CLUB NEWS

The Wellington Club — Founded 1841

February 2010

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2010

Bridge Monday 8
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Bridge Monday 22
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Bridge Monday 8
Bridge Monday 15
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Theme Evening with Auction House Christie's Thursday 25
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Good Friday – Club Closed Friday 2
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"BRING YOUR OWN WINE"

CLUB DINNER WITH BRETT NEWELL THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2010

Committee member Brett Newell has agreed to be the "adjudicator", commenting on the wines members and guests may bring in that night to complement their dinner.

This night is always a fun-filled event and with Mr Newell's vast knowledge of the wines of the world, great entertainment is guaranteed.

Look through your wine cellar at home and consider the right match for the menu.

TIME	:	6.30pm Arrival and Sherry 6.45pm BYO Dinner
DRESS	:	Jacket and Tie, Evening Wear
COST	:	$49.50 p.p.

Members will be welcomed with a glass of Sherry in the Club bar beforehand and staff will take care of their bottles and ensure to have them placed at the correct tables.

SMOKED SALMON STRADA
WITH DILL CRÈME FRAÎCHE, GAME CHIPS AND SALMON CAVIAR
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BARBEQUED LAMB RUMP
ON A PUY LENTIL POTATO AND SPRING ONION SALAD WITH A BLACK OLIVE DRESSING
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LEMON POSSET
WITH STRAWBERRY COMPOTE

THURSDAY THEME EVENING: WITH AUCTION HOUSE *CHRISTIE'S* THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2010

Three representatives of Christie's will be visiting the Wellington Club on 25 March:

Ronan Sulich of Christie's Australia who is an expert on furniture, silver, porcelain and other decorative arts; Nick Lambourn, Director Christie's London, who specialises in books, old Master paintings, travel and exploration; and Martin Beisly, Director Christie's London and International Head, who is an expert in Victorian and nineteenth century art. Once every two years this team travels New Zealand and this year Club members have the opportunity to listen to a presentation on the subject of auctions and in particular auctions concerning Christie's.

TIME	:	6.00pm Arrival, Welcome Drink, Informal discussions and appraisals with Christie's 7.00pm Formal Address 7.45pm approx. Dinner
DRESS	:	Jacket and Tie, Evening Wear
COST	:	$65.00p.p. all inclusive

Those three have generously agreed for members of the Club to bring along a little "treasure" (one only per member) or a photograph if the item is too large to be brought in for an appraisal. However, jewellery should not be brought in. Please note that the Club cannot take any responsibility for the items while on its premises.

THE CLUB'S OWN *"ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW"* – DON'T MISS OUT – BOOK EARLY!

MEMBERSHIP

The following nine candidates were admitted to the Club in December:

Alexander Brown, John James Cahill, Michael John Fokker, Mark Anthony Hargreaves, Ian James Nield, Neil Clayton Quigley, Terrence Patrick McLaughlin, Neville Wayne Norwood, Bryan Harold Wareham

The new Members will be welcomed by the Committee and the Club's Trustees in early March.

THE NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

26 FEBRUARY – 21 MARCH 2010

The Wellington Club will as in previous years accommodate early dining room bookings for members and guests, who are attending a show during the Festival. Reservations for those early bookings are essential.

President's Message

1. New Year Honours 2010

The following members were honoured in the recent New Year Honours List:

- **Mrs E M Brown**
  Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit
- **Professor J G Horne**
  Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit
- **Mr H R L Morrison**
  Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit
- **The Honourable Sir Bruce Robertson**
  Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit
- **Mr I C Templeton, OBE**
  Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit

2. Club Planning and Development

In December last the Committee, after receipt of submissions from three firms of architects, appointed Moller Architects to advise on the Club's long-term property planning requirements.

Sir Miles Warren recently inspected Level 5 and is to advise on the redecoration of the main dining room.

These are important projects for the Club and the Committee looks forward to reporting further to members later in the year.

3. Obituary

The death of a long-standing member (1966) Mr L G Brown CMG, JP, is noted with regret.

4. 2010 Year

The Committee and staff look forward to the 2010 year, and welcome suggestions and comment from members.

Dan Stevenson, President

The Cosmos Club

The Sulgrave Club

RECIPROCITY:

When travelling to Washington, DC, Members now have two further Clubs to choose from to stay in and experience extraordinary service:

THE COSMOS CLUB

This magnificent Club is a member of the Distinguished Clubs of the World and is centrally located on Massachusetts Avenue, next to the "Embassy Row" in Washington's finest area. The Club's hospitality is outstanding and of the highest quality. It has 60 accommodation rooms in the adjoining building, which are most comfortably equipped. The Club welcomes men and women alike and features a not-to-be missed amazing Champagne brunch on Sundays!

THE SULGRAVE CLUB

Not far from the Cosmos Club is the Sulgrave Club a women's Club, which welcomes male members from reciprocal Clubs as well. It occupies the historic Wadsworth House on Massachusetts Avenue right at Dupont Circle and features besides its state-of-the-art fine dining, seven comfortable bedrooms in a charming setting including the oval bedroom on the third floor with its adjoining "snoring room" – a very much sought-after suite!

THE WAIRARAPA HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2010

Sixteen of Wairarapa's finest wineries and ten of its highest profile restaurants and food producers will showcase their wares set amongst ancient native trees in the Festival's spectacular riverside setting "The Cliffs" in the popular Wairarapa wine growing area of Gladstone. Visitors to the Festival will have the opportunity to sample wines from not only the larger, better known wineries but also from some of the smaller boutique wineries in the region. In keeping with the informality of the event visitors will also have the opportunity to meet the wine makers from the vineyards involved giving them an insight into the wide variety and styles of wine available in the region.

TIME	:	The train will leave Wellington at 9.55am and the return is expected at around 6.25pm.
DRESS	:	Casual with Sun Protection
COST	:	$55.00 p.p. inclusive tickets and return train tickets Transport from Carterton to the venue and back is by "gold coin" donation.

Details will be mailed to Members together with the tickets and exact timetable in March.

The Club has secured 20 tickets to this year's Wairarapa Harvest Festival. Bookings for this event are being taken now. Members who went last year were full of praise for this alternative event to the Martinborough Wine and Food Festival.

Please note: There will be no "Festival Francs" required on site. Cash and EFT-POS are accepted throughout the venue and some exhibitors also accept credit card payment.

Bookings close and must be received by 26 February 4.00pm.

CLUB DINNER AND TRANSPORT PACKAGE ONLY – NO TICKETS!

GUSTAV MAHLER'S SYMPHONY NO. 8

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2010

World-renowned conductor **Vladimir Ashkenazy** joins the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and some of the world's finest soloists in delivering an electric performance of Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No 8*.

Often referred to as Mahler's *Symphony of a Thousand* due to its vast instrumental force, this epic collaboration offers Festival audiences the opportunity to hear what has been deemed Mahler's magnum opus and one of the greatest musical experiences of our time. Both Ashkenazy and the NZSO have unmatched reputations for the performance of late-Romantic masterworks, and Mahler's work has remained a central part of the Orchestra's performance repertoire since its establishment more than 60 years ago.

Members are invited to register their interest directly with the Club Office in this package. Tickets to this not-to-be-missed event are not available through the Wellington Club but the Club can provide a leisurely dinner beforehand, hassle-free transfer to the Michael Fowler Centre and a safe return after the concert to the Club for a light supper and refreshments. At the time of printing this newsletter, there are 18 seats still available.

"...ALL THE REST OF MY WORKS ARE NO MORE THAN INTRODUCTIONS. I HAVE NEVER WRITTEN ANYTHING LIKE IT." *Gustav Mahler*

TIME	:	5.45pm Arrival and Welcome Drinks 6.00pm Dinner 7.20pm Transport to the Michael Fowler Centre 8.00pm Concert 10.30pm approx. Return to Club for Supper
DRESS	:	Unless otherwise requested: Jacket and Tie, Evening Wear
COST	:	$60.00 p.p.

GOLF AT THE ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB

Another year has passed and it is time again to make your booking for the annual Wellington Club Golf Tournament on:

MONDAY 8 MARCH 2010

The format will be the same as in previous years with three categories of players: Men, Women and Mixed. Members' spouses are welcome to play.

Please ensure to nominate your preferred category and to advise of your NZGA membership number in order to assist finding your official handicap and printing your card on the day. Registrations close on Thursday 4 March at 4.00pm.

The competition will consist of:

- **Individual Stableford**
- **Closest to the pin and longest drive**

In addition, the (nine hole, men only) De Gruchy Cup will be played for those who do not feel like playing the whole 18-hole course.

Details for the day including the draw will be mailed to the competitors on Friday 5 March.

TIME	:	11.00am Arrival and Drinks 11.30am Buffet Lunch 12.30pm Start of Tournament 4.30pm approx. Small Supper and Prize Giving
DRESS	:	The dress code of the RWGC applies
COST	:	$65.00 for members of the RWGC $110.00 for non-members of the RWGC (including green-fees)

SPEAKER BREAKFAST WITH

JEREMY MOON

MANAGING DIRECTOR, ICEBREAKER, NEW ZEALAND

FRIDAY 26 MARCH

TIME	:	7.15am Arrival 7.30am Cooked Breakfast 8.00am Guest Speaker 8.45am approx. Conclusion
DRESS	:	Jacket and Tie
COST	:	$25.00 p.p.

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome back! The holidays seem to have disappeared even more quickly than 2009 did! I hope you have all had a fabulous break from routine. It is great to see so many of the Health & Fitness Centre members back into their exercises. Remember that it is important to start back at a level and pace that is comfortable for you, dependent on how active you have been over the past month or so. This is a good time to remind members of what the Health & Fitness Centre has to offer:

FITNESS APPRAISALS

If you have not had a fitness check for a while, do book in with me. We can discuss your needs and set goals depending on what you are wanting to achieve, whether it be general health & fitness, weight loss, fitness for events, recovery from injury or other.

PROGRAMMES

Following your assessment, or even just a discussion, I will set an exercise programme designed for you depending on your requirements. It is good for both body and mind to keep your programmes updated and progressing.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Would you benefit from a little bit more one-on-one attention? Personal Training can offer you that little bit more motivation, both because of the regular individual attention, as well as the continuous progression. Instead of a new programme once every 3, 6 or 12 months, personal training allows for up to weekly progression and regular technique checks. You can book in with either myself or with Kristjian.

MASSAGE

For relaxation, recovery from injury, helping to improve mobility of the neck, back or other joints, massage can work wonders. I have been doing massage for over 10 years now and have trained in basic Swedish style, as well as Neuromuscular therapy, Trigger Point, Myofacial techniques, and Bowen therapy. Book in for a general massage or treatment.

WALKS

Twice a year we do a set of six walks, generally set a fortnight apart. We cover a wide range of terrain and see some very special parts of the Wellington region. Walk lengths range from 1 ½ hours up to 4 hours, but regardless of the distance or terrain all levels of fitness are catered for. This is a wonderful opportunity to include spouses and friends.

Price: $8 for non-Health & Fitness members

WALK IN THE PARK

It is that time of year again, time to make the most of our summer hours. The next walking series are to start Thursday 25th February and go through to Thursday 6th May. We will visit to a café after each of the 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:

Walk 1: Thursday 25 February –
Jubilee Park Belmont: meet 10am, at the Hutt River car park, just north and across the road from the skate-board park, 1 ½ hours combination of undulating bush track and flat river trail.

Walk 2: Thursday 11 March
Walk 3: Thursday 25 March
Walk 4: Thursday 8 April
Walk 5: Thursday 22 April
Walk 6: Thursday 6 May

I look forward to seeing you there! Toni.

Jeremy Moon is the CEO of iconic Icebreaker Clothing, the company he founded in 1995 - aged 25 after a chance meeting with a merino wool grower. Prior to starting Icebreaker Jeremy completed a masters degree (hons) in marketing specializing in consumer behavior.

Icebreaker garments are made from 100% pure merino wool, sourced directly from the Southern Alps of New Zealand. The company is now the largest buyer of merino wool in the world, transforming about a quarter of New Zealand's entire merino wool clip into high value clothing that is sold in over 2000 stores across 30 countries. Sales have increased over 800% in the last 4 years.

Jeremy has grown his executive team to over 200 people, and the company has offices in New Zealand, Australia, America, Canada, Germany, Czech Republic, Switzerland and France.

Icebreaker has a design-led culture and is a great example of a new business model based on innovation that is creating an iconic international brand for New Zealand.

Members are encouraged to make up individual tables of eight or more and to bring family, friends or office staff to hear Jeremy speak on the success of his company.

FEBRUARY WINE SPECIALS

MARTINBOROUGH WINES	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
Murdoch James Pinot Noir This wine exhibits true Pinot Noir varietal characters with aromas of ripe, red cherry, black plum, white coffee, vanilla bean and hints of smoke on the nose, while the palate is creamy in texture, with ripe forest-floor berry flavours. Supple tannins promote the wine's structure, with savoury, earthy complexity and a lingering, elegant finish.	2008	$191.40	$15.95
Te Kairanga Runholder Pinot Noir A glorious deep purple colour with aromas of dark cherries, plum and liquorice on the nose. Classic sweet fruit dominates, giving a big, textured and concentrated palate with persistence and length. The rich silky tannin structure and subtle oak treatment complement the rich fruit, giving a beautifully integrated and balanced wine.	2006	$120.00 (6 PACK)	$20.00
Gladstone Viognier The wine has a combination of tropical and citrus characteristics of blood orange and guava, with musky hints of orange blossom and jasmine. The palate has a velvety richness and an oily character with soft hints of toasted hazelnuts.	2008	$261.00	$21.75
Gladstone Sauvignon Blanc The wine has a nose of rockmelon, lime, lemon peel and freshness of nettles and mint on the back. The wine has an initial soft entry onto the palate that follows with a racy acidity along the side of the mouth. The mid palate is round and soft with green apple and capsicum flavours dominant on the crisp finish.	2008	$213.00	$17.75

	CASE	BOTTLE
The following great value Club Wines are always available:		
Grove Mill Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	$182.40	$15.20
Hunter's Marlborough Chardonnay	$187.20	$15.60
Te Mata Woodthorpe Syrah	$223.20	$18.60
Drylands Marlborough Pinot Noir (6 pack)	$112.20	$18.70

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.

LAST FRIDAY DRINKS FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2010

This function is a great opportunity to introduce potential candidates for membership to the Club, its hospitality, other members, facilities and services. It is an excellent way to start the evening before you go to a sports, musical or other event in town and just feel like a quick drink in good company and maybe a light bite to eat to tide you over. Please advise Jane Wells if you would like to stay for supper as we have experienced a very heavy demand for the supper, - simply because it is of such good quality and value!

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

Earlier Food Service is available on request for those going to an evening event.

TIME	:	From 5.00pm onward to 6.30pm
SUPPER	:	Available from 6.30pm
VENUE	:	Members' Bar Level 6
DRESS	:	Tidy Casual (no denims)
COST	:	Drinks; Supper $13.50 if requested

SENIOR MEMBERS' LUNCH

The next monthly luncheon for senior Members (65 years and over) will be held on:
Wednesday 3 March 2010
12.00 for 12.40pm.
Guests of Members are welcome.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Every first Thursday of the month, women Members meet for lunch. 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 4 March 2010, 12.30 for 1.00pm

CHESS AT THE CLUB

The next chess evening is planned for Tuesday 23 February 2010. Please remember that these evenings are open to all Members and their guests. Conviviality and friendship have priority over skills on the chess board. Numbers over the years for this Club function have shrunken and the Club encourages all chess players to at least try it out one evening.

Note the 23rd in your diary.

TIME	:	6.15pm Drinks (own account) and Dinner followed by Chess and Supper
DRESS	:	Jacket and Tie
COST	:	$37.50 p.p.

Make your booking by phoning the Office on 472 0348.

NZ INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL AN EXCLUSIVE INSIGHT INTO THE 2010 PROGRAMME PRESENTED BY *LISSA TWOMEY, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR*

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2010

The Wellington Club is delighted to welcome Lissa Twomey, the artistic director of the New Zealand International Arts Festival to give members and guests an overview of the Festival programme.

Lissa will present a unique insight into the "behind the scenes" of this year's Festival programme. Her presentation will be accompanied by short video clips to preview and tantalise members. Those who were fortunate enough to have been present at her 'appetisers' in previous years were actually tempted to attend events they would have previously never contemplated attending. Of additional interest will be her talk about her role in selecting and arranging overseas artists for the Festival.

TIME	:	6.30pm Welcome Drinks 7.00pm Presentation 7.45pm approx. Dinner
DRESS	:	Jacket and Tie, Evening Wear
COST	:	$75.00p.p.

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