



Club Garibaldi News

AUGUST 2007

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Duo Jackson recital held a couple of weeks ago at the club, was very successful. A great evening of wonderful music was enjoyed by over sixty people, who delighted in the duo's diverse, amazing range of array of musical styles, from Andalusian to flamenco, and Spanish and Hungarian gypsy to jazz. Many thanks to the club members who catered for the light supper, and helped to set up the venue: Jo Gaeta, Elizabeth Peek, Ginette Page, Maria D'Esposito Lisa Devitt and Salvi Gaeta. Also many thanks to Robin Page who organised the sound system, and transportation for Miles and Margaret.

The recent Club Garibaldi soccer team's fund-raiser dinner was an outstanding success, with a big crowd attending. Special thanks go to Antonio Cacace of La Bella Italia, and his team for catering the delicious food at cost. Many thanks also to any person who helped in some way, whether it be for decorating and setting up the club rooms, serving the meal, washing the dishes and cleaning up afterwards. Well done ~ a giant pat on the back to you all!

Club Garibaldi's 125 year Celebration in September. See article further on in the newsletter.

A friendly reminder that the annual membership subscriptions are due now. Thank you to all the members who have made their payments and updated their records. Please note that this will be the last newsletter to be posted out to non-financial members.

Many thanks to Giovanni Martini of West Coast, South Island, who translated this month's newsletter.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

ANNUAL SOCCER GAME: CLUB GARIBALDI vs CLUB ITALIA NELSON

This year the soccer game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson will be played in Nelson on Saturday, 20 October 2007. Anybody who is interested in going as a supporter needs to book early so as not to miss out ~ remember that it is Labour weekend. We are hoping a lot of club members will travel to Nelson, to support the club's team at the game. The weekend away is a lot of fun, and is an opportunity to socialise and build friendships as it is to play football.

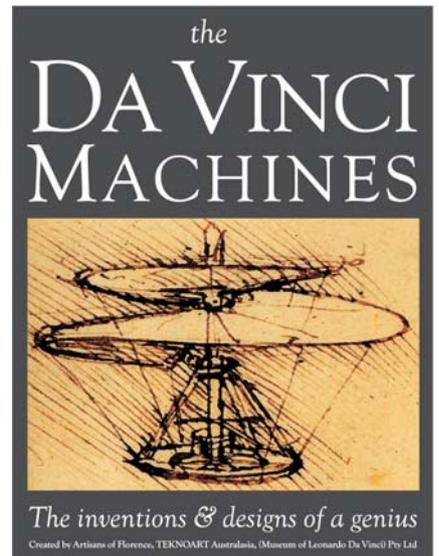
THE DA VINCI MACHINES

The Da Vinci Machines at Te Manawa Museum, Palmerston North from 28 July to 22 October 2007.

This exhibition presents over sixty models grouped in themes: war machines, flying machines, nautical and hydraulic machines as well as devices illustrating Principles of Mechanics. Many are scale models and some are life size. The interactive machines are a popular aspect of this exhibition as visitors can touch and handle these models to gain a first hand appreciation of how they work.

Leonardo Da Vinci dedicated himself with passion to scientific studies in anatomy, biology, mathematics and physics. His manuscripts, known as Codices, exhibit ingenious solutions to practical problems of his time and he was able to imagine future possibilities such as flying machines and automation.

Don't miss this truly unique opportunity to view the genius of this great visionary, Leonardo Da Vinci and its only 2 hours drive away from Wellington! Entry costs for adults \$12; children \$8 and family \$35. Check out the following museum website for more information and details of public events supporting the Exhibition: www.temanawa.co.nz.



Below Cav Nina Cuccurullo, Club member and Dott Palmiro Sportoletti from the Embassy of Italy meet the Da Vinci model makers from Florence, Gabrielle Niccolai and his nephew Jacopo at the Exhibition opening in July. Photo: Manawatu Standard.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Brenda Cancian of Upper Hutt, Claire Wilde of Upper Hutt and Lee Westlake of Island Bay.

CARLOTTA VOLPICELLI



Congratulations to Carlotta Volpicelli of Island Bay, who recently reached the milestone of 70 years young! Buon compleanno Carlotta! Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

ENGAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS

Club members Dr Angelo Cacciato and Ms Liliane Bonafede are delighted to announce their engagement. The happy couple have plans to marry towards the end of the year or early January 2008. Congratulations Angelo and Liliane, Club Garibaldi wish you both a life time of love and happiness.



50th GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Fifty years ago on the 3rd August 1957, the vows "I, Emma Maria Persico, take you, Mattia Vincenzo Amitrano, as my lawfully wedded husband.. in sickness and in health...for better or for worse..." were exchanged in a historic church in Santa Maria, Massalubrense in Southern Italy. Little did either of them fully comprehend the challenges of this lifelong commitment as Mattia and Emma embarked on an ocean voyage which spanned 12,000 miles.

"He came and took her away from us", said those with shining eyes for Emma. Their life together began in the equivalent fishing village of Island Bay, Wellington, New Zealand.

This milestone occasion is deserving of a celebration of life for Emma and Mattia, their children Maria, Johnny, Ida and Annalisa together with their grandchildren, Justin, Michael, Anton, Melissa, Dion, Gian, Stefan, Andre and Emma.



Congratulations Emma and Mattia, on reaching this great milestone. Club Garibaldi wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 2 September 2007 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

Mass is held every first Sunday of the month throughout the year.



SHARED LUNCH

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 7 October 2007 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.

Please bring a plate.



ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on Thursday, 20 September, the film **The Artists Touch** will be shown. This is the last film in Set 1 of our popular Inspector Montalbano series. (One of our members has purchased Set No. 2 so we will continue to show these films from time to time). A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.



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TOMBOLA EVENINGS

The Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. **The next evening is on Tuesday, 24th July, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.** Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

CIRCOLO SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 6 September, Luca Quaglia will give us a presentation titled: Syzygies and Equinoxes, a story of time in Italy. A collection of facts, anecdotes and architectural insights relevant to time issues that are observed in Italy. This Power Point presentation will be well supported with lots of interesting illustrations and photos.

A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

CIRCOLO OCTOBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 4 October, Tamara Budec will talk to us about her recent trip to Italy. Tamara was the recipient of the 2007 Circolo Charles Bell Scholarship and she attended a Teacher's refresher course in Rome last month. Tamara will tell us about her experiences at the school and also her impressions of Rome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the clubrooms on 7.00 pm on **Sunday, 26 August 2007.**

THE CATHAY PACIFIC ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

If you are a movie buff, the Cathay Pacific Italian Film Festival is not to be missed. This year's film festival will be the 12th year that it has been running, and screens for two weeks in 7 cities across New Zealand. All films are in Italian language with English sub-titles.

The gala opening for the Wellington festival will take place on Wednesday, 17 October, and will continue through to Wednesday, 31 October, at the Paramount Cinema, Courtney Place, Wellington. See the Dominion Post for details, or visit their website, from 31 August, for film synopsis and more: www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 26th August (7pm) - AGM
- Tuesday 28th August (7:30pm) - Tombola
- Sunday 2nd September (11:30am) - Italian Mass
- Thursday 6th September (7:30pm) - Circolo Social
- Thursday 20th September (7pm) - Italian Film
- Saturday 22nd September - 125 Year Celebration Dinner
- Thursday 4th October (7:30pm) - Circolo Social
- Sunday 7th October (1pm) - Shared Lunch
- Wednesday 17th October - Film Festival opening
- Saturday 20th October - Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Soccer Trophy

A GLIMPSE INTO ~ ~ ~ SCHIAZZANO

By Ginette Toscano Page

This month Schiazzano is featured, the area where Ida Basile and Cristina Vinaccia, both of Island Bay were born and raised.

The charming village of Schiazzano, 20 kilometres north-east of Naples, is a comune in the Province of Naples, in the region of Campania, between Massa Lubrense and Sant'Agata. As at December 2004, the village had a population of over 5,000 people in an area of 5.5 kilometres.



Cristina Vinaccia



It is thought that the origin of the word Schiazzano may have derived from the Roman name Slaccius. At the end of the fifteenth century the village was known as 'Scazano', the surname of a noble local family 'De Scazano'. As time passed the name evolved, and today, the village is known as Schiazzano.

An interesting piece of history is that during the 1558 Turkish invasion, Schiazzano was a safe haven and spared of the violence that always accompanied such raids. And it was here, that the Bishop and clergy took shelter after the destruction of the city of Massa.

Ida Basile

Schiazzano is situated in the centre of a lush, cultivated rural area, which is famous for its cheeses. The two local factories not only produce mozzarella and provola, but also many other varieties, which is distributed locally and to nearby towns and cities. Schiazzano also produces an abundance of lemons for making liqueurs and Limoncello, olive oil and wine.



Sant'Salvatore

There are many historic buildings in the centre of the small village piazza ~ the oldest being the Fiorentino Palazzo Ricciardi, which dates back to 1500, and named after a former mayor. There also stands the magnificent, historical church of Sant'Salvatore, which was built in 1600, four centuries ago. Unbelievably, three years ago the local population fully restored the church to its former beauty ~ an amazing achievement!

The warm climate and peaceful, natural beauty of Schiazzano has made the village and its environs a popular summer tourist destination. Many of the houses have been changed into holiday homes, and former palaces, which are scattered around the area, converted into apartments, to cater for the influx of summer visitors.

The patron saint of Schiazzano is Sant'Salvatore, and his feast day is celebrated every 8 September. On this special day a display is held, showing all the different varieties of freshly-made mozzarella cheeses made in the area, as well as agricultural and locally hand-made products.

CLUB GARIBALDI 125 YEAR CELEBRATION

In a few weeks time, Club Garibaldi will be 125 years old!! This is an incredible achievement for a cultural-social club and in fact, we are probably the oldest in New Zealand.

To celebrate this important occasion, an invitation is extended to members and friends to a dinner, at the clubrooms on Saturday, 22 September 2007.

The ticket price will include scrumptious food (4 course dinner), wine, beer and soft drinks. There will be live entertainment and of course, our ever-popular sing-a-long. A cash bar will be operating for those who prefer something a little stronger.

The cost of a single ticket will be \$30.00 for current members and \$50.00 for non-current members and friends.

Tickets will also be available at the clubrooms at the Annual General Meeting, on Sunday, 26 August.

The final day for ticket sales is Sunday, 16 September. However, as numbers are limited, it would be wise to secure your booking earlier.

The 125 year celebration committee.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

By Ginette Toscano Page

ANSA – Florence, 21 June 2007

A tourist accidentally poked a hole in a painting by a Baroque master in Florence's Uffizi Gallery.

The woman was caught by security cameras as she leaned on the painting, La Menzogna (The Lie), by 18th century Neapolitan great, Salvatore Rosa.

Upon inspection, the work was found to have a small round hole in the lower part of the painting. Police said they would probably not be looking for the woman because her act was clearly not intentional.

Rosa (1615-1673) is remembered for his wildly romantic or brilliant landscapes, marine paintings and battle pictures. He was also an accomplished poet, comedian, actor and musician. The free-spirited artist also backed a famous but ill-fated revolt against Spanish rule in Naples in 1647, led by a fisherman called Masaniello. The episode was made into an opera in the 19th century.

CLUB GARIBALDI SOCCER TEAM FUND-RAISER DINNER

By Lisa Devitt

Another successful evening....! A very big thank you to the 91 people who attended and supported the soccer fundraiser dinner. The club was transformed into a lovely restaurant atmosphere with all the trimmings of fairy lights, flowers and our newly decorated entrance foyer. Together, with plenty of wine flowing and loud conversation, everybody enjoyed a four course dinner catered by La Bella Italia.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Antonio Cacace for his continued support. We are all looking forward to the annual soccer match to be held in Nelson this year, and just as eager to bring the cup home once again! This year there is a record number of people and their families travelling to Nelson to support Club Garibaldi's team, so it should be another great weekend. Watch this space for the outcome of the match between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia!

Fundraising Soccer Dinner Photos – Happy Revellers



Robin Page & Damian Hannah



Debbie Di Leva, Angela Gaeta, friend and Ratih Gaeta



**Mikey Musso, Carlo Petagna, Maria Colucci,
Fr Patrick Bridgeman, Lucia Persico**



Salvi Gaeta & Maria Colucci



Paul Muollo, Michael & Helen De Gregorio, Lisa Gibson



Elizabeth Peek & Jo Gaeta



Michael & Ratih Gaeta



Matt & Linda Amitrano, Luisa & Antonio Cacace