



Club Garibaldi News

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the club's members it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Club Garibaldi's soccer team, who successfully retained the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy for the fifth year running against our sister club, Club Italia Nelson, on Saturday, 24 October, in Nelson. As the score was 0-0, Club Garibaldi retains the trophy for another year! It was a hard fought game and our team played exceptionally well under a lot of pressure. Well done, guys! See article about the game further on.

As there is a lot going on at the club in the next few weeks leading up to Christmas, I suggest you check the 'dates for your diary' section and mark them on to your calendars.

Ciao a presto
Ginette Toscano Page
President

SHARING NEWS

We are looking for Italian items of interest, as well as special occasions to include in future newsletters. Please feel welcome to share them with your fellow members and contact the Club if you have any news to share.

NEW BAR PERSON

A warm welcome to Kathleen Wickliffe, Club Garibaldi's new barperson.



Hi! I'm Kathleen. I am a third year student studying law and politics at Victoria University. I am originally from Thames in the Coromandel, and moved to Wellington three years ago, - to be blessed with the windy weather which Wellington is renowned for! I look forward to meeting everyone at the club and enjoying the time while I work here.

2008 CATHAY PACIFIC ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL DVD BOX SET

Here is a chance to re-live your experiences of the 2008 festival! You will be able to re-immense yourself in the romance of Italy without leaving your living room! This DVD box set makes an ideal gift. The following are some of the films in the set, which were shown at the 2008 festival.

The Manual Of Love 2
Saturn In Opposition
Kiss Me Baby
The Lark Farm
Night Bus
Dark Sea
Forever Vespa

One Hundred Nails
What Is Love
The Get Together Dinner
Apnoea
The Secret Journey
The Ball

Check out the website as films are also available for 2006 and 2007:

www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz/dvd

All films are in Italian language with English subtitles presented exactly as per the festival screenings. Note: The rating of R18 is based on the highest rated film in the set. But 10 of the 13 films rate PG or M, whilst two rate R16 and only one is R18. Rating: R18 contains violence, sexual violence, drug use, offensive language and sex scenes.

Price NZ\$145 inc. GST. Add \$5 for courier costs. **\$5.00 from the sale of each set donated to Club Garibaldi. Please send a copy of this newsletter article with your order.**

To order please send a cheque, made out to Italian Film festival Ltd for \$150.00 to:
Forster Lambert Film Distribution Ltd, 198 Glenmore Rd, Coatesville. RD 3 Albany.
Please supply your name, courier address and telephone number (in case of any problems) and allow us a week from receiving your request to when you receive the DVD set. No returns are accepted. Limited stocks of the 2007 & 2006 DVD sets are still available.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!



Happy 50th Birthday to Matt Amitrano of Island Bay. Club Garibaldi wishes you many more happy and healthy years to come.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Michael and Helen De Gregorio of Island Bay, on the safe arrival of their son, Luca Antonio.

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy Carol and Jack Watts and family, of Lower Hutt, on the recent passing of Carol's brother Aldo Vettoretti in Auckland.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Josephine and Dean Beavis of Johnsonville, Bernard Muollo of Lower Hutt, Annalisa & Greg Walsh of Island Bay, and Rochelle Guglielmoni of Lower Hutt.

NO SHARED LUNCH IN DECEMBER

Please note that there will be no shared lunch in December, following Italian Mass on 5 December.

TOMBOLA NIGHT

The last Tombola night for 2009 will be Tuesday, 24 November, at the usual time of 7.30 pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend.

ITALIAN FILM

Due to unforeseen circumstances no film will be screened this month.

A BIT OF TRIVIA

By Ginette Toscano Page, ANSA - Salerno, 28 September:



A Giant Mozzarella wins the Third Guinness Cheese makers in a small town near Naples and beats their own record by making the worlds longest ever braid of Mozzarella. The team of 40 Mozzarella makers from the town of Sala Consilina churned and twisted a weave 78.8m long and 10 cm thick, winning their third Guinness World Record in 3 years!

The cheese-weavers pulled the record off in just 78 minutes, 22 minutes less than regulations allow, for a cheese 22.3m longer than their record winner last year. The main event of the town's local food fest, the endeavour transformed an entire city block into a mozzarella factory, requiring 4 tonnes of milk, half a tonne of curd and 100 kilograms of salt. The competitors set their first record in 2007 with a plait 42.8m long.

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.

The exhibition opens on **Saturday, 19 December** and runs through until 25 April 2010.

ITALIAN MASS



On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 175 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am and everyone is welcome and it would be good to see more members and their families attend as we are very fortunate to have this opportunity in New Zealand. If you can help with a reading or the offertory, please contact Ida Basile. The Mass is celebrated by either His Excellency Archbishop Balvo or Reverend Marinko Antolovic from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 6 December 2009.**

CHILDREN'S ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Planning for the 2010 children's language classes is well under way. There are 5 places left in the Beginners class. If you would like your child to attend Italian language classes in 2010, and your child's name is not already on the waiting list, please contact Sira Ballara.

WORDS AND SOUNDS TO REMEMBER POMPEII

Poets Marco Sonzogni and Vincent O'Sullivan join musician Lorenzo Buhne for an evening of music and words to remember Pompeii. Listen to the traditional melodies and harmonies of southern Italian villages. Hear the poets recite their work, and get a glimpse of Roman life through the eyes of Pliny with readings of excerpts from his letters. This event precedes the launch of the exhibition *A Day in Pompeii*. Te Papa Museum, Espresso on Level 4. Thursday, 26 November, from 6.30pm -8.30pm. Free entry.

CHRISTMAS SENIOR LUNCHEON

This year's Christmas senior luncheon date has been set for **Saturday, 28 November**, with the meal to be served between 12.15 and 12.30 pm. It would be appreciated if everybody were at the clubrooms and seated by around 11.45 am.

This invitation is extended to all senior members aged 60 years or over. If you are a couple, both people must be members. For those who plan to come, it is important you confirm your attendance by **Friday, 20 November**. Please ring Maria Colucci or Josephine Gaeta.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held on **Saturday, 5 December** at the clubrooms, and will be from 11.30am until 2.30pm. Once again, Father Christmas will be visiting ~ please ensure that your child/children have a wrapped gift with their name on it, for Santa's bag. The value of the gift should be no more than \$15.00 each. This function is for members' children only. Please confirm attendance by **Tuesday, 1 December** to: Maria Colucci.

ANNUAL BUS TRIP



A note from the Social Committee with regard to the bus trip to Tauranga on 8-11 February 2010. **There is one seat left on the bus.** If you would like to come, please contact Salvi or Maria as soon as possible.

Please note that the bus will be leaving from The Parade, Island Bay, and will pick up passengers along the way at the following places: Wellington Railway Station, Johnsonville, Paraparaumu and Waikanae. The same route will be in place for the trip home with the final stop being The Parade, Island Bay. For any further queries please contact Salvi Gaeta or Maria Colucci.

A BIT OF HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL! FORTY THINGS IN THE LIFE OF AN ITALIAN CHILD

1. You have at least one relative who wore a black dress every day for an entire year after a funeral.
2. You spent your entire childhood thinking what you ate for lunch was pronounced 'sangwich.'
3. Your family dog understood Italian.
4. Every Sunday afternoon of your childhood was spent visiting your grandparents and extended family.
5. You've experienced the phenomena of 150 people fitting into 50 square feet of yard during a family cookout.
6. You were surprised to discover the Food & Drug Administration recommends you eat three meals a day, not seven.
7. You thought killing the pig each year and having salami, capocollo, pancetta and prosciutto hanging out to dry from your shed ceiling was absolutely normal. (Wow, that's really Italian!)
8. You ate pasta for dinner at least three times a week, and every Sunday.
9. You grew up thinking no fruit or vegetable had a fixed price and that the price of everything was negotiable through haggling.
10. You were as tall as your grandmother by the age of seven.
11. You thought everyone's last name ended in a vowel.
12. You thought nylons were supposed to be worn rolled to the ankles.
13. Your mum's main hobby is cleaning.
14. You were surprised to find out that wine was actually sold in stores.
15. You thought that everyone made their own tomato sauce.
16. You never ate meat on Christmas Eve or any Friday for that matter.
17. You ate your salad after the main course.
18. You thought Catholic was the only religion in the world.
19. You were beaten at least once with a wooden spoon or broom.
20. You thought every meal had to be eaten with a hunk of bread in your hand
21. You can understand Italian but you can't speak it.
22. You have at least one relative who came over on the boat.
23. You have at least six male relatives named Tony, Frank, Joe or Louie.
24. You have relatives who aren't really your relatives.
25. You have relatives you don't speak to. Haaaaaaa!!
26. You drank wine before you were a teenager.
27. You relate on some level, admit it, to the Godfather. I maka a meata ball you can't refuse!
28. You grew up in a house with a yard that didn't have one patch of dirt that didn't have a flower or a vegetable growing out of it.
29. Your grandparent's furniture was as comfortable as sitting on plastic. Wait!!!! You were sitting on plastic.
30. You thought that talking loud was normal.
31. You thought sugared almonds and the Tarantella were common at all weddings.
32. You thought everyone got pinched on the cheeks and money stuffed in their pockets by their relatives.
33. Your mother is overly protective of the males in the family no matter what their age.
34. There was a crucifix in every room of the house.
35. You couldn't date a boy without getting approval from your father. (Oh, and he had to be Italian)
36. You called pasta 'macaroni'.
37. You dreaded taking out your lunch at school.
38. Going out for a cup of coffee usually meant going out for a cup of coffee over Zia's house.
39. Every condition, ailment, misfortune, memory loss and accident was attributed to the fact that you didn't eat something!
40. It was normal to gesture vividly with hand movements whilst talking.

THE ALDO CUCCURULLO SOCCER TROPHY

Mission accomplished...Just!!! By David Da Vanzo



Club Garibaldi held on to the Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy, but only just, in the annual soccer clash held this year in sunny conditions at Neale Park in Nelson. It was a courageous draw, given we only had two subs compared to Club Italia's 5 or 6, and our dearth of fresh legs was compounded by a head injury to defender Paul Muollo, which saw him take leave from the field, for hospital after only 20 minutes!

Nelson enjoyed a wealth of possession, and undoubtedly would have made it count had it not been for some resolute defending, and some wonderful goalkeeping from Club Garibaldi's Jan Chmielewski. It was quite appropriate, given the particular ethnicity of the contestants, a commendable expression of 'catenaccio' from Garibaldi, and we defended with quiet desperation, knowing that a draw was sufficient to retain the Cup. Player of the day for Nelson was the ever-industrious midfielder, George Molnar, and for Club Garibaldi, the guy most responsible for keeping our net a goal-free zone, goal-keeper Jan Chmielewski.

After the game we enjoyed the marvellous hospitality of the members at Club Italia, where we enjoyed a sumptuous feast in their fantastic new courtyard; where a giant pizza oven delivered platter after platter of the most mouth-watering pizza! On Sunday evening we were generously hosted by Francis Monopoli at Monopoli's Bar, and in the course of the evening, both Clubs agreed that future Aldo Cucurullo Trophy games which end in a draw would be decided by extra time and penalties, as we think this will enhance the entertainment of the fixtures for players and spectators alike. Club Italia wondered whether the rule could take immediate effect, with a penalty shoot-out in the garden bar to decide this year's result, but personally, I valued my life too much to float that idea with the team hehehe!

The club's team would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to Maria Colucci and Lisa Devitt for organising so many aspects of the exercise, to Antonio Cacace and Club Garibaldi for so generously contributing towards the funding of the trip. We greatly look forward to hosting Club Italia in Wellington in 2010.

PROFILE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER MICHAEL MUSSO



My name is Mikey Musso. I was born in Nelson B.C. Canada and moved to New Zealand in 1990. I grew up in Nelson NZ with my parents, Vincenzo & Maria, and brothers Francis & Mario. In 2004 I moved to Wellington to study accounting at Victoria University and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration and a Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting. My wife, Carla Gargiulo, and I grew up together in Nelson and were married there in January this year. We live in Mt Victoria and Carla works as a primary school teacher at SS Peter and Paul School, having recently graduated from Victoria University. I work for accounting firm Grant Thornton as part of the audit team. I enjoy playing soccer and have played for Island Bay since moving to Wellington (and Club Italia on Labour Day weekend!).

I hope that during my time as Treasurer, I can contribute to the continuing success of Club Garibaldi.



BUON GUSTO DINNER INVITATION

Club members are invited to attend the Italian Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand's 'Buon Gusto Dinner' to be held on Saturday, 28 November 2009, at 7.00pm at La Bella Italia - La Bambina, 101 The Terrace, Wellington.

Seats are limited - so book early. The cost is \$65.00 per person (incl GST). The price includes pre-dinner aperitivo and canapés and then a wonderful three-course dinner. So get a group of friends together and enjoy a night of great food and conversation. Wine and other beverages to accompany the dinner are an additional cost. For further information and to make a booking please email the Italian Chamber of Commerce (leave a message and we will return your call at the earliest opportunity).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 24 November (7:30pm) – Tombola

Saturday 28 November (11.45am) – Christmas Senior Lunch

Saturday 5 December (11.30am) – Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 6 December (11:30am) – Italian Mass

MENCHI ~ BARGIACCHI 60TH WEDDING



In Lora's words: "Raoul and I were married on 18 December 1949, in Campiglio, Pistoia. Our village still had scars of shell-fire from the war. Our wedding was quite a grand occasion for the villagers at the time, being the first one after the war ~ and with fifteen motor cars!! It was winter time and all the trees were bare, and because it was so cold I had to wear a little fur jacket on top of my gown! It is customary for the bride to cut a white ribbon when she leaves her own home."

**Congratulations to Lora and Raoul on reaching this great milestone.
Club Garibaldi wishes you many more happy years together.**