The Wellington Club

CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2004

DIARY DATES

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Toast Martinborough
SUNDAY 21

Combined Services Dinner
TUESDAY 23

Club Breakfast with Guest Speaker
THURSDAY 25

DECEMBER

Seniors' Lunch
WEDNESDAY 1

Ladies' Luncheon
THURSDAY 2

Club Christmas Dinner
THURSDAY 2

Children's Christmas PARTY
SATURDAY 4

Founders' Day
THURSDAY 16

Club Closure after Dinner
THURSDAY 23

CLUB BREAKFAST
with
CHARLES HAWKINS
"Security Issues in and around South East Asia"

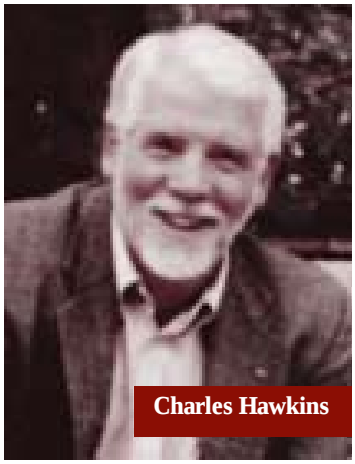
• Thursday 25 November 2004, 7.30am

With the kind assistance of the Embassy of the United States of America, members of the Wellington Club have the opportunity to attend a presentation by Charles Hawkins, a senior defence and regional security analyst, on current issues concerning the SE Asian region.

A regular visitor to China since 1989, Charles Hawkins has been called "massively informed" by U.S. Consulate personnel in Shenyang. He has participated in the U.S. Department of State Speaker's Programme and has lectured at the University of Zürich and the Swiss Military Academy on Chinese power projection and consequences. He has visited Singapore and South Korea on behalf of the Speaker's Programme and lectured to think tanks and academic centres, and held special meetings with research professors. In March 2004 he visited Beijing and Shenyang for the Speaker's Programme. He was the first U.S. presenter to the Liaoning Party School in Shenyang in 18 months, and the first U.S. lecturer at the Ministry of Defence Foreign Visitors' Centre in Beijing.

Guests of members are welcome. The Club will also accept group bookings for individual tables of eight or more guests. Phone Functions Manager Jane Wells now on 472 0348 or fax the enclosed RSVP form to 472 2475 for your booking.

Time:
7.15am arrival for
7.30am breakfast
8.00am presentation
8.45am approx. conclusion
Cost:
$20.00 p.p.
Dress:
Jacket & Tie,
Business Attire


Charles Hawkins

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 those Club by-laws.

THOUGHT – "A breakfast meeting at the Club is a great way to start the day".

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The President's "at home" Reception and Dinner last month as well as the Wine Appreciation Dinner with Spy Valley Wines were both outstanding. I was delighted to see our dining room almost full to capacity for each occasion. The superb food prepared by our kitchen team, well matched with excellent wines were greatly appreciated. There was a real sense of Members, their spouses and friends having a lot of fun and enjoying Club life.

This month I look forward to the Annual Combined Services Dinner on Tuesday 23 November. This dinner is one not to be missed, as there are a number of special traditions carried out during the evening. You do not need to be a member of the Services to attend. If any Members have not attended this function before, I urge you to do so this time.

I recently received an email from an overseas Member. He had just received the Club's new Handbook and noticed he had joined the Club in 1984. He felt that as a Member for 20 years he would like to invite all Members who joined the Club in 1984 to have a "happy hour" at the Club on his account. Invitations are being sent to all those lucky 1984s. What a wonderful idea. I encourage Members to seriously consider following this example and celebrate significant dates such as 25 years of membership, or even 30 or 40. Our staff can provide you with a list of all Members who joined the same year.

The annual children's Christmas party is on Saturday 4 December. I will be bringing my two granddaughters to share in the fun of this party and to meet Harry The Clown. I look forward to seeing many happy children sharing this party. As well, on Thursday 2 December we have our annual Family Christmas Dinner with the Choir of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. This is always a happy occasion and the opportunity to sing some of your favourite carols.

We are fortunate to have car parking for Members. We simply do not have enough space for extending the use to Members' spouses, partners or friends. I appreciate that parking during the build-up to Christmas in the city becomes difficult. However I must request all Members to adhere to the Club By-Laws and not allow parking of cars in our basement car park by any other persons.

Tim Olphert

Children's Christmas Party

with Harry the Clown

• Saturday, 4 December 2004

Children's entertainment, family lunch, lots of fun and of course Father Christmas will guarantee a wonderful time for children, grandchildren and parents alike. As usual Father Christmas won't forget the presents!

In order to allow for organising presents, please register by 17 November.

Time:
- **11.00am**
  - **Arrival at the Club**
- **11.15am**
  - **Harry the Clown**
- **12.00noon**
  - **Christmas Party Lunch**
- **1.00pm**
  - **Father Christmas descends**
- **1.30pm conclusion**

Cost:
- **$45.00 per person**

Dress:
- **Tidy Casual**

Family Christmas Dinner

at

The Wellington Club

with the Choir of

The Sacred Heart Cathedral

• Thursday, 2 December 2004

Celebrate Christmas in style at the Club! Enjoy the Club's traditional fare and relax with the Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir afterwards.

This is a great opportunity to invite your whole Family to your Club to enjoy a wonderful dinner and great entertainment. The Club accepts bookings for individual Family tables.

As this function will be advertised only in this newsletter, please do not delay your reservation.

Time:
- **6.30pm**
  - **arrival & cocktails**
- **7.00pm**
  - **Christmas dinner**
- **9.00pm**
  - **choir performance**
- **10.00pm**
  - **approx. conclusion**

Cost:
- **$60.00 per person including pre-dinner drinks, dinner, table wines and a donation to the choir**

Dress:
- **Jacket and Tie Evening Wear**

"The Class of '84"

– Celebrating Twenty Years of Membership –

Through the generosity of a Club member, who felt it was appropriate to celebrate the milestone of being a member for twenty years, all Club members who joined the Wellington Club during 1984, a "Happy Hour" is organised for Thursday,

9 December from 5.30 - 6.30pm.

All qualifying members will be invited by separate mail.

Annual Combined Services Dinner

• Tuesday, 23 November 2004 at 19.00 for 19.30 hours

with

CHIEF OF AIRFORCE,
AIR STAFF
AIR VICE-MARSHAL

J.H.S. HAMILTON

- as Guest Speaker -

Air Vice-Marshal John Hamilton enlisted in the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1971. After completing a Bachelor of Science degree he commenced his pilot training in 1974. The majority of his flying career was spent at the controls of the Iroquois helicopter. Air Vice-Marshal Hamilton has held various Command & Staff appointments prior to being appointed Chief of Air Force in 2002.

Air Vice-Marshal Hamilton was appointed a Member of the Most Loyal Victorian Order in 1981, and an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the New Year's Honours List 2001.

Members are urged to invite other Service and ex-Service friends and colleagues as their guests. As this is a regular Club function, members are also encouraged to bring along their spouses, friends and colleagues. Neither members nor guests need to be part of the Armed Forces. This is the last Formal Dinner for the calendar year and the Club is the ideal venue for such a prestigious function.

Requests for special seating arrangements will be accepted. Please phone Jane Wells or Kimberley Fisher with your booking now on 472 0348.

Time:
- **7.00pm**
  - **Arrival & Drinks**
- **7.30pm**
  - **Formal Dinner**
- **9.00pm**
  - **Address by Club Member J.H.S. Hamilton**
- **10.15pm**
  - **Conclusion**

Cost:
- **$55.00 per person**

Dress:
- **Mess Kit (authorised), or Black Tie with Decorations, Evening Wear**

REMEMBER – "The best venue in Wellington for your family or business function is your Club"

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE NEWS

WALK IN THE PARK

spring 2004 | our final 2 walks for 2004

The second half of this series has slightly longer walks, taking us into more of the region's beautiful bush and up onto stunning view sites. We go at a pace suitable to our group and have regular stops for photos and breathers. I highly recommend good walking shoes or hiking boots, plus a walking/hiking stick for these walks.

WALK 5 • Thursday 11 November - Butterfly Creek, Eastbourne

2 - 2½ HOUR WALK climbing to the ridge line behind Eastbourne (great harbour views!), then dropping into the forest-filled valley behind and following Butterfly Creek, through native beech forest. Another 'MUST DO' walk.

MEETING at 9:30am at the Muritai Park entrance (between 259 & 261 Muritai Rd, Eastbourne).

COST: $5 for non-Health & Fitness Centre members, partners/friends, and individual café lunch costs.

WALK 6 • Thursday 25 November - Kaitoke to Te Marua

3 - 4 HOURS from Kaitoke, over the Ridge Track to Te Marua - Twin Lakes. We will take a packed lunch with us for this walk and stop to eat at one of the spectacular view sights. This walk would be similar to the Kapiti Island walk in distance, path and hill.

MEETING at 9.30am at Te Marua Park. We will then take cars or a van to the Kaitoke entrance.

Please book this walk by Thursday 18th November so that our wonderful chefs have time to organise the required number of packed lunches.

COST: $12 for lunch, which includes a selection of savoury and sweets, fruit, juice, a small water, plus tea or coffee, approximately $6 per person if a taxi van is used, and $5 for non-H&F Centre members.

SOUTH ISLAND TRAVELS

The mid-October update has us saying congratulations to Den Hayden, Matthew Beattie, Murray Gribben, Terence Brandon and Paul Chisnall in order of reaching Stewart Island, completing 'The Deep South' and with it the South Island Travels incentive programme. With two weeks to go we have 30 participants who have completed stage 1, 'Tour of the Passes', and 15 who have completed stage 2, 'Mountains to Sounds' and 5 who have completed the entire challenge.

All participants are welcome to join us for prize-giving on Tuesday 16th November at 5.30pm in the Members' Bar on the 6th floor. This will include a drink and nibbles as well as the drawing and presenting of prizes for each of the three stages of the programme.

A fresh breeze at the top of Battle Hill!

Exercise | CROSS CRAWL

This exercise works on balance and coordination, and is another exercise that enhances energy. It is also a good exercise for warming up at the start of a home exercise routine. Start by standing with a good posture and with your arms raised above your head. Breathe in. Lift your left leg up as you bring your right elbow down. Breathe out as you touch knee to elbow. Alternate sides, doing 10-20 each side.

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 on level 4, you can now access the internet in any level 4 location (including the function rooms) by connecting this internet access 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.

Smokefree Legislation:

As of and including 10 December 2004 the whole of the Wellington Club Building on 88 The Terrace will be declared a smoke-free environment including its corridors, lifts and passages. The Committee in its July meeting has accordingly altered by-law 9 covering the actual premises of the Club in order to be compliant with the Smokefree Environments Amendment Act 2003.

REMEMBER – "You may book your family or business guests into the Club's bedroom accommodation"

WINE NEWS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER:	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
Te Kairanga Wairarapa Pinot Noir Sweet fruit dominate this wine, giving a big textured palate with persistence and length. Silky tannin structure and subtle oak treatment complement the rich fruit. This wine will reward with cellaring and is a good match with wild game casseroles, roast spring lamb and mature cheeses.	2003	$225.00	$18.75
Spy Valley Marlborough Chardonnay After the resounding success of the Spy Valley wine evening, it is great to be able to offer this fantastic Chardonnay. It is a softly structured wine with good texture and fruit weight, citrus and apricot aromas and secondary aromatic notes of vanilla and caramel.	2003	$218.40	$18.20
'Barbeque Beauts' from Angoves **Chardonnay** This is an unoaked Chardonnay that will bridge the taste of the Chardonnay and Sauvignon drinker. It is a great food wine whilst young and fresh. **Merlot** On the palate, the wine is smooth and rounded with full berry fruits and spicy oak flavours.			
Both are priced at a wonderful	2003	$119.40	$9.95
The following great value Club House Wines are also always available:			
Shingle Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc		$179.40	$14.95
Burge Barossa Vines Shiraz		$181.20	$15.10

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.

Senior Members' Lunch

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

Wednesday, 1 December 2004, 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, 2 December 2004, 12.30 for 1.00pm

TOAST MARTINBOROUGH

The annual Wine, Food & Music Festival

On Sunday, 21 November 2004

This event is fully booked. Tickets and a timetable will be mailed during November to all Members who have booked.

Farewell to the Club's Private Dining Room on Level 5

Since the opening of the new dining facilities on level 6, the Club's dining rooms have seen varying demands over the last three years. Whilst the Main Dining Room has increased its popularity for receptions and cocktail parties, the Private Dining Room, tucked away behind the Billiards Room on the 5th floor of the Club, has seen a steady decline in usage. For many years this room has been favoured to serve as an extension of the preparation area of the Club's kitchen. After careful and lengthy considerations, the Club Committee has now decided to convert this room to a food preparation and storage area. Alterations will commence on 13 December with possible disruptions to the Club being kept to a minimum.

Friday, 15 October 2004 saw the move of the only group regularly using this dining room to the Quadrant Room for their weekly luncheon. The opinion was unanimous: the Quadrant Room is the best and most friendly dining room in Wellington. A last luncheon in the Private Dining Room is already booked for Friday, 10 December to farewell this room in true Club style.

Described as the best dining venue in Wellington, The Quadrant Room saw well over 20 Club members enjoying the inaugural Friday Luncheon.

Chess at the Club

On the last Tuesday of each month, members with an interest in Chess gather in the Club. This is always a very enjoyable and relaxed evening. Please note that this Club function is open to all Club Members and not just a selected few, as we have players of all levels. The evening starts 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. To finish the evening, supper is served. The Club prides itself with unrivalled playing conditions and members are always commenting on the unmatched facilities provided.

So why not come to the Club and enjoy a challenging evening on Tuesday, 30 November 2004 at 6.15 pm?

This is the last Chess function for the year.

Cost is only $32.50 per person. Guests of members are also welcome.

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
Evening Wear

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REMEMBER – "Fine dining on level 6 – an exceptional experience at the Club".

The Wellington Club

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RSVP :

Combined Services Dinner

on Tuesday, 23 November 2004

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(Member's Name) (Club No.) (Places) (Telephone)

RSVP :

Club Breakfast with Charles Hawkins

on Thursday, 25 November 2004

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(Member's Name) (Club No.) (Places) (Telephone)

RSVP :

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(Member's Name) (Club No.) (Places) (Telephone)

RSVP :

Children's Christmas Party

on Saturday, 4 December 2004

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME	BOY/GIRL	AGE
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Adults: The number of adults in my party including myself is .....

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(Member's Name) (Club No.) (Places) (Telephone)

NOVEMBER Wine Specials: Please reserve the following WINE

	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE	NO.CASES	NO.BOTTLES
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Spy Valley Marlborough Chardonnay	2003	$218.40	$18.20		
Angoves Chardonnay	2003	$119.40	$9.95		
Angoves Merlot	2003	$119.40	$9.95		
Shingle Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc		$179.40	$14.95		
Grant Burge Barossa Vines Shiraz		$181.20	$15.10		

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