



The Wellington Club

CLUB NEWS

DECEMBER 2004

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2005

SENIORS' LUNCH
WEDNESDAY 2

LADIES' LUNCHEON
THURSDAY 3

WAITANGI DAY
- CLUB CLOSED -
SUNDAY 6

WINE APPRECIATION
DINNER - B.Y.O.
WITH BRETT NEWELL
TUESDAY 22

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT
THE ROYAL WELLINGTON
MONDAY 28

*For more scheduled events
throughout the year, please
refer to the enclosed
calendar of events.*

CLUB ETIQUETTE:

Members are reminded that cell phones, business papers and briefcases are not allowed in the Dining Room and the Ante Room on level 5. It is the Members' responsibility to ensure that their guests are made aware of these Club by-laws.

CLUB CLOSURE & REOPENING DATES OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

All Club services (except car parking) close after dinner on Thursday, 23 December 2004. The following Club facilities will reopen on:

- ☞ Monday 10 January - Health & Fitness Centre only (bring your own towels - no staff attending)
- ☞ Monday 17 January - Accommodation, Breakfast 'on the run' level 6, Lunch light and full buffet (only) on level 5, after which the Club will close after 3.00pm
- ☞ Tuesday 25 January - All Services reopen
- ☞ PLEASE NOTE: Monday 24 January - Wellington Anniversary Day - Club closed

WINE APPRECIATION DINNER - B.Y.O. - WITH BRETT NEWELL | Tuesday, 22 February 2005 |

Members are invited to check their cellars and bring their own wine to the dinner. The menu for the function will be published in February's newsletter in order for the "Cellarmaster of the House" to pick the right wines for the night.

We are again grateful to Club member Brett Newell who will comment on the wines brought along that night.

These "Bring Your Own" dinners are always great fun: some wines are beyond their best, some are very obscure and others are simply great and match the Chefs' menu. It is therefore an opportunity to invite good friends, colleagues and wine lovers for the evening, which will start with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

For bookings & table reservations please phone the Club, as there is no RSVP sheet accompanying this month's issue.

- Please note the later (summer) starting time

Time:
7.00pm for 7.30pm
Cost:
\$37.50 per person
Dress:
Jacket & Tie
Evening Wear

During your next visit to the Club, take some extra time to view these wonderful gift ideas for the office, your clients, family or friends. A colourful display of items available through the Club's bottle store is located on level 4 outside Jane Wells' office. Not only bottles of wine but also beautiful presentation boxes and gift packs are available. Please refer to the enclosed Christmas order list for details. Club staff will be happy to recommend and assist.



For your other wine requirements, please contact Jane Wells directly during office hours.

THOUGHT - "A BREAKFAST MEETING AT THE CLUB IS A GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY".

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

OUR CLUB:

Now & in ten years time

We can all be very proud of our Club, and the benefits of being a Member are many. Changes in society, movement of people, competition for services and so on need to be constantly monitored by your committee. Our Club is in extremely good heart. While we are doing well, we must ensure that this situation continues. Although we need to be open to changes, the Club's ambience and traditions are really important to us all and must be maintained.

Your committee has decided to spend a day in February next year looking at all aspects of our Club and trying to gauge what Wellington will be like ten years on, as well as the current and future needs of our Members. As a Club, what are we good at, what are we not so good at? Do our facilities meet the needs of our Members? How can value be added to what we already have? Do Members really know what the Club offers? I have developed a list for the committee to consider. What are your thoughts and ideas?

I therefore ask Members to spend some time thinking about the future and what the Club offers. I would really appreciate hearing from as many Members as possible. For those with email access, please email me at tim.olphert@extra.co.nz by 31 January 2005. For Members without email access, please write to me in confidence at the Club's mailing address, P.O. Box 10-129 Wellington by the same date. Following our planning day, I will report to you all.

I hope you all have a happy Christmas with your families. I look forward to meeting Members during 2005 at Club functions. Your committee has planned a great year ahead.



Tim Olphert

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HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE NEWS

LOOKING BACK OVER 2004

- 2004 seems to have just disappeared! It has been a year filled with activity and enthusiasm.
- 26 participants enjoyed the wonderful Mana Island mid March.
- Our Autumn Walk in the Park series included 6 walks ranging from a flat Plimmerton Coast in early March, getting our feet wet in the Korokoro stream in April, climbing hills and enjoying the spectacular view from Cannon Point at the end of May.
- Our 12 week North Island Travels incentive programme started mid March and encouraged high Fitness Centre usage through to early June as participants travelled from Cape Reinga to Wellington with each session.
- Mid April saw another beautiful day when a group of 31 travelled over to Kapiti Island.
- Mid June saw the introduction of our first Self Defence course, taken by Ben Otang. A very good exercise/fitness session as well as learning valuable skills in a fun environment.
- Our South Island Travels incentive programme started mid August. This programme had 48 people participate in a journey from Picton through to Stewart Island.
- Mid September we started our 2nd Walk in the Park series for 2004, revisiting the wonderful Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and building up to a walk from Kaitoke to Te Marua early December.
- Following the success of our first Self Defence course a second 10 week course went from mid September to the end of November.
- We are looking forward to another action filled year in 2005. In the meantime a special 'thank you' to those members who have kindly let me take your photo demonstrating exercises for the newsletter throughout the year.



SOUTH ISLAND swimmer



OTARI GROUP
- Rimu tree huggers



SOUTH ISLAND swimmers

SOUTH ISLAND travels Prize Giving

What a lovely evening was had by all who were able to make our Tuesday 16th prize giving! Jonathan Kennet was an ideal guest speaker, showing a number of slides, taking us through a history of cycling in New Zealand, and finishing with mountain bike trails from the top to the bottom of the South Island. Jonathan and his brothers are well known throughout the country and overseas for their involvement in the NZ cycling scene. Following their 5th edition of 'Classic Mountain Bike Rides', they have just launched their latest book 'RIDE - The Story of Cycling in New Zealand'. This book was given as an achievement prize to three of our participants.

Congratulations to all participants:

Stage 1 - 'Tour of the Passes' prize draw - Russell Kilvington

Stage 2 - 'Mountains to Sounds' prize draw - David J Chapman

Stage 3 - 'The Deep South' prize draw - Rowland Woods

Most exercise sessions:
Matthew Beattie - 82 workouts!

First to complete:
Den Hayden

First to stage 1 & 2nd most sessions: Terence Brandon

Health & Fitness Centre holiday hours

The Health & Fitness Centre will be closed from Friday 24 December 2004 until Sunday 9 January 2005 inclusive. It will re-open on Monday 10 January, but members are advised to bring their own towels and to ensure to wear the alarm bracelet when exercising alone. No staff will be at the Club to assist or provide any service during the week 10-16 January. Toni will be back on Monday 17 January. Holiday exercise ideas and programmes can be picked up from Toni at the Health & Fitness Centre.

There are a number of others that did very well just by maintaining their normal exercise routine, and that is the major aim of this programme. Thank you to all participants for your support and enthusiasm! Enjoy your summer break and look at getting outdoors and making the most of the environment our country has to offer.

INTERNET ACCESS LEVEL 4

The Club has extended Internet access on level 4 with a "portable" Internet access device. To further enhance the already available wireless Internet access, you can now access the Internet in any level 4 location (including the function rooms) by connecting this device directly to your laptop by way of ethernet broadband cable. This new service will provide access for members who do not have wireless capability on their equipment and can be ordered for use in meetings at no charge.

CHESS AT THE CLUB

On the last Tuesday of each month, members with an interest in chess gather in the Club. The next challenging Chess evening is on :

22 February, 2005

Please register your interest with the Club Office, phone 472 0348.

Time:

6.15pm

Drinks & dinner, followed by chess & supper

Cost:

\$32.50 per person

Dress:

Jacket & Tie

SENIOR MEMBERS' LUNCH

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

**Wednesday, 2 February 2005,
12.00 for 12.40pm**

Guests of members are welcome.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

Every first Thursday of the month women members meet for lunch. Please make a note in your diary for:

**Thursday, 3 February 2005,
12.30 for 1.00pm**

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| JANUARY | | FEBRUARY | |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sat 1 | | Tue 1 | |
| Sun 2 | | Wed 2 | Seniors' Lunch |
| Mon 3 | | Thu 3 | Ladies' Luncheon |
| Tue 4 | | Fri 4 | <i>Rugby Sevens</i> |
| Wed 5 | | Sat 5 | <i>Rugby Sevens</i> |
| Thu 6 | | Sun 6 | Waitangi Day - Club closed |
| Fri 7 | | Mon 7 | |
| Sat 8 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka</i> | Tue 8 | |
| Sun 9 | | Wed 9 | |
| Mon 10 | Health & Fitness Centre reopens | Thu 10 | |
| Tue 11 | | Fri 11 | |
| Wed 12 | | Sat 12 | |
| Thu 13 | | Sun 13 | |
| Fri 14 | | Mon 14 | <i>Valentine's Day</i> |
| Sat 15 | | Tue 15 | |
| Sun 16 | | Wed 16 | |
| Mon 17 | Club reopens for: accommodation, breakfast & lunch | Thu 17 | |
| Tue 18 | | Fri 18 | |
| Wed 19 | | Sat 19 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Australia</i> |
| Thu 20 | | Sun 20 | |
| Fri 21 | | Mon 21 | |
| Sat 22 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka</i> | Tue 22 | Wine Appreciation B.Y.O. |
| Sun 23 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka</i> | Wed 23 | |
| Mon 24 | Anniversary Day - Club closed <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka</i> | Thu 24 | |
| Tue 25 | All Club Services reopen <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka</i> | Fri 25 | |
| Wed 26 | | Sat 26 | |
| Thu 27 | | Sun 27 | |
| Fri 28 | | Mon 28 | Golf at Royal Wellington |
| Sat 29 | | | |
| Sun 30 | | | |
| Mon 31 | <i>Schools reopen</i> | | |

| MARCH | | APRIL | |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------|
| Tue 1 | | Fri 1 | <i>Rugby: Hurricanes vs. Chiefs</i> |
| Wed 2 | Seniors' Lunch | Sat 2 | |
| Thu 3 | Ladies' Luncheon | Sun 3 | |
| Fri 4 | | Mon 4 | |
| Sat 5 | | Tue 5 | |
| Sun 6 | | Wed 6 | Seniors' Lunch Goodwin Cup Snooker |
| Mon 7 | | Thu 7 | Ladies' Luncheon |
| Tue 8 | | Fri 8 | |
| Wed 9 | | Sat 9 | |
| Thu 10 | | Sun 10 | <i>Rugby: Hurricanes vs. Waratahs</i> |
| Fri 11 | | Mon 11 | |
| Sat 12 | | Tue 12 | |
| Sun 13 | | Wed 13 | |
| Mon 14 | | Thu 14 | |
| Tue 15 | | Fri 15 | <i>Schools close</i> |
| Wed 16 | | Sat 16 | |
| Thu 17 | <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> | Sun 17 | |
| Fri 18 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Australia</i> | Mon 18 | |
| Sat 19 | <i>Rugby: Hurricanes vs. Bulls</i> <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Australia</i> | Tue 19 | |
| Sun 20 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Australia</i> | Wed 20 | |
| Mon 21 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Australia</i> | Thu 21 | |
| Tue 22 | <i>Cricket: New Zealand vs. Australia</i> | Fri 22 | <i>Rugby: Hurricanes vs. Highlanders</i> |
| Wed 23 | Mediterranean/Italian Night | Sat 23 | |
| Thu 24 | | Sun 24 | |
| Fri 25 | Good Friday - Club closed | Mon 25 | ANZAC Day - Club closed |
| Sat 26 | | Tue 26 | |
| Sun 27 | | Wed 27 | |
| Mon 28 | Easter Monday - Club closed | Thu 28 | Wine Appreciation with Grant Burge Wines |
| Tue 29 | | Fri 29 | |
| Wed 30 | | Sat 30 | <i>Rugby: Hurricanes vs. Brumbies</i> |
| Thu 31 | | | |

| MAY | | JUNE | |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 1 | | Wed 1 | Seniors' Lunch |
| Mon 2 | <i>Schools reopen</i> | Thu 2 | Ladies' Luncheon |
| Tue 3 | | Fri 3 | |
| Wed 4 | Seniors' Lunch | Sat 4 | |
| Thu 5 | Ladies' Luncheon | Sun 5 | |
| Fri 6 | | Mon 6 | Queen's Birthday - Club closed |
| Sat 7 | | Tue 7 | |
| Sun 8 | <i>Mother's Day</i> | Wed 8 | |
| Mon 9 | | Thu 9 | Wine Appreciation Dinner - Trinity Hills |
| Tue 10 | | Fri 10 | |
| Wed 11 | | Sat 11 | |
| Thu 12 | | Sun 12 | |
| Fri 13 | | Mon 13 | |
| Sat 14 | | Tue 14 | |
| Sun 15 | | Wed 15 | <i>Rugby: Hurricanes vs. Lions</i> |
| Mon 16 | | Thu 16 | |
| Tue 17 | | Fri 17 | |
| Wed 18 | | Sat 18 | |
| Thu 19 | | Sun 19 | |
| Fri 20 | | Mon 20 | |
| Sat 21 | | Tue 21 | Mid-Winter Roast Dinner <i>Winter Solstice</i> |
| Sun 22 | | Wed 22 | |
| Mon 23 | | Thu 23 | |
| Tue 24 | | Fri 24 | |
| Wed 25 | | Sat 25 | |
| Thu 26 | Club "Retro Dinner" & Dance | Sun 26 | |
| Fri 27 | | Mon 27 | |
| Sat 28 | | Tue 28 | |
| Sun 29 | | Wed 29 | Opera - Don Giovanni |
| Mon 30 | | Thu 30 | |
| Tue 31 | | | |

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| JULY | | AUGUST | |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Fri 1 | | Mon 1 | |
| Sat 2 | <i>Rugby: New Zealand vs. Lions</i> | Tue 2 | |
| Sun 3 | | Wed 3 | Seniors' Lunch |
| Mon 4 | <i>Independence Day (USA)</i> | Thu 4 | Ladies' Luncheon |
| Tue 5 | | Fri 5 | |
| Wed 6 | Seniors' Lunch | Sat 6 | |
| Thu 7 | Ladies' Luncheon | Sun 7 | |
| Fri 8 | <i>Schools close</i> | Mon 8 | |
| Sat 9 | | Tue 9 | |
| Sun 10 | | Wed 10 | |
| Mon 11 | | Thu 11 | |
| Tue 12 | | Fri 12 | |
| Wed 13 | | Sat 13 | |
| Thu 14 | <i>Bastille Day (France)</i> | Sun 14 | |
| Fri 15 | | Mon 15 | |
| Sat 16 | | Tue 16 | |
| Sun 17 | | Wed 17 | |
| Mon 18 | | Thu 18 | |
| Tue 19 | Annual Members' Club Dinner | Fri 19 | |
| Wed 20 | | Sat 20 | |
| Thu 21 | | Sun 21 | |
| Fri 22 | | Mon 22 | |
| Sat 23 | | Tue 23 | Members' & Daughters' Dinner |
| Sun 24 | | Wed 24 | |
| Mon 25 | Annual General Meeting <i>Schools reopen</i> | Thu 25 | |
| Tue 26 | | Fri 26 | |
| Wed 27 | | Sat 27 | |
| Thu 28 | | Sun 28 | |
| Fri 29 | | Mon 29 | |
| Sat 30 | | Tue 30 | Wine Appreciation Dinner |
| Sun 31 | | Wed 31 | |

| SEPTEMBER | | OCTOBER | |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thu 1 | Ladies' Luncheon | Sat 1 | |
| Fri 2 | | Sun 2 | |
| Sat 3 | | Mon 3 | |
| Sun 4 | <i>Father's Day</i> | Tue 4 | |
| Mon 5 | | Wed 5 | Seniors' Lunch Wine Appreciation Dinner - Wairau River |
| Tue 6 | | Thu 6 | Ladies' Luncheon |
| Wed 7 | Seniors' Lunch Pat Williams Snooker | Fri 7 | |
| Thu 8 | | Sat 8 | |
| Fri 9 | | Sun 9 | |
| Sat 10 | | Mon 10 | <i>Schools reopen</i> |
| Sun 11 | | Tue 11 | President's At Home - Reception & Dinner |
| Mon 12 | | Wed 12 | |
| Tue 13 | | Thu 13 | Opera - La Traviata |
| Wed 14 | | Fri 14 | |
| Thu 15 | | Sat 15 | |
| Fri 16 | | Sun 16 | |
| Sat 17 | | Mon 17 | |
| Sun 18 | | Tue 18 | |
| Mon 19 | | Wed 19 | |
| Tue 20 | | Thu 20 | |
| Wed 21 | Members' & Sons' Dinner | Fri 21 | |
| Thu 22 | | Sat 22 | |
| Fri 23 | <i>Schools close</i> | Sun 23 | |
| Sat 24 | | Mon 24 | Labour Day - Club closed |
| Sun 25 | | Tue 25 | |
| Mon 26 | | Wed 26 | |
| Tue 27 | | Thu 27 | |
| Wed 28 | | Fri 28 | |
| Thu 29 | | Sat 29 | |
| Fri 30 | | Sun 30 | |
| | | Mon 31 | |

| NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER | |
|----------|------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Tue 1 | | Thu 1 | Ladies' Luncheon |
| Wed 2 | Seniors' Lunch | Fri 2 | |
| Thu 3 | Ladies' Luncheon | Sat 3 | |
| Fri 4 | | Sun 4 | |
| Sat 5 | | Mon 5 | |
| Sun 6 | | Tue 6 | Christmas Family Dinner |
| Mon 7 | | Wed 7 | Seniors' Lunch |
| Tue 8 | | Thu 8 | |
| Wed 9 | | Fri 9 | <i>Secondary Schools close</i> |
| Thu 10 | | Sat 10 | Children's Christmas Party |
| Fri 11 | | Sun 11 | |
| Sat 12 | | Mon 12 | |
| Sun 13 | | Tue 13 | |
| Mon 14 | | Wed 14 | |
| Tue 15 | | Thu 15 | |
| Wed 16 | | Fri 16 | Founders' Day |
| Thu 17 | | Sat 17 | |
| Fri 18 | | Sun 18 | |
| Sat 19 | | Mon 19 | |
| Sun 20 | Martinborough Wine & Food Festival | Tue 20 | <i>Other schools close</i> |
| Mon 21 | | Wed 21 | |
| Tue 22 | | Thu 22 | Club Closure after Dinner |
| Wed 23 | | Fri 23 | |
| Thu 24 | | Sat 24 | <i>Christmas Eve</i> |
| Fri 25 | | Sun 25 | <i>Christmas Day</i> |
| Sat 26 | | Mon 26 | <i>Boxing Day</i> |
| Sun 27 | | Tue 27 | |
| Mon 28 | | Wed 28 | |
| Tue 29 | Combined Services Dinner | Thu 29 | |
| Wed 30 | | Fri 30 | |
| | | Sat 31 | <i>New Year's Eve</i> |