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# Club Garibaldi News

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## Note from the President

Ciao everyone

In early May we held yet another HUGELY successful Casino Night. I would like to once again personally thank both Sophia Basile and Giulianna Quinn for doing such a tremendous job on organising this event. More on this below.

That same week a filming crew from the Italian Foreign Affairs office, Rome, was in town filming a documentary on Italians living abroad in NZ and Australia.

It so happened they were in Wellington on the night of the Casino, and they came along and did some filming of the night; so, Club Garibaldi might just be "world famous in Rome"!!!

National Day celebrations are quickly creeping up on us. We will celebrate at the clubrooms on Sunday 1 June starting at 7pm-9pm. Please book your seat ASAP – numbers will be limited.

Our members, Maria Elenio and Frank Basile, will be opening the Clubroom doors on the 3rd Sunday of every month over the winter to re-introduce indoor bowls and card and/or social days. More below.



**Pope Francis RIP**



**Pope Leo XIV**

*Linda De Gregorio*

## National Day Celebrations – Sunday 1 June: 7pm-9pm

This year we will hold our National Day celebrations at the clubrooms from 7 – 9pm on Sunday 1 June. The Club will supply refreshments – please note, this event is for current financial members only. Please call Josephine (9348 720) or Maria (3838 476) to book your seat before 24 May. See you there!



## Welcome new members

We wish to welcome new members: Antonia Esposito, Linda Marteletti, Matt Bale, Carolina Prato Casanova and Amelie Gordon Prato.

We hope to see you all at a function soon.

## Casino Evening – Saturday 3 May 2025 summary

James Bond 007 was put to shame on Saturday 3 May, as approximately 50 members and guests gambled their way to win some fantastic prizes that were up for grabs at Club Garibaldi.

For a mere \$15pp, guests were greeted at the door by our two beautiful hosts, Sophia Basile and Julianna Quinn (who organised the whole event); and were given two tickets – one which gave them a complimentary Prosecco or Juice; and the other which put them into the draw to win some wonderful prizes at the end of the evening and \$1m of Garibaldi Funny Money to play with over the next 2 hours.

The Clubrooms looked great with dimmed lights, lots of helium balloons, and a great lighting effect of stars on the ceiling which paved the way for what was going to be a fun-filled night.

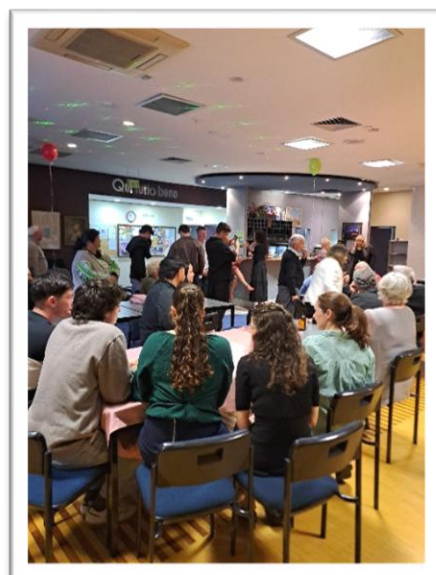
At 7.30pm the Roulette Table, Black Jack Tables and Crown and Anchor table were set in motion and people crowded the tables trying to turn their \$1m into many millions!

We had a short break at 8.30pm when pizzas (from Pizza Napoli) were served, and they went down a treat. After the break we were advised that we had just over ½ hour to make as much money as possible before gambling stopped, and money counting began.

Congratulations to Hayden Quinn, who was the overall winner with earnings of well over \$30m; Coming in a close second was Vince Basile and third place was Tony Moreno.

Then we had the lucky ticket draw and 17 lucky members/friends won one of the following:

- + Voucher to Kristina Raffale (wash, cut & blowave) from Kristina Volpicelli-Muollo
- + 1 x \$75 voucher from Wellington Seamarket, Cuba Street – Tony/Dion Basile
- + 1 x \$50 voucher from Wellington Seamarket Cuba Street - Tony/dion Basile
- + \$150 dinner voucher to Nicolini Restaurant, Blair Street
- + 2 x \$100 vouchers to Pizza Napoli – Raff De Gregorio
- + Protein Cookies by Justine Cookies – Justine Muollo
- + 1 x Sweat shirt compliments of the Greek Food Truck
- + 2 x Supreme coffee packs compliments of Supreme Coffee
- + Electric toothbrush from Wellington Dentists, Willis Street
- + \$50 voucher to Sir Breadwins café in Lambton Quay
- + 2 dozen Italian Sausages from Gipps Street Butchery, Karori



+ 3 x deck of playing cards from our Casino host Dave Bennett

Thank you so much to those businesses who donated prizes for the evening – we really appreciate it.

And thanks also to our Casino crowd who did such a wonderful job of the gaming.

But most of all – thank you to all those who supported this event - we had some fantastic feedback, and will definitely look at holding another one sometime in the future.

## Indoor Bowls and Cards at Club commencing Sunday 18 May

We are starting a fun day Indoor Bowls at the Club to be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month over the Winter months. May until September. This will start at 2pm and finish around 4pm.

This is for all abilities and ages. Come and try your hand you may be a budding Champion bowler in the making. If you haven't played before, try it out, help and guidance will be given.

If you just want to catch up with your friends or enjoy a game of cards, please come and have a pleasant day. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Thanks to Maria Elenio for her idea.

Any question you can ring Frank Basile on 0279140253

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Game – Club Italia v Club Garibaldi

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> event of the annual Football game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson. We would like to invite past and present players to be a part of this event – it will be held on Saturday 1 November in Wellington. The game will be played at Wakefield Park in island Bay, and aftermath function will take place at The Pines. More details will follow in due course.

## Condolences

The Club extends deepest sympathy to Teresa and Libby Mollo of Island Bay on the passing of Teresa's mother in Italy (Maria De Gregorio).

Fortunately for Teresa, she was able to get a trip to Italy back in March to visit her Mum and spend some time with her. RIP Maria



## Dates for your diary

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**Stromboli my other home**

**Indoor bowls and Cards**

**National Day Celebrations**

**Football game between Club Garibaldi and Club Italia Nelson**

**Thursday, 15 May 2025**

**Sunday, 18 May 2025**

**Sunday, 1 June 2025**

**Saturday, 1 November 2025**





## Circolo Italiano di Wellington — Meet Italy!

Thursday 15 May 2025 at 7.30–9.30pm

### Stromboli my other home

With Cav. Ginette Toscano Page from Club Garibaldi



Ginette on Stromboli with Strombolicchio in the background, a volcanic remnant of the original volcano.

Stromboli island 'Lighthouse of the Mediterranean' during the Sept 2004 eruption (after continuous eruptions for 2000-5000 years). 926 metres above sea level, over 2,700 metres above the sea floor. Population around 500. Area 12.6 km<sup>2</sup>

Photo [rb.gy/rqr5u4](https://rb.gy/rqr5u4)

We look forward to Ginette sharing stories of her Strombolani family, and her numerous visits there. We will hear about those still living on Stromboli, sharing a community, customs and way of life on an active volcano. She will explain why thousands of people left Stromboli to destinations throughout the world, including Wellington.

Ginette was born in Island Bay and is a first-generation italo-neozelandese. Her parents, grandparents and nonni, for many generations on both sides, were born on Stromboli.

Ginette was the President of Club Garibaldi for eight years.

(There will be a reprint of the book Famiglie Strombolane Isote Folie, 2015 – at a sale price – cash \$45, or orders taken at the event.)



**Garibaldi House Level 2, 118 Tory St/cnr Vivian St. Note no parking before 6pm!**

**Entry cash \$5 Circolo & Club Garibaldi members / \$10 guests. Cash raffle!**

**Supper and drinks to follow. We especially welcome Club Garibaldi members along.**