



Club Garibaldi News

October 2015

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Note from the President

Our AGM was held on Sunday 27 September, and went really well. President's Report is at the back of this newsletter.

The Executive committee remains the same, however with the resignation of Matti Amitrano, we have one vacant position on the Executive.

Executive Committee:

President (2nd Term) – Linda De Gregorio
Vice President – Alfonso Basile
Secretary – Caterina Costa
Treasurer – Maryrose Basile

Committee Members:

Catherine Monastra (Under 30 year old rep)
Larry Greco
Rex Da Vanzo
Maria Colucci
Vacant

Trustees: Vic Criscillo and Robin Page

Thanks to the hard work of Vic Criscillo, Rex Da Vanzo and David Monastra, we have now leased out the Ground Floor.

Our soccer match between Garibaldi and Club Italia, Nelson is coming up, and we look forward to seeing many members at the game and our social function afterwards.

Ciao for now – Linda

Annual Club Garibaldi vs. Club Italia Soccer Match (for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy) – Saturday 7 November 2015 – Pot Luck Dinner Social Evening – 20th Game!

The countdown has begun – less than 3 weeks to go till our much anticipated soccer match of the year takes place against Club Italia, Nelson.

The game will be played at Te Whaea Park soccer ground, which is behind the old Wellington Show Buildings, John Street, Newtown. Kick-off is 2.30pm, and we would love to see as many members, families and friends pack the park (rain or shine) to support our boys. We would like to get the Trophy back to Wellington this year!

Afterwards at 6pm we'd like to see everyone up at the club for the presentation of the Trophy and awards. Ambassador Carmelo Barbarello will give a speech; the anniversary cake will be cut and dinner will follow.

Entry: This is a shared Pot Luck Dinner. We ask that everyone please bring a generous plate of food (preferably two plates of food), bearing in mind we will also need to feed our Nelson guests. We are expecting a good turnout of players and supporters from Nelson.

Please contact either Josephine on 934 8720 or Maria on 383 8602 ASAP to confirm your attendance. (*We need to know numbers for setting up the tables*).

Please note: this will be the last 'social event' in our 2015 calendar, and we want to make it the best yet! Cash bar will be available.

We wish to thank the following people/businesses who have generously donated raffle prizes for this event. They are:



Interislander who have given a \$250 Travel Voucher; Fratelli Restaurant (Carlo & Ferdi Petagna); Nina Cuccurullo; and Mediterranean Foods, Newtown (Joe & Gino Cuccurullo), Newtown Fish Supply (Vince & Nino Basile). A BIG thanks to you all! We have some great prizes, so don't miss out on your chance to win.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Mark and Heather Da Vanzo (in Dundee, Scotland), who have given birth to their first child – a son. A grandson for Rex and Avril Da Vanzo. Great news!

Melhop Trust Award

Club Garibaldi, which administers the Melhop Trust, invites applications for funding from eligible students. Applicants should be no older than 30 years at the time of application and be engaged, or about to engage, in a formal course of study provided by a recognized educational establishment in one or more of the following fields, namely: language and literature, including the publication of Italian migrant histories, vocal and instrumental music, the graphic arts or architecture and engineering. Applications close on 31 January 2016 with any successful applicant to be advised shortly afterwards.

Applications, citing the course of academic study or project and demonstrating the applicant's Italian heritage, are to be sent in writing to the secretary, Club Garibaldi, PO Box 6451, Wellington 6141 or clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com

The criteria for this annual award is available on request from the secretary, Caterina Costa.

Car Parks

The car parks are now more strictly monitored, therefore if you are illegally parked then you risk being towed away. A current Club car park label (2015-2016) must be attached visibly in your vehicles rear window.

Children's Christmas Party



The children's Christmas party will be held at the Club on Sunday 22nd of November 2015 from 11am to 2pm.

Programme

11.00 a.m.– 11.30 a.m.

Crafts

11.30 a.m.– 12.00 noon

Magician (Nigel Kennedy)

12.00 noon – 12.45 p.m.

Lunch/Dessert

1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Santa

Parents and caregivers are asked to provide a gift for your child/children (named) to a value of ***no more than*** \$15 for Santa to hand out. This is for children aged 10 years and under. Please advise Maria Colucci on 383 8602 or Josephine van der Donk on 934 8720 by 18 November if your child/children will be attending.

Senior Christmas Luncheon

The annual senior members' Christmas lunch will be held at the Club on Sunday 29th of November. All members aged 60 and over are welcome to attend this great function. Please be seated at 11.45am. Lunch will be served between 12.00pm – 12.15pm. Please let us know if you are coming for catering purposes by Thursday, 26th November. Please contact Maria Colucci on 383 8602 or Josephine van der Donk on 934 8720. Please note the lunch is for members only.

"A Night at the Garibaldi" – Awhimai Fraser Benefit



Advance notice is given of the Benefit evenings to be held at the club rooms on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th March 2016 for Waikato based mezzo soprano, Awhimai Fraser. Ticket price of \$37 includes a light supper.

Preferential booking to Benefit Series regulars until 31st October. Phone reservations to Rex Da Vanzo on 977 7609.

Il Coro Italiano

Practice will be held on **24 October** and **21 November** (please note that the November practice is on the 3rd Sunday of the month) at 2.30pm in the clubrooms. Anyone who would like to join the singing group please contact Caterina 478 3899 or clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com



Bus Trip 2016 – Destination, Rotorua

Next year the Bus Trip will travel to Rotorua – land of geysers, hot pools and great tourist attractions. Travel time is the first week in February 2016, so keep that week free for now. To register your interest, please contact Maria on phone 383 8602 ASAP.

Radio Cartolina Programme for October



21 October: When talking in a previous programme about the EXPO in Milan, Denis Walker mentioned that there were some 400 exhibitions throughout Italy related to the same theme, 'Nourishing the Planet'. In this programme he talks of two of them, both in Rome. One is: 'The Elegance of Food' at the Mercati di Traiano, that explores the links between food and fashion. His favourite however was: 'Food: from Spoon to the World', set in the MAXXI, the National Museum of the 21st Century Arts, itself well worth a visit. It was designed by London-Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid, and acclaimed by The Guardian as "her finest built work to date".

Cartolina is the radio programme "For those who remember Italy and who dream of it"

As usual all programmes are available via internet live, or in podcast from <http://plainsfm.org.nz/podcasts/programme/cartolina>

Cartolina producers Wilma Laryn and Denis Walker wish you all Buon Ascolto!

Dates for your Diary



Saturday, 24 October (2.30pm)	Il Coro Italiano Practice (Club Garibaldi)
Saturday, 7 November	Club Garibaldi vs. Club Italia Soccer Match
Saturday, 21 November (2.30pm)	Il Coro Italiano Practice (Club Garibaldi)
Sunday, 22 November (11am)	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, 29 November (11.45am)	Senior Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, 3 December	Cancer Foundation Diplomatic Charity Ball
February 2016	Annual Club Bus Trip Rotorua
Friday 4 & Saturday 5 March 2016	'A Night at the Garibaldi' – Awhimai Fraser Benefit

AGM President's Report 2015

My first year of President has quickly come to an end, and I can describe this year as being a very enjoyable yet sometimes a challenging experience.

As mentioned in my very first newsletter, I really had no idea of what went on behind the scenes running this club. I have been blown away seeing the efforts of so many people who give up hours of their time without reward and sometimes without thanks, to make sure this place is run like a slick oiled machine.

I wish to thank each and every executive committee member for all their efforts and hard work.

Vice President, Alfonso – thanks for your support and encouragement throughout this past year.

Caterina, you handle the role of Secretary with such professionalism and enthusiasm. Thanks so much for doing such a magnificent job.

Maryrose our Treasurer, it wasn't till you went away for 7 weeks, and I looked after only a very miniscule part of your job...You run the accounts so professionally and have everything in good order. It was easy to follow your procedures. Thanks for doing such a great job.

To the members of the executive (Maria, Matt, Catherine, Rex, Larry) – your commitment turning up to the monthly meetings and making sure the right decisions are made for the Club, is appreciated – thank you all.

Rex Da Vanzo, Vic Criscillo, Robin Page and David Monastra – I can't even begin to think where this Club would be without all of you. Your commitment, passion and drive to make sure we have the building rented out, billboards up, carparks leased out and handling all the earthquake strengthening issues and basically making sure money is coming in to pay our bills, is ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC. Thank you all for your great work.

To the social committee – the three Josephines, Dean, Maria, Lynda, and Jim – thanks for all the social functions you've put together throughout the year. Setting up, cleaning up after everyone and all voluntarily – a BIG thank you.

To Melanie Federico who does a great job each month of formatting our newsletter, and David Da Col who at the drop of a hat, updates our website – a big thanks to you both also. Fifi & Lucy Esposito, thanks for enveloping and sending out our newsletters each month.

I would also like to thank Ambassador Carmelo, who has taken such a big interest in the club and its' activities. Thanks for your continued interest and support.

This year one of the big challenges we have faced is the renewal of our liquor licence. In 2012, the Liquor Licence laws changed and as a result of that change, Friendly Societies are unable to hold a liquor licence. We have options available to us, and your Executive are dealing with this at present. We will advise the outcome in due course. In the meantime, our current licence is valid till 19 March 2016.

Over the past year, we held a New Year Eve party; a mid-year Club dinner (in which we hosted the AC Milan soccer scouts); and the Cardinal celebrated Italian mass for us with a shared lunch – all these events were very successful – we had very close to, and in some cases, over 100 people attend these functions. Our usual annual events, i.e. Italian Day celebration, picnic etc...were also highly successful. We also hosted two book launches, and they too were great.

Our last event for the year is coming up on 7 November – when we will be hosting Club Italia, Nelson for the annual soccer match. This year is the 20th game (even though the 21st year – one year we had no game) and we plan to celebrate with a big party. We have approx 30 players and supporters coming from Nelson, so we hope to get Te Whaea park packed with Wellington supporters, and the Club full for the evening function.

We have been overwhelmed with raffle prizes for the evening event. Thank you to Interislander Ferry who has offered a \$250 Travel Voucher on the Ferry; Newtown Fish Supply (Nino and Vince Basile); Fratelli Restaurant; Nina Cuccurullo; Mediteranean Foods Newtown;

Membership:

Our current membership stands at 344. We had a few resignations this year, but offsetting that we had twice as many new members join. This is pleasing to see. My vision for the future is to encourage more of our younger Italians to join up. The premises are here to be used. So I would like to encourage people to make good use of these – if you want to arrange cooking classes, or childrens playgroup or anything else, please come and talk to your executive.

Communication – we still have our monthly newsletter go out to members by post, and are trying to encourage as many members to receive this through email. The advantage is you receive news quicker and in colour. We also have our website. There have been a few suggestions for a Facebook page, or blog. The executive believes that this is too hard for the Club to monitor at present – so for now we have put this option on the shelf.

Children's Italian Classes

Still going at this stage, but we would like a few more enrolments in 2016, so if you know anyone who has young children wanting to learn the language, please contact us via the club email. We have a wonderful new teacher, Elenora Bello who is very enthusiastic and keen to teach the language.

Finally, thanks to all members that have supported the Club and its events this year. Afterall, without your support there would be no club.

Thank you.
Linda.