



Club Garibaldi News

JULY 2009

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The recent Family Night which was held at the club rooms was an outstanding success, with sixty adults and children enjoying a very relaxed, family evening together. Special thanks and much appreciation to our in-house chef, Alfonso Basile, who catered the meal, which was excellent! Many thanks also to those who helped in some way, in particular Matt Amitrano, Rebecca Amitrano, Jim and Lyn Marson, Marcel Marson, Ginette and Robin Page, Vince Costa, Anna Loughnan, without whose assistance the evening would not be possible.

Annual subscription fees are due for the year beginning 1 July 2009-10.

Current subscriptions expired on 30 June 2009. We would appreciate you sending the completed form, together with your payment, as soon as possible. The form is on a separate page attached to 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. Thank you to all the members who have made their payments and updated their records.

Friendly reminder: Members who do not display the new 2009-10 stickers on their vehicles and park their vehicles in the club car park after 30 June 2009, risk being towed away!

Please carefully read the important article written by club trustee Paul Elenio further on in this newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday, 9 August 2009. See further information in this newsletter.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A few weeks ago New Zealand celebrated Volunteer Week.

It marked the contribution that so many make in ensuring our many sporting, charitable, community, social and other organisations work. Without these unpaid but committed volunteers many of these groups would fold.

It is the same with Club Garibaldi. The club has survived almost 130 years on the back of small groups of enthusiastic and hard working people putting hours of their own time to ensure the club survives, whatever the challenge.

The measure of the success of a club like ours is not it's paid-up members – even though they are a healthy number – nor even it's cash reserves, which are, thanks to wise investment and income, in a good state.

The real measure is in those who give up their time for the club to help in so many ways, organising and running events, keeping the building tenanted and meeting legal requirements, making sure the bills are paid, writing and formatting the club's communications ... The list is endless.

In my 35 years membership of the club it's operation has been largely in the hands of a tiny number of people, less than a handful of un-sung but hard working people.

In the early days the club's affairs were simple and straightforward. Today the club effectively runs a business, receiving revenue from tenanting the bottom two floors and the car parks. Without that income the member subscription fees would be closer to \$300 than \$30 a year.

But running a business does require more people to lend a hand, to take responsibility for the many tasks involved.

At present the club sorely needs someone to volunteer to take on the job of treasurer. The job is not onerous and doesn't require accountancy skills. Someone who is methodical, organised and can devote some time can smoothly take over the role from Robin Page who has given many years of service.

The club also needs more members to offer to help across a variety of tasks, including helping with the bar, kitchen and keeping the building secure, dry, warm and habitable. We need help running social functions, and the annual Italian Festival.

How many people realise that one of our older members willingly spends a day folding and inserting the monthly members' newsletter?

As the saying goes, many hands make light work.

If you can see yourself taking over the Treasurer's position under Robin's tuition and guidance, please call him on 383-6300. If you can help in other ways dial the same number and president Ginette will willingly talk to you.

Do it today!

Paul Elenio
Club Garibaldi Trustee

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, 2009 with any successful applicant(s) to be advised in September. 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 Silverstream, Upper Hutt.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Raffaele and Rebecca Maresca of Miramar, and Maria-Louisa (Maresca) and Greg Brown of Tawa.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

ANSA May, 2009

An Italian astro-physicist working in the United States has found evidence of a huge lake that once existed on the planet Mars. Gaetano Di Achille of the University of Colorado said shoreline ridges seen by the Mars Orbiter provided "the first unequivocal evidence" of a lake believed to have formed at least three billion years ago". He said the lake was 200 square km in area and at least 450m deep. "The ancient lake bed -will be a prime target for future missions in search of past life' on the Red Planet" he said. Most astro-biologists believe any sign of life on Mars will take the form of subterranean micro-organisms which may have burrowed under the planet's surface from the bottom of lakes.

A DAY IN POMPEII



An exhibition entitled *A Day in Pompeii will be coming* to Te Papa at the end of the year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Roman treasures from the ancient city of Pompeii, buried by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. At the exhibition you will be able to walk back in time to glimpse daily life in a Roman city. So watch this space for more information as there are exciting events planned to support the exhibition.

FUND RAISER DINNER FOR SOCCER TEAM

At Labour weekend, October 24-25, Club Italia Nelson will be challenging Club Garibaldi's soccer team in Nelson for the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy, which Club Garibaldi has successfully held for the last four years. To help our team with flight and accommodation expenses a fund raiser dinner will be held on Friday, 7 August, at La Bella Italia, Petone at 6.30 pm. So come and join in the fun ~ make up a group, or simply come on your own ~ everybody is very welcome. Enjoy a four-course meal for only \$40.00 per person (see menu below). A cash bar will be operating.

For catering purposes and to reserve your seats please contact Jo Gaeta or Maria Colucci by 31 July 2009.

Menu

Antipasto

Antipasto Classico

Primo

Risotto e Pasta

Secondo

Pollo alla Cacciatora

Dolce

Cost per person: \$40.00

CLUB GARIBALDI'S TREASURER POSITION

Robin Page has been a member of the club for almost 40 years, and not long after joining he and Michael Petagna (*d*) were coaxed on to the executive committee by the then president Giovanni Stratti. With a few breaks in between, Robin is still on the committee, during which time he has served 11 years as the club's treasurer. He has had the responsibility of carefully and frugally ensuring that the club's finances are all in order and running smoothly. However, Robin feels that it is time for a well-earned break and has made a decision to stand down from this position, after the Annual General Meeting.

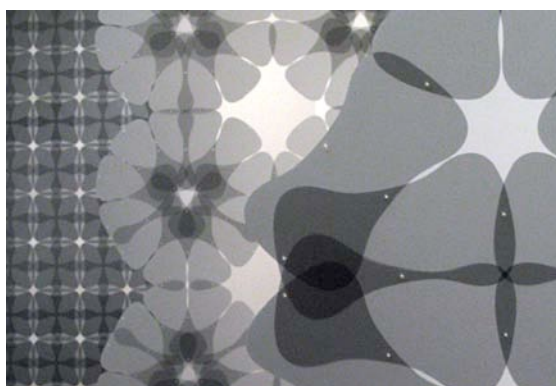
We sincerely thank Robin for all the time and effort he has put into the club, not only as treasurer, but also for the additional 101 tasks he has done. We know that he will continue to play a helping roll with the running of our club.

We would like to invite a club member to assume the duties of treasurer. Anyone who is interested in doing this important work please contact Ginette or Robin.

EXHIBITION IN WELLINGTON OF CHIARA CORBELLETTO

A solo show of Chiara Corbelletto will open soon in Wellington at the Mark Hutchins Gallery. Titled *Winter/Fall Collection*, the exhibition presents a selection of recent works by this artist who is well established in the artistic New Zealand landscape. Her work is characterized and collected for the elegant fluidity of forms, for the innovative use of materials and for the refined quality of production.

Last year the National Museum of Te Papa, Wellington acquired two of her large works for the permanent national collection. You are warmly invited to attend the opening 15 July, at 5.30 pm and to visit the show that is open to the 8 August. The gallery address is: Mark Hutchins Gallery. 216 A Willis Street. Wellington.



MOSTRA A WELLINGTON DI CHIARA CORBELLETTO

Il 15 luglio si apre la personale di Chiara Corbelletto presso la galleria Mark Hutchins Gallery in Wellington. Intitolata *Winter/Fall Collection* la mostra presenta una selezione di lavori recenti di quest' artista molto affermata nel panorama artistico neozelandese. I suoi lavori sono caratterizzati e collezionati per l'elegante fluidità delle forme, per l'uso innovativo dei materiali e per la raffinata qualità di produzione. L'anno scorso il Museo Nazionale Te Papa di Wellington ha acquisito due suoi lavori per la collezione permanente.

Siete cordialmente invitati all'apertura del 15 luglio, 5.30 pm e a visitare la mostra che sarà in corso fino all' 8 agosto. L' indirizzo della galleria è: Mark Hutchins Gallery. 216 A Willis Street. Wellington.

ALL BLACKS VS ITALY TEST MATCH IN CHRISTCHURCH

By Mario Leonti

Patricia and I were lucky to be guests of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise and the New Zealand Rugby Union at the recent All Blacks vs Italy test match in Christchurch. We all met for drinks at the Heritage Hotel in Cathedral Square after which we were bussed to the stadium. Among the guests were Giorgio Gallia, Managing Director of IVECO, Andrea Rinaldo, FIR board member, and Flavia Straulino NZTE, Milano.

We all watched the game in the comfort and warmth of a box high above the field, dining on tasty fingerfood and wine. Our few brave voices sang along to the Inno di Mameli at the start of the game!

After the match we were taken to the Art Gallery for the official post match function and were able to tell some of the Italian players that we were proud of how well they played. There was a big crowd with all the players and officials from both teams as well as local dignitaries. Among the guests we met HE Ambasciatore and Signora Trizzino, Carlo Checchinato, Manager, and Nick Mallett, coach of the Italian team, and Mark Peters NZRFU Board Member. During the evening the new All Blacks were presented with their caps.

A very enjoyable experience indeed!



By Ginette Toscano Page

I also travelled to Christchurch on Saturday, 27 June, with Ambassador Trizzino, Signora Trizzino, Patricia and Mario Leonti to watch the All Blacks versus Italy rugby test match. While I did not watch the game in the same manner as Mario and Patricia, my experience was equally enjoyable! On arrival at my hotel I was greeted by members of the ICCNZ who took me under their wing for the evening. After dinner we made our way to the stadium and seated ourselves amid a large group of Italy supporters from all over New Zealand. As excitement peaked, three men dressed as centurions carrying Italy's flag entered the stadium, followed by the team and its officials, after which the Inno di Mameli was sung with passion! While the number of Italy supporters was very small in comparison to All Black supporters, our group was the most vocal and loudest in the stadium; and although it was a very cold night, the warmth generated from the Italy supporters was wonderful! Italian flags and banners were waved or hung over the side of the stand; people wore green/white/red masks and faces were painted in the three colours. The atmosphere was electric! Even though Italy came second ... the players did us proud!

An after match function was held at the Vespa Room, a great place with loads character; even a Vespa scooter hanging on a wall! Within minutes of walking through the door, I was eating pizza and drinking wine with fellow Italians, none of whom I knew, yet we shared a common bond. The Ambassador and Signora Trizzino joined us for a short while and a great time was had by all.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

By Mario & Patricia Leonti

When our daughter Mirina married Cameron Stone from Sydney in March this year we wanted a venue that would create a memorable experience for us all and be an interesting place for our overseas guests to visit. We chose Lochmara Lodge in the Marlborough Sounds for a 3 day celebration. 50 of us enjoyed the exclusive use of the resort from midday Friday to midday Sunday. The guests arrived by water taxi from Picton and got acquainted at an informal dinner that evening.

On Saturday while the bride and groom and their attendants prepared for the ceremony others amused themselves bushwalking, kayaking or simply relaxing in the quiet and peace of the bay. We had a beautiful simple outdoor service late afternoon to the sound of bird calls, classical guitar and violin. This was followed by canapes and champagne and then an hour or so later we sat down to a lavish dinner indoors. The night ended with music, dancing and drinking into the small hours. On Sunday guests again amused themselves with swimming kayaking and exploring the surrounding bush until it was time to return regretfully to Picton to make travel connections. Everybody left relaxed and happy having enjoyed a memorable wedding and weekend. The food was delicious, the surroundings beautiful, even the weather came up trumps. An unforgettable experience.



From Left: Mario Leonti, Yolande Stone, Mirina & Cameron Stone, Patricia Leonti, Alastair Stone

UPCOMING EVENTS

ITALIAN MASS

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 2 August 2009 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 clubrooms on Sunday 2 August 2009 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome.

Please bring a plate.



TOMBOLA

Tombola nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month.

The next Tombola night is on Tuesday, 28 July, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.

Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

ITALIAN FILM

At 7pm on Thursday 20 August the film **Liscio (The Ball)** 2006 will be shown. **The Ball**, a comedy about a "liscio" singer who wants to try a new style of music, and her son who, instead of continuing to suffer through his mother's intense and complicated love life, decides to find her the "right guy". Duration 77 minutes.

A \$2 cover charge towards costs will apply.

'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' ~ JULIA BOOTH BENEFIT

Advance notice is given of the next Benefit to be held at the Clubrooms on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November 2009. The beneficiary is Dame Malvina Major Emerging Artist Julia Booth from Hamilton who won the NZ Aria and placed third in the most recent Lexus Song Quest. Julia has been described as a "stunning soprano" (Next Magazine) and "among the next generation of New Zealand's opera elite".



Ticket price \$30.00 (includes a light supper). No door sales. Priority booking to concert regulars until 1 August.

CIRCOLO AUGUST SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 6 August, Elizabeth Peek will give a presentation entitled **Holidaying in Venice and beyond; my way!** Elizabeth will talk about her impressions and experiences while travelling at leisure throughout the regions of the Veneto and Friuli-Venezia Giulia. She also spent 5 days with friends Tamara Budec, Dejan Stankovic and their daughter Antea in Ljubljana, Slovenia. This will be a Power Point presentation with lots of beautiful photos. A \$4 cover charge towards supper will apply.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28 July (7:30pm) - Tombola
Sunday 2 August (11:30am) - Italian Mass
Sunday 2 August (1pm) - Shared Lunch
Thursday 6 August (7:30pm) - Circolo Social
Sunday 9 August (7pm) - AGM
Thursday 20 August (7pm) - Italian Film

Family Night, July 2009



VOLPICELLI - MOLLO WEDDING



Raffaele Volpicelli and Mariantonia Mollo were married at Santa Maria della Lobra, Marina di Massalubrense, Italy, on 2 October 1954. Their compare was Domenico Di Martino of Massalubrense.