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# Club Garibaldi News

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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### Happy Mother's Day!

*A mother holds her children's hands for a while... but their hearts forever*

Ciao a presto  
Ginette Toscano Page  
President

## CLUB GARIBALDI'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

The National Day of Italy celebrations at Club Garibaldi will be held on **Friday, 1 June 2012** commencing at 7.30 pm. As in past years, the Club will provide a light supper, wine and juice. Please note that this function is open to financial members only.

## FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES

*By Ginette Toscano Page*

As our club celebrates its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, I felt it pertinent to print the following article which was published in the 'Evening Post' newspaper 105 years ago, when the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated.

### ***Evening Post – 1 July 1907 – Club Garibaldi Celebrates***

Members of the local Garibaldi Club celebrated the **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of that institution in Wellington by holding an enjoyable 'social'. Songs were contributed by Messrs G. Cremona, Lecce, Moschini, Mayoraca, Rinaldi and Pozzi, speeches by Lecce, Gallate, Lizzani, Cremonese, Lucchese, Paino (2), Le Terza and Santi. The music was supplied by Messrs Vitetta Brothers, while Giovanni Vitetta gave a harp solo which was one of the greatest successes of the evening. The gathering was presided over by Mr F Lecce.

## ITALIAN GOLF DAY

The following article was written by David Hill, Captain of the Diplomatic Corps Golf Society, and a member of Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, Lower Hutt.



### *CLUB GARIBALDI MEMBERS*

On Sunday, 22 April, the third Diplomatic Corps Golf Society's tournament was held. Donato Scioscioli, Deputy Head of Mission at the Italian Embassy, came up with the idea of holding an Italian Golf Day after his arrival in Wellington. The Diplomatic Corps Golf Society and Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club were more than happy to join the Italian Embassy in arranging the tournament. The NZ Diplomatic Corps Golf Society was formed more than 30 years ago to help golfers serving with foreign missions in Wellington play golf in New Zealand. This year's fund-raising recipient was the Wellington Children's Hospital, who benefited \$1,742 from the proceeds of the day from a field of only 130 people.

This year six members of Club Garibaldi plus two of their guests played in the Italian Golf Day. They enjoyed great success on the day in winning the following golf competitions.

- Best Stableford score over 18 holes and winner of the Coppa Italia - Marcus Menara 42 points
- Best Stableford score over 18 holes by a member of the Club Garibaldi and winner of the Club Garibaldi Cup – Jonathan Basile 33 points
- Longest drive No 7 men - Marcus Menara
- Closest to the pin No 18 women - Ines Rafferty



*Ginette with Marcus Menara*



*Ginette, Jonathan Basile, Donato Scioscioli*

As Marcus won the overall Stableford competition and the Coppa Italia, he was not eligible to win the Club Garibaldi Cup as well. Club Garibaldi members congratulate Marcus, Jonathan, and Ines on your successes.

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



It was a beautiful autumn day on Saturday, 31 March 2012, when Ferdi Petagna, elder son of Josephine van der Donk and the late Michael Petagna of Island Bay, married Maria Davidson, daughter of Mercine and John Davidson of Lower Hutt, at St Mary of the Angels Church, Wellington. The celebrant was Fr Barry Scannell SM. As the bride entered the church escorted by her father, Henry Purcell's "Trumpet Tune" was played. The Maid of Honour was Freya Coote, and Best Man, Chris Tierney. Ferdi's brother Carlo Petagna gave a reading, while the preparation and presentation of the gifts was given by the mothers of the bride and groom, Mercine Davidson and Josephine van der Donk.

Following the service, family photos were taken in the grounds of the church after which the bridal group were driven to the Hunter Building, Victoria University, then on the Wellington Harbour water front, for formal photos. While waiting for the bridal party to return, guests enjoyed drinks and canapés at the reception venue, Shed 5, Queens Wharf – a very picturesque location. This was followed by a sit down dinner and dancing.

Ferdi worked as barman for the Club for a number of years while studying at Victoria University – this was where he and Maria met. Congratulations Ferdi and Maria, Club Garibaldi wish you both a lifetime of love and happiness.

## AN INTERESTING PHOTO

The gentleman on the right hand side of this photo is entertainer, Francesco Guglielmoni, father of club member Armando Guglielmoni, playing a double-necked guitar. For the music enthusiasts and those who are interested, it was unusual to see some of the top rock bands of the 1960's and 70's, ie Jimmy Page of Led Zepplin, Genesis and Guns and Roses to mention a few, playing double-necks, yet here is Armando's father playing one circa 1930 in Italy! Thank you Armando, for sharing this interesting photo with us.



## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Danele and Ying-Tang Alemagna of Seatoun, Wellington, and Joeline Davies-Colley of Palmerston North.

## ITEM OF INTEREST

*ANSA - Cagliari, 26 April 2012 – Dog visits owner's tomb daily.*

A dog in a small town near Cagliari in Sardinia has made visiting the graveyard part of his daily ritual after his owner suddenly died of a heart attack in February, says the newspaper L'Unione Sarda. As in the film 'Hachi' starring Richard Gere, in which a dog returned daily for 10 years to the train station where his owner habitually arrived. The honey-coloured mixed breed dog is called "Nameless", since no one knows what he was called by his former owner, slips in behind the security guard's mother each day when she opens the gate, and sits by his dead owner's tomb. Nameless is fed and taken care of by locals, but has chosen to make his

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS



On Saturday, 17 March 2012, Dominic Barnao, son of John and Celia Barnao married Marissa Taylor, daughter of Allan and Maria Taylor at Erskine College Chapel in Island Bay. Family and friends came to attend the wedding from as far as Japan, America and Australia. The bride arrived via a 1955 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, attended by five bridesmaids, while Dominic and his best man Gary Bird and second groomsmen, brother Tony Barnao, waited in the chapel. The service was conducted by Reverend Phil Coates. Dominic's sister, Arna Barnao, gave a reading while friend and bridesmaid, Melissa Sommerville, took advantage of the amazing acoustics in Erskine's chapel and sang "At last" by Etta James during the signing of the marriage register. The bride and bridesmaids' dresses were made by friend and bridesmaid, Helen Forster, of Helen Forster Bridal. After the service, the photographer whisked away the bride and groom for photos in the beautiful grounds. Guests enjoyed a sit down dinner in the reception hall, and later danced the night away to music by a live band. Both Dominic and Marissa grew up in Wellington, attending St Patrick's College, Silverstream, and Samuel Marsden Collegiate. Dominic and Marissa are both keen soccer players: Dominic has played soccer since he was 7 years old and both he and Marissa now play for Wellington United Soccer Club.

Congratulations Dominic and Marissa, Club Garibaldi wish you both a lifetime of love and happiness.

## CIRCOLO ITALIANO – JUNE SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday, 7 June, Paul Elenio from Club Garibaldi will give us a presentation. Paul has recently launched the revised edition of his book ***Alla Fine del Mondo (To the ends of the Earth)*** which was originally published in 1995. He will speak about the Italian immigration into Wellington and also read some excerpts from the book. His Power Point presentation will contain many beautiful images and photos from the book and we hope you will take this opportunity to find out about the influences the Italians have had in Wellington from early days to the present time. Club Garibaldi members are warmly invited to join in with the Circolo members for an enjoyable evening. Pencil the date in your diaries - this will be a "not to be missed event"! Copies of Paul's book will be available for sale on the night. A \$5.00 cover charge towards supper will apply.

## HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Pasquale was driving in the city, all hot and bothered because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he prayed, 'Caro Signore, please-a help-a me! If you find me a parking place I will-a go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life, and-a give up my drinking and-a staying out late every Saturday nighta'. Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Pasquale looked up to the heavens and said, 'Never mind, caro Signore, cancel that-a request – I founda one!'

## GUGLIELMO AND ENRICHETTA MELHOP TRUST AWARD

Club Garibaldi, the Wellington social and cultural organisation for New Zealanders of Italian decent, is calling for applications for funding from the Melhop Trust. The trust, established by a long-time club member, offers funding for young people of Italian descent for educational purposes involving formal study in a wide variety of fields and endeavours. Applications close on July 31, 2012 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised late October. Applications, citing the academic study and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to: The Secretary, Club Garibaldi, P O Box 6451, Wellington 6141. A list of the criteria for the annual award is also available from the Secretary.

Previous successful applicants for assistance from the trust were:

**2006:** Chris Di Leva, son of Maria and Giuseppe Di Leva of Island Bay, Wellington.

**2007:** John Mollo, son of Teresa and Liberato Mollo of Island Bay, Wellington.

**2008:** Claire Wilde, daughter of Susan Wilde (nee Battiston) of Upper Hutt.

**2009:** Hannah Timms, daughter of Michele Timms (nee Wholey) of Wellington.

**2010:** Giancarlo Cuccurullo, son of Gino and Caterina Cuccurullo of Island Bay, Wellington.

**2011:** Michaela Aspell, daughter of Antonella (nee Ruocco) and Everard Aspell of Oriental Bay, Wellington



### **BRAVO, MATTHEW DI LEVA!**

Matthew Di Leva, 16 years old, the fifth son of Maria and Joe Di Leva of Island Bay, has been selected as one of four athletes from Wellington to represent the city at the Special Olympics Trans-Tasman Tournament in Cairns, Australia, in October. Matthew's specialities are the long jump and sprints. Congratulations and well done on being selected Matthew, the members of Club Garibaldi wish you well in this exciting sports event.

### **MARIA D'ESPOSITO – 80 YEARS YOUNG!**



More than 120 family members and friends joined Maria D'Esposito of Island Bay, on Saturday, 7 April, in celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday milestone. Amongst the local Wellington guests were friends and family members who had travelled from London, Dubai, Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, the Hawkes Bay, the Wairarapa, Nelson, Blenheim and Christchurch to be with Maria for her special celebratory lunch.

It was a sparkling Wellington day and the waterfront location of the event contributed to the happy and festive atmosphere amongst the party-goers. Guests were treated to wonderful Italian food and wine, Italian music and a series of tributes and sometimes humorous toasts to Maria that left no doubt that she was special to so many. One of the highlights of the afternoon

was the cutting of Maria's birthday cake. The cake's icing was imprinted with a photo of Maria in her pageantry regalia when she won the Catholic Centennial Queen Carnival Contest in 1950. It was a wonderful trip down memory lane for her, and while guests took away many happy memories of the afternoon, the most enduring memory for those who participated in the event was the strong sense of family and community that have played such important roles in her life.

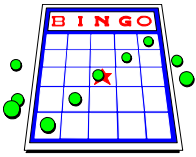
Buon compleanno Maria, Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

### **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, 3 June 2012.**

## TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 22 May 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.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING 1 JULY 2012

### Current subscriptions expire on 30 June 2012

We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment, as soon as possible. Once again, we have supplied an addressed envelope to make this easier for you. The form is on a separate page enclosed in this newsletter. Please ensure that you 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.

Do not forget to also join up your spouse as there are several club functions which are for financial members only. Also, 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 be \$20.00. We can send you a membership form for them.

If you have just turned 70 and have been a member continuously for 5 years, please notify Caterina Costa or post in the form. Thank you – we look forward to your continued membership and support.

**Friendly reminder:** Members who do not display the new **2012-13 stickers** on their vehicles which are parked in the club car park after 30 June 2012, risk being towed away!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 22 May (7.30pm)

Tombola

Sunday, 3 June (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Thursday, 7 June (17.30pm)

Circolo June Social