The Wellington Club

CLUB NEWS

APRIL 2008

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APRIL

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OPERA PACKAGE
– *LA BOHÈME* –
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CHEFS' BANQUET
– ITALIAN NIGHT –
TUESDAY 20

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JUNE 2008

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OYSTER PROMOTION FOR APRIL

Throughout the month of April the Club will feature Bluff Oysters (when available) on the à la carte lunch and dinner menu. Members will be charged only the cost price without any mark-up in order to give all Members an opportunity to come to the Club to enjoy this delicacy!

They will be served natural (only) and are priced at:

$13.00 for half a dozen

and

$25.00 for a dozen

Prices include GST, brown bread, lemon and garnish! This promotion is not available at the buffet nor for functions, is subject to availability and the described method of preparation. Should you wish to take advantage of this extraordinary offer, it is recommended that you call the Club the day before with your lunch or dinner booking.

The Chefs' Banquet

~ Italian Night ~

Tuesday 20 May 2008

This year's Chefs' Banquet theme will be "An Italian Night". We know that this event is extremely popular with Club Members and recommend early bookings! Under the experienced guidance of Head Chef Alfonso Basile the Club's kitchen team will produce Italian delights made with traditional family recipes which will all be matched with appropriate wines. At present the Club is organising entertainment to make this night as memorable an evening as it has been previously. The estimated cost for this night will be approximately $80.00 per person all inclusive. More details will be announced in next month's Newsletter. Bookings however are already being taken and individual tables of eight or more will be accommodated. The maximum size of individual tables has been limited to fourteen.

Opera Package:

La Bohème

Thursday 15 May 2008

The Club has secured 24 tickets in the Dress Circle for the first opera this year.

Giacomo Puccini's La Bohème is perhaps one of the best known operas and not 'just another tragic love story. It's a timeless celebration of youthful rites of passage, the proletarian struggle against poverty and the artist's quest for integrity.' (NZ Opera)

Time	:	5.45pm Arrival and Drinks at the Club
		6.00pm Dinner
		7.00pm Transport to St James Theatre
		7.30pm Opera
		Approx.: 10.30pm Return to Club for Supper
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$195.00

Members who have already obtained tickets are encouraged to join the Club package for dinner, transport and supper at $59.50p.p.

ANZAC DAY CLOSURE:

Please note that all facilities at the Club, with the exception of the car park, are closed on Friday 25 April 2008. The Health & Fitness Centre will be open on Saturday and Sunday as usual.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

With this newsletter is a letter to Members notifying a 3.5% increase in subscriptions for the 2008-2009 financial year. The Club has faced substantial increases in costs (energy, food and wages). The increase is below the rate of the increases in costs and in line with inflation.

The key to the success of the Club is usage. The cost of à la carte lunch and dinner is more than competitive. The Morrison and Quadrant Rooms are available for lunch or dinner at no extra charge. The evening manager, chef and staff are available to provide Members with top level cuisine and service.

The Chefs' Banquet – Italian Night on Tuesday 20 May will be a special evening for Members and guests.

The Committee is preparing a survey of Members to get views and expectations of the Club. A similar survey was done eleven years ago and resulted in a number of initiatives including the Health and Fitness Centre.

The deaths of G W Salmond, life member, and K G Stone are noted with regret.

Dan Stevenson
President

WINE APPRECIATION

'PINOT' DINNER

Wednesday 23 April 2008
with Paul Farrell of Vintners NZ

Together with Paul Farrell Vintners' representative at the Club we have planned something a bit different: The wines presented on the night will all have one thing in common: PINOT

You will be able to sample various 'pinots' such as:

Quartz Reef (Otago) Pinot Noir/Chardonnay – Méthode Champenoise

Greenhough Hope (Nelson) Pinot Blanc

With the dinner Members and guests will be given the opportunity to sample and comment on the following wines:

Mudhouse (Marlborough) Pinot Gris

White Rock by Craggy Range (Hawke's Bay) Pinot Gris

Followed by – of course - some fine pinots noirs for the main course and dessert.

Please make your booking early and bring along friends and guests to the first wine appreciation dinner this year! The Club is sure, many of the regular Members at these functions are looking forward to catching up with each other again!

Time	:	**6.30pm Welcome with Pinots**
		7.00pm Pinot Dinner
Dress	:	**Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear**
Cost	:	**$65.00 p.p.**

25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS

25 years ago on 24 March 1983 Jane Wells (then Jane Hurley) started as night steward at the Club. The Committee together with Jane, her husband Chris and many former Presidents celebrated this milestone in Jane's life. The Club's Vice-President Mr Brown Douglas thanked Jane for all her work she had done for the Members and presented her with the framed original letter of her application to the Club, showing a starting salary, which made everybody smile. In addition Mr Brown Douglas presented a large boxed cutlery set to Jane as an appreciation of her years of service on behalf of all Club Members.

CHANGES as of 1 May 2008

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2008 - 2009

The Committee has set the new subscription rates for the upcoming financial year. A letter by the President to all Members is part of this month's mail-out.

LEVEL 6 LUNCH BUFFET

The Wine, Food and Functions Subcommittee has decided to withdraw the steward on level 6 at lunchtime with the exception of Fridays. This is on a trial basis to contain costs; Members are invited to use the service phone at the bar should they require staff. No changes have been made to the food available nor the pricing.

CAR PARKING

Please note that as of 1 May 2008 car parking charges will apply between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm Mondays – Fridays except on Public Holidays. The charges remain the same. The roller door will be open during the above new times.

ACCOMMODATION

All bedrooms on level 4 have now been renovated and the Committee is very pleased with the result. Many Members have commented positively on the vast improvements added such as the flat screen TV monitors, the underfloor heating in the bathrooms, the comfort of the new beds and in particular the new design and colour scheme. Together with the three bedrooms on level 6 the Club now features top quality accommodation with no expense spared. Bookings have increased considerably over the last two months and it is hoped that this trend will continue. Members are reminded that they may book their guests, family members or colleagues into the Club's accommodation, without themselves having to stay at the Club. The room rate for any of the rooms is $180.00 for Members or $198.00 for non-Members. This includes single or double occupancy, a cooked breakfast Monday to Friday mornings, a secure carpark and GST. And, above all, the privacy one can only expect and enjoy at the Club!

Club staff would be pleased to show Members these new rooms as rumour has it, that some Members have actually never seen them!

RESULTS FROM THE ANNUAL WELLINGTON CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB

A full field, good but cool weather and a lot of fun was had at this year's tournament.

Winners of the main competitions were:

Single Stableford (AXA-Cup):
Mr C J Pope

Runner-up:
Mr R G Longuet

Combined Stableford:
Messrs P J Quinn & C J Pope

Runners-up:
Messrs S L Cranfield & T J Brown

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The Last Friday Drinks

Friday 18 April 2008

Note your diary!

Due to ANZAC Day falling on the last Friday of this month, this popular Club Function will take place one week earlier than usual.

What better way to wind up a busy week than to come to the informal environment of the bar on level 6 and share a few after-work drinks with fellow friends, colleagues and Club Members. It is also a great opportunity to introduce potential candidates for membership to the Club and to other Members.

As a responsible host, the Club serves cocktail food on a complimentary basis. A small supper for only $10.00 per person is also available from 6.30pm onward.

Requests for an earlier supper from 6.00pm will be accommodated should Members plan to attend a show or event in town in the evening.

Please advise Jane Wells if you would like to stay for supper as we have recently experienced a very heavy demand on the food, - simply because it is of such good quality and value!

Time	:	from 5.00pm onward to 6.30pm approx.
Supper	:	Available from 6.30pm
Venue	:	Members' Bar Level 6
Dress	:	Tidy casual (no denims)
Cost	:	Drinks; Supper if requested

Please advise the Secretary Manager if you wish to be added to the e-mail reminder of this function or of any additional names you would like to be included.

Reciprocity

The Committee of the Wellington Club is delighted to be able to announce the establishment of reciprocity with the Karrakatta Club in Perth, WA! This Club was founded in 1894 and is located at 4 Sherwood Court between St George's Terrace and The Esplanade in the central city, overlooking the Swan River and King's Park.

The Club features accommodation and welcomes Men and Women to make use of all facilities without restriction. Information about the Karrakatta Club can be obtained by phoning the Wellington Club office on 472 0348. Bookings for this Club can be made through the Club office also.

Health & Fitness Centre News

Walk in the Park

A selection of photos from the Kaitoke walk showing the scenery and social sides of our walks. There are three walks during April and the final one in May.

Walk 4: Thursday 10 April – Red Rocks, flat stoney path, 1 1/2 hours.

Walk 5: Thursday 24 April – Puketiro Loop (Transmission Gully), 3-4 hours, or Wetlands Walk, 1 hour, for easier option

Walk 6: Thursday 8 May – Puke Ariki Track (Belmont Regional Park): 5-6 hours and a little more challenging to finish this series off. Ensure you book at reception so that lunches can be prepared.

Walk Cost: $7 for non-Health & Fitness Centre members, partners/friends, plus individual café lunch costs. See separate costs for the Puke Ariki lunch.

Please register through reception for all walks. I look forward to seeing you there!

SELF DEFENCE FITNESS CLASS

Instructor: Ben Otang

When: Tuesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm (high energy class)

or

Wednesdays 7.00am – 7.50am ('getting started' - class)

Cost: $25 - $30 per class depending on numbers

Where: Squash Court, basement level

Book with Toni at the Health & Fitness Centre.

Core Strength

- Plank with Alternate Arm Lift -

Exercise 1 of 3

In March you were introduced to the Side Bridge Hold, targeting the side abdominal and back muscles, in this three exercise "Core" combination. This month is the Plank with Alternate Arm Lift. This exercise targets the abdominals both outer and deeper.

Plank with Alternate Arm Lift

Start by positioning yourself face down to the floor balancing on toes and forearms, keeping your body 'as straight as a plank'. Be careful not to sag at the hips as this will place pressure on your lower spine rather than using the abdominal muscles to hold you. Try starting on your knees rather than your toes if the full plank position is a bit challenging to start with.

Lift one arm off the floor, it doesn't need to be high, and hold for 3 seconds. Put that arm down and lift other arm. Alternate arms for 3-12 repetitions each arm (build up). Aim to keep your hips square to ensure your core stabilising muscles are being used.

Let me know if you have any questions.

All the very best!

Toni

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Wine News

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS FOR APRIL	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
Two Rivers Marlborough Convergence Sauvignon Blanc This wine is the convergence of two site-specific vineyards sourced for the characters of each terroir – the aromatics of the Wairau Valley and the persistence of flavour of the Awatere Valley. A great food wine, complemented by seafood, white meats, pasta & salads	2007	$215.40	$17.95
Gibbston Valley Central Otago Pinot Blanc The white pinot blanc grape is a close relative of Pinot Noir. The floral & soft stonefruit aromas lead through to a bold rich palate.	2006	$202.80	$16.90
Matua Regional Reserve Sauvignon Blanc A classic example of Marlborough: Pungent lemon & lime aromas are complemented by typical fine mineral acidity.	2007	$100.20 (6pack)	$16.70
Hunter's Hawke's Bay Chardonnay Rich & elegant with characteristically ripe fruit flavour, superbly balanced following maturation in French oak	2006	$192.00	$16.00
The following great value Club House Wines are also always available:			
Shingle Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc		$179.40	$14.95
Matua Matheson HB Chardonnay (six pack)		$107.10	$17.85
Burge Barossa Vines Shiraz		$189.00	$15.75

Remember that you can also purchase all your spirits and beer from your Club. Delivery can be arranged. Allow 7-10 days for availability. Return the enclosed order form.

À la Carte Dining at the Club

The President has already referred in his column to the high quality of food and service Members receive at lunch and dinner times at the Club.

Members should be aware that the Wellington Club is not only a convivial and perfect luncheon venue, but serves à la carte meals in the evening as well. At the end of March I spoke to a Member who comes here for lunch regularly, but had never thought that he could do the same in the evening! – Recently this would have suited him actually a lot more and saved his company not only money but also embarrassment when having had to wait for their entrées for more than 45 minutes in one of the busy food outlets downtown!

Below you find a sample menu of our à la carte, which changes every now and then depending on fresh produce and specials available:

~ Entree ~

From the Soup Pot	9.50
Snap Seared Scallops	16.00
Caesar Salad	14.00
Veal Sweetbreads	14.00
Insalata of Parma Ham	13.75

~ Light Meal ~

Sirloin Minute Steak	16.00

~ Main ~

Catch of the Day	26.00
Roast of the Day	24.00
Beef Fillet	30.00
Slow Roasted Duck	30.00
Free Range Pork Scotch Fillet	26.50
Barbequed Chicken Breast	25.50

~ Dessert ~

Tiramisu	10.00
Dark Chocolate Mousse Cake	10.00
Vanilla Bean Liqueur Pannacotta	10.00
Club Cheeseboard (For One)	13.00

I hear 'horror stories' about prices in town: Restaurants charge separately for bread, for vegetables, salads and even up to $10.00 for a bowl of French fries! The Club's prices include all this and to top it off, you even receive a complimentary after-dinner-mint.

It's almost a two-for-one deal!

Bon appetit!

Alfonso Basile
Head Chef

Diary Dates Cont

June Continued

Canada Evening
Wednesday 18

Mid-Winter Roast Dinner
Tuesday 24

Chess Evening
Tuesday 24

Last Friday Drinks
Friday 27

Senior Members' Lunch

The next monthly luncheon for senior Members (65 years and over) will be held on:

Wednesday 7 May 2008
Guests of Members welcome.
12.00 for 12.40pm

Ladies' Luncheon

Every first Thursday of the month, women Members meet for lunch. Please feel free to invite a guest or two to come along. Please call Jane Wells if you would like to be included in the monthly email reminder for the luncheon.

Make a note in your diary for:

Thursday 1 May 2008,
12.30 for 1.00pm

Minimum Dress Standards at the Club:

Last month's reminder about dress standards in the Newsletter has been greeted with strong support by many Club Members. Members like style and elegance when coming to their Club and enjoy the special sophisticated environment which makes the Club so very different to other venues around town.

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Members are invited to provide the Secretary Manager with their e-mail addresses for 'last minute reminders' for Club Functions.
Please forward to: juergen@wellingtonclub.co.nz

RSVP:

Wine Appreciation Pinot Dinner

Wednesday 23 April 2008

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(Member's name) (Club No) (e-mail voluntary) (Places) (Telephone)

RSVP:

Opera Package: Tickets, Transport, Dinner & Supper: *La Bohème*

Thursday 15 May 2008

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Chefs' Banquet – Italian Night

Tuesday 20 May 2008

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(Member's name) (Club No) (e-mail voluntary) (Places) (Telephone)

April Wine Specials: *Please reserve the following WINE*

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