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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Benvenuti a tutti

The last couple of months have been extremely busy with social events at the Club.

On 13 November we hosted our Nelson friends at the Club for the Annual Football game against Club Italia to vie for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy - and what a great weekend that was! Over 40 pax from Nelson flew into Wellington for the event. The game was very fiery at times and the hot Italian tempers ran wild on the field, but when the final whistle blew, everyone became friends again. Wellington won 3-0 and David Da Vanzo will elaborate more on the game later in this newsletter. Congratulations to Players of the Day Mikey Musso (Nelson) and Nicolas Volpicelli-Muollo (Wellington).



Due to Covid restrictions the Club provided the whole dinner on Saturday evening. We had a full house and we have received some lovely comments on how enjoyable the night was. Thanks to the Social Committee for working so hard on the night and to some local businesses who helped us with getting a meal on the table. Mediterranean Foods Trattoria, Newtown, Wellington Seamarket, Cuba Street, Miramar New World and Alfonso Basile.

A couple of weeks later I headed down to Nelson to take part in the 90th Birthday celebrations of Club Italia. We sat down to a wonderful long Italian lunch on Sunday – it was so nice to catch up with the Nelson community. Our Ambassador and his wife also attended. Thanks to Francis Miccio and to Club Italia for making us feel so welcome and giving us such a lovely afternoon.

The Children's Christmas party took place late November at the Club and that was fantastic. This year we moved away from the traditional Magical Show entertainment and opted for a Fairy and Elf to visit and entertain the children. That was great. The kids absolutely loved it! Even the parents and grandparents did. In fact this year we had a great turnout of 22 children and their families.

And the last event for 2021 occurred 1 week later when 47 of our seniors sat down to a lovely 3-course lunch with coffee and sweets to follow. Thanks once again to the Social Committee and to Alfonso who were all instrumental in making all the above events the successes they were. (Also, thanks to William Panateri who provided the lovely sweets to enjoy with coffee.)

Finally, on a more personal note, and since this is the final Newsletter for 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Buon Natale and all the best for a happy and healthy 2022. If you're travelling, drive safely and enjoy your holiday.

Ciao for now

Linda De Gregorio

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy Football

"Club Garibaldi welcomes the players and supporters from Nelson who have come up this weekend to take part in the 26th annual football game between our Clubs to vie for the Aldo Cuccurullo memorial Trophy. Each year this event becomes even more successful than the last, and it is pleasing to see the younger generation starting to emerge. This can only be a good thing going forward for this event and both communities.

Despite the challenges the Covid bug is throwing at us right now I have no doubt that we will be entertained by another great game of football and an enjoyable evening."

– Linda De Gregorio

"On behalf of Club Italia and our travelling supporters, it's great to be back in Wellington to contest the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy with Club Garibaldi. This is indeed a wonderful way for our communities to come together and celebrate friendship, family and our unique history. This special event is now entrenched into our Clubs' annual fixture highlights and unites our families and friends, and we look forward to tonight's celebrations at the Club Garibaldi."

– Francis Miccio, President Club Italia

"Four Seasons In One Game"

The 2021 edition of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy football game was played out in some very changeable weather conditions on Saturday 13 November.

The game started off in swirling wind and rain, with Club Italia deciding to play against the strong wind in the first half.

Club Italia dominated the opening period of the game in spite of playing into the wind, and their quick forwards launched several raids on the Club Garibaldi goal, but Club Garibaldi scrambled well, and managed to repel the attacks.

Against the run of play, Club Garibaldi appeared to have taken the lead, when central defender Kerryn Friday beautifully headed the ball into the Club Italia net off a perfect cross from Darren Cheriton. Unfortunately, the goal was ruled out due to Kerryn being adjudged offside, but this near thing put Club Italia on notice, and infused Club Garibaldi with confidence to attack.

The confidence paid off, when Nick Volpicelli Muollo, in only his second appearance for Club Garibaldi, scored a fantastic headed goal to give Garibaldi the lead. Club Italia were shocked into action, and redoubled their efforts to get back on level terms, but Club

Garibaldi held strong, and added to the lead before half-time, when Gian Pasquale Moreno coolly converted a penalty kick after a foul in the box.

Going into the break 2-0 up, Club Garibaldi had the upper hand, particularly as the wind appeared to be dropping in strength.

In the second half, the rain dried up, the wind softened, the sun appeared and the temperature increased – four seasons in one game. Club Italia had to attack, and took the ball forward at every opportunity, but Club Garibaldi were able to repel the attacks, thanks to an all-hands-on-deck approach to defence, and some excellent keeping from Club Garibaldi keeper, Antonino De Gregorio – who courageously played the game with a fractured foot.

Club Garibaldi continued to repel Club Italia attacks, and with 5 minutes to go, put the game beyond reach, when Nick Volpicelli Muollo beautifully curved the ball into the far corner of the Club Italia net.

The final whistle sounded soon after with a score-line of 3-0 to Club Garibaldi, which reflected Club Garibaldi's clinical conversion of chances, rather than a complete domination of the game. Players of the match were Nick Volpicelli Muollo for Club Garibaldi with his wonderful goals, and Michael Musso for Club Italia, who showed his steel and heart at the back for Club Italia.

The post-match function at Club Garibaldi was enjoyed by all, with a delightful three course meal prepared by Alphonse Basile. Huge thanks to Linda De Gregorio, and to all the Club Garibaldi members who put this event together in such challenging times. We look forward to defending the Cup in Nelson next year.



Christmas Children's Party



Senior's Christmas Party



Happy 90th Birthday

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Dolores DiLeva of Island Bay who turned 90 years old in November.

We wish you all the best for a healthy year and many more birthdays.



Baby News

Congratulations to Luciano and Shannon Colucci on the birth of their baby daughter, Bella Maria Colucci. We wish you and your family good health and all the best for the years ahead.



Last Night at the Garibaldi

The musical variety nights which commenced in 1992 at the clubrooms will come to an end on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th March 2022.

Ticket cost \$40 which includes a light supper. Cash bar. No door sales.

The Friday night is already sold out and some limited seating is still available on the Saturday night.

Phone Rex Da Vanzo 977 7609 for reservation enquiries.



Condolences

On behalf of the Club I wish to extend condolences to Josephine Muollo and her family (Anton, Antonietta, Paula, Krissy and Justine) on the death of Raffaele (Ruffy).

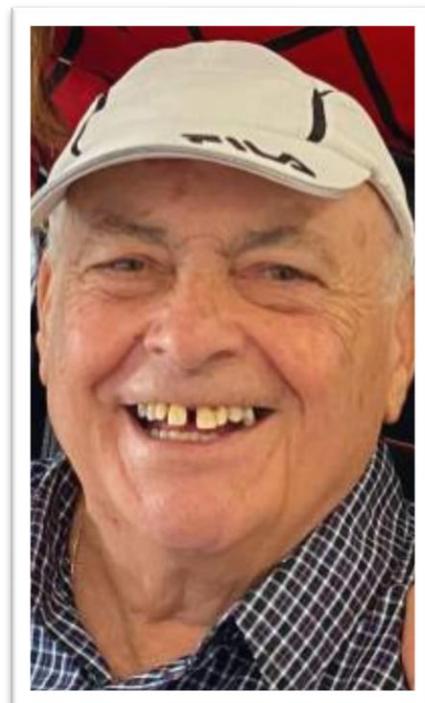
Ruffy and Josephine along with their family, have been long-time members of this Club.

Ruffy and Josephine attended the annual picnic every year up until Ruffy got sick.

He was a wonderful man with a great presence, and he will be missed. RIP

Club Premises

In the last 6 months we have viewed or inspected 4 properties for sale on the fringe of the Wellington CBD area for new premises for the Club.



None of these buildings met the Club's requirements. For a copy of the criteria for the Club's future premises, email: clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

We regularly contact real estate agents, Trademe, Dom Post and other real estate publications for potential suitable buildings for sale.

A Lease Agreement for our Tory Street building enables us to remain on our current floor until 30th June 2022, rent free, with a right of renewal until 31st December 2022, at a moderate rental payment.

If we do not find a suitable building for the Club in this 12 month period we intend to purchase a floor in an existing building, or lease a floor.

The Investment Sub-committee have invested the majority of the funds from the sale of the Club's property in Term Deposits and Managed Funds.

Building Sub-committee
Vic Criscillo, David Monastra, Rex Da Vanzo, Robin Page

Club Picnic - Sunday 20 February 2022

Our annual picnic will be held at Williams Park, Days Bay Ground 6 on Sunday 20 February.

As usual the Club will provide meats, fruit, rolls and games - you bring anything else and your families and friends. This is always a nice day out - the beach is right across the road, so bring swimming togs if you wish. See you all there!

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 20 February 2022

Club Picnic

Friday 11 March 2022

Last Night at the Garibaldi

Saturday 12 March 2022

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