



Club Garibaldi News

November 2006

The President's Report

Here I am to briefly share with you all the latest comings and goings within the club's community.

Our hard working newsletter translator, Luca Quaglia has been very busy this week and to avoid further delay we have decided to exclude the Italiano translation for this month.

On behalf of the club's membership, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Club Garibaldi's soccer team who successfully retained the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy, against our sister club, Club Italia Nelson, on Saturday, 21 October, in Wellington. The final score was 4-2. The match was enjoyed by a large number of spectators, including Dr Massimo Canelos, who represented the Italian Embassy. The trophy will be proudly displayed on the top shelf of the bar area in the clubrooms for another year! Well done, team ... you did us proud!

This year the club hosted forty team members and supporters from Nelson which included Tony, brother of the late Aldo Cuccurullo.....the largest number in the 12 years since the inaugural cup challenge in 1994. The entire weekend was an outstanding success and those who attended, enjoyed the strong bonds of friendship and warmth between the two clubs.

The after match dinner at the club was fantastic and 150 people enjoyed a sumptuous buffet meal 'at the best restaurant in town'! Once again, the tables were laden with the most amazing array of dishesand as soon as a plate or platter was empty, it was promptly replaced with yet more food! There was literally not enough room to put it all out at once!

Special thanks go to Maria Colucci and Lisa Devitt, joint managers of Club Garibaldi's soccer team, for all the hard work and organisation involved for both players and supporters. You were brilliant! Also many thanks to all the 'drivers' who transported our guests to various places during the weekend.

On the Sunday evening one hundred and twenty members, their families and our Nelson guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner at La Bella Italia, Petone. The atmosphere was truly Italian ~ excellent food and wine, 'loud voices' all chattering at once, laughter and children happily playing. The Mediterranean Trio played a bracket of old Italian favourites which had a group of youngsters dancing on the floor ~ thanks guys! Very special thanks to our hosts, Antonio and Luisa Cacace ~ they were both fantastic and made us all feel very welcome.

To everyone who helped in some way during the weekend, including cooking and baking those delicious plates of food, please accept as a personal acknowledgement, our thanks and appreciation. Your assistance was invaluable, as it helped to immensely lighten the work load.

On Saturday, 11 November, a lively group of members gathered at the club, for a social 'Get Together Night', organised by Dianne Trlin. Those who came, shared a most enjoyable evening. Thank you, Dianne, you did a great job! We are aiming to hold another evening early in the New Year.

Ciao a presto.
Ginette

Vice Minister Danieli in New Zealand

By Cav. Elizabeth Peek

On Saturday, 4 November 2006, members of Club Garibaldi joined with other invited guests to welcome Italy's Vice Minister of Overseas Affairs, Dr Franco Danieli to Wellington. The reception was hosted by her Excellency, the Ambassador of Italy, Dr Liana Marolla, at her residence.

In his speech, Vice Minister Danieli spoke about the relevance of the Italian communities and institutions in New Zealand and the importance of Italy being represented throughout the world. During his present mission, 26 October - 6 November, he visited the principal cities in Australia as well as Auckland and Wellington in New Zealand.

To mark the occasion, Vice Minister Danieli presented gifts in recognition of services rendered on behalf of the Italian Government. Four members of Club Garibaldi each received a signed chalcographic print. The recipients were: President Ginette Toscano Page, Cavaliere Salvi Gaeta, President Mario Leonti (President of the Wellington branch of the Italian Chamber of Commerce) and Cavaliere Elizabeth Peek (President of the Circolo Italiano di Wellington).

Club Garibaldi Website

Remember to check it regularly. www.clubgaribaldi.org.nz any comments or further ideas will be most welcome.

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.

Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members: Lidia Venuti of Thorndon and Lucia Zanmonti of Lower Hutt.

Garibaldi 'Get Together Night'

By Dianne Trlin

An enjoyable social evening was held at the club on Saturday, 11 November. Some members and visitors enjoyed a game of bowls while others played a few hands of cards, or they simply sat and chatted, drinking a glass of wine or three, enjoying the relaxed atmosphere, where a lot of laughing took place!

Thank you to all the ladies ~ without their support and hard work, we would not have enjoyed the delectable supper. The members who attended, commented that it was a great night and they would like the club to hold another such evening.

On behalf of the club, I sincerely thank Antonio Cacace from La Bella Italia for donating the beautiful gift basket, which was raffled on the night. Everyone commented on how 'yummy' the goodies looked! One lucky person won the door prize and took home a lovely bottle of Italian red wine which was donated by the club.

Once again, thank you to all who supported the function. I look forward to organising another social evening in the New Year. If you have any ideas for the next social evening, please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 3 December 2006 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay. Mass is held every first Sunday of the month throughout the year.



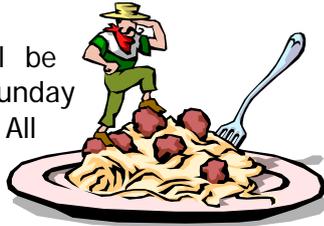
7.30pm. Please come along, and feel free to bring a friend.

Children's Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party will be held at the clubrooms on Sunday, 10 December, at 11.30am (age 0 to 12 years). Remember to purchase a gift of no more than \$10 for your child to be placed in Santa's bag. Lunch and entertainment will be provided then followed by the special appearance from Santa.

Shared Lunch

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 3 December 2006 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



Senior Christmas Luncheon

The Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held at the clubrooms on Wednesday, 6 December, at 12 noon.

Reminder: This invitation is extended to members who are 70 years or older, as well as current financial members who are over the age of 60.

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.

This is a great day out and is always enjoyed by those who attend.

The Circolo Evenings and Film night have finished for the year. Dates for the functions in the New Year will be in next month's newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 28th November (7:30pm) - Tombola

Sunday 3rd December (11:30am) - Italian Mass

Sunday 3rd December (1:00pm) - Shared Lunch

Wednesday 6th December (12:00pm) - Senior Luncheon

Sunday 10th December (11:30pm) - Children's Christmas Party

Tombola

The Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next evening will be on Tuesday the 28th November at the usual time of

Italians Build a Chocolate Igloo

By Ginette

Reuters, Italy, October 2006

At the Euro-Chocolate Festival in Perugia, four Italians constructed what they believe is the world's first full-sized chocolate igloo, but they have not yet solved the age-old problem it melts! So to help stop this from happening, the igloo is kept indoors.

"It was really hard work, much more difficult than building a snow igloo" Marco Fanti, 45, told reporters, as he stood beside the 1.65 metre high, 3,600 kilogram, dome shaped igloo, made from 10 kilogram blocks of chocolate.

It took Fanti and his fellow instructors, who worked with crumbling and melting chocolate, twenty three hours to build, which is believed to be the world's first chocolate igloo yet it took only four hours to build a snow igloo.

Associazione Eolani Nel Mondo (AEM)

By Ginette

I would like to share another 'chapter' of my recent travels to Italy, the third visit in six years!

For those who are not aware, Stromboli is one of seven islands in an archipelago, known as the Aeolian Islands, Province of Messina, and its people called Aeolians. Since the late 1800's mass exodus has occurred, with thousands leaving to start new lives in other parts of Italy, Europe, the Americas, Australia, and a smaller group compared to other destinations, New Zealand.

Today, populations of Aeolians worldwide have grown immensely. In fact, there are thousands of second, third and even fourth generations, who have remained strongly linked to common roots, family ties, memories and all that make up their cultural heritage, traditions and values that form a specific 'Aeolian identity'. From these basic points, the proposal of the Centro Studi e Ricerche di Storia e Problemi Eoliani was born, so as to create a meeting and reference point for all Aeolians throughout the world, the Associazione Eolani Nel Mondo, of which I am a foundation member.

In 2004, Robin and I travelled to Italy for the second time. During this visit, the Mayor of Lipari and a group of counsellors from the Municipio welcomed a very large group of NZ Strombolani descendants at a reception given in our honour. Following formalities, an open forum took place where we were able to share our thoughts, suggestions and ideas. At its conclusion, Maria Francesca Te Huki and I, both of Wellington, were interviewed by Southern Italian Television, for a segment on a current affairs programme.

We returned for the third time in September 2006, and were once again, guests of AEM in Lipari, who were hosting a reception and luncheon for 40 American Strombolani descendants. My friend Maria, from New York, had travelled from the States with the group and it was here at the AEM headquarters, where Maria and I met for the very first time, after 7 years of corresponding and telephone calls ~ a wonderful and very emotional meeting! After a few short speeches given by the Vice President of AEM, Sonia D'Ambra, Migration Historian from University of Messina, Professor Marcello Saija, Maria and myself, we were each presented with a beautiful single rose. Later, Maria and I were interviewed by Southern Italian Television for a 15 minute segment, on how our 'chance meeting' over the internet led to the very strong friendship and bond we share with each other today, as well as our immense love for the Aeolian Islands, especially Stromboli.



Maria from New York, Vice President Sonia, Professor Saija & Ginette at the AEM Headquarters in Lipari.

Well Done!! Michael Gaeta



Congratulations to Mike Gaeta of Island Bay, on his recent success at the National Body Building Competitions in Auckland, on the weekend of 28 October. Mike, who came third in the Novice under 80 kg category against 9 fellow competitors, has only been training in this code for a very short time, and this was his first ever competition! Wow! If he keeps this up he will be Mr Universe in no time!! Well done! Mike, all that hard work was worth it!

La Bella Dinner



Jo Gaeta & Maria Colucci



Lisa Devitt & parents Raffaele (Fifi) + Lucia Esposito



Left: Pasquale & Bridgida Garguilo, Martin & Josephine Van der Donk
Right: Maria & Paul Elenio



Giovanni Persico with daughter Maria Musso

Club Garibaldi 4 Club Italia 2

By Paul Muollo

Club Garibaldi retained the Aldo Cuccurullo Trophy with hard fought win at a slightly breezy Petone Memorial Park. Despite the conditions the children had an enjoyable game prior to the main game and there was a good crowd supporting their respective clubs.

Club Garibaldi kicked off with the wind behind them but it was Club Italia who scored first. The ball was played through to Blake Horsley down the right and he slid the ball home under Club Garibaldi's goalie. With only a few minutes left in the half Garibaldi finally found their shooting boots and it was Damian Hannah who scored with a right foot shot that the Nelson goalie could not keep out, making it 1-1. A couple of minutes later and Italia had scored again, the Wgtn club lost the ball in the middle of the park and Italia quickly went onto attack a through ball finding Mark Lupi in the clear, and he made no mistake. Half time Club Garibaldi 1 Club Italia 2.

The 2nd half saw Garibaldi go onto attack with Damian Hannah causing havoc and forcing the Nelson keeper to make some great saves. The equalising goal came when Antony Volpicelli's cross from the right found Paul Muollo who managed to slot home from close range. The game was even for the next 20 minutes with both teams having chances to take the lead. The all important 3rd goal was a brilliant strike from outside the area from Franco Colucci, a memorable celebration followed with his mother and Aunty chasing him down the sideline trying to get a photo of the moment. The 4th and final goal was another good individual effort from Franco, fortunately for everyone he kept his shirt on after this goal.

Final score, Club Garibaldi 4 Club Italia 2. Player of the Day for Club Italia was Dario Veneziano while Paul Muollo took the spoils for Club Garibaldi.

Our Future Challengers



Standing L to R: Antonino De Gregorio, Santino Gaeta, Mikaela Devitt, Marco Costa

Kneeling L to R: Damon Muollo, Grace Amitrano, Lachlan O'Connor, Liberato Cacace, Raffaele Devitt, Cory Loibl

After Match Soccer Function at the Club



The best restaurant in town!



A great social night



Such a lot of food to choose from



A happy group of members with the trophy
Elizabeth Peek, Martin Van der Donk, Marc-Olivier
LeClerc & Ginette Toscano Page



Tony Cuccurullo of Nelson, brother of the late
Aldo Cuccurullo and the Captain of Club
Garibaldi team, Tony Gaeta

Glimpse into ~ ~ ~Pistoia – a gem of Tuscany

by Elsa Forti-Barsi

This month Pistoia is featured, the area where the father of Elsa Barsi Forti and Gino Barsi was born. 26 miles out of Florence and the birthplace of Mauro Barsi, who as you may recall, was heavily involved with Club Garibaldi for many years.

18km northwest of Prato and also capital of its own province, is one of the least visited cities in Tuscany – an unjustified ranking for this quiet, well-preserved medieval city just 35 minutes by train from Florence (and about the same by bus).

An important metalworking centre, it left a legacy to the world in the pistole, originally the name of a dagger but later the title given to the first local firearms.

In Roman times, this medieval town was known as Pistoria. The word 'pistol' comes from the town, first from the blades that were made there, and later from the guns. In medieval days the city was torn between the warring Bianchi and Neri factions. Today the streets in the center of town are grey and empty and quiet, even in the sweltering summer heat.

Typically referred to as a 'town', it is actually a city with a large population.



Geographic Information:

Population 85 500
Region Tuscany

Spedale del Ceppo

Founded in the 13th century and still a working hospital today, the Spedale del Ceppo (literally, Hospital of the Tree Stump) has a glorious early-16th-century exterior terra-cotta frieze begun by Giovanni della Robbia (1469-1529) and completed by the workshop of Santi and Benedetto Buglioni in 1526-28.



For the child in us all, a visit to the Collodi Gardens in Pistoia is a must! The gardens are beautifully laid out and is a mass of colour in summer. There are several sculptures which reflect some aspect of the story of *Pinocchio*.



Pistoia Bell Tower



Congratulations to La Bella Italia!

For the recognition provided them by the NZ Retail Association through the Wellington Top Shop Awards.

They were finalists in the Innovation Excellence in Retail category, winners of the Food & Beverage category, as well as being the Overall Winner of the Wellington TOP SHOP retail excellence awards.

Vive Congratulazioni alla Bella Italia!

Per il recente riconoscimento (Premio Top Shop) ricevuto dal NZ Retail Association per la città Wellington.

La Bella Italia era tra le finaliste nella categoria di Innovation Excellence in Retail, vincitrice della categoria Food & Beverage e Vinciatrice in assoluta tra tutte le categorie partecipanti al Top Shop.

Club Re-Decoration

The Club was originally fitted-out in 1990/1991, and there are some areas that now need to be spruced up.

We are considering replacing the damaged wallpaper, washing the painted walls, and re-painting the ceiling. Also sanding and re-coating the timber floor, the stairs, handrails and some other items that may need some work done.

These will probably be done in stages, with the main items being carried out early next year.

The Executive Committee

A Night at the Garibaldi



PASSAPORTO ELETTRONICO

COMUNICATO STAMPA

Dal 26 ottobre 2006 l'Ambasciata d'Italia a Wellington rilascia un nuovo modello di passaporto, di tipo elettronico, utilizzando più moderne tecnologie che offrono standard più elevati di sicurezza.

Il passaporto elettronico è dotato di particolari caratteristiche di stampa anticontraffazione e di un microprocessore che consente la registrazione dei dati, certificati elettronicamente, riguardanti il titolare del documento e l'Autorità che lo ha rilasciato. Un ulteriore dato - relativo alle impronte digitali - potrà essere, in futuro, inserito nel microprocessore.

Il costo del nuovo passaporto, in ragione della sofisticata tecnologia utilizzata, è stato fissato da un decreto emanato, in data 9 maggio 2006, dal Ministero dell'Economia: in euro 44,66 per il libretto con 32 pagine (pari a NZ\$ 87.50) ed in euro 45,62 per quello di 48.

La tassa annuale di concessione governativa rimane invariata (attualmente pari a NZ\$ 78.80).

L'emissione del nuovo documento di viaggio, previsto da un impegno comune europeo, consentirà di continuare a beneficiare del *Visa Waiver Program* che autorizza l'ingresso negli Stati Uniti od il transito nei suoi aeroporti senza necessità di visto.

Dal 26 ottobre 2006 potranno pertanto entrare o transitare negli Stati Uniti in esenzione di visto i titolari di passaporto elettronico, di passaporto con foto digitale rilasciato prima del 26 ottobre 2006 (le Rappresentanze diplomatiche non hanno rilasciato tale tipo di documento) o di passaporto a lettura ottica rilasciato o rinnovato prima del 26 ottobre 2005. Per i passaporti rilasciati dalle Rappresentanze diplomatiche italiane tra il 26 ottobre 2005 al 25 ottobre 2006 e' necessario, per l'ingresso o il transito negli Stati Uniti, il relativo visto.

Si ricorda che i figli minori potranno beneficiare del *Visa Waiver Program* solo se dotati di un passaporto individuale, non essendo sufficiente l'iscrizione sul passaporto di uno dei genitori.

West Coast Italian Descendants & Families 2006



Back Row: Stacey Craig, Ken Tommasi, Graeme Pizzato, Steven Crestani, Ben Blair, Joseph Caldana, Mark DeGoldi, Paul Martini
Third Row: Linda Caldana, Ann Howard, Gilda McGirr, Martina Junca, Luz Domenella, Renee Pizzato, Craig Passuello, Brendan Passuello,
 Glenn Speakman, Wayne Speakman, Peter Crestani
Second Row: Robin Voight, Courtney Tommasi, Natalie Taft-Broddy, Judith Tommasi-Taft, Annalisa Caldana, Robert Caldana, George Caldana,
 Maria Speakman, Francis Zampese, Peter Pezzin, John Martini, Mary Passeullo, Lynne Comis
Front Row: Cindy Pezzin, Mary Comis-Whitehead, Rosina Caldana, Esther Piasenti-McMonagle, Cesira Zampese, Gaudenzio Passuello,
 Tony DeGoldi, Allan Comis, Rosa Koch
Inserts: Jonny Rubbo, Pat Rubbo, Geoff Rubbo, Jenny Rubbo (Brown), Marie Tommasi-Voight, Matthew Tommasi