



# Club Garibaldi News

August 2006

## The President's Report

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On Sunday, July 23, at a family shared lunch, the clubrooms echoed from the sounds of chatter and laughter of babies, children, parents. As always, the tables were laden with wonderful, homemade fare.

Many thanks to Maria Colucci and Lisa Devitt for organising lots of games for the children from 'Pass the parcel', jigsaw puzzles, colour-in books and 'Pin the tail on the donkey'! As the lunch was well patronized, we plan to hold more such like functions in the future. As always, many thanks to everybody who helped to make the afternoon pleasurable.

I would like to encourage members to come and enjoy the Italian films which are screened at the clubrooms on the third Thursday of each month. They really are great value – where else can one see a movie for \$2.00 a person? Many thanks to Elizabeth Peek for hosting these evenings, and for choosing such excellent titles.

In early September, Robin and I are off to Italy for 6 weeks, during which time the club will be in the capable hands of the Vice President, Antonio Cacace. The first part of our travel begins in Casalvecchio, Messina, where my paternal Nonno Toscano was born, just in time for a week of celebrations in honour of San Onofrio, the patron saint of the area.

Casalvecchio is a village, high up in the mountains, with breath-taking views of the sea on one side, beautiful hillside on another, with Mt Etna in the distance. We will then travel to Stromboli, and meet up with our son Dion, who is currently living overseas, and for the first time, meeting my friend Maria and her husband from New York. Maria and I have been corresponding 3-4 times weekly, for nearly 7 years - so you can imagine how emotional our meeting will be!

I cannot wait to see my beautiful Stromboli again, where I am totally comfortable, happy and at peace. Whilst in Italy I will continue researching both my family trees. To date, I have direct lines on my paternal Toscano side, back to 1790, and my maternal Zino side to ... 1650!! I have literally spent hundreds of hours researching and reading, and now these names are not just names 'they are real people' - they are my antenati (ancestors).

Ciao a presto,

Ginette

## Sharing News

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.

## Club Garibaldi Website

By Salvi Gaeta – Club Building Manager

**Website address: [www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz](http://www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz)**

From the beginning of September 2006, Cub Garibaldi will go live worldwide!

Our thanks go to the generosity of five club members who have each contributed \$1000.00 plus GST, towards the cost of setting up the website.

These members are: Salvi Gaeta, Antonio Cacace, Joe and Gino Cuccurullo, Tony Basile and Joe Lupi.

I was the President of the club when it was discussed by the executive committee, to set up a website, in order to be known not only by people in New Zealand but indeed, worldwide.

I am thrilled with the idea that now has become a reality.

I reiterate that the website has been set up at no cost whatsoever to the club.

Regards to you all.

## Melhop Trust



Congratulations to Christopher Di Leva, son of Giuseppe and Maria Di Leva of Island Bay, who is the first recipient of a study award from the Melhop Trust. Christopher plans to undertake a conjoint Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce degree, with an accounting major, at Victoria University next year. Christopher is in his final year of study at St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie, Wellington.

**Christopher Di Leva**

## Important Notice to All Club Members

After the AGM in August, members who are not financial will be taken off the newsletter mailing list. Please also note that people without a 2006/07 car parking sticker on the back windscreen to indicate they are financial members, risk being towed away when they park in the club car park.

## Donation from the Island Bay Soccer Club

Club Garibaldi acknowledges and thanks the Island Bay Soccer Club for their kind donation of \$250.00, which was raised from a fund-raiser breakfast telecast on the morning of the World Cup Soccer Finals. This donation will be deposited into the soccer travel fund, for next year's challenge for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy in Nelson.

## Welcome to New Member

A warm welcome to the following new member: Brett Marson, of Auckland

## Baby Congratulations

Best wishes to Mary and Simon Rayner of Tawa, Wellington, on the safe arrival of their daughter, Veronica. A granddaughter for Eileen and Tony Muollo, of Island Bay.

Best wishes to Zella Marie and Luigi Basile of Island Bay, on the safe arrival of their daughter, Alessandra. A granddaughter for Ida and Vince Basile, also of Island Bay.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 3 September 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 1 October 2006 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



## 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.



At 7pm on Thursday 21 September we will show the film **Once you're born you can no longer hide.** (2005) (**Quando sei nato non puoi nasconderti**) The compelling new film from multi-award winning director Marco Tullio Giordana (The best of Youth) is both a tremendously moving coming of age story and a sensitively observed portrait of an Italy that is coming to terms with its relatively new status as a multicultural society as well as illegal immigration.

## Club Garibaldi Soccer Team's Fundraiser

Once again, the challenge is on for the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy!! This year, the annual soccer game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia, Nelson, will be played in Wellington, on Saturday, 21 October. ie Labour Weekend.

To help towards expenses, a fundraiser has been organised, which you are encouraged to attend. Once again, Antonio Cacace of La Bella Italia, will be cooking a four course meal at our club rooms, for the very reasonable price of \$45.00 a head. Anyone who came last year, can vouch that the food was second to none!! See the yummy menu below.

So please do come and support the club's soccer team, by sharing a night of good food and good company!

A note for your diary:  
Venue: Club Garibaldi

Date: Saturday, 9 September

Time: 7.00 pm

## MENU – FUNDRAISER DINNER – 9 SEPTEMBER

- \* Antipasto Tradizionale
- \* Pennette alla Boscaiola
- \* Roast Beef alla Genovese con Patate Novelle e Insalata Mista
- \* Torta Caprese

## Tombola

The Tombola nights are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next evening will be on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> September at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along, and feel free to bring a friend.

## Circolo September Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 7 September, Rachel Rhind of Rhind and Gardiner, House of Travel, Johnsonville will give us a presentation. Rachel will focus on her recent holiday in Italy and she will also give us lots of Travel tips!! This will be a Power Point presentation with many photos; no doubt these will have us all wanting to pack our bags and go to Italy!! Don't miss this opportunity to get very up-to-date information that will help you plan your next trip. This evening is sure to be very popular so come along early and get a good seat!!

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## A Night at the Garibaldi

3rd & 4th November 2006  
Both nights are now sold out.



## Family Shared Lunch



**Mons Urbanczyk with Lina & Raffaele Volpicelli & Carmela & Giuseppe Iaccarino**



**Vince & Ines Di Mattina, Robin Page, Maria D'Esposito & Suzanne Jack**



**Is that Salvi with Jo, Marie, Jane & Elizabeth?**



**The girls, Imma & Federica, do the heavy work!**



**.....while the boys, Salvi & Vince, do the dishes!**



**Pretty little Caterina Moreno & Chiara Esposito**



**A group of happy families**



**Angelo & Imma Moreno & Penny Basile with their children**

## Soccer Challenge - Club Garibaldi & Club Italia, Nelson, for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy

It is hard to believe it is nearly a year since the club's soccer team successfully brought home the coveted Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial trophy – that is the trophy draped in green, white and red ribbons, which sits on the top of our bar cabinet.

Although the challenge match is not scheduled to be played until **Saturday, 21 October**, this article serves as a reminder to be marked in your diaries. The game will be played at the Petone Memorial Park, with kick-off at 2.30 pm.

The Executive Committee and soccer team invite all club members and their families, to please support the club by attending the match as well as the dinner function, to be held at our club rooms later that evening. Would all attending members bring two (2) plates of food to cater for our guests and attendees. There will also be a great raffle well worth winning!



Remember our Victorious soccer team in 2005?

### A Bit of Trivia!

By Ginette

Italian archaeologists have identified the oldest known frescoed burial chamber in Europe after being led to the site by a tomb raider!

The thief, who is on trial for trafficking hundreds of illegally excavated treasure, found the location of the tomb in a wheat field, north of Rome. Experts believe the underground burial chamber, the Tomb of the Roaring Lions, dates from around 690 BC and belonged to a warrior prince from the nearby Etruscan town of Veio. Decorated with fierce lions and birds, it has been hailed as the earliest example of funerary decorations in the Western World.

Among the items found are decorated vases, imported from Greece, a sword, a two-wheeled bronze chariot and metal spits used for roasting meat. Brooches and a wool spindle suggest that at least one woman, probably the prince's wife, was also buried in the tomb.

The images of birds and lions, coloured in black and red, made from paints produced from minerals, are an important discovery. The birds represent the journey to the after-life, while the lions represent the fear of what awaits those who arrive there.

Italy's Culture Minister, Francesco Rutelli said 'The find is exceptional and marks the origin of Western painting. Luckily, tomb raiders could not remove the frescoes from the walls'.

The Etruscans were one of the original and most cultured civilizations of central Italy until they were conquered by the Romans. Despite being wiped out, they left behind rich evidence of their sophisticated life. Archaeologists working to restore the frescoes, hope the tomb will eventually be opened to the public.

## Glimpse into ~ ~ ~ Cagliari - (Casteddu Mannu In Sardinian)

By Letizia Columbano-Green



This month Cagliari in Sardinia, is featured, the area where Letizia Columbano-Green was raised. Letizia was born in Iglesias, which is not very far from Cagliari, but considers Cagliari her home town, as it is where her grandparents and extended family live.

Sardinia's capital Cagliari leans towards the *Angel's Gulf*, south of the island. Due to its geographic position, the city has represented the island's open portal for commerce. The large gulf which enclosed the city – then, as today - has been testimony of numerous facts, both positive and negative, making the inhabitants accustomed to good, but especially the bad events that come from the sea. The distrust towards the sea has moulded the character, not only of the Cagliariitani, but of all Sardinians in general, making them "reserved".

Cagliari is rich in ancient and fascinating history. Men inhabited the area where the city rises since the Ancient Neolithic Period (6000-4000 BC), and continued on through the Medium Neolithic Period (copper period - 2500BC). A good example is *M Claro*, now in the urbanized centre. Unfortunately, there is no trace left of the Nuragic Period, 1500 BC to the VI century BC (characteristic of the Sardinian region), due to the destruction and re-use of the material during the course of history. Some of the ruins can be found outside the city, in the *Sarroch* territory (the Nuraghi), in *Quartucciu* (the Nuragic complex of Nanni Arru') and in *Settimo S Pietro* (the sacred well of Cuccurru Nuraxi).

Phoenician merchants founded Cagliari in the X century BC, but it was with the arrival of the Carthaginians in the 509BC that the first settlement took on the aspects of a true city. The name Cagliari, Karalis, could be of Semitic origin. *Karali* means *God's City* from "*Qar* city' and "*El*" God - it is claimed to be the same origin of Cartage "*Qart* =city' and Adasht= new. The Carthaginian's Karalis could be remembered by the *Tuvixeddu Necropolis* (in Sardinian language 'the perforated place'), by the tombs of *Ureo* and the *Combatant*.

Cagliari's historical importance increased under the Roman dominion (238 BC). The old Karalis expanded and grew rich with thermal baths, aqueducts, forum, and an amphitheatre which could sit 10,000 people. Today, it is still used for the Lyric Theatre and Cultural events, the *Tigellio's Villa* and the *Viper's Grotto*.



After the Romans came the Vandals, the Byzantines, the Giudicati's period, several Arab incursions, the Pisans and finally, in 1297 Pope Boniface VIII gave the Aragonese permission to invade Sardinia in exchange for Sicily. With the passing from the Aragonese to the Spanish crown, the thrones of Aragon and Castilian united...this was followed by a dark period in the island's history - four centuries of oppression and poverty.

Following the death of the Spanish King Charles II, Sardinia passed to the Habsburgs, then to the House of Savoy in 1720. After 400 years of Spanish culture, Cagliari was finally a part of Italy. As rulers of Sardinia, the Savoy's took the title of Kings of the Sardinian kingdom. By the end of the 18th century, after the French Revolution, France tried to conquer Cagliari because of its strategic role in the Mediterranean Sea. The French army landed on Poetto Beach then moved towards Cagliari. However, the French were defeated by the Sardinians, who had decided to defend themselves against the revolutionary army. The inhabitants of Cagliari had hoped to receive some concessions from the Savoy's in return for defending the town: for example, aristocrats from Cagliari asked for a Sardinian representative in the parliament of the kingdom. When they were refused, the inhabitants of Cagliari rose up against the Savoy's and expelled all representatives of the kingdom and people from Piedmont. This insurgence is

celebrated in Cagliari during the "Die de sa Sardigna" (Sardinian Day) on the last weekend of April. However, the Savoy's regained control of the town after a brief period of autonomous rule.

On 17 March 1861 Vittorio Emanuele II, King of Piedmont-Sardinia, was proclaimed King of Italy and from the 1870s, with the unification of Italy, Cagliari experienced a century of rapid growth.

From the sea, Cagliari appears as a pyramid, on the top stands *Castello*, the tallest of the city's four historical suburbs. The Pisans and Aragonese built *Castello* during the Middle Ages. The other historical suburbs are *Stampace* in the West, *Marina* in the South and *Villanova* in the East. Including the surrounding area, the city has a population of about 400,000.

Other historical monuments are the Church of *S Saturnine* (Paleocristians V-VI AD), the towers of *S Pancrazio* and of *Elephant* (1300AD by the Sardinian architect Capula), the *Viceregio's Palace*, the *Cathedral*, the *Bonaria Basilica*, the Church of *S. Anna* (baroque-Piedmonts), *S. Michele* (the most important baroque-Sardinian church), *the Bastion of S Remy* (neoclassic 1896), the *Town Hall* (baroque style), the *City Gallery of Modern Arts*, and the *Archaeological Museum* (the largest collection of Nuragic's Bronzetti).

Via Roma, one of the main streets in Cagliari is a continuous succession of Liberty-styled buildings, sporting yellowish and reddish coloured façades with porticos. Under the porticos there is an abundance of coffee bars and shops with jewellery and high fashion.



To complement the historical beauty, there are natural beauties such as the long beach of *Poetto* (8km long), the *S. Gilla* and *Molentargius marshes* (a protected park, well known for the rich ornithological fauna such as the *Pink Flamingos*, *Grebe*, *Avocet*, *Pucker* and *black-winged Stilt*).

Cagliari has a modern international airport with direct flights to Frankfurt, Munich, Paris, London, and via the sea, to Spain, France, Genoa, Livorno, Civitavecchia, Naples, Palermo and Tunis.

## Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (11:30am) - Italian Mass
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September (7:30pm) - Circolo Social
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September (7:00pm) - Soccer Fundraising Dinner
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September (7:00pm) - Italian Film
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September (7:30pm) - Tombola
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October (1:00pm) - Shared Lunch
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October (2:30pm) - Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Soccer Trophy
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - A Night at the Garibaldi
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November - A Night at the Garibaldi

## 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.

## Subscriptions for 2006-07

Annual subscription fees are due for the year beginning 1 July 2006. Current subscriptions expire on 30 June 2006. We would appreciate you sending the completed form below, together with your payment, as soon as possible. Please ensure that you do 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.

This year car window stickers will be sent instead of cards as confirmation of your membership. Please put them on to your car's back window so you do not get towed away when parking in the club's car park. If your child has reached the age of 18, they are required to pay a membership fee to become a member. If they are still students, their membership will cost \$20.

Subscription fees are:

Single (18 yrs and over) – \$30

Couple – \$50

Full-time student – \$20

Country (north of Waikanae and Upper Hutt) – \$20 per member

Over 70 and a financial member for the past 2 years – free. If you have just turned 70 please notify Caterina. We look forward to your continued membership. If you have any queries, please call Caterina Costa.



## Club Garibaldi membership renewal form

Surname (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

First name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription type (please tick):

Single (\$30)    Couple (\$50)    Full-time student (\$20)    Country (\$20)    Over 70 (free)

Cheques should be made payable to: **CLUB GARIBALDI**

Send to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Marion Square, Wellington.

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