The Wellington Club

CLUB NEWS

JULY 2008

DIARY DATES

JULY

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TUESDAY 22

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TUESDAY 18

MEMBERS' AND SONS' DINNER
TUESDAY 23

THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE OF

The Wellington Club

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

at the (members only)

CLUB'S ANNUAL FORMAL DINNER

WITH GUEST SPEAKER & CLUB MEMBER

DR ALEXANDER MALAHOFF

On Tuesday 22 July 2008
at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Dress:
Gentlemen: Black Tie
Ladies: Evening Wear

Decorations
$75.00 All Inclusive

CHEF'S CORNER:

Steak Promotion at Lunchtime

Monday 7 July - Thursday 28 August

From Monday 7 July until Thursday 28 August the Club is running a steak promotion between Mondays and Thursdays for à la carte lunch. There will be three different steaks on the à la carte menu with a variety of sauces.

My kitchen team will have top-quality meat available which has been especially aged for the Club with our local butcher.

Beside the popular fish and duck dishes, the selection of steaks will form a large part of the à la carte menu.

Bon appetit! **Alfonso Basile, Head Chef**

Wine Appreciation Dinner with Taylors of Australia

Wednesday 30 July 2008

With winemaker Helen McCarthy

Helen was born in England moving to Australia in 1988. It was work experience in a winery during year 12 which ignited the passion for wine, and she enrolled in Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Oenology) at the University of Adelaide on her 18th birthday.

On completion of the respected degree with a first class honours in 2000, Helen started working for Southcorp on their graduate program where she was responsible for different wine products and quality levels:

Lindemans Karadoc Winery in Mildura

Wynns Coonawarra Estate

Seppelts Great Western

Penfolds in the Barossa

Helen joined Taylors in the Clare Valley in December 2002 and since then has been involved in all aspects of Taylors on the senior management winemaking team. Now managing her own team, she is responsible for a number of ranges of Taylors wines including the award winning cross-regional Jaraman, Estate and Promised Land labels.

Time	:	6.30pm Arrival and Tasting, 7.00pm Dinner with Taylors Wines
Dress	:	Jacket and Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$65.00

Please note that next month's wine appreciation dinner will be hosted by Drylands of Marlborough on 19 August.

TO UPDATE THE CLUB'S EMAIL DATABASE PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS TO: INFO@WELLINGTONCLUB.CO.NZ

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was a pleasure to represent the Club at the 150th Anniversary Dinner of the Dunedin Club. The Presidents of the Northern, Wellington and Christchurch Clubs were guests and special mention was made of the long association of the Clubs. Sam Neill, the actor who is a fourth generation member of the Dunedin Club, proposed the toast, and the reply was by Ian Gallaway, Dunedin Club member and renowned sports commentator.

The evening included historic slides, one of which featured General Freyberg and headquarters staff in Italy, with Sir John White (late life member of the Wellington Club) standing beside the General. Sir John was holding the General's Leica camera with which Sir John took photographs which now are a noted historic collection. At the end of the war the General gave the camera to Sir John, and it is now at the Army Museum Waiouru.

Successful evenings in the Club in June were the Canada evening and the Mid-Winter Roast Dinner.

In July, important dates are:

Annual Members Only Club Dinner

On Tuesday, 22 July with guest speaker Professor Alexander Malahoff – Club Member.

The Professor's topic will be:

The Oceans during the Cold War.

He will give a unique insight to the political and scientific backgrounds to those historic years, which I am sure Members will find most interesting.

Annual General Meeting

On Monday, 28 July with "At Home" Dinner prior to the Annual General Meeting.

A questionnaire to Members will be posted out in early July with the annual report and notice of annual general meeting. The Committee looks forward to your responses.

The death of W S Shires QC during June is noted with regret.

Dan Stevenson, President

OPERA PACKAGE:

By Engelbert Humperdinck

Monday 14 July 2008

This century-old opera based on a popular Grimm's fairytale portraits themes relevant for today as the audience follows Hansel and Gretel along the path from childhood innocence to adult awareness. This production boasts an all New Zealand cast and creative team. Soprano Ana James and mezzo-soprano Anna Pierard play Hansel and Gretel respectively.

The Club has secured 22 tickets in the Dress Circle.

This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce younger family members to the world of opera. Children, young and old, know the story of Hansel and Gretel, can easily connect with the storyline and appreciate the music while experiencing the theatrical performance at the same time.

Please note that due to the early performance, the usual Club dinner arrangements have been altered to accommodate Members and their Families:

Time	:	4.45pm - Arrival in Ante Room for Coffee, Tea, Sandwiches and Savouries
		5.15pm - Transport to the Opera House
		6.00pm - Opera
		Approx.: 8.30pm - Return to Club for a light meal of Fish 'n' Chips and dessert
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear Children are wecome and may wear tidy casual or school uniform
Cost	:	$99.00 p.p.

Members who are already in possession of tickets are encouraged to join the meal and transport package at $40.00 p.p.

LAST FRIDAY DRINKS

Friday 25 July 2008

Note your diary!

The Committee would especially like to welcome Members who have not attended this function before – it is open to all Members, their friends and guests!

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 an excellent 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 performance or an 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
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.

CLUB CHAIRS FOR SALE:

The Club has approximately 40 purple coloured chairs for sale at $40.00 each (see picture). They are seven years old and were mainly used in the Morrison and Quadrant Rooms. For easy maneuverability, they are mounted on wheels. Please place your order with the Secretary Manager only, who will fulfill orders in the sequence received (ph DDI: 474 0733). Pick-up from Club only.

Height of arm rest 68cm, height of back rest 86cm.

Be quick, the last chairs for sale ex Club sold out within 6 hours!!

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The Annual Members' and Daughters' Dinner

with Guest Speaker and Club Member Alfie des Tombe

Tuesday 26 August 2008

Club Member Alfie des Tombe, himself father of three daughters, will address Members and their daughters, grand-daughters, daughters-in-law, step-daughters and god-daughters.

Mr des Tombe will cover his years as a smll boy in a prisoner of war camp in Java and his after-war life.

Please make your bookings early and advise of special dietary requirements in advance, as well as seating preferences. Bookings for individual tables of 8 or more will be accommodated.

The Billiard/Snooker Room will of course be open and available for a game or two after dinner.

Time	: 6.30pm Arrival and Cocktails 7.00pm Dinner 8.45pm approx. Address by Guest Speaker 10.00pm approx conclusion
Dress	: Black Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	: $65.00 p.p

CHESS AT THE CLUB

Tuesday 29 July 2008

These popular evenings commence 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. Supper is served afterwards. The Club prides itself on its unrivalled playing conditions, a cause of very positive comment by many Members.

The Secretary Manager received a phone call from a Member who attended this Club Function in June for the first time commenting on the great atmosphere, the wonderful meal and the most enjoyable evening he had. Try it out yourself! We have not yet run out of chess boards and would welcome more 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

Health & Fitness Centre News

It is great to see everyone getting into their exercise routines during these cold winter months. We are now half way through the '7 Summits' programme, which is moving along nicely with participants moving up each mountain. Kilimanjaro is on the board and Denali goes up mid July. Participants are having a break from the Self Defence Fitness Classes, which will start up again the first week of August. I am now in the middle of planning for the next set of walks to start up early September. So keep up the good work everyone!

Core Strength

- Double Leg Lower –

Following on from the Single Leg Lower

Start by lying on your back with your knees slightly bent and feet in the air. Focus on tightening your abdominals and pushing your lower back towards the floor.

On the Floor

Lower both legs towards the floor while maintaining your abdominal muscle squeeze and your lower back pressed to the floor. There should be no rocking movement of the spine. Take 2-3 seconds to lower and 2-3 seconds to raise your legs back to their starting position. Breathe out as you lower your legs and in as you lift. Keep this exercise slow and controlled.

On the Bench

Lying on your back on the bench with your knees slightly bent, feet in the air and holding the end of the bench behind your head. Focus on tightening your abdominals and pushing your lower back into the bench.

Lower both legs towards the floor while maintaining your abdominal muscle squeeze and your lower back pressed to the bench. Again there should be no rocking movement of the spine. Keep this exercise slow and controlled, breathing out as you lower and in as you raise your legs.

On the Swissball

Lying with your lower back on the Swissball with your knees slightly bent, feet in the air and holding the wall-bar behind your head. Focus on tightening your abdominals and pushing your lower back into the ball. Lower both legs towards the floor while maintaining your abdominal muscle squeeze and your lower back pressed to the ball. Again there should be no rocking movement of the spine. Keep this exercise slow and controlled, breathing out as you lower and in as you raise your legs.

All the very best!

Toni

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 JULY	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
Kumeu River Village Merlot The nose has lovely plum fruit notes, together with the typical earthy, tobacco and coffee aromas of Merlot. On the palate there is richness, warmth and weight, with a full tannic finish. This wine is very good for immediate drinking and is an ideal accompaniment for full-flavoured meat dishes or pasta.	2006	$162.00	$13.50
Stop Banks Hawke's Bay Chardonnay This wine has aromas of white peach and nectarine with underlying spice notes. It is a medium bodied wine with a soft round palate showing ripe peach and nectarine flavours complemented by hazelnut characters. Perfect for drinking immediately, this Chardonnay will be at its best over the next 1 to 2 years. This Chardonnay can be enjoyed either as an aperitif or with white meats, pasta dishes and summer salads.	2007	$162.00	$13.50
Stop Banks Hawke's Bay Merlot This is a medium bodied Merlot with lifted aromas of ripe plums and red currants with hints of toasty oak. The palate has youthful, well balanced acidity leading to a warm lingering finish. Drinking well now, this wine will continue to develop over the next 1-3 years. Ideal with pasta dishes using tomato based sauces or enjoy with barbequed lamb or steak.	2007	$162.00	$13.50
Millton Riverpoint Chardonnay Aromas of white peach, pear and dried figs with a seam of lime zest runs through the vibrant palate, the wine retains a freshness with a hint of oak adding subtle complexity. The alluvial soils are reflected in the wet-stone minerality of the finish. A glass of Gisborne Sunshine!	2007	$198.00	$16.50
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		$197.40	$16.45

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.

- Notices to Members -

Staff:

Debbie Stirling the Club's clerical assistant at the front desk has left the employ after some eighteen months. Management is currently looking at a replacement for Debbie.

Would Members please note that Office Manager Mrs Pamela McGill will be away between 7 July and 28 July. Inquires may be directed to the Office, or the Secretary Manager during her absence. Please be aware that due to the resignation of Debbie Stirling and Pam McGill's absence some replies to inquiries may be delayed.

Annual General Meeting:

The Wellington Club's 167th Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 28 July 2008 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse on 88 The Terrace. The printed annual report including the financial statement will be posted to Members in July's mail-out.

All Members are encouraged to book and enjoy the popular "At Home Menu" from 6.00pm onward ($42.50). Reservations are essential and individual table requests are accepted.

Christmas/New Year Closure:

While it still seems to be a long time off, due to the slightly awkward way of Christmas falling into the middle of the week this year, the Committee would like to advise Members of the Club closure dates well in advance in order for Members to plan their Club bookings to avoid disappointment. Therefore:

The Club will close on Friday, 19 December 2008 after Lunch at around 3.00pm.

All Services and facilities will re-open on Tuesday 20 January 2009. More details will be advised later in the year as usual especially covering the Health & Fitness Centre hours.

Please do not delay your Christmas bookings!

Diary Dates Cont

September Continued

Last Friday Drinks
Friday 26

Chess Evening
Tuesday 30

Senior Members' Lunch

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

Wednesday 6 August 2008
Guests of Members welcome.
12.00 for 12.40pm

Women's 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 7 August 2008,
12.30 for 1.00pm

Membership

The following six candidates were admitted to the Club in June:

John Eugene Berry
David Bibby
Bruce John Kerr
Lyn Middleditch
Anthony Jonathon Parr
Charles Anthony McGregor Post

The new Members were welcomed by the Committee and the Club's Trustees in late June.

Champagne:

Champagne prices have been reviewed by the Food, Wine and Functions Subcommittee. It has been decided to cut the profit margin drastically and the Club is now without a doubt the most affordable place in New Zealand to enjoy French Champagne with Lunch or Dinner, or just for a little celebration on one's own. The Members' bar on level 6 offers various sized bottles ranging from 200ml over 375ml to 750ml – accommodating every need. The new prices for NV Champagne do not exceed $85.00 per 750ml bottle, neither has the quality of choice been downgraded with some of the world's best Champagnes on offer such as Laurent Perrier, Louis Roederer and Lanson.

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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:

OPERA PACKAGE INCLUDING TICKETS: *HANSEL AND GRETEL*

Monday 14 July 2008

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

RSVP:

OPERA PACKAGE MEAL AND TRANSPORT ONLY: *HANSEL AND GRETEL*

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RSVP:

ANNUAL MEMBERS ONLY CLUB DINNER WITH DR ALEXANDER MALAHOFF

Tuesday 22 July 2008

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RSVP:

"AT HOME" DINNER PRECEDING AGM

Monday 28 July 2008

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RSVP:

WINE APPRECIATION DINNER WITH TAYLORS OF AUSTRALIA

Wednesday 30 July 2008

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RSVP:

MEMBERS' AND DAUGHTERS' DINNER WITH ALFIE DES TOMBE

Tuesday 26 August 2008

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

JULY WINE SPECIALS: *Please reserve the following WINE*

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