The Wellington Club

CLUB NEWS

FEBRUARY 2008

DIARY DATES

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- CLUB CLOSED -
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LADIES' LUNCHEON
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FRIDAY 29

LAST FRIDAY DRINKS
FRIDAY 29

MARCH 2008

GOLF AT THE ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB
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WEDNESDAY 9

LAST FRIDAY DRINKS
FRIDAY 18

ANZAC DAY – CLUB CLOSED
FRIDAY 25

Wine Tasting with Penfolds *of Australia*

Friday 29 February 2008

A unique and perhaps once-in-a-decade opportunity to attend a tutored tasting of a wide range of Penfolds wines has opened up for Members of the Wellington Club:

With the assistance of Foster's New Zealand, the Club has the great fortune to welcome

Steve Lienert, Senior Winemaker at Penfolds,

who will guide a small number of interested Members through the current release of their red wines. As an incentive, the Club will also make available some of its own stock of the 2002 "Grange" for tasting.

This afternoon will provide an outstanding opportunity to all red wine connoisseurs to direct questions to Steve, who has been an integral part of the Penfolds winemaking team since 1978 and who has worked alongside some of Australia's finest winemakers.

Please note that this function has been restricted to the first 25 registrations. Small platters of food to complement the wines will be served, not a full dinner. However, should you wish to stay for dinner afterwards, please make a reservation with the Club.

For this afternoon only, Penfolds have extended a most generous 25% discount on the wines tasted and orders from attendees will be taken on a first come first serve basis, as all stocks are very limited and on strict allocation.

Don't miss this opportunity if you are serious about wine!

Time	:	2.30pm sharp for a tutored tasting 4.30pm approx. conclusion
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Business Wear,
Cost	:	$60.00 p.p.

The Annual Wellington Club Golf Tournament

Monday 3 March 2008

at the Royal Wellington Golf Club

Registrations for this event are now invited. Please note that registrations must be received by Thursday 28 February and that this function will only be announced in February's newsletter.

There will be three categories of competition again: Men, Women and Mixed. As previously, Members' spouses are welcome to participate. Please ensure to nominate clearly your preferred category, when registering your attendance.

The competition will consist of:

- Individual and Team Stableford
- Closest to the pin & longest drive

For those who might not feel fit enough to play the whole 18-hole course, the 9-hole De Gruchy Cup will be played as well (men only).

Exact details, starting times, competitions and lunch arrangements will be mailed to the participants together with the draw on Friday 29 February.

Please register by Thursday 28 February 4.00pm, including your handicap, your preference of an 18- or 9-hole tournament, stating your (non-)membership at the Royal Wellington Golf Club and players' category.

Time	:	11.00am Arrival & Drinks 11.30am Buffet Lunch 12.30pm Start of Tournament 4.30pm approx Drinks, Small Supper and Prizegiving
Dress	:	The dress code of the RWGC applies
Cost	:	$57.50 for Members of the RWGC $102.50 for non-Members of the RWGC (including green fees)

There has been a slight increase in the cost of the luncheon; the green fee for non-members however has been kept at the same level as in previous years for which we are grateful to the RWGC.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The renovation of the bedrooms and the entrance/foyer at Level 5 has been carried out over the summer break. There is finishing off to be done and the result will be first-class accommodation and a welcoming entrance at Level 5.

The following Members were honoured in the New Year's Honours List:

O.N.Z.:
The Rt Hon.
Donald Charles McKinnon

P.C.N.Z.M.:
Dame Malvina Lorraine
Major, D.B.E.

C.N.Z.M.:
Professor Gary Richard Hawke
Guilford Montgomerie
Davidson, O.B.E., JP

O.N.Z.M.:
Alan Graeme Hall
Gordon Desmond Moller AVM
Graham Brian Lintott (RNZAF)

Q.S.O.:
Neville Hugo Judd, C.V.O.

The New Zealand Distinguished Service Decoration (D.S.D.) was awarded to:
AVM David Anthony Bamfield, O.N.Z.M. (RNZAF)

Major Michael Brown has given sterling service on the Committee since 2002.
He has retired as at the end of December 2007 as he and his wife are going overseas. We wish them well for their time overseas.

The passing of the following Members is noted with regret:
J A Belgrave
M R H Henare
A E Hyde
Sir George Laking
G H Smith
J K Watson

The Committee looks forward to a busy and successful 2008.

Dan Stevenson
President

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Steven Green has been appointed evening duty manager for the next six months at the Club. Steven with his military background will fit well into the Club and its environment; his vast experience gained over the last 13 years running the Officers' Mess at Trentham will provide him with the necessary skills required of this responsible position at the Club. Members are invited and encouraged to introduce themselves to Steven, who is looking forward to meeting them.

Winston Mohuanga has joined the Club as staff member again for the third time! It is nice to see staff returning who appreciate Members and the special environment the Club provides to employees. Winston will mainly cover lunches and assist Steven Green on busy evenings. Welcome back, Winston!

Club Management is confident that with those two appointments Members will be looked after very well throughout the upcoming year.

THE LAST FRIDAY DRINKS

Friday 29 February 2008

The Last Friday Drinks on 25 January 2008 attracted a large number of Members and guests to farewell Major Brown, who together with his wife and Club Member Kathryn has left New Zealand for the United Kingdom. Major Brown served under three Presidents on the Club Committee between 2002 and 2007. On behalf of all Club Members, Club President Dan Stevenson wished them both the very best for their "OE".

The next Last Friday Drinks will be on 29 February 2008, note your diary!

It is important to advise Jane Wells if you would like to stay for supper as we have recently experienced a very heavy demand on the food, maybe because it is just 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

A supper is available afterwards – reservations are essential and a charge of only $10.00 will apply.

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.

RENOVATIONS

The remaining three bedrooms on level 4 were renovated during the Christmas break. The Club now features ten modern bedrooms, fully air conditioned with new beds and all other modern equipment one may expect from superior accommodation. ***Members are reminded that they can book colleagues and friends into the bedrooms as their guests.***

In addition, the foyer on level 5 has been redecorated and now glows in a friendly and warm yellow colour. Included in the renovations is a new wardrobe which blends in perfectly with the new surroundings in this area. With the Club's art work in mind, spotlights were place strategically to illuminate the paintings on this floor. These will be hung professionally during February.

A Club Evening with Swing

After last year's successful Big Band Evening, the Club will stage a further 'dine & dance'

on Wednesday 12 March 2008

Featuring the 'Liberty Swing Band' including Club Member Dave Merrall on trombone.

This band, consisting of close to fifteen members, will get all guests dancing and humming along to long-lost but not forgotten tunes from the Glen Miller and Count Basie era, as well as other music from the Thirties.

All band members are former professionals or semi-professionals and are mindful of the needs and taste of the audience at the Club.

Make your booking now and why not make up a whole table together with your family or friends, who enjoy this kind of lively entertainment? Bookings for individual tables of eight or more will be accommodated.

Time	:	6.00pm Arrival & Welcome Drink 6.30pm Entrée – Musical warm-up 7.30pm Main course with Big Band Music 8.00pm Dessert and more music 10.00pm approx: conclusion
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$85.00 p.p. all inclusive

FOR SALE

The Club has eight armchairs (pictured) for sale to Members at $50.00each. They are fully upholstered, low seating and comfortable chairs. However the red cloth has faded quite considerably and an inspection before purchase is recommended.

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Health & Fitness Centre News

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you have all enjoyed the lovely weather and managed to a get in a few outdoor physical activities over the holiday break. Whether you have managed to keep active or not, it is a pleasure to see you and it is important to start back at a level and pace that is comfortable.

The beginning of the New Year is also a great time to see where you are at and get a regular routine underway or continuing. If you haven't had a Fitness Appraisal for some time then book in with me so we can check your current fitness levels and go on to review and upgrade your exercise programme.

Remember that massage sessions are available for relaxation or for any niggles, aches and injuries. Kristjian is also available for Personal Training.

Toni

SELF DEFENCE FITNESS CLASS

Ben Otang is back again this year taking the Self Defence Fitness classes that were very successful in 2007. If you are keen to add something different to your weekly exercise routine you are very welcome to come and join one of these fabulous classes. Tuesday afternoon class has developed into a class for participants who are keen to push themselves a little harder, while the Wednesday morning class is getting new participants started.

Ben Otang is our instructor. Ben is one of the most highly qualified/experienced karate experts in New Zealand, with a 6th dan in Seido Karate. He works with all age groups and is a wonderful teacher. The classes are a lot of fun, as well as working towards improving fitness levels and self defence techniques.

When: Tuesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Starting: Tuesday 5th February

or

When: Wednesdays 7.00am – 7.50am

Starting: Wednesday 12th February

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

Where: Squash Court, basement level

Book with Toni at the Health & Fitness Centre.

Walk in the Park

Another series of six walks have been planned for the summer/autumn period of 2008. This series has a combination of island adventures, flat easy walks and a final challenging Puke Ariki Track day walk. I will organise Club lunches for the Island and the Puke Ariki Track walks. We will go to a café after each of the other walks. Partners and friends are encouraged to join. The emphasis is on enjoying the company of others while exercising and seeing more of our beautiful region.

Put the following dates in your diary and refer to the enclosed 'Walk in the Park' information sheet for further details:

Walk 1: Thursday 28 February - Matiu/Somes Island

Walk 2: Thursday 13 March - Kaitoke plus Kaitoke Country Gardens

Walk 3: Thursday 3 April – Kapiti Island, choice of Rangatira or North End of the island

Walk 4: Thursday 10 April – Red Rocks

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.

For more detail on the above walks, please refer to the leaflet in this month's newsletter.

Walk Cost: $7 for non-Health & Fitness Centre members, partners/friends (no cost for registered H&F Centre members), plus individual café lunch costs. See separate costs for the Island walks and Puke Ariki lunch.

It is essential that you register through reception for the Island and Puki Ariki walks so I know how many lunches to have prepared. I look forward to seeing you there!

Matiu/Somes Island

Thursday 28th February

With a history of early Maori settlement, prisoner of war camp and quarantine station, Matiu/Somes Island is now a rodent free nature reserve that has been open to the public only in recent years. Native flora and fauna, along with easy walking tracks leading to spectacular views make this trip a must. If you have not yet visited Matiu/Somes Island, or have not been there for a few years, then do join us for this special event.

Where to meet: Queens Wharf, outside Shed 5 Restaurant.

Meet time: 9.45am for a 10.00am sailing at Queens Wharf. The ferry trip is approximately 15 minutes each way. Return sailing leaves Matiu/Somes at 12.50pm to arrive back at Queens Wharf at 1.05pm.

Walk time: recommended to allow an easy 2 hours to explore.

What to expect under foot: easy walking tracks. Initial uphill from jetty, then gently undulating.

Lunch: Picnic lunch provided by The Club's wonderful kitchen.

Cost: $32 includes ferry trip and lunch. Please book by Thursday 21 February.

Kapiti Island

Thursday 3 April

Beautiful Kapiti Island Nature Reserve is just a 20 minute boat ride from Paraparaumu Beach. This trip gives participants 1 of 2 options to choose from.

1: 'Rangatira' is a 3 1/2 - 4 1/2 hour return walk to the top of the island,

2: 'North End' is a shorter and much less steep walk. On previous trips we have only been to Rangatira. I have booked 15 places for each option. Let reception know your choice when you book.

Meet time: 8.45am at the Kapiti Boat Club, Paraparaumu Beach.

What to expect under foot: Well formed bush track with some large steps on the Rangatira walk. Well formed circuit track from the North End. Both have stunning views!

Lunch: Boxed lunch with lots of goodies, including a small bottle of water and small juice, but you should bring more water or a thermos for a hot drink. Bring a small back-pack to carry your lunch and spare gear (eg. raincoat, sun hat etc). Walking/fitness poles are highly recommended for the walk back down. This walk costs $78 per person (including boat trip NB: boat fees have increased significantly, permit and lunch). Please book at reception by Thursday 28 February. Numbers are limited.

To Update the Club's email database please email your current email address to: info@wellingtonclub.co.nz

WINE NEWS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS FOR FEBRUAY	YEAR	BOTTLE
NEW YEAR SPRING CLEAN IN THE CLUB CELLAR:		EACH
4 x Ararimu Waimauku Chardonnay 1997	1997	$36.00
3 x Ararimu Wairarapa Chardonnay	2001	$40.65
3 x Escarpment Martinborough Pinot Noir	2001	$40.00
3 x Alana Estate Martinborough 15 Series Chardonnay	2001	$35.90
4 x Selaks Founders Reserve Syrah	2002	$29.30
4 x Te Kairanga Martinborough Runholder Pinot Noir	2004	$25.10
2 x Fromm La Strada Marlborough Pinot Noir	2001	$54.70
2 x Fromm La Strada Marlborough Merlot/Malbec	2000	$23.50
6 x Montana Reserve Marlborough Pinot Noir	2000	$22.20
5 x Taylor's St Andrews Chardonnay	1997	$33.00
4 x Te Kairanga Martinborough Pinot Noir	2001	$28.35
The following great value Club House Wines are also always available:	CASE	
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.

CHESS AT THE CLUB

Tuesday 26 February 2008.

These popular evenings start off with drinks and a three-course dinner followed by two hours of Chess, which gives everybody the chance to play two or three games with different opponents. Afterwards supper is served. The Club prides itself on its unrivalled playing conditions, a cause for comment by many Members.

So come to the Club and enjoy a challenging evening.

Time : 6.15pm Drinks and Dinner followed by Chess and Supper
Dress : Jacket and Tie
Cost : $34.00 p.p.

Members are encouraged to bring along friends as their guests. Make your booking by phoning the Office: 472 0348

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

The Membership and Reciprocity Subcommittee is in the process of reviewing all current reciprocal agreements and would appreciate suggestions from Members as to adding new Clubs for consideration. Please note that any additional Club should accept both genders as full Members and must have accommodation. Suggestions may be forwarded to the Secretary/ Manager under juergen@wellingtonclub.co.nz Thank you.

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR:

Please note that the Committee has decided to introduce the following changes to the Club in 2008:

- One more EFT-POS machine will discretely be located at each bar on levels 5 and 6. This will enable Members and their guests to split their à la carte lunch or dinner account, should they so wish. Conditions remain the same as at present with no cash-out available and table accounts to be split by the number attending, bills cannot be itemised. (Estimated to be installed during February 2008).
- The charge for the full buffet on level 5 remains for Members of the Wellington Club at $10.00. For all non-Members of the Wellington Club the cost is $15.00 per person. This includes non-Member spouses of Members as well as Members from reciprocal Clubs and their guests.
- The hot dish on the buffet on level 6 has been deleted as of 3 December 2007. The usual fare of soup, sandwiches, cheese and complimentary coffee/tea remains with the selection of sandwiches slightly extended.
- The charge for Seniors' Lunch has been slightly increased to $15.00

SENIOR MEMBERS' LUNCH

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

Wednesday 5 March 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 6 March 2008, 12.30 for 1.00pm

A REQUEST FROM THE QUEENSLAND CLUB, BRISBANE:

The Queensland Club is planning a duck-shooting trip to New Zealand and would like to hear from Members of the Wellington Club, who would like to join them for a few days during the shooting season. Interested Members should contact the General Manager of the Queensland Club,

Mr Paul Henricksen direct by phone 0061 7 3007 2200
or email : phenricksen@queenslandclub.com

CLUB CLOSURE EASTER

Please note that all facilities at the Club, with the exception of the car park, are closed during the Easter period 21 - 24 March 2008. The Health & Fitness Centre will be open on Saturday and Sunday, but closed on the two public holidays.

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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:

Penfolds Wine Tasting

Friday 29 February 2008

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

RSVP:

Golf Tournament at The Royal Wellington Golf Club

Monday 3 March 2008

I wish to register for (please fill in the appropriate places):

☐ 18-Hole Tournament; ☐ 9-Hole Tournament.

My official golf handicap is: _____

I am a Member of RWGC:

☐ Yes; ☐ No

I would like to play in the following category:

☐ Men; ☐ Women; ☐ Mixed

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

RSVP:

Club Dinner with Big Band

Wednesday 12 March 2008

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

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