



# Club Garibaldi News

**MARCH 2012**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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As this newsletter arrives in your letterbox it will be only days prior to our Carnevale taking place. The Carnevale and Executive committee members have been working very hard for months to ensure that it will be a success. Come and share your heritage with all Wellingtonians at this special event, which is part of Club Garibaldi's 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Tell your neighbours and family, bring along your friends – everyone is welcome. We will also be releasing the revised history book of Italian migration to the Capital "Alla Fine Del Mondo (To the Ends of the Earth)", written by Paul Elenio, which can be purchased on the day. The revised print of the book was launched at a cocktail party held at our clubrooms on Friday, 16 March, for the people and businesses who sponsored the publishing of this book. The Italian Ambassador, H.E. Alessandro Levi Sandi also attended.

On behalf of the members of Club Garibaldi, I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Paul Elenio, who voluntarily gave so much of his time to write both versions of the book, and for giving us the opportunity to leave a legacy to our descendants and future generations. All proceeds from the book go to the club.

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page

## **'ALLA FINE DEL MONDO' 2012 BOOK SPONSORS**

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Family of Liberato and Francie Della Barca  
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## ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

The club's annual picnic held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki on Sunday, 19 February, was a great success! As the day progressed from an overcast morning, threatening to rain, we were once again blessed with a pleasantly warm day with a light breeze, which added to the enjoyment for the one hundred and thirty members including their families who came. Everyone enjoyed the mountain of barbecued steak and sausages cooked by the five chefs of the day - Alf Basile, Vince Costa, Matt Amitrano, Paul Elenio and Peter Amitrano. Many thanks guys, you did a tremendous job, making sure the crowds were well fed! When everyone had finished their lunch - trays of fresh, sweet, sliced watermelon was passed around. The meat, sausages, bread, tomato sauce and melons were supplied by the club.

As always, the games were popular and a lot of fun! We were in fits of laughter watching the toddlers and older children, trying hard to smash open the star shaped, lolly filled 'pinata' which was hanging from a tree branch, with a long stick, then scrambling on the grass looking for them! We had running races and tugs of war for all age groups, sack races and egg and spoon races! Picnic day is always enjoyable as it gives members and their families the chance to mix and mingle. The atmosphere was very relaxed and it was really wonderful to see so many young families there.

Sincere thanks to Alfonso Basile who bought the meat and melons on the club's behalf, Maria Colucci for organising the housekeeping side of the picnic, Matt Amitrano and Peter Amitrano for organising the barbeques, Robin Page for the sound system, to Paul Elenio who did a fine job as Emcee at races time, and to all the members who helped to make the picnic a great day.

## FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

*As printed in the EVENING POST – 1 FEBRUARY 1916*

### MISSING FISHERMEN – ARRIVE SAFELY AT PICTON

The anxiety which was felt yesterday for the safety of a fishing party from Island Bay was allayed last evening, on receipt of a telegram, stating that the launch had arrived safely at Picton. At 4 o'clock on Sunday morning the launch 'Stromboli' left the Bay, and went out into Cook Strait for a distance of nine miles, in company with six or seven other boats. When the fog came on later all the boats made a start for home, and all reached the Bay in due course with the exception of the 'Stromboli', which was manned by four men – Vince Barnao, Joe Barnao, Vincenzo Barnao and Giovanni Ziino. The thick fog completely enveloped the launch, and the fishermen must have lost their bearings. It was too foggy yesterday to go in search of the missing men, and news of their safe arrival on the other side of the Strait was received before anything could be done.

## HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

Rosalia was very overweight, so she asked the doctor put her on a diet. He told her to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, then eat regularly again for two days then skip a day...and to repeat this system for two weeks. "The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 3 kilos", the doctor told her. When Rosalia returned for a check-up the doctor was shocked, as she had lost nearly 20 kilos! "Why, that's amazing!" he said, "Did you follow my instructions?" "Yes" she replied "...I tella you though, I was nearly gonna dropa dead ona da tird daya!" "You mean because you were *'hungry'*?" asked the doctor. "No, froma the skipping!" replied Rosalia.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

- Letizia, Ralph, Veronica and Lorenzo Green, of Wadestown, Wellington, on the recent passing of their father and nonno, Domenico Columbano, in Sardinia.
- Carolina and Antonio Esposito and family, of Island Bay, Wellington, on the recent passing of their mother and nonna, Raffaella De Gregorio, in Massa Lubrense.

## CLUB LEASING SITUATION

Club members who spend time at the club on Sundays will have noticed that the premises on level one are empty. We are continuing to market the premises through commercial property agents and are hopeful of leasing the floor, which was extensively refurbished to bring it up to a reasonable leasing standard. We have also not been receiving income from the ground floor tenant and changes there are also due. The club continues to receive income from other sources: Circolo Italiano, a billboard company and the firm leasing the car parks. The executive committee will keep members updated as the situation improves.

## "A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI" – BARBARA GRAHAM BENEFIT SEASON



Canadian based NZ soprano and Dame Malvina Major Emerging Artist, Barbara Graham, returns for a two night benefit season at the clubrooms on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st July. Featured support artists include Tim Beveridge and Elitsa Kappatos from Auckland and Rachel Day from Wellington. The programme will also feature a musical theatre component.

Ticket price \$35 (inc. light supper). Preferential booking to GCBS regulars until 31 March, thereafter public sale. Phone bookings telephone Rex Da Vanzo.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Gina Canderle of Karori, and Florio and Nicki Zandegiacomo of Island Bay.

## A BIT OF TRIVIA

*ANSA – Rome, 23 December 2011*

Five fake blind people have been cited for fraud in the Abruzzo city of Pescara, Italian police said on Friday. The five, on benefits for "total blindness", were filmed walking about the city, dodging traffic and taking buses.

"We have crushing evidence!" the police said. One of the five accused, carrying a walking stick for the blind, was seen walking into a health office, picked up a certificate and checked that it was OK, police said.



## WELL DONE, LIBERATO CACACE

Liberato Cacace, son of Antonio and Luisa, of Island Bay, is only 11 years old but already he has been identified as a potentially first class footballer. Liberato was recently chosen to be part of the junior elite squad selected by All Whites and Phoenix coach, Ricki Herbert, to attend the football academy in Sydney in January for a ten-day training camp. Liberato has been a member of the Capital Football Federation for the past two years for the 1999 squad. This year he was chosen to be in the Federation Gold Squad. Of course, he plays for Island Bay United in JPL Grade 13!

Club Garibaldi's members congratulate Liberato on this great achievement.

## ANNUAL BUS TRIP 2012 – DESTINATION: ROTORUA

*By Josephine and Martin Van der Donk*

This year's trip marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary that club members and friends have travelled away together. Leaving Island Bay at 6.30am on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, picking people as we headed north, 36 happy and excited people were on their way to Rotorua.

Our first stop was for morning tea at Flat Hills where we enjoyed our first coffee with scones and muffins and a walk around the lovely surroundings. From there it was on to Taupo, where we stopped for lunch at Milano Restaurant. We were treated to a choice of either pizza and salad or pasta and salad. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal and so, with a full tummy, we were back on the bus and on to our destination. Our accommodation was booked at the Holiday Inn, which had a lovely thermally heated pool, which saw most of us head for, once we had arrived. The evening was then free to do whatever we wished. Some went off into town, others went for walks and some just chose to stay at the hotel and relax.

Day 2 started off with a full breakfast, followed by a trip to a blueberry farm at Mamaku. After being shown around the whole farm operation we then enjoyed a delicious lunch of croissants, followed by pancakes, topped with blueberries and cream – Yum! Very tasty! From there it was back to the hotel for free time, where most headed for a relaxing soak in the pool again. That evening we were treated to a 'wine and dine' on board a paddle steamer which cruised Lake Rotorua for 2 hours. It was a great experience and one of the highlights of the trip.

After breakfast on day 3, we took a trip to the Green & Blue Lakes and then up to a lookout, which gave us a panoramic view of Rotorua City, Lake and surrounding district. We then made our way to a food court for a quick coffee and lunch. From there we were off to Paradise Valley Wildlife Park, which was set in a beautiful bush clad valley. We were able to walk through this park-like setting taking in the sights of numerous birds, llamas, farm animals, trout and lions. The main attraction was that we were permitted to pet the lion cubs and watch the ranger feed the adult lions. We then headed back to our hotel for some R & R before heading out again to have our final dinner together at the Italian restaurant, Ciccio. We had a scrumptious meal and then enjoyed a great sing-a-long with Salvi on guitar and Armando on the piano accordion. It was a great way to end the evening!

As they say, "all good things must come to an end!" Day 4 – it was time to depart Rotorua and make the journey back home! Our first stop was at Huka Falls and then on to the Honey Hive, followed by a quick lunch at a little cafe at Motuoapa (just before Turangi). After settling back on the bus for what we thought was going to be a leisurely trip home, the following events made this a very drawn out affair!

Firstly, the bus over-heated on the Mangaweka Ranges where we were forced to stop to enable it cool down. After a while we carried on to the township of Mangaweka, where once again, we were forced to stop because of the same problem! After about one hour, the driver decided to carry on, but things only got worse and the bus finally came to a stop at Ohingaiti. This is a little place in the middle of no-where, but we were fortunate in that we stopped right next to a typical Kiwi country pub! You can guess what happened next. Suffice to say, that the publican's eyes lit up when we all walked in. We spent a very enjoyable two hours here while waiting

for a new bus to come from Palmerston North. Finally it arrived...but then we had to go to Marton to change drivers, which incurred another delay. We finally made it home at about 10pm.

During these four days, we all became like family and enjoyed each other's company. The weather was great, the food was great, the people were great! Special thanks to Salvi and Josephine Gaeta, Maria Colucci and the Club for a wonderful time. We look forward to next year's trip.

## SUNDAY CLUB DAY – CHANGE OF TIME

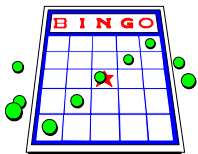
Please note that the time for Club Day on Sundays has changed. From the beginning of April 2012, the club will be open from 2pm to 7pm.

## ITALIAN MASS

On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am. 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 Abp Charles Balvo or Mons Jean-Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 1 April 2012.**

## TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 27 March 2012**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

## CIRCOLO ITALIANO – APRIL SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on **Thursday 5 April**, Ruth and Bill Ward will give us a presentation. Circolo members Ruth and her husband Bill have recently returned to New Zealand after living in Italy for 12 months. Ruth's presentation will be very different from that of the ordinary tourist and she will give us details of many interesting experiences. These will include: studying at the Centro Studi Italiani, Urbani, living in Sant'Angelo in Pontano, Marche region, day to day Italian life and travelling to many parts of Italy. Club Garibaldi members are warmly invited to attend!! A \$5 cover charge towards supper will apply.



## SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 6 May 2012**, at 1.15pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday, 25 March (10am–4pm)

Club Garibaldi Carnevale

Tuesday, 27 March (7.30pm)

Tombola

Sunday, 1 April (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Thursday, 5 April (7.30pm)

Circolo Italiano April Social

Sunday, 6 May (1.15pm)

Club Shared Lunch

## CARNEVALE ITALIANO – SUNDAY, 25 MARCH 2012 (10am to 4pm)



Only a few days now to our Club Garibaldi Carnevale with its Venetian theme, to be held at St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie. A day of fun, entertainment, dancing, food, wine and song! Stalls include wood-fired pizza, pasta, Italian sausages, calamari, pastries and cakes, plus gelato, wines, beer and fresh roasted chestnuts. Other stalls will include travel and accommodation in Italy.

A variety of entertainment includes opera singers, pop opera by Tre-Belle, children dancing the traditional folk dance, the Tarantella, Italian music and song with violin, piano accordion and a 6 piece band. Italian cars and motorcycles will be on display at the entrance. There will be activities for children, including mask-making and painting. Italian costumes, and displays will create a unique atmosphere for all to enjoy this Carnevale Italiano.

To coincide with their anniversary celebrations, Club Garibaldi, the oldest known Italian club outside of Italy, will release a revised history book of Italian migration to the Capital "Alla Fine Del Mondo (To the Ends of the Earth)" which can be purchased on the day.



### FOOD & WINE

Mediterranean Food  
Warehouse, Wellington  
Scopa Caffè Cucina – Pizza  
Caffè L'affare – Coffee  
Chef Barbara  
Bongusta Pasta  
Island Bay Butchery –  
Italian Sausages  
The Italian Connection –  
Limoncello  
Carrello del Gelato  
Tony Chestnut  
Club Garibaldi – Italian wines  
& beer. Dolci, pastries & cakes

### TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Harvey World Travel, Miramar  
Italian Villa Homes – Don McLean

### CULTURAL

Club Garibaldi Display –  
Revised edition of  
*Alla Fine Del Mondo*  
Circolo Italiano di Wellington  
Embassy of Italy in NZ  
Te Papa Tongarewa

### ENTERTAINMENT

Opera Singers – Rachel Day &  
Elitsa Kappatos accompanied by  
Mark Dorrell  
Tre-Belle (NZ pop-opera) – Karyn  
Andreassend, Jennifer Little, Jess Segal  
Garibaldi Junior Tarantella Dancers  
The Mediterranean Sextet –  
Traditional Italian songs  
Adam & Caterina Costa –  
Violin & Piano  
Rebekah Greig – Piano Accordion

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Mask making & face painting  
Bouncy castle & rides

### ITALIAN CARS & MOTORCYCLES

GT Continental – Alfa Romeo & Fiat  
Motorad – Vespa

### ADMISSION:

Adults – Gold Coin  
Children (15 yrs & under) – Free

Carparking (on site) –  
\$2 per car all day



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