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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

The AGM took place on Sunday 18 September. At that meeting some good points were brought up. Members would like to see the newsletter with some Italian phrases – so to that end, we will start incorporating some Italian language into our future newsletters.

We also discussed the financial position of the Club, and at present due to the middle floor still being vacant, the Club needs to control its expenditure.

I think you will all agree that our club has one of the cheapest membership subscriptions to be found anywhere given the wide range of benefits available to its members. These benefits are largely funded by renting the ground and first floor premises and the car parks and, of these, the first floor which has been vacant for some time, provides the greatest return. As a result of this being vacant, your Executive Committee must manage its resources in a responsible manner.

To that end, this year we have reluctantly decided to put a cover charge on the Senior's Christmas lunch. We feel this is very moderate, given the fact that after the age of 70, members do not pay a Membership Fee, and I'm sure everyone that attends that lunch will agree that \$10 is very minimal for the 4-course lunch they enjoy.

There are other activities, apart from the senior's lunch which have been subsidised by the club in the past, namely the annual bus trip and the annual football match with Club Italia. It should be noted that in the case of our football team, they are representing the club when they travel to Nelson and, certainly in recent times, they have raised a significant part of their costs by fundraising.

The Executive stands as follows:

President:	Linda De Gregorio
Vice President:	Alfonso Basile
Treasurer:	Vito La Iacono
Secretary:	Caterina Costa
Members:	Rex Da Vanzo, Catherine Monastra, Maryrose Basile, Maria Colucci, Larry Greco
Trustees:	Vic Criscillo, Robin Page.

Saluti a tutti, Linda.

Italian Mass in Island Bay Celebrated by Cardinal John Dew

On Sunday 25 September the Italian mass was once again celebrated at St Francis de Sales Church, 175 Clyde Street, Island Bay by His Excellency Cardinal John Dew, nearly one year since the first Italian Mass celebrated in Italian.



The mass was offered for the families of the recent earthquake in Italy. A total of \$753.70 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed. The money has now been sent to the Red Cross.



Another bookmark was produced with the prayer for the Cause of Suzanne Aubert (www.compassion.org.nz) written in Italian. The Cardinal taking the bookmarks to Rome with him.

After mass we again all enjoyed a shared lunch and good company at the Club Garibaldi clubrooms.



Hooray, Hooray, No More Yellow Stickers!!!



At the AGM Vic Criscillo (Building Manager, pictured above) announced that the Club is no longer Yellow Stickered. We have completed all the earthquake strengthening work, which by the way, was done under-budget and the Wellington City Council have removed us from the "Yellow Sticker" register. Well done and thanks to Vic and the Building Committee for doing such a fantastic job.

Condolences



Our condolences go out to Maria (nee Moleta) and Jacques Van der Aa of Turangi and Rosina Van der Aa of Wellington on the recent passing of their daughter and sister, Wilhelmina. Wilhelmina left behind a very young family of four daughters and husband Charles. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this very sad time. RIP.

The Club also wishes to extend its condolences to the family of Rafaella Search. Rafaella was sister to Sante Battiston, and a member of Club Garibaldi for many years. RIP

Also, the Club's Santa (Keith Nettles) passed away this month. Keith has been our Santa for many years and we extend our condolences to his wife and family. RIP

Children's Christmas Party



The date is **Sunday 27 November**. Starting at 11am there will be lots of activities for kids. Entertainment from Zappo the Clown. Lunch will follow and after lunch Santa will visit with presents for the children. Please note this is for members' children 10 years and under. Please buy a gift of no more than \$15, wrapped for your child to put under the tree. RSVP: 23 November to either Josephine 934 8720 or Maria 383 8602.

Senior's Christmas Lunch – \$10 Cover Charge

The date is set for **Sunday, 4 December** at the Club. 12.00pm. Please note this year there will be a cover charge of \$10 per person and the Club will subsidise the rest of the meal. If you wish to attend, please reserve your spot by contacting either Josephine 9348 720, or Maria 383-8602 before 30 November.

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy – Soccer Game

We wish our soccer boys the best of luck for their upcoming soccer game against Club Italia in Nelson.



"A Night at the Garibaldi"

Advance notice is given of the next series of Benefit evenings to be held at the club rooms on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th March 2017. Ticket price of \$37 includes a light supper. No door sales. Preferential booking to Benefit series regulars until 8th November. Phone reservations to Rex Da Vanzo on 977 7609.

Movie Night Soccer Fundraiser – Thursday 10 November



"The Trip to Italy." Thursday, November 10, 7:30pm.

To follow what will hopefully be a triumphant return to Wellington with the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy, the Garibaldi Football Team is holding a movie night fundraiser at Empire Cinema in Island Bay, 214 The Parade.

The Trip to Italy follows two well-known British comedians, Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon, in their travels around Italy. The two tour well known Italian summertime hot spots as they enjoy fine cuisine, engage in lively and often humorous conversations and admire breath-taking scenery.

Tickets are available for \$20.00. Please register your interest with Peter Elenio on 027 699 2789 or peter.elenio@hotmail.co.nz.

This is one that you certainly don't want to miss out on! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the 2018 soccer trip to Nelson. Thanks to Pat Vinaccia at Empire Cinema for giving us this opportunity.



Radio Cartolina Programme for November

2 November: Flutist Luca Manghi presents the compilation titled "Quays", recorded with pianist David Kelly and Horomoana Horo, playing traditional Maori instruments. It's all contemporary pieces exploring new resonance, like Tre

Canzoni Imperfette by Michael Norris (commissioned by Luca himself), and Hineraukatauri (the Maori Goddess of music and dance) by Gillian Whitehead. The CD is published by Atoll.

16 November: The first programme of two, dedicated to Umberto Eco, an Italian novelist, medievalist, semiotician, philosopher, and literary critic, who died on the 19th of February 2016. Many of you have read books like *The Name of the Rose*, *Foucault's Pendulum*, and *The Island of the Day Before*. To pay homage to the man and to his legacy, I invited Marco Sonzogni, professor of Italian language and literature at Victoria University in Wellington. He is obviously well acquainted with Eco's work in the arcane field of semiotics, and all of his literary production. Also Marco had known Eco for many years, and had with Eco a steady exchange of views. This is Marco's testimony, accompanied by music by Nino Rota, recorded by Francesco D'Orazio and Giampaolo Nuti: *The Legend of the Glass Mountain*, and *A Sentimental Devil*.

30 November: "La pancia tra le parentesi delle bretelle – benevolo Caronte sulla navicella dell'ingegno". These are two lines from the poem written by Marco Sonzogni on Umberto Eco, the Italian novelist, medievalist, semiotician, philosopher, and literary critic, who died on the 19th of February 2016. Marco is a professor of Italian language and literature at Victoria University, and in this program (the second dedicated to Eco) he reads the poem, and recalls some funny moments shared with Eco, whom he visited at home regularly for many years. We play Ennio Morricone's music from *C'era una volta il West*, and *The Mission*.

Radio Cartolina is the radio programme "*For those who remember Italy and who dream of it*". It's being produced since 1999 under the patronage of Societa` Dante Alighieri Christchurch, and is aired locally through Community radio Plains fm 96.9.

<http://plainsfm.org.nz> is where you can find all recent programmes in podcast.

Buon Ascolto from the producer Wilma Laryn.

Donation of Giuseppe Garibaldi Statue

By Nina Cuccurullo



A few months ago I visited 20th Century Antiques and Collectables in Lower Hutt and was surprised to see a statue of Giuseppe Garibaldi! The owners of this shop Maria and Geoff Alberino-Pratt have an Italian connection with Maria being the daughter of Mario Alberino whose family was from the Isle of Capri, Italy Thank you to Maria (pictured in her shop) and Geoff for the donation of the statue which is now proudly displayed in the clubrooms.

Below is an extract from the book *Alla Fine Del Mondo* in which Paul Elenio writes about our Club's namesake.

Club Garibaldi is named after the great Italian patriot, Giuseppe Garibaldi, whose military leadership was crucial to the unification of Italy after centuries of foreign domination and provincial rivalry and warfare. Giuseppe Garibaldi was born in Nice, France, and, like his father, became a sailor. In 1833 he joined La Giovane Italia (Young Italy), an organisation dedicated to making Italy a unified, independent nation. After a planned uprising in Genoa was unsuccessful, he fled Italy and went to South America. He spent 14 years in exile in South America, where he formed his first army of "Redshirts" and gained fame as a revolutionary commander, fighting for independence movements.

Garibaldi returned to Italy in 1848 and formed the Italian Legion to help fight for independence. In 1849 they tried in vain to defend the newly formed Roman Republic against French troops. After resisting a two-month siege, Garibaldi was forced to retreat from Rome and, once again, fled from Italy. This time Garibaldi did not stay away for long, returning in 1854.

He was invited by Cavour to help the Kingdom of Piedmont defeat the Austrians in northern Italy and in 1859 led a guerilla force against the Austrians around Lake Como. His most famous action was leading his "Redshirts" to capture Sicily and Naples in the name of a united Italy. Sailing from Genoa in May 1860, they landed in Sicily and from there, went on to conquer Naples in what became known as the "March of a Thousand." He handed his conquests over to Victor Emmanuel II, King of Piedmont, who became King of Italy. The army of "Redshirts" was disbanded.

Apart from two abortive attempts to capture the Papal States, Garibaldi spent the the rest of his life in retirement on the island of Caprera off the coast of Sardinia. Although Garibaldi was a popular hero, he was not particularly liked by the government. His republican views were well known, and the armies he gathered together were regarded as undisciplined, and thought to contain many radicals and criminals. He died at Caprera on June 2, 1882.

The following month in Wellington, a group of Italians met to form our club which was named in his honour. The founders of the club included several followers of Garibaldi who had been exiled by the King to New Zealand, "to the ends of the earth", because of their political leanings.

Dates for your Diary



Saturday, 5 November

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Soccer Game (Nelson)

Thursday, 10 November (7.30pm)

Movie Night Soccer Fundraiser (Empire Cinema)

Sunday, 27 November (11am)

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, 4 December (12 Noon)

Senior's Christmas Lunch