

UPCOMING EVENTS

Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be held on Sunday 4 February 2007 at 11.30am at St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay.

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



Once again, the club will provide the steaks and sausages for the barbeque. All members and families are welcome. Any enquiries please telephone Maria Colucci.

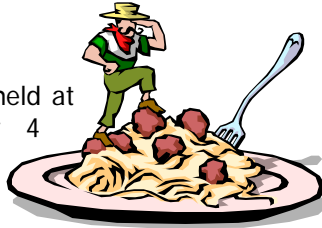
GC Benefit Series

"An evening with Anna Leese"
Both March performances are now sold out.



Shared Lunch

The next shared lunch will be held at the Club rooms on Sunday 4 February 2007 at 1pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.



Tombolo Evenings

The Tombolo nights are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. **The first evening for 2007 will be on Tuesday, 27 February, at the usual time of 7.30 pm.** Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria if you have any questions.

Italian Film

At 7pm on Thursday 15 February 2007 the film *The Snack Thief* (Il ladro di merendine) will be shown. The film is from the popular Inspector Montalbano series and promises to be great entertainment.

A \$2 charge towards costs will apply.

Annual Bus Trip

This year's annual bus trip will be on Tuesday and Wednesday 13 and 14 February, with an overnight stay in New Plymouth.

Members will be given first consideration, however if you wish to bring a friend, they will be most welcome.

Circolo March Social

At 7.30pm on Thursday 8 March there will be a presentation by Don McLean from Italian Villa Holidays. Don will talk about **Independent Travel in Italy** and his presentation will be in the same style as his very popular and well-received evenings held previously. The material and visuals will be new and we look forward to being taken on a virtual armchair tour of Puglia, beautiful Basilicata and beyond. This will be a great evening to start off the Circolo's social calendar for 2007. Come along and join in the fun!!

A \$4 cover charge towards costs will apply.

If you are interested in joining the group with the aim of having lots of fun, please contact Maria Colucci or Lucia Esposito before 7 February 2007.

Please note: Would those members who have already contacted Maria Colucci about the forthcoming bus trip and left their names and telephone numbers, please contact her again to confirm.

Club Garibaldi Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic will be on Sunday 25 February at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki. It will be at the first ground which is called the children's play area.

Please note: This is the only weekend available this year, so there won't be a cancellation/reserve option in the event of bad weather....so start praying for a fine day! Directions: Turn left off SH1 into the Paekakariki township and then right into Wellington Road. Our area will be the first on the left. Keep an eye out for the green, white and red signs.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4th February (11:30am) - Italian Mass

Sunday 4th February (1:00pm) - Shared Lunch

Tues/Wed 13/14th February - Bus Trip

Thursday 15th February (7pm) - Italian Film

Sunday 25th February - Annual Picnic

Tuesday 27th February (7:30pm) - Tombolo

Friday 2nd March - A Night at the Garibaldi

Saturday 3rd March - A Night at the Garibaldi

Thursday 8th March (7:30pm) - Circolo Social

Sunday 25th March - Italian Festival

Radio Iris

By Micaela Mecocci

Don't miss Radio Iris' forthcoming broadcasts!

Sunday 14/1/07 in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: www.accessradio.org.nz at 4 pm

Mauro Rubino, who is going to go back to Italy soon, talks about his experience in NZ and at the Dante Alighieri Society in Auckland. Alfio Leotta interviews Fred Rousset.

Sunday 21/1/07 in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: www.accessradio.org.nz at 4 pm

Cin cin! Wine expert Paolo Frugoni tells us secrets and suggestions about Italian wine.

Sunday 28/1/07 in Auckland, at 12.40 pm, on Planet FM 104.6, in Wellington, at 4 pm, on Access Radio 783 AM & online from anywhere on: www.accessradio.org.nz at 4 pm

Congratulations to Antonio Cacace and "La bella Italia", winner of the Wellington Vibrant Gold Award! Alfio Leotta interviews Campbell, the owner of Verandahs Backpackers in Auckland.

A Bit of Trivia

Stone-Age Female Statuette Unearthed

From News from Italy - September 2006

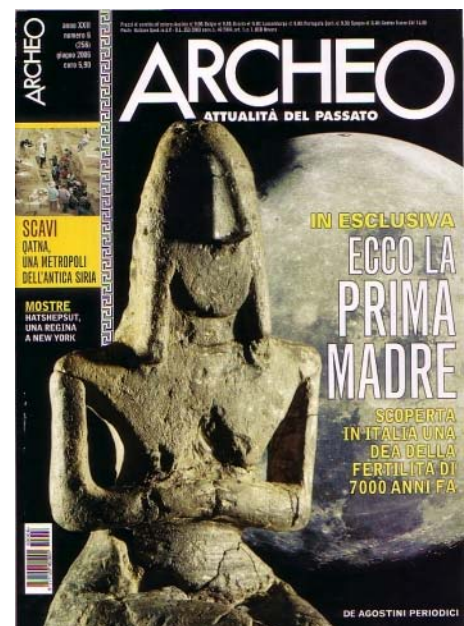
By Ginette

Archaeologists have unearthed the largest Neolithic female figurine ever found in Italy. The 7,000 year old stone statuette was discovered during excavations of a burial site, outside Vicofertile, a town about 10 km south-west of the northern Italian city of Parma. The statuette is over 20 centimetres tall and depicts a woman with an oval face, slit eyes, a prominent nose and long hair. Although such statuettes are fairly common, it is rare to find figurines this old in Europe, and the majority represent a mother earth divinity with a swollen belly which symbolizes fertility.

The archaeologists have linked this statuette to the goddess of death and re-birth, who is usually represented as slender, with a beak-like nose and rigid posture. Experts believe that she was probably carved to sit on some kind of throne or support, made of material, such as wood, which has disintegrated over the centuries.

The grave, which belonged to a middle-aged woman, also contained a number of pottery bowls, known as the 'square-mouthed pottery' era, in addition to the statuette, which was placed in front of the deceased's head.

The statuette joins a list of important figures dug up across Europe, which archaeologists believe indicates some of the earliest concepts of divinities.



Sunday Club Day



Maddelena Basile under the watchful eyes of Vincenzo Basile, Felice Benvenuti, and Luigi Furlani



The girls, preparing for a serious game of cards



"I want you to put the next ball, right here"

