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Club Garibaldi News

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In this issue of the newsletter we cover the upcoming Christmas festivities, report on the annual football game against Nelson and announce prestigious appointments for members' children.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Children's party



The children's Christmas party will be held at the club on Saturday November 30 at 11am. Lunch will be served at 12.15 and the function finishes at 2pm. Parents and caregivers are asked to provide a gift (to a value of no more than \$15) for Santa to hand out to the children. Please advise Maria Colucci 383-8476 by November 28 if your children will be there and their ages. Let her know too if you are able to help with the party on the day.

Seniors lunch



The annual **senior members' Christmas lunch** will be held at the club on Saturday December 7. All members aged 60 and over are welcome to attend this great function. Please be seated at 11.45am. Please let us know that you are coming for catering purposes. Contact Caterina Costa 478-3899 by no later than Monday December 2. Please note the lunch is for members only.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

A new social committee is being put together to help run club events. If you can help please contact Maria Colucci 383-8476.

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

The game: Club Italia 5 Club Garibaldi 2

By David Da Vanzo (captain)

Youth wins the day

Many a parent will think at times that youth were put on this earth to torment the old, and so it seemed in the Aldo Cuccurullo Trophy game as the youth of Club Italia showed our ageing backline that speed kills – or, at least, completely exhausts, older limbs and lungs.

The youth of Nelson ran rings around Club Garibaldi's backline showing more zip than a trousers factory. The Garibaldi backline, with a combined age of close to 200, was almost reduced to spectators as the dash of the Nelson attack threatened to rip the tie asunder in the first half.

The Nelson pressure eventually produced a breakthrough, with a well-taken goal after a through-ball got in behind the Garibaldi defence. Not long after Nelson extended the lead with a breathtaking, 20 yard curling shot into the top corner of the net from PJ Lupi.

Things were starting to look ominous for Garibaldi, but fortunately we were able to bounce back somewhat, with a well-crafted move that ended in the calm slotting of a goal by Luciano Colucci. Things improved further, when Luciano was again involved, this time, earning a penalty-kick when he was taken down by a clumsy tackle in the box.

Jimmy Haidakis, made like Balotelli with a brilliantly-taken penalty, and suddenly the scores were level again with five minutes till halftime. Immediately after, however, we missed a golden chance to take the lead when Carlo Petagna fired over the crossbar from a handy position. Nelson wasted no time in punishing us for the miss by retaking the lead before halftime, with PJ Lupi, again, the finisher of a nicely-worked move.

Going into the break 2-3 down, we believed we were back right in the game, and hoped the tailing wind would assist our chances, although it did seem like the wind was starting to ease. Both sides had chances, and the game teetered on the brink of either an equaliser for us, or a two-goal cushion for Nelson.

With everything hanging in the balance, something had to give, and it was us who gave Nelson a goal, when a defensive error led to a chance that was not misspent by the youth of Nelson.

At 2-4 down we had no option but to chase the game, but on ever-wearying legs it was always going to be a big ask, and a comeback was not to be. Nelson put the outcome beyond doubt with 10 minutes to go, when some patient interplay around our box led to a smartly-converted goal to make it 5-2.

The goal-scorers for Nelson were all relatively young compared to Wellington. They were P J Lupi, Mark Lupi, Cataldo Miccio and Francesco Cheruseo and it certainly shows the value of bringing youth into the team. Wellington will need to do this if we are to have any chance of reclaiming the trophy in the future, as experience is willing, but leg-speed is killing!

A big thank you to the referee, Salve Basile, and to the linesmen, Benson Oosterbaan, and Peter Lye, who all did a great job of controlling the game.

Wellington put on a wonderful day for the game and the meal at the Club was a sumptuous feast as always. Many thanks to all who contributed to the event, in particular, to Maria Colucci, Paul Muollo and Paul Elenio and everyone who helped out at the dinner.



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The after-match

Members of both teams and Club Garibaldi members gathered at the clubrooms on the Saturday evening after the game for a great night of food and socialising. It was disappointing the function was not supported by more members but those who attended enjoyed the evening. The buffet table was filled with a great choice of home-made dishes, savoury and sweet – thanks to all the cooks! At stake in this annual fixture is the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy, presented in memory of a young Club Italia member whose life was cut short too early. In the absence of a member of the family the trophy was presented by Aldo's cousin 16-year-old Antonino De Gregorio to Club Italia captain George Molnar. The man of the match awards were decided by each team's players for the opposition team and the awards went to P J Lupi of Club Italia and Carlo Petagna of Club Garibaldi. Thanks to the club executive committee members and others who set up for the function, presented the food and cleaned up afterwards.



Antonino De Gregorio, George Molnar & David Da Vanzo



Carlo & Gina Petagna with Mike Musso



**Back: Lisa Devitt, Ida Basile, Maria Colucci, Stefan Devitt, Cav Antonio Cacace, Tony Devitt, Maria Elenio, Louise Cacace
Front: Shane Devitt, Annalisa Devitt, Olivia Devitt**



John Esposito president of Club Italia, George Molnar & Antony Volpicelli



Ratih, Michael & Josephine Gaeta & Paul Muollo

BOWLS SUCCESS



Congratulations to Stephen Zino who, after a qualifying round, has been selected as the sole New Zealand representative for the World Bowls Tournament to be held in Perthshire, Scotland this month. The tournament is by invitation only and comprises some of the top-ranked players in the world. Stephen follows in the footsteps of his older brother, Joseph, who is the reigning national indoor bowls national singles champion. Stephen and Joseph are the sons of long-time club members, John and Donna Zino of Island Bay. A truly outstanding family sporting achievement.

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to **Luigi Cacace** of Island Bay who has been given the prestigious title of Head Boy at St Patrick's College Kilbirnie for 2014. Luigi, 16, is highly regarded for his academic achievements and his involvement in both cultural and sporting activities at the college. He is a member of the choir Con Anima, a member of the O'Shea Shield-winning debating team and an office holder in the Young Vinnies organisation (St Vincent de Paul Society) at the college. Luigi is the eldest son of Antonio and Luisa Cacace.

Congratulations to **Grace Amitrano** who has been made Deputy Head Girl (Art) at St Mary's College. She has been a member of the club children's tarantella dance group for many years. Grace, 17, plays football, is involved in debating, drama, scuola choir and tap dancing. Grace is the eldest daughter of club member Mattia Amitrano and Lynda.

Congratulations to **Francois Cuccurullo** who was awarded the Official of the Year title for the second year in a row at the annual Dominion Post College Sport Awards at Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua. Francois referees/umpires football, futsal and water polo at high levels.

Congratulations to **Santino Gaeta**, son of Michael and Ratih who won a \$3000 Wild at Heart Spirit Scholarship in the annual Wellington Airport-sponsored community awards. Santino is a student at Scots College. The awards recognise and celebrate students who believe in the importance of community - and are self-motivated and selfless. They demonstrate a broad contribution to their college, develop good relationships, treat others with respect and concern, go out of their way to give service to their school or community projects and are good ambassadors for their college.

Auguri!



Luigi Cacace



Grace Amitrano



Francois Cuccurullo



Santino Gaeta

MELHOP TRUST AWARD

Each year the club seeks applications from students for the Melhop Trust academic award. The club is pleased to announce that this year the award goes to Theo A Thompson, a third year Engineering honours student at Auckland University. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS

To club members Giuseppe and Kirsty Cangiano on the birth of their first baby, a beautiful daughter, Chiara.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Christine and John Eathorne of Otaki, April Townsend of Paraparaumu, Roberto Giorgioni of Hataitai

SHARED LUNCH



There will be no shared lunch following Mass in December (the day after the senior members' lunch). The next shared lunch will occur in February.

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' – LYDIA MCDONNELL BENEFIT

Both performances on 7 and 8 March 2014 are now sold out. Waiting list enquiries to Rex Da Vanzo on 977-7609 (evenings).



ITALIAN MASS



On the first Sunday of every month Mass is celebrated in the Italian language at St Francis de Sales Church, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay. Everyone is welcome to attend and members are encouraged to spread the word to others, including non-members, so they have the opportunity to hear Mass in the native tongue. If you can help with a reading or would like to bring up the Offertory gifts at the Mass please call Ida Basile, 934-7814. We are grateful that Mass continues to be celebrated by either the Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand, Archbishop Martin Krebs or his Secretary, Monsignor Jean Sylvain. The next Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday December 1.

TOMBOLA



The next **tombola** night will be held at the clubrooms on Tuesday November 26 at 7.30pm. Come along and join the fun – and feel free to bring along a friend. Please bring a plate to share for supper. For further information call Maria Colucci 383-8476.

ANNUAL BUS TRIP 2014



The annual club members' bus trip will be held again in February. Destinations and dates as yet unknown but members who have not been before but would like to register their interest please contact Maria Colucci 3838476.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If anyone would like their newsletter sent by email instead of ordinary mail, please email the Club at clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

If you have news to share with members send to paulelenio@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 26 November (7.30pm)

Tombola

Saturday, 30 November (11.00am)

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, 1 December (11.30am)

Italian Mass

Saturday, 7 December (11.45am)

Senior Members Christmas Lunch