

Club Garibaldi News

February 2006

Presidents Report

This is the first newsletter of the New Year! On behalf of the Executive Committee I wish everybody the very best for 2006. May it be a good year for all of us.

Already our club calendar is filling up with activities and events – something for us all to look forward to. I'd like to thank all our 'active' members for their continued support, and encourage our passive and out-of town members to join in ~ in fact, why not make it one of your New Year's resolutions!

On New Year's Eve, a small group of members toasted and farewelled 2005 at the clubrooms. A most enjoyable, informal evening of friendship, food and music was shared, amid a lot of laughter.

The monthly Italian Mass coincided with New Year's Day this year. Being holiday time, it was really good to see so many in attendance, including Her Excellency Dott Liana Marolla. Once again, many thanks to Caterina Costa and Il Coro Italiano for their beautiful music and the singing.

Well, it's nearly 'picnic time' again. I encourage you to come along and join your fellow members in a day of fun and relaxation in the sun. More information further on in this newsletter.

Put a big circle on your calendar ~ **Sunday, 26 March 2006** ~ the club's annual Festival Day. As this is the club's biggest function, please come and support us, and help make it as successful as in previous years. Planning began months ago, and a lot of hard work is going on behind the scenes. Anyone wishing to help please contact me or an executive committee member – any offer of help would be appreciated.

Just prior to this newsletter going to print, we received notification from the spokesperson for the Italian Americans of the National Italian American Foundation, advising that due to unforeseen circumstances, they have been forced to postpone their visit to both Australia and New Zealand in February, but still plan to come in March 2007. The Executive Committee have been planning for their visit for a few months, so naturally, like all members, are disappointed that they cannot make it this year. However, it will be something for us to look forward to next year.

Our new lift is almost finished. There will be an opening function and celebration on the 25 February. See Salvi Gaeta's report further on in this newsletter.

Ciao a presto

Ginette Toscano Page

Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 5 March 2006 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 April 2006. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

Tombola (Housie)

The Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next evening will be on Tuesday the 28th February at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along, and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria on _____ if you have any questions.

Italian Films

Italian films which have English sub-titles are shown on the third Thursday of every month. They are held at Club Garibaldi at 7 pm. A \$2 donation will be appreciated.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following three new members: Carl and Marie Muollo of Island Bay, Roberto Giorgioni of Wellington, and Fiona Winiata, fiancée of David Da Vanzo also of Wellington.

Baby Congratulations

Best wishes to the following couples:

Viola and Massimo Carnelos of the Italian Embassy on the safe arrival of their daughter Lavinia

Julia Costa and Karl McDiarmid of Newlands, on the safe arrival of their son Jack James

Wedding Congratulations

The wedding of Ilma Ruocco to Mike Cave took place on Sunday, 22 January 2006, at Old St Paul's Wellington.

Ilma is the eldest daughter of Salvatore and Luisa Ruocco, well-known longtime residents of Island Bay. Mike is the eldest son of the late Rev Harold Livingstone Cave of London and Sigrid Hildegard Rode, born in Germany, and now residing in Surrey, England. Mike was born and raised in Zambia where his parents served as missionaries.

The wedding ceremony was held at Old St Paul's in Wellington and officiated by Don Manning. The bride's dress was made by Sydney couturier, Maria Chiodo, of Italian silk satin, with a bodice in French lace. The ceremony was followed by a lively, United Nations reception for 95 guests at Shed No. 5. Guests on Mike's side included his children from his previous marriage, Dan, a cocktail bar manager who lives in London, and Jenna, 21, from Canberra, who has just completed a degree in jazz music.

The couple met in Sydney and will make their home in North Sydney, a short walk from the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Ilma is an instructional designer. Mike is a construction project director for major building design and construction. He has worked on maritime engineering projects in Africa, the Middle East, Britain and Australia. Recently Mike started his own construction consultancy company.



Gaeta wedding

The renewal of vows between Meita & Antonino Gaeta took place on the 14th of January at the Westpac Stadium. This occasion was the second part of their wedding as they were first married in Indonesia in September 05'.

With guests from Capri (Italy), Indonesia, England, Australia and naturally throughout New Zealand, this wedding lasted 14 hours. The arrival of the bridal party by helicopter into the stadium and a ceremony on the ground with the guests seated in the stands was followed by an afternoon and evening of singing, dancing and fun.

Wellington put on an absolutely stunning day and was fitting for such a beautiful couple. We wish nothing but the best for Antonino and Meita's future life together.



Condolences

Deepest sympathy to Maureen, Melanie and Angela Federico of Island Bay, on the recent passing of their husband and father, Salve Federico.

Club Garibaldi Picnic

This year our annual picnic will be on Sunday, 19 February, at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki, with the reserve/cancellation date of 26 February. Commencement time is 11.00 am. The picnic site numbers are 4 and 5. Once again, the club will provide the steaks and sausages for the barbeque. All members and families are welcome. Any enquiries please telephone Maria Colucci.

Listen to NewstalkZB cancellation service on the morning of 19 February, if the weather is doubtful.

Annual Bus Trip

We are looking at having our annual bus trip on the 7 & 8th March. It will be an overnight stay in Turangi. There are two buses one seats 21 people and the other seats 45, the more people that come the cheaper the price. If there is not enough interest we will have another day trip. If you are interested you must phone Maria Colucci on _____ by the 20th of February. The cost will be approx _____

A familiar scene in Island Bay – Is it to go?



Dear fellow members,

Are you aware of what is happening in our beautiful bay?

The South Coast Marine Reserve is about to gain full control of this area, with strict regulations. Some are good and perhaps, some are not so good. Local fishing boats will no longer be able to land their catches at Island Bay, therefore may be forced to moor in other areas of Wellington Harbour.

We are not 100% certain if we are still able to carry out the annual blessing of our vessels, which has been a tradition for many years. Local children wanting to try their hand at fishing after school and at weekends will either have to go to Lyall Bay or near Red Rocks, which is an extremely dangerous area.

Please ask questions to people whom you know i.e Members of Parliament, Ministry of Fisheries, Wellington City Councillors as well as to each other, so that you fully understand what is happening. I will be happy to discuss it with anyone who is interested.

Regards,

Carl Muollo

Children's Christmas Party

By Lisa Devitt

The children's Christmas party was a big hit this year and was also enjoyed by the adults as well as the children. There were 45 children which was great to see. While the old 'bouncy castle' was a favourite, this year's new entertainment of tattooing saw the adults jumping the cue and a real hit! But you can't take away the main attraction being the man in the big red suit who caused some to smile and some to cry. As usual, the McDonalds lunch followed by ice creams and party bags were enjoyed by all. It was great to see so many children, with the thought that these children are the future of the club. We encourage you to keep bringing them along and keep the Italian culture alive.

Photo showing children's Christmas party

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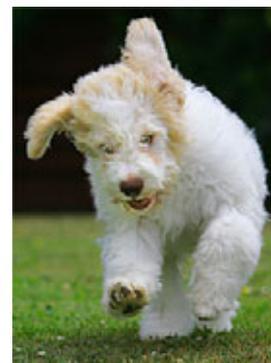
We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members. Our contact details are: Ginette or Robin: Tel: _____

NZ's First Truffle Sniffing Dog

'Ragazzo qui venuto!' Fortunately, a Porirua family doesn't need to learn how to say "come here boy" in Italian, but their new imported dog is still appropriately named Marcello, because he's white like a marshmallow!

In fact, Robert Rangi and Cheryl Ashford have imported their Italian Lagotto - New Zealand's first purebred truffle-sniffing dog - from a kennel in Perth, Australia.

Marcello is 12-weeks-old and the Lagotto is a breed which originated in northern Italy in the 1300s. Marcello is a popular boy's name in Italy that means warrior.



The Lagotto's natural searching abilities and highly developed sense of smell make it ideal for hunting out the warty mushrooms which grow underground and are considered a fine delicacy. Truffles are one of the most expensive natural foods in the world.

Important Notice

From time to time over the last 18 months, members have been advised about the availability of the club's car parks. As you are all aware, 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 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

Important Notice: Liquor Licence

It has come to the attention of the Executive Committee that one or two members have or would like to bring their own alcohol to club functions and on Sundays. The club has a liquor

licence which allows the club to sell alcohol on the premises. The licence does NOT allow for people who come to the club to bring their own alcohol.

The club's liquor is not expensive and any small profit that is achieved by selling alcohol is used to benefit the club's activities.

Newsletter advertising

As well as our offer to include a full page advert for \$300 per monthly newsletter, businesses can now insert a two paragraph advert (100 words) at a cost of \$50.00 per monthly issue, or \$500.00 for the year (11 issues) – Robin Page, club treasurer.

A Glimpse into ~~~Auronzo Di Cadore

By Ginette Toscano Page

This month Auronzo Di Cadore is featured, the area where Marcella and Liberale Zandegiacomo and Duilio Zandegiacomo were born. Rex Da Vanzo's recently deceased uncle, Ilves Da Vanzo, was a resident here, in his later years.

An ancient settlement with an active society of Roman character, Auronzo is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants, and lies on the shores of Lake Santa Caterina. The nearest airports are at Treviso, Venice, Verona and Innsbruck in Austria, and the main railway to Auronzo di Cadore is the Venice-Santa Lucia line.

The township incorporates eleven communities, bordering on the north with the southern moderate slopes of Mount Aiarnola. Together, with the jewel of Lake Misurina, crowned by the peaks of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, it is one of the most interesting tourist destinations to spend a summer or winter holiday.

Auronzo di Cadore is only 5 minutes away from the ski slopes of Monte Agudo and suitable for all skiers from beginners to experts. Scattered along these slopes there are bars, restaurants and ski rental services, and a magnificent mountain inn, where one can enjoy scenery of incomparable beauty.

Auronzo has fine accommodations and sporting facilities, and is established as both a summer and winter resort. The town has a mixture of architectural styles, with older and restored edifices. An outstanding structure is the 18th century parish church of Santa Giustina at Villagrande, perhaps the largest place of worship in all Cadore, with an aisle-less nave and marble altars. Also of importance are the churches of San Lucano at Villapiccola, built in the neo-classical style of Segusini, and the small 16th century church of Santa Caterina at Cella. The Auronzo landscape inspired a fascinating legend about two young girls ~ Agonia, who was tied to Attila the Hun, and Misurina, whose tears created Lake Misurina!

Archaeological digs have revealed small clues to Auronzo's past. From ceramics, to the Roman finds in Piazza Santa Giustina, and the finds of Monte Calvario, these artefacts have allowed us to trace thousands of years of history in Auronzo. Taking a path from the town centre toward the peak of Monte Calvario, together with stops along an ancient Via Crucis, it is like one is taking a journey into the past. A wall structure, seen in the central part of the high area, dates from Roman times, and was a religious site from the end of the 2nd century BC until the 4th century AD.

Auronzo, renowned for its peace and tranquillity, presents a fine mix of history and modernity ~ structures and buildings of today, and ancient houses or Roman ruins.

Jaimee Marshall Benefit

The Benefit Concerts for Jaimee Marshall to be held at the clubrooms on 21 and 22 April 2006 have now sold out.

Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 19th February (11:00am) - Club Garibaldi Picnic
- Tuesday 28th February (7:30pm) - Tombola
- Sunday 5th March (11:30am) - Italian Mass
- Thursday 16th March (7:00pm) - Italian Film
- Sunday 26th March - Italian Festival
- Sunday 2nd April (1:00pm) - Shared Lunch
- Friday 21st April - Jaimee Marshall Benefit Concert
- Saturday 22nd April - Jaimee Marshall Benefit Concert

Reminders

Members Only Functions

Club functions advertised as "members only" are for financial members and over 70 members only. Any visitor, spouse who is not a financial member, or substitute for a member may not attend.

Club Day

The Club is open every Sunday from 3pm to 9pm. Visitors (up to 4 per member) must be signed in at the door in compliance with the Liquor Licence.

Change of Address

Please remember to notify the club's secretary, Marie Barnao if your address has changed, to enable you to receive the newsletter.