The Wellington Club

CLUB NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2005

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

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WEDNESDAY 14

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WEDNESDAY 21

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***LA TRAVIATA* OPERA PACKAGE**
THURSDAY 13

THURSDAY THEME EVENING "BICENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR"
THURSDAY 20

jazz evening with *Hot Club Sandwich*

FEATURING ANDREW LONDON TOGETHER WITH TERRY CRAYFORD, JAMES CAMERON & NEIL BILLINGTON on ***Tuesday 13 September***

Jazz evenings at the Club are always very much enjoyed by members and their guests. This evening will be no exception. Hot Club Sandwich has had numerous appearances on national television and has produced and released several CDs as well as having played on previous occasions at the Wellington Club.

Their repertoire ranges from the more fun-loving, entertaining and easy-listening music styles to serious Jazz and Blues, played in a most professional manner.

Bookings for individual tables between 8 (minimum) and 12 (maximum) will be accepted.

Please note that last year this function sold out within a few days of being announced, disappointing some members - therefore be quick this time! At the time of printing, space for a further 20 members and guests was available.

Time : **6.30pm** Arrival & Welcome Drinks
7.00pm Dinner
8.00pm Dinner music leading into Jazz

Cost : **$90.00 per person**

Dress : **Jacket & Tie Evening Wear**

La Traviata BY GIUSEPPE VERDI

CLUB OPERA PACKAGE:
Thursday 13 October

This year's last Club opera package is one of the world's most cherished operas - for good reason. The tale of reckless love, scandal and self-sacrifice is recounted in some of the most elegant and expressive music ever written, featuring a cascade of famous melodies.

As Violetta stunning Russian soprano Elvira Fatykhova continues an acclaimed international career in her first New Zealand role and the vastly experienced New Zealand bass Rodney Macann, a villainous Scarpia in 2003's Tosca, returns in the key role of Giorgio Germont.

Opera in three acts; sung in Italian with English surtitles.

The Wellington Club has secured 36 premium tickets located in the Circle.

Members who have their own tickets are encouraged to join the Club package for dinner and supper ($55.00p.p.). Please clearly state and indicate if you are in possession of tickets at the time of registration.

Venue : **Westpac St James Theatre**

Time : **5.30pm** Arrival & Drinks
5.45pm Dinner
6.45pm Transport to Theatre
7.30pm Opera
10.30pm approx. Return to the Club for Supper

Cost : **$189.00**

Dress : **Jacket & Tie Evening Wear**

Bookings for this event close on Friday 30 September.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CLUB

The Club is already enjoying many bookings for the upcoming Festive Season and it is recommended to all members to start making plans and to think of the Club as the appropriate venue for your Christmas function. Be it for:

- Office Breakfasts (including Champagne breakfast)
- Luncheons (limited numbers)
- Cocktail parties
- Small dinner parties - set menu
- Large dinner parties - optionally with dancing - set menu or buffet
- Saturday functions (conditions apply)

REMEMBER: Your Club does not charge room hire for your privacy at any of these functions.

Especially for smaller numbers to celebrate the Pre-Christmas Season, take advantage of the Club's à la carte menu and enjoy a nice family luncheon in our Main Dining Room.

For any further inquiries and menu suggestions please contact our Functions Manager Jane Wells, who will be happy to assist you with ideas and the professional planning of your particular celebration.

MARTINBOROUGH WINE, FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

on Sunday 20 November

Bookings are now being taken for this popular annual event. The ticket price per person is $99.00. Tickets are sold on a strict first come basis. There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase. *More details will be published in next month's newsletter. For early bookings please phone the office.*

MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS CAN NOW SPLIT THEIR LUNCH AND DINNER ACCOUNTS BY USING EFT/POS AT THE CLUB!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

September is an action-packed month at the Club.

- The jazz evening is almost a sell-out so be in quick to secure a place.
- Our wine appreciation evening with Jane Hunter speaks for itself, with a menu to bring the best out of the Hunter wines.
- Well-known broadcaster John McBeth is the guest speaker at our Members' and Sons' dinner.
- The Pat Williams snooker tournament is wide open for new winners.
- The last Friday social hour for all on Friday 30 September in the Members' bar on level 6 from 5pm onwards.

I encourage you all to attend these functions and to make full use of everything our Club offers. Lunch on Level 6 is really proving popular with members and their guests. The members of our kitchen staff put a lot of thought into varying what is on offer each day, and we welcome suggestions.

Another feature of the Club is the superb accommodation in the ten bedrooms, three on level six and seven on level 4. Breakfast, car parking and GST are all included in the tariff, which also covers single or double occupancy. Ask our Club Secretary Manager Juergen Sparrer to show you these rooms. I have no doubt you will be impressed with the quality. As a member you can book friends in to stay or stay overnight yourself when coming from out of town to the entertainment capital of New Zealand.

Our Members' and Daughters' evening last month was a huge success. Jane Diplock gave our daughters a thought-provoking and most enjoyable talk. Our chefs received much praise for a perfect menu selection. Our daughters proved that they really enjoy snooker together with the chance to meet with old friends and make new ones.

As I will be on leave in Italy until mid-September, enjoying opera and other things Italian with Lorraine and friends, Euan Abernethy, our Vice President, looks forward to greeting you all at the Club.

Tim Olphert

THE NEW CLUB COMMITTEE & PORTFOLIOS 2005 - 2006

PRESIDENT	W Olphert
VICE PRESIDENT	E H Abernethy
TREASURER	D C Brown Douglas
FINANCE	D C Brown Douglas, R G Hill, W Olphert, E H Abernethy
MEMBERSHIP & RECIPROCALS	M W Brown, G C Stewart, F J Heron
FOOD WINE & FUNCTIONS	G C Stewart, F J Heron, M W Brown
PROPERTY, ART & FURNISHINGS	I A N Fraser, I D McKinnon
GOLF	F J Heron
BILLIARD ROOM	W Olphert
PUBLICATIONS	G C Stewart
RULES-BYLAWS	I D McKinnon
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	D C Brown Douglas, R G Hill
HEALTH & FITNESS	D C Brown Douglas, I A N Fraser

(LEFT TO RIGHT)
1ST ROW:
W. OLPHERT, PRESIDENT; F. HERON; G. STEWART
2ND ROW:
M. BROWN; E. ABERNETHY, VICE-PRESIDENT; I. MCKINNON
3RD ROW:
R. HILL; D. BROWN DOUGLAS, TREASURER
ABSENT:
I. FRASER

ANNUAL PAT WILLIAMS TOURNAMENT & DINNER

Wednesday, 14 September

This is the last snooker competition for the year. Make sure you reserve your place at this popular event. As all teams and games will be drawn from 'the hat', some interesting games and exciting matches can be assured.

At the time of printing, we have space for a further 12 competitors. Please call the office or the Secretary now.

Time : **6.00pm** Arrival & Drinks
6.15pm Snooker & Dinner
9.00pm approx. Supper

Cost : **$39.50 per person**

Dress : **Jacket & Tie**

Please fill in the RSVP form and send to the Club to ensure your registration.

MEMBERS' & SONS' DINNER

with Guest Speaker

JOHN MCBETH *Wednesday 21 September*

This evening promises to become one of the highlights in this year's Club calendar. It presents a wonderful chance for members to show off their Club and its variety of services and facilities to their sons, grandsons, godsons and sons-in-law. With the combination of the Club's culinary delights and the added bonus of a guest speaker of such widely recognised reputation as John McBeth, a most enjoyable dinner can be guaranteed. Afterwards the Club is available for 'inspection' or members might wish to play a round of snooker in the Club's elegant Billiard Room.

Time : **6.30pm** Arrival & Drinks
7.00pm Dinner
8.45pm approx. Guest Speaker

Cost : **$55.00 per person**

Dress : **Black Tie Evening Wear**

the last FRIDAY social hour

30 September 2005

Date : The last **Friday** of every month

Time : From **5.00pm** onwards - **6:30pm** approx.

Venue : **Members' Bar Level 6**

Cost : **Drinks only**

Dress : **Tidy casual** (no denims)

As already introduced by the President in last month's newsletter, all members are encouraged to attend this new function aimed at acquainting potential future members to the Club. Therefore, guests of members are very welcome. Bar food will be provided at no cost and members sign chits in the usual way. Guests of members can settle their individual accounts afterwards by EFT/POS.

Dinner afterwards will be available - reservations are essential and a charge will apply.

THE PRESIDENT'S 'AT HOME' RECEPTION & DINNER

Wednesday 12 October

(please note change of date)

The President of the Wellington Club invites all Club members and their spouses or partners to the annual

At Home Reception

Drinks and cocktail food will be served between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Supper consisting of a main course, dessert and coffee/tea will be available after 7.00pm in the Main Dining Room.

Special Invitation

It is a Club tradition to invite the spouse of a past Club member to this function. Members are therefore encouraged to extend an invite to those - with the Club meeting the cost for the special guests.

Time : **6.00pm** Cocktails/Cocktail Food

Cost : **$25.00 per person**

Time : **7.00pm** At Home Dinner in Main Dining Room including Table Wines

Cost : **$25.00 per person**

Dress : **Jacket & Tie Evening Wear**

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THURSDAY theme evening

Thursday 20 October

"Bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar"

As the fleets approached, off Cape Trafalgar, for what was to be a decisive battle, the British Admiral signalled

"England expects that every man will do his duty."

Club member and former President Wyn Beasley will provide a bicentenary account of Horatio, Viscount Nelson, who occupies a unique place in the annals of British naval history.

Time : **6.00pm**
Arrival & Drinks
6.30pm
Presentation
7.00pm
At Home Dinner with Table Wines

Cost : **$37.50 per person**

Dress : **Jacket & Tie**
Evening Wear

Staff

Nigel Buxton has completed his temporary assignment as Sous Chef at the Club after the original two months turned into four. The Club is very grateful to him, for his high standards and great cooking skills as well as for the general balance his presence brought to the Club's kitchen.

Mr Steven Mac Dougall joined the Club at the end of August as Chef de Partie, replacing Scott Walton, who left after more than two years at the Club. Before Steven came to the Wellington Club he had the position of Sous Chef at Wellington's Bouquet Garni Restaurant. Members can look forward to sampling his culinary delights in the near future.

Club Handbook

Included in this month's mail-out is the members' Handbook for 2005-2006 containing the list of all current members, general information, rules, by-laws and a list of reciprocal Clubs. An innovation is the addition of an asterisk (*) identifying the reciprocal Club as being residential, i.e. providing accommodation to members.

Considerable attention was paid to the correct spelling of members' names and titles. Please check your entry and report any omission or errors to the Secretary Manager.

wine appreciation

Wednesday 26 October

WINE APPRECIATION DINNER WITH WAIRAU RIVER WINES, MARLBOROUGH

The last wine appreciation dinner for this year will feature this stunning vineyard.

In 1978 Phil & Chris Rose were some of the first people to plant grapes in Marlborough. After many successful years growing for a number of wineries on a contract basis they made the decision in 1991 to launch their own label Wairau River Wines. The winemaking philosophy is simple for Wairau River winemaker Allan McWilliams: He has the distinct advantage of utilising 100% estate grown, ultra ripe, low crop fruit to craft superior wines such as the company's flagship wine Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Production also includes Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. The philosophy that Wairau River pursues has always been one of elegance and fruit power with the foundation of the style being drinkability.

Time : **6.30pm**
Tasting of the latest release
7.15pm
Dinner with Wairau River

Cost : **$55.00 per person**

Dress : **Jacket & Tie**
Evening Wear

Please book early, as these functions are always very popular.

Health & Fitness Centre News

Spring Walk Series 2005

We are now into our spring walking series, with our second walk on Thursday 15th September. Put these dates in your diary and encourage your partner and/or friends to join these wonderful walks. Remember to inform reception if you plan to join us. If you have mislaid the walk information sheet from last newsletter you can pick up another from the Club or phone to have one sent out. We look forward to seeing you!

Walk 2 • Thursday, 15th September: WHITIREIA PARK (from Onehunga Bay)

Walk 3 • Thursday, 29th September: TUNNEL GULLY (Tunnel Track & Tane's Track)

Walk 4 • Thursday, 13th October: WHITBY (suburb walking tracks)

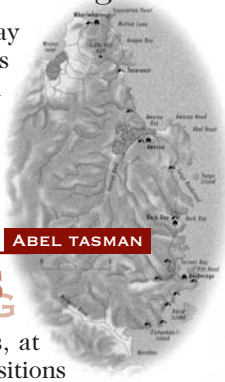
Walk 5 • Thursday, 3rd November: TRANSMISSION GULLY (Battle Hill Farm Forest Park)

Walk 6 • Thursday, 17th November: KARAPOTI GORGE

HUTT RIVER WALK

great walks of NEW ZEALAND *New Fitness Centre Incentive Programme*

Lake Waikaremoana has been completed and participants are now making their way along the Abel Tasman track! Great Walks of NZ is a little different to previous incentive programmes as a new walk starts each fortnight, and each walk is an incentive on its own. The aim is to do a minimum of 5 exercise sessions or a maximum of 10 sessions for each walk, within the fortnight. Members may participate in just one or in all six. A prize draw for each of the walks adds a little more fun. If you would like to join the programme or have any questions about it just phone or come in and see Toni at the Health & Fitness Centre.



ABEL TASMAN

CHEST & ANTERIOR SHOULDER STRETCHES

S T R E T C H I N G

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Many of us have spent years seated at desks, at computers, on the phone, or just working in positions where we let our bodies relax into a slouched position with shoulders and head forward. What happens is that the muscles at the back of the neck get lengthened and tight, and having to work harder against the forces of gravity, resulting in pain at the back of the neck, on top of the shoulders and between the shoulder blades. The muscles at the front of the neck and chest shorten and become tight. Try these two stretches to help encourage the shoulders back and lengthening through the pectoral muscles of the chest.

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1 Standing facing a wall hold one arm out to the side of the body and against the wall with the elbow slightly bent and just above shoulder height. Turn your head and body away from your arm, pushing your shoulder towards the wall. Hold 15-30 seconds then repeat on the other side.

2 Position yourself on your hands and knees on the floor. Put one arm out to the side onto a swissball, or a chair. Rotate your body away from that arm. You should feel the stretch in the front of your shoulder and chest. Hold 15-30 seconds then repeat on the other side.

Members and their guests can now split their lunch and dinner accounts by using EFT/POS at the Club!

WINE NEWS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER:	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
ALPHA DOMUS HAWKE'S BAY SELECTION			
Navigator 2002 - Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Franc & Malbec The aroma is of plums and blackberry with fine leather and cigar notes. The oak gives spicy notes and a hint of vanilla. Flavours of plum and blackberry are evident on the palate with hints of date which are supported by a good tannin structure. Great to drink on its own on those chilly nights that are still to come or enjoy with many classic dishes		$236.40	$19.70
Aviator 2002 - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc & Malbec Hand harvested, this wine has intense aromas of red fruits and spices with leather, cedar, and cigar boxes, complemented by fine oak. This wine shows sweet fruit, a silky texture and firm structure. Slightly drying tannins will fade with time to integrate with intense fruit flavours to make a harmonious wine to age with grace.		$618.60	$51.55
Sauvignon Blanc This Sauvignon has aromas of pears, passionfruit and pineapple. It is a fresh, clean wine with crisp acidity and the palate shows nice fruit sweetness with pear and hints of lime and grapefruit. Great with summer salads, fish dishes and lighter style Asian dishes.	2004	$174.60	$14.55
Lightly Wooded Chardonnay Hints of quince, melon, grapefruit and papaya make up the aroma spectrum of this lightly oaked Chardonnay. An array of tropical fruits, stonefruit and grapefruit describe the flavours of the wine. Enjoy with quiches, seafood or poultry.	2004	$174.60	$14.55
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.

CHESS AT THE CLUB

On the last Tuesday of each month, members with an interest in chess gather in the Club. So why not come to the Club and enjoy a challenging evening on: ***Tuesday 27 September 2005.*** 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**

MEMBERSHIP

The following candidates have been admitted to membership at the August Committee meeting:

John Richard Te Rongotoa Barrett
Donald Thomas Brash
Barbara Hunt
Bruce Noel McMillan
Timothy Wybrants Olphert
Ralph Earle Stewart
Karen Elizabeth Thomas
Beverley Anne Wakem
Patrick Walsh

A warm welcome to these new members is extended and we all look forward to meeting them at the Club in the near future. A reception to meet the Trustees and members of the Committee will be held in September.

This month's mail-out includes the banns for a further seven Candidates for Club membership.

upcoming functions at the WELLINGTON CLUB: november

Please note in your diary the following planned events for the month of November:

- **Thursday 17:** The first of a new series of 'Embassy Evenings' is actually a High Commission evening with H.E. Dr Allan Hawke, High Commissioner of Australia, addressing the members and their guests at the Wellington Club.
- **Sunday 20:** The Annual Martinborough Wine, Food & Music Festival
- **Tuesday 22:** Champagne Dinner with Laurent Perrier presented by Club member Brett Newell
- **Friday 25:** Last Friday Social Hour
- **Tuesday 29:** Combined Services Dinner

As you can see, there is a lot happening at your Club - come along, make use of your Club and join any of the above functions.

OCTOBER (CONTINUED)

LABOUR DAY (CLUB CLOSED)
MONDAY 24

WINE APPRECIATION DINNER "WAIRAU RIVER"
WEDNESDAY 26

LAST FRIDAY SOCIAL HOUR
FRIDAY 28

NOVEMBER

SENIORS' LUNCH
WEDNESDAY 2

LADIES' LUNCHEON
THURSDAY 3

EMBASSY EVENING WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF AUSTRALIA
THURSDAY 17

MARTINBOROUGH WINE, FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 20

CHAMPAGNE DINNER
TUESDAY 22

LAST FRIDAY SOCIAL HOUR
FRIDAY 25

COMBINED SERVICES DINNER
TUESDAY 29

SENIOR MEMBERS' LUNCH

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

Wednesday 5 October 2005, 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 6 October 2005, 12.30 for 1.00pm

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RSVP :

Jazz Evening with Hot Club Sandwich on Tuesday 13 September 2005

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

RSVP :

Pat Williams Snooker Tournament & Dinner on Wednesday 14 September 2005

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

RSVP :

Members' & Sons' Dinner With John McBeth on Wednesday 21 September 2005

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

RSVP :

President's At Home on Wednesday 12 October 2005

COCKTAILS ONLY:

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

COCKTAILS & DINNER:

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

NAME(S) OF SPECIAL GUEST(S) .....

RSVP :

Opera Package *La Traviata* on Thursday 13 October 2005

OPERA PACKAGE INCL. TICKETS:

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

DINNER & TRANSPORT PACKAGE ONLY:

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

RSVP :

Thursday Theme Evening - The Battle of Trafalgar with Wyn Beasley on Thursday 20 October 2005

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

RSVP :

Wine Appreciation Dinner with Wairau River on Wednesday 26 October 2005

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

September Wine Specials: Please reserve the following WINE

ALPHA DOMUS HAWKE'S BAY SELECTION	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE	NO.CASES	NO.BOTTLES
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