The Wellington Club

CLUB NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2006

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SEPTEMBER

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MARTINBOROUGH WINE, FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday 19 November 2006

SOLD OUT!

WINE APPRECIATION DINNER

with John O'Connor from Matariki Wines

Tuesday 12 September 2006

Members will remember John O'Connor's presentation of his wines some years ago at the Club as being most interesting and educational. The Club has again invited John to show his recent releases and to talk to Club Members. His wines are regularly on the Club's wine list and are very much appreciated by Members. Additionally, John has another most important connection to the Wellington Club: he played an instrumental part in the development and building of the current Clubhouse!

Please support this event as these functions involve a lot of organisation, not to mention the winemaker's time and effort, which are not charged to the Club. Recent wine evenings have been most enjoyable and comments received back most favourable. Every member and guest attending will receive a small token from Matariki Wines.

Bookings for individual tables of 8 or more are accepted as well. Guests of Members are most welcome.

Good Food + Good Wine = Great Fun

Time	:	**6.30pm** Arrival and Tasting
		7.00pm Dinner with Matariki Wines
		9.30pm approx. conclusion
Dress	:	**Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear**
Cost	:	**$ 57.50 p.p.**

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT THE WELLINGTON CLUB

The Club has replaced its 17-year-old phone system. Members now have the opportunity to leave messages throughout the day or weekend. Guests staying in the bedrooms can be contacted by phone*, without staff having to be on the premises. Key management staff, as well as the Health & Fitness Centre, are now accessible by direct dial:

Toni Frow-Patchett, H & F Centre	474 0736
Alfonso Basile, Chef	474 0735
Juergen Sparrer, Secretary Manager	474 0733
Jane Wells, Functions Manager	474 0732
Margot Moore, Club Accountant	474 0731
Pamela McGill, Office Manager	474 0730

Please note these numbers in your diary for direct phone access to those staff members.

The Club's pilot,- or collective number, **472 0348**, is unchanged, as are all other contact details.

** If you expect a call on the weekend you **must** advise the caller of your room number in advance*

Lunch & Dinner at the Wellington Club

Ongoing increases in food and liquor costs affect the Club as much as all other businesses. However, the Committee is confident that with an increased usage of the Club's dining room for à la carte lunch or dinner, the current most affordable lunches and evening meals can continueto be offered at costs well below any comparable establishment in town. Remember, the Club does not charge for bread rolls, vegetables or salad and we still serve complimentary after-dinner mints in the dining room. And when you dine à la carte at night, all Members and their guests are welcomed with a complimentary glass of Sherry - and of course Winston's winning smile!

The next time you make plans for your lunch or dinner, please remember the great value and quality your Club offers.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

September reminds us that spring has arrived. After a fairly cold and very wet winter, we all look forward to longer daylight hours, the spring offerings that our chefs put together and another action-packed month. This monthly newsletter outlines all that is going on in the Club, so please show it to your partner!

Jane Wells, our functions manager, and her assistant, Samantha Cooper, tell me that bookings for that special dinner, cocktail party or just a relaxed evening at a Club function during September are filling up. Our chefs say that while food costs are almost at record highs, the menu prices are very reasonable. I have no doubt that the Club provides the best value for money in Wellington, if not New Zealand.

The 23rd of August was a very special day for Club Member The Honourable Anand Satyanand when he took the Oath of Office as Governor General of New Zealand. On behalf of the Club, I have extended to him and his wife, Susan, the Club's great pleasure and pride at the appointment.

Our Membership continues to grow with new nominations being considered by the Committee regularly. I do ask Members to ensure that the correct procedure is followed. The proposer is responsible for all the necessary formalities, including ringing the referees to ensure each one knows the candidate and is willing to act as a referee. The candidate must not be involved in that process. All he or she does is provide the names; the proposer does the rest. Members should seek assistance from the office if necessary.

Tim Olphert
President

CLUB OPERA PACKAGE

FAUST

Thursday 21 September 2006

- A Pact With The Devil In A Dramatic Legend -

Originally written by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, composed by Charles Gounod and performed in five acts, this tense drama and the electrifying music of *Faust* make it one of the most thrilling operas to experience – and the most devilishly entertaining night in 2006.

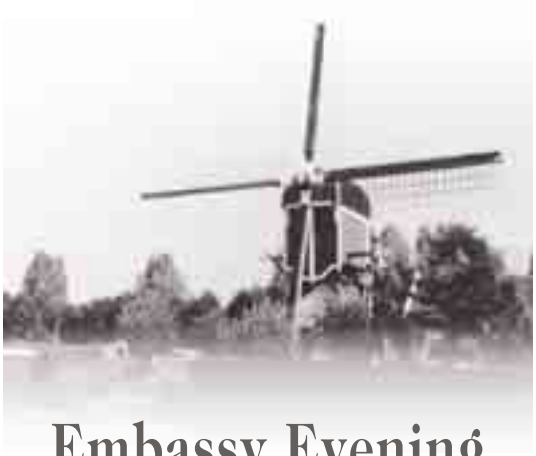
The dark legend of Faust, the man who sold his soul to the devil, has its most dramatic telling in Gounod's opera. A score full of famous music, including the Soldiers' Chorus and the Jewel Song, communicates the story's intense emotions.

Sung in French with English surtitles
– An opera not to be missed!

Members who have already obtained tickets are encouraged to join the Club package for dinner, transport and supper at $55.00 per person.

After the great success and demand for tickets for the two recent Opera functions, Members are reminded to make their bookings as early as possible to avoid missing out.

Time	:	**5.45pm** Arrival & welcome drink **6.15pm** Dinner **7.00pm** Transport to the Theatre **7.30pm** Opera **10.30pm** approx. Return to Club for supper
Tickets	:	Circle
Venue	:	WestPac St James Theatre
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$189.00 p.p.



Embassy Evening The Kingdom of the Netherlands

Thursday 19 October 2006

Members can look forward to a night of difference, when Her Excellency Ms Rasha ter Braack, Ambassador of The Kingdom of the Netherlands will introduce her country to the Club.

The evening begins with welcome drinks featuring of course Jenever (Dutch Gin), Dutch Beer and other genuine produce from the Netherlands.

After these welcome cocktails, her Excellency will address Club Members and guests before dinner is served. Members are encouraged to invite friends and family to this function and in particular friends of Dutch origin to treat them to some 'homely' specialties.

Time	:	**6.00pm** Cocktails **6.30pm** Presentation **7.00pm** Dinner
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear, National Costume
Cost	:	$45.00 p.p.

CLUB TIES

The Committee, under the guidance of Ian McKinnon and Graham Stewart, have designed a second official Club tie. Particular emphasis was put on the quality of the cloth as well as the length. Many Members over the years have requested a striped version, incorporating the Club's colours, in addition to the current tie featuring the Club's shield.

First delivery of the new ties is expected by the end of August/ first week of September and orders are already being taken now for this elegant new accessory. The price has been set at $50.00 for Members.

The tie featuring the Club's shield will remain unchanged and is available for $30.00 from the Club's office.

The new striped Club tie featuring the Club's colours in a classic design.

NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF THE HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE:

Due to the planned extension of the men's changing rooms, the Health & Fitness Centre will be closed on the weekend of 7 & 8 October as well as throughout Labour weekend. It is planned to remove the wall opposite the showers and to extend into the corridor, which is not being used, thus increasing the space of the changing facilities considerably. Once finished, further tall lockers will be installed in the changing rooms. The Committee thanks everybody for their understanding and apologises for the temporary inconvenience to Members.

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STAFF:

Debbie Stirling has been employed as assistant to Pamela McGill in the front office. Pam will be on annual leave between 5 and 20 September. All membership enquiries should be directed to the Secretary Manager, Mr Juergen Sparrer, on 474 0733 during these dates.

Between 23 September and 6 October, our Secretary Manager will be attending the Club's official initiation ceremony into the Distinctive Clubs of the World in Dublin followed by a short period of annual leave. During his absence, please direct all inquiries to either Pamela McGill or Jane Wells.

CLUB COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS 2006 - 2007

PRESIDENT	W Olphert
VICE PRESIDENT	D C Brown Douglas
TREASURER	R G Hill
FINANCE	R G Hill, B R Newell, D C Brown Douglas, W Olphert
MEMBERSHIP & RECIPROCALS	M W Brown, D F B Stevenson, F J Heron
FOOD WINE & FUNCTIONS	G C Stewart, F J Heron, B R Newell, M W Brown
PROPERTY, ART & FURNISHINGS	I A N Fraser, R G Hill, D F B Stevenson
SPORT, HEALTH & RECREATION	F J Heron, G C Stewart
PUBLICATIONS	G C Stewart
RULES-BYLAWS	D F B Stevenson, M W Brown
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	R G Hill, G C Stewart
EX-OFFICIO ALL COMMITTEES	President, Vice President, Manager

LE TOUR DE FRANCE – INCENTIVE PROGRAMME

Starting Monday 11th September!

This incentive challenge follows 'The Tour' route and has three time-trial special features along the way. The programme is designed to have any of the Health & Fitness Centre members participate, regardless of fitness level! The aim is to achieve an average of 2½ exercise sessions each week for 8 weeks. Participation cost is $12, which goes towards the prize giving. A number of prizes come directly from 'The Tour' itself!

Sign up from 4th September!

Toni

MUSIC CHANNEL J2

J2 music channel is on trial for two months from 1st September to 31st October to provide Members with more entertainment choice while exercising.

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE NEWS

EXTENDED OPENING HOURS FOR THE WEEKENDS:

As of 9 September the Health & Fitness Centre will be open until 6.00pm on weekends.

IRON AND IRONING BOARD IN CHANGING ROOMS:

Management is currently sourcing a built-in ironing board for use by Members in the changing rooms.

These additional services are a direct result of Members' suggestions.

LOCKERS:

The Committee discussed Members' requests for permanent lockers in the Health & Fitness Centre. While possible advantages to individuals were recognised, the Committee decided not to allow Members to occupy lockers, other than for the period of their work-out in the Centre or to hang their clothing overnight, when attending a function in town for example. The Club has over 200 registered permanent users of the Health & Fitness Centre and cannot provide adequate numbers of lockers to all Members, and no Member should take advantage over other.

Once the extension in the men's changing room is completed, more tall lockers will be installed for the convenience of Members.

UP & COMING

SPRING/SUMMER WALK SERIES

This next walking series is set for Thursday mornings, with the first walk planned for Thursday 21st September. Each walk will be followed by lunch at a local café for anyone wishing to join us. Put the following dates in your diary:

Walk 1: **Thursday 21st September** – Karori Wildlife Sanctuary.
Meeting: 10am in the Waiapu Rd carpark.
Walk time: 1 – 1½ hrs on very good trails. Cost $8 for non-KWC members (to pay there). *This is a wonderful walk that I like to include each year so that we can observe the progress happening at the Wildlife Sanctuary.*

Walk 2: **Thursday 5th October** – City to Sea Walkway Part 1 – The Club to Aro St.
Meeting: 9.30am at Club.
Walk time: 1½ – 1¾ hrs of gentle hills and good paths.

Walk 3: **Thursday 19th October** – City to Sea Walkway Part 2 – Aro St to Morton St
Meeting: 9.30am – parking TBC. Come by car or taxi van to start of walk.
Walk time: 2 – 2¼ hrs of hilly terrain but very good paths and fabulous views.

Walk 4: **Thursday 2nd November** – City to Sea Walkway Part 3 – Morton St to Island Bay
Meeting: 9.30am beside Shortland Park, Reef St, Island Bay.
Walk time: 2 – 2¼ hrs of hilly terrain and wonderful views completes the City to Sea Walkway.

Walk 5: **Thursday 16th November** – TBC

Walk 6: Mt Belmont – **Thursday 30th November**. **Meeting:** 8.30am
Walk time: 4-4½ hours

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes. Drinking water, a wind jacket and a walking pole are also highly recommended.

SINGLE ARM PULLEY ROW

The Single Arm Pulley Row is another multi-tasking exercise that targets posture, the 'core' muscles of the abdomen and lower back, the muscles in the upper back and rear shoulder, as well as twisting mobility of the entire spine. It is important not to lift a weight that is too heavy.

The starting position is seated at the low pulley machine with knees just slightly bent, holding the triangle attachment in one hand. Sit as tall as possible, maintaining a lumbar curve.

Keeping elbow at shoulder height, pull the weighted hand towards shoulder while pushing the non-weighted hand forward. The movement is a twist at the body while maintaining the lumbar curve.

Avoid leaning forward and keep the head facing forward. Go back to starting position by twisting the body pulling the non-weighted elbow back and taking the weighted hand forward. Repeat 10-15 times each side, breathing out as the weight is being lifted (pulled).

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WINE NEWS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
MILLS REEF Elspeth Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay Merlot Deliciously dark, fragrant and rich, this memorable Gimblett Gravels red is notably concentrated, with brambly, plumy, spicy flavours. Lush and complex with a backbone of fine tannin and oak handling, it's a very generous, classy and supple wine, for drinking now or cellaring for even greater complexity.	2004	$221.40 (6 pack)	$36.90
MILLS REEF Reserve Sauvignon Blanc This is a ripe, herbaceous style Sauvignon Blanc, with tropical fruit, capsicum flavours and subtle French oak adding a nutty complexity. A mouth filling dry wine with a creamy-smooth finish, it is an ideal food-wine and will mature well.	2005	$222.60	$18.55
MILLS REEF Reserve Chardonnay This refined Hawke's Bay Chardonnay exudes concentrated pear, grapefruit and stone fruit flavours, a delicate seasoning of spicy oak, with finely balanced acidity and a lovely creamy texture on the palate. It has a long dry finish and will mature gracefully for several years.	2005	$233.40	$19.45
MILLS REEF Reserve Merlot Malbec This fruity, berry-ish plumy red shows classic Merlot characters, enriched with spicy, gamey Malbec. It will develop even greater complexity and mellowness with age but it is already highly enjoyable.	2004	$233.40	$19.45
The following great value Club House Wines are also always available:			
Shingle Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc		$179.40	$14.95
Matua Matheson HB Chardonnay		$211.80	$17.65
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.

The Annual President's At Home Reception

Wednesday 11 October 2006

The President of the Wellington Club, Mr W. (Tim) Olphert 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. Afterward Members are invited to join the President for a convivial Club dinner in the Main Dining Room, accompanied by light background music.

A special invitation is extended to the spouse of a past Club Member to that function. Members are therefore encouraged to invite those – with the Club meeting the cost for the special guests.

Time : **6.00pm** Cocktails/Cocktail Food
Cost : **$25.00 p.p.**
Time : **7.00pm** At Home Dinner including table wines
Cost : **$25.00 p.p.**
Dress : **Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear**

ANNUAL MEMBERS' & SONS' DINNER

Tuesday 26 September 2006

The annual dinner for all Members and their sons, sons-in-law, grandsons, stepsons and godsons is scheduled for the 26 September.

This year the Committee has decided that there will be no after-dinner speaker. However, Alfonso and Liam, together with their team in the kitchen, will make a special menu for that night matched by our country's wonderful wines.

Afterwards Members are invited to take their guests to the billiard room or on a tour through their Club.

Time : **6.30pm** Arrival and cocktails
7.00pm Dinner
9.00pm approx. Snooker, Billiards, Tour through Club
Dress : **Black Tie, Evening Wear**
Cost : **$57.50 p.p.**

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2006

SENIORS' LUNCH
WEDNESDAY 1

LADIES' LUNCHEON
THURSDAY 2

COMBINED SERVICES DINNER (T.B.C.)
TUESDAY 14

DINNER WITH CHAMPAGNE LANSON
THURSDAY 16

MARTINBOROUGH WINE, FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL (SOLD OUT)
SUNDAY 19

LAST FRIDAY DRINKS
FRIDAY 24

EMBASSY EVENING – SWITZERLAND –
TUESDAY 28

THURSDAY THEME EVENING "CHURCHILL - A MEDICAL HISTORY"
THURSDAY 30

SENIOR MEMBERS' LUNCH

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

Wednesday 4 October 2006, 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. Make a note in your diary for:

Thursday 5 October 2006, 12.30 for 1.00pm

CLUB HANDBOOK

This mail-out includes the annual Club Handbook containing a confidential list of all current Club Members, general information, rules, by-laws and a list of our reciprocal Clubs.

Great attention was paid to the correctness of Members' names titles and decorations. Please check your entry and report any omission or error to the Secretary Manager.

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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:

Wine Appreciation Dinner - *with with Matariki Wines*

Tuesday 12 September 2006

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

RSVP:

All Inclusive Opera Package - *Faust*

Thursday 21 September 2006

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

RSVP:

Opera: Dinner, Transport & Supper only - *Faust*

Thursday 21 September 2006

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

RSVP:

Members' and Sons' Dinner

Tuesday 26 September 2006

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

RSVP:

President's *At Home* Reception

Wednesday 11 October 2006

Cocktails Only

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

Cocktails & Dinner

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

Name(s) of Special Guest(s)

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RSVP:

Embassy Evening The Royal Netherlands

Thursday 19 October 2006

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

September Wine Specials: *Please reserve the following WINE*

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