson for Raffaele and Lina Volpicelli and Raffaele and Josephine Muollo, all of Island Bay.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Sunday (3.00pm to 8.00pm) Club Day

Friday 30 July (6.30pm) – Family Night

Sunday 1 August (11.30am) – Italian Mass

Thursday 5 August (7.30pm) – Circolo Italiano August Social

Tuesday 24 August (7:30pm) – Tombola

Thursday 2 September (7.30pm) – Circolo Italiano September Social

Sunday 5 September (1pm) – Shared Lunch



## REMEMBER THIS? DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE FISHERMEN ARE?



Since the last newsletter we now have the name of another fishermen! Many thanks to Mark Tesoriero of Island Bay, who phoned to say that his father, Gaetano (Tata) Tesoriero, is in the photo. They are now from left to right: ? **Santo Saffioti**, ? **Gaetano Famularo**, **Gaetano Tesoriero** and **Gustavo Duranti (known as Albert Duranti)**. If you know who the other fishermen are please contact Ginette. The photo and any other relevant information will be stored in the club's archives. Would the lady club member who telephoned me in regard to this photograph when I was out, please call me again – Ginette.

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Thank you to club member Bill Caccia-Birch for contacting me in regard to 'Sharing News'. Bill's suggestion is that Italian websites of interest be listed in our newsletters, as had been done in past years. Would members please give me feedback on any new addresses you have found useful which can be shared with other members.

### Website of the month

This month's featured website is a portal for all Italians across the globe. It contains comprehensive links to Italian news and current events sites, as well as educational, fashion, music, film, art, sports, travel, and genealogy resources. A true 'one-stop shop' for all things Italian. Check it out at <http://www.italiamia.com/>

Following is a list of the websites that have featured in the newsletter since May 2000:

[www.italy-embassy.org.nz](http://www.italy-embassy.org.nz)

[www.aenigmatica.it](http://www.aenigmatica.it)

[www.rds.it](http://www.rds.it)

[www.dolomitisuperski.com](http://www.dolomitisuperski.com)

[www.italian-soccer.com](http://www.italian-soccer.com)

[www.fs-on-line.com](http://www.fs-on-line.com)

[www.penisola.it/sorrento.htm](http://www.penisola.it/sorrento.htm)

[www.caulonia2000.it](http://www.caulonia2000.it)

[www.italianrap.com](http://www.italianrap.com)

[www.ellislandrecords.org](http://www.ellislandrecords.org)

[www.international.rai.it](http://www.international.rai.it)

[www.italicon.it](http://www.italicon.it)

[www.paginebianche.it](http://www.paginebianche.it)

[it.gsmbbox.com/](http://it.gsmbbox.com/)

[ww2.webcomp.com/virtuale/us/home.htm](http://ww2.webcomp.com/virtuale/us/home.htm)

[www.artcyclopedia.com/nationalities/Italian.html](http://www.artcyclopedia.com/nationalities/Italian.html)

[arianna.iol.it/](http://arianna.iol.it/)

If you know of a website that you think would be of interest to other members, please email us and it will be included in the next month's newsletter.