The Wellington Club

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MAY 2008

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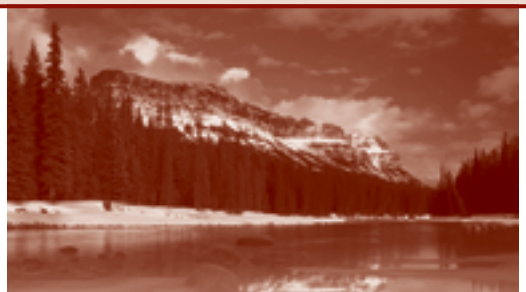

CANADA EVENING

With Her Excellency the High Commissioner Mrs Penny Reedie

Wednesday 18 June 2008

A further presentation in the Club's "Embassy Evenings" series is planned for mid-June. This time the Canadian High Commission will be represented by Club Member H.E. Mrs Reedie, who will introduce the second largest country in the world to Members and guests.

These evenings are both, educational and entertaining. Early bookings are recommended to Members in order to avoid disappointment.

Time	:	6.30pm Arrival and welcome drink
		7.00pm Presentation
		7.30pm Convivial At Home Club Dinner
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$52.50 p.p. all inclusive

Solstice Roast Dinner Buffet

with Antarctic flair

Tuesday 24 June 2008

In his book *South with Scott* Edward Evans, the second in command of the expedition, gave a detailed account of the mid-winter dinner which was held on the ice in June 1911.

From this account it has been possible to re-create parts of the night's dinner encompassing all mid-winter treats (except cigars!!) Members can expect from this traditional mid-year buffet function plus additional fare!

Former Club President Mr A W Beasley will present a brief account of the life of Edward Evans himself.

Time	:	6.30pm Arrival and Glühwein (mulled wine)
		7.00pm Mid-Winter Roast Buffet
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$65.00 all inclusive

FROM THE CHEF

I am delighted with the response by Members to the Italian Night, which has taken us all by surprise! In my 14 years at the Club I cannot remember one single Club Function that sold out one month before its occurrence. We have over 140 confirmed bookings and had to close a wait list with more than 40 Members and guests wanting to join in.

It will be a memorable night and I have been planning the menu for quite some time. Without spoiling the surprise, I can tell Members that we have organised a true Italian band for your entertainment and Jane Wells is looking at ways on how to decorate the Club dining room appropriately for the night!

NEW MENU

Two weeks ago we have started a new menu at the Club for Members to enjoy, featuring traditional as well as innovative dishes such as *Braised Pork Belly* and *Slow Poached Prawn & Avocado*, *Braised Lamb Shank* and *Deconstructed Beef Wellington* besides the Club - favourites *Fish* and *Slow Roasted Duck*. So make a booking and sample these delights in the Club's comfortable surroundings and unique ambience!

LEVEL 5 LUNCH BUFFET

Please note that the price for Members is now $12.00 – a great bargain for a sumptuous selection and offering of soup, sandwiches, one or sometimes two hot dishes, dessert, cheese and coffee/tea. The charge for Non-Members (which includes spouses, Members of reciprocal Clubs and guests) remains at $15.00 per person.

Alfonso Basile, Head Chef

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The "Musical Soirée" with Ben Baker on violin, and his accompanist, Julie Coulson, was a highlight and a privilege to hear such a special talent. The Club normally does not hold Club functions on a Friday evening as many Members are out of town, but on this occasion due to Ben Baker's busy schedule the Club had no alternative. The Committee need not have been concerned as the dining room was full, the music superb. To top the evening off, the chef and Club staff excelled themselves.

The Goodwin Snooker Cup and Prize Giving was held on Wednesday, 9 April, with an excellent evening of snooker. The winners are noted in this edition of the newsletter.

The Chef's Banquet – Italian Night has proved extremely popular and has had to be "closed off". The Food, Wine and Functions Subcommittee is planning a similar Chef's Banquet later in the year.

The Club has a formal grant of Arms from the College of Heralds, which is on display in the Reading Room. The Committee is giving consideration to a carved Coat of Arms in oak, to be displayed on the stairwell wall directly opposite the lifts on Level 5 (where the portrait of the Duchess of York is currently hung). It would be a replica of the printed Coat of Arms in the Reading Room, and approximately the size of the Duchess of York's portrait. Paul Deans of Christchurch, who carved coats of arms displayed at Government House, is preparing a design and a proposal for the Club and a decision will be made.

The Committee appreciates suggestions and input from Members as to Club facilities and functions. Members should not hesitate to offer suggestions or raise any issue with a Committee member.

In April the deaths of Arthur John Molloy and his Honour Judge B D Inglis, QC. has been noted with regret.

Dan Stevenson
President

Results from the Goodwin Snooker Tournament

played on Wednesday 9 April 2008

All 32 competitors attended the prize-giving of the various competitions from 2007 conducted by Club President Dan Stevenson. Afterwards a most enjoyable evening was spent with some noteworthy results.

The Winners on the night were:
Messrs Martin Gleeson
& Jim Francis

Runners-up:
Mr John Sladden
& Sir Rod Weir

Plate Winners:
Mr Jo Battiston
& Sir William Southgate

Plate Runners-up:
Messrs Peter Gresham
& Malcolm Brown

Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all players for partaking in this popular event!

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CLOSURE:

Please note that all facilities at the Club are closed on Monday 2 June 2008 with the following exceptions or arrangements:

- **The Health & Fitness Centre operates on Saturday and Sunday and is closed on Monday.**
- **The car park remains available to Members throughout this long weekend (no charge)**
- **Accommodation is available to Members and guests throughout**

SOLD OUT

The Chefs' Banquet
~ Italian Night ~

Tuesday 20 May 2008

This Function has SOLD OUT already. Thank you to all those who had booked early enough to ensure a table at this most popular Club event!

Time	:	6.30pm arrival
		7.00pm Italian Dinner Banquet with entertainment
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$85.00p.p. all inclusive

Opera Package: *La Bohème*

Thursday 15 May 2008

As with the Italian Night, this function SOLD OUT last month! A large number of approximately 40 Members will enjoy one of the most popular operas on Thursday! Thank you again for booking so early.

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

WINE APPRECIATION
B.Y.O. WINE DINNER

With Brett Newell

Tuesday 13 May 2008

Committee Member Mr Brett Newell will lead a discussion on wines brought along by Members from their own cellars. This evening is a particular enjoyable event as Members' wines range from the rare to the obscure to the in-between! So browse through your wines at home and consider an appropriate wine match for Alfonso's menu:

Prawn Cutlets
With an avocado and Bouillabaisse jelly
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Lamb Rump
on a potato and taro rösti accompanied by fresh vegetables
****
Oranges
sliced and marinated in Cointreau with a red wine and cinnamon syrup
****
Coffee, Tea

Time	:	6.30pm Arrival – Aperitif
		7.00pm B.Y.O. Dinner
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$45.00 p.p.

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Health & Fitness Centre News

Last Friday Drinks

Friday 30 May 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 and 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 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.

New Incentive Programme "Seven Summits"

Starting Monday 12th May, this latest incentive programme has participants climbing the highest peaks of seven (sub-) continents, in 14 weeks. Details of the programme are in the Fitness Centre from Monday 5th May. Members can participate in any of the stages, so if you are away for a week or four during the programme you can still take part. There is also an extra section for those needing a little more of a challenge!

The April walks, Red Rocks and Transmission Gully were blessed with fabulous weather: barely a cloud or breath of wind. It has been a wonderful series, with new people joining the walks as well as participants who have been regulars over the years. Just one last walk to go and that is the Puke Ariki Track along the Belmont hills.

Walk 6: Thursday 8 May – Puke Ariki Track (Belmont Regional Park): 5-6 hours and a little more challenging. This will complete this series. After this walk, we will have lunch at La Bella Italia in Petone. Please ensure you book at reception so that I know numbers for arranging cars and lunch places!

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

I look forward to seeing you there!

Self Defence Fitness Class

Please note that the Wednesday morning class will be "on hold" while I am away, i.e. no class Wednesdays: 21, 28 May & 4, 11 June.

Core Strength

- Glute Bridge March -

Exercise 3 of 3

You should be going strong with the Side Bridge Hold and the Plank with Alternate Arm Lift, working on the side abdominal and back muscles and both outer and deeper abdominals. The last exercise of this "Core" series targets the deep muscles of the lower back and the gluteals. Aim to do this set of three exercises most days as your base for your abdominal strength, toning and back support. Build up to 2-3 times through the combination.

- Glute Bridge March -

Start by lying on your back with your knees bent and feet on the floor close to your buttocks. Arms are by your side on the floor. Now lift your gluteals (buttocks) off the floor and your toes off the floor so you are balanced on your shoulders and heels.

Keeping your knee bent, lift one leg up, then down and then repeat with the other leg. Timing should be approximately one count up and one count down. No need to hold at the top. Keep hips up and square. Aim for 15 each leg.

I will be away from the Fitness Centre for a month from Saturday 17th May to Monday 16th June. As usual, you will be in good hands with Kristjian Klue looking after your fitness and Ondrea Breadmore doing massages. Kristjian will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays but will also be taking Personal Training sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ondrea is available to do massages on Wednesdays and Fridays.

All the very best!

Toni

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WINE NEWS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS FOR MAY	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
Wairau River Sauvignon Blanc This is a gorgeous wine displaying classic Marlborough 'savvy' flavours with a taut structure and delicate texture. It oozes acidic zest and citrus-cum-melon flavours. A wine that asks for food: grilled goat's cheese salad would fit the bill beautifully.	2007	$195.00	$16.25
Zilzie Viognier One of Australia's hottest and best-value Viognier wines which has already won a gold medal. The 2006 shows the exotic, musky, apricot and tropical fruit aromas and flavours perfectly on a full-bodied and oily-textured palate as any top Viognier should. Partner with chicken breasts cooked with a generous amount of smoked paprika!	2006	$179.40	$14.95
Main Divide Merlot Cabernet The Merlot gives this wine a tantalising spectrum of vibrant fruit aromas and flavours suggestive of raspberries, blackberries and boysenberries, while contributing mid-palate richness and voluptuousness. The Cabernet adds racy black currant and cassis-like hints and provides a backbone of fine tannins giving the wine length and structure. Match with a rich beef and mushroom stew and serve with thick slices of crusty bread to mop up the juices!	2005	$208.80	$17.40
Climbing Cabernet Sauvignon A funky label from the 1890s poster of the Hawaiian Dive Circus poster from a very exciting new wine growing region called Orange. This trophy and gold medal Cabernet oozes style well beyond its price – lovely blackcurrant varietal character. Enjoy with a pot roast to warm the autumn chills away	2005	$210.60	$17.55
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.

CHESS AT THE CLUB

Tuesday 27 May 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.

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

Reciprocity

Upon recommendation by a Member, the Wellington Club has established reciprocity with the Bangalore Club in Bangalore, India. Members wishing to visit on their own or with their families are welcome and inquiries for more information or bookings should be directed to Pam McGill at the Office at the Club on 472 0348.

As well as three further Clubs in various places around the world, the California Club in downtown Los Angeles is currently being considered by the Committee as a further Club with which to establish reciprocity. Members will be advised in next month's newsletter concerning developments.

The Subcommittee would like to thank all Members who actively put forward suggestions for Clubs to be added to the ever-growing list of exquisite Clubs around the world.

DIARY DATES CONT

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"AT HOME" DINNER
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON CLUB
MONDAY 28

SENIOR MEMBERS' LUNCH

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

Wednesday 4 June 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 5 June 2008,
12.30 for 1.00pm

MEMBERSHIP:

The following eight candidates were admitted to full Club Membership in April:

Bede Ashby
Frances Anne Hughes
James Leslie Blackie
Kerry Leigh Prendergast
Karin Callaghan
Hugh Duncan Stevens
Julian James Hewitson Grennell
Paul von Dadelszen

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

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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:

BYO Wine Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday 13 May 2008

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

RSVP:

Canada Evening

Wednesday 18 June 2008

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

RSVP:

Mid-Winter Roast Buffet with Antarctic Flair

Tuesday 24 June 2008

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

May Wine Specials: *Please reserve the following WINE*

	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE	No. CASES	No. BOTTLES
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