



Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

On 9 November one of the biggest events of the year for our Club took place when Club Italia arrived in Wellington to take part in the Annual Football Match between both clubs to vie for the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy.

And wow – what a weekend that turned out to be!

Thank you to all those people who came and supported our boys on the field; and an even bigger thanks to the many, many people that came to help celebrate at the 'After-Match' Function.

Thanks go out to Dave Da Vanzo who worked tirelessly over the past few months organizing our team and the trainings.

A special 'thank you' must go out to our social committee and helpers who worked so hard behind the scenes from the set-up on Friday night right through to the clean up on late Saturday evening. Their efforts were instrumental in making the whole evening a success – and for that, we really appreciate you all.

There was plenty of great food and entertainment and camaraderie between both communities really came through. This was so good to see.



Next year is the big 25th Anniversary in Nelson and Club Italia have already got the wheels in motion to what sounds like is going to be a unique and amazing event over Labour weekend 2020. We will advise more details on this early next year.

Also next year we will be holding an Italian Mass at St Francis de Sales. Larry Greco is organizing this for us.

Please note there will be no New Year's Eve party this year at the Club.

This will be the last newsletter of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo.

Thanks for all your support throughout the year. If you're travelling, we wish you happy and safe travels.

Until next year - Ciao for now

Linda

Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 24 November at the club

26 children, their grandparents and parents had a fun-filled day out on Sunday at the Children's Christmas party. The arts and craft table proved yet again to be a popular event. Children made Christmas cards and decorations for their families. The magic show was very entertaining and children and adults engaged with the Magician so well. It was so much fun to see the smiles on everyone's faces.

Of course, the star of the day Santa popped in to give the children their presents and 26 very tired children went home very satisfied.

Thanks to social committee for organising this great event.

We would like to especially thank Tony and Dion Basile of Wellington Seamarket in Upper Cuba Street who supplied us with an amazing lunch. Plenty of fish, hotdogs and chips. Everyone raved about the fish and nobody went home hungry! Thanks for your support Tony and Dion – it's really appreciated.





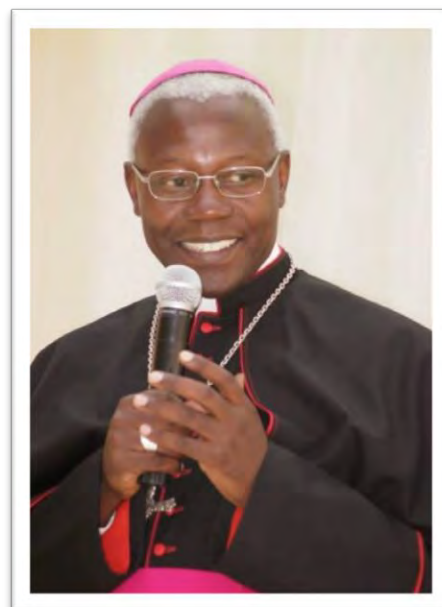
Two New Executive Committee Members

We mentioned at our last AGM there were 2 spots not filled for the Executive committee. Well I'm pleased to say that Victoria Caccioppoli and Frank Basile have volunteered their services – so we're back at full strength. Welcome to both Victoria and Frank and thanks to the both of you for stepping up to the challenge.



Italian Mass – 15 March 2020 – Save the Date

Mass will be celebrated in Italian by Apostolic Nuncio. This will be held at St Francis de Sales Church on 15 March 2020 at 2pm; followed by afternoon tea at the Club.



Football Congratulations

Congratulations to Liberato Cacace of Island Bay who has been selected for the NZ All whites. We wish you all the best Lib and look forward to following your career on the football fields of the world.



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 15 March 2020.

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, 118 Tory Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6451, or to clubgaribaldi1882@gmail.com. The criteria for this annual award is available on request from the Secretary, Caterina Costa.

Picnic 2020

Arrangements are underway with organizing our picnic. More details will be advised in January's newsletter. In the meantime, we're looking at mid-Late February, but will confirm soon.



Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Cup Game Review

"Gianni On The Spot" (by Dave Da Vanzo)

The Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy match thankfully kicked off in dry overhead conditions, after morning rain seemed likely to dampen proceedings.

Club Garibaldi started well and showed a lot of verve in attack, asking lots of questions of the Club Italia defence. One of our debutantes, Gianni Di Leva, was proving extremely hard to contain, as he attacked with speed at every opportunity.

Gianni's forceful manoeuvres soon led to our taking the lead, when he sped into the box and unleashed a powerful drive into the far corner of the net.

Club Italia were a little bit shocked to be behind at such an early stage, and their attacking play was tempered somewhat by concerns of falling further behind.

Just before half-time however, Club Italia were awarded a free kick when Joe Lupi was adjudged to have been fouled on the edge of our box.

Club Italia's player of the day, Sean Parks, executed a superb free-kick into the far corner of the net, and the whistle sounded immediately after for half-time.

In the second half, we were forced to defend a lot more, as Club Italia pushed forward in search of the lead, with Sean Parks carrying the ball quickly towards our back four at every opportunity.

Club Italia went close to taking the lead, but great goal-keeping from Antonino De Gregorio luckily kept them at bay.

The full-time whistle sounded with the scores locked up at 1-1, and it was time for penaltEASE.

We lost the penalty shoot-out last time we played Club Italia in Wellington, and perhaps ominously, the penalties were taken at the same end of the ground that we came up short at 2 years previously.

Club Garibaldi captain, Paul Muollo, courageously took our first penalty, and, unsurprisingly, dispatched the ball into the net with calm aplomb, giving the keeper no chance.

Gianni Di Leva was on the spot again, and smashed his penalty home to keep things neck and neck in the shoot-out.

The drama was not about to let up though, and the penalty shoot-out progressed into the sudden-death phase, in which the game was decided if one team missed, and the other team scored.



We were first to miss during sudden death, but as luck would have it, we did not die suddenly, as Club Italia also then missed.

Francesco Cantoni Copetti then drilled the ball into the corner of the net to put the heat back on Club Italia.

Club Italia could not even things up with their next kick, and Club Garibaldi was successful in holding the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy for the first time since 2016.

A delightful dinner was put on at Club Garibaldi in the evening, and it was very well attended.

A big thank you to Linda De Gregorio for all her positive energy and support, and to all who helped out and made this such an enjoyable event.

We look forward to heading down to Nelson next year and playing in the 25th Anniversary edition of the Aldo Cuccurullo Memorial Trophy match.







Merry Christmas / Buon Natale

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 1 December

Senior's Xmas lunch – 12pm

Proposed February

Club Picnic

Sunday 15 March

Italian Mass – 2pm

