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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Our AGM took place in late October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Building Committee (Dave Monastra, Vic Criscillo, Robin Page and Rex Da Vanzo) who have worked tirelessly to ensure the premises, carparks and Billboards are all rented out. Thanks also to our Social and Executive committees for their continuous great work at all our functions.

There were no new nominations for Executive Committee so the incumbent committee still stands for another year as follows:

President: *Linda De Gregorio*
Vice President: *Alfonso Basile*
Secretary: *Caterina Costa*
Treasurer: *Ruffy Mollo*
Executive: *Rex Da Vanzo, Marco Costa, Larry Greco, Maryrose Basile, Maria Colucci*
Trustees: *Vic Criscillo, Robin Page*



At the AGM the members voted to hold a New Year's Eve party – so we are in the midst of organizing a Jukebox and party at the Clubrooms on 31 December. Make sure you mark this event in your diary and bring your friends and family along to what we promise will be 'the best deal in town' and great night out! More information on this later in this newsletter.

We had a very enjoyable weekend in Nelson early this month. Unfortunately, Wellington did not win the Cup back, but the game, the weather and the club Italia members' hospitality made up for the 5-0 loss result. Afterwards we shared a wonderful evening meal and social catch-up with our Nelson friends. Over 20 members and friends came from Wellington to support our team. I would like to thank David Da Vanzo for all his hard work in organizing the team and trainings. David tells more later in this newsletter.

This month we hold our Children's Xmas party. Don't miss out – see you there!

And the Senior's Lunch is being held at the end of this month – if you have not registered your name yet, please do so URGENTLY by contacting either Josephine or Maria.

Each month we will profile our Executive Committee at the back of the newsletter. This month the profile is on Larry Greco.

Ciao for now - Linda



Seniors Christmas Lunch – Sunday 25 November 2018

Alf is preparing the menu. What we need now is for you to telephone Josephine 9348720 or Maria 3838602 to book your seat at the table. This is open for all financial members 65 years and over. Please confirm your attendance before 10 November.

Children's Christmas Party takes place this Sunday, 18 November at 11am. If you have not registered your child yet, please contact Josephine or Maria urgently and do so.



Goodbye 2018 – Hello 2019! - Party time – Monday 31 December 2018 An amazing supper will be provided

The date is set – *Monday 31 December 2018*. The Club will rock! Come and celebrate! Goodbye to 2018 and welcome 2019. Bring along your family and friends. Supper will be provided and a jukebox with over 12,000 songs to select from – so dancing will be definitely on the cards.

Start time 8pm onwards till 12.30am, and then you can head on down to Courtenay Place to continue the celebrations if you wish. Cash Bar available. Members \$10 per head, Non-Members \$15 per head. Children 13- 16 years \$5, and Under 12-year olds Free. Bookings to be made before Friday 28 December please.

RSVP to Josephine on 9348720, or Maria 3838602.



Diamond Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Lucy and Fifi Esposito of Island Bay who celebrated 60 years married life in October. Lucy and Fifi celebrated dinner at La Bella Italia with family and friends. Well done on such a great commitment to each other. All the best.

Photo: Fifi Lucy, daughters Maria, Lisa and grandchildren / great grandchild



Golden Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations also go out to Cataldo and Genie Mollo from Lower Hutt who celebrated 50 years of married life together. They celebrated with a Mass in Lower Hutt, and lunch with family and friends. Another great commitment. All the best for your future.

Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup - Scorched In the Sunshine

by David Da Vanzo

The sons' of Club Italia's George Molnar and John Esposito shone brightly in the latest edition of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy match in Nelson.

The game was played on a brilliantly fine afternoon, which seems to be the norm for our games down there, and the Guppy Park pitch looked flat and smooth.

The young gun sons' from Club Italia, Luca Molnar and Salvi Esposito, caused problems for us early, making overlapping runs out wide, and either crossing the ball into the box or looking to shoot on goal themselves. The early pressure eventually told, when a deflected cross fell to Luca Molnar in the box, and he made no mistake and buried the ball into the net.



Only 0-1 down at the break, despite having been under siege for most of the first half, we felt we were right in the game. We started the second half brightly, keeping it tight at the back, and launching attacks in search of an equaliser. Club Italia were defending very well, however, with Mikey Musso and Adriano Cupit proving especially difficult to get past. Just when we felt we were starting to dictate terms, Club Italia struck, when veteran striker, Joe Lupi, pounced on a loose ball in the box and doubled their lead.

At 0-2 down, we had to throw more caution to the wind, and in doing so, we became more vulnerable to Club Italia attacks. A ball played over the top of our defence to Joe Lupi led to their third goal, despite our protests that he had been in an offside position. A fourth goal for Club Italia put the game beyond our reach, a through ball which again appeared to be offside, but nothing was given, and suddenly it was 0-4. Try as we might, we could not get a goal back, despite many good attacks with debutante, Kerryn Friday, in particular, making some very penetrative bursts. The youth of Club Italia capped off their sparkling day, when Salvi Esposito lobbed the ball perfectly over our advancing keeper to make it 0-5. Club Italia put on a wonderful dinner as always after the game, and we had a very enjoyable evening at the Club and on the town later. Congratulations to Raff DeVitt who was named "Player of the Day" for Wellington.



Photo: Some of the spectators at Guppy Park

A big thank you to Linda De Gregorio for all of her support and organisation, and we look forward to hosting Club Italia next year, in Wellington, and hopefully reclaiming the Cup!

"A Night At the Garibaldi"

Both nights sold out. For waiting list, please contact Rex on phone 977 7609.



Club Executive Member Profile – Larry Greco

Larry Greco is the middle son of the late Raffaele and Hilda Greco of Island Bay.

Larry commenced his career as a funeral director in 2003 and joined the staff at Ninness Funeral Home in 2017. Larry has worked previously in a number of roles within the NZ Forrest Service, Department of Social Welfare and NZ Post. Larry is a former Religious Brother of the Society of Mary (SM). Through the Order, Larry served a number of appointments including in Blenheim, Auckland, Silverstream and Timaru. Larry later returned to secular life to care for his ailing father.

Larry is also a graduate of Outward Bound, an experience he thoroughly enjoyed and will always remember. Larry is a parishioner of the Parish of Wellington South and regularly attends church at St Francis de Sales, Island Bay. Larry is an executive member of Club Garibaldi (The Italian Club of Wellington).

Larry's interests include keeping fit, fishing, reading, music and supporting local teams (especially Marist St Pats!).



Dates for your Diary



Sunday 18 November

Children's Xmas party 11am

Sunday 25 November

Senior's Lunch