The Wellington Club

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September 2007

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End-of-Year Champagne Dinner

with Ludovic de Lageard of Laurent Perrier

Wednesday 31 October 2007

This year the Club planned the annual Champagne Dinner to take place well before the Christmas rush. With the help and support of Eurowine, the Club is very privileged to be able to welcome Monsieur Ludovic de Lageard of Laurent Perrier at the Club. He will address Members and their guest at this splendid function.

Rescued from relative obscurity after the Second World War by the dynamic resistance fighter Bernard de Nonancourt, Laurent-Perrier is now the largest family owned Champagne House steered by Bernard's two daughters who have lifted this stylish Champagne to greater heights.

The evening will see a full range of the Champagnes on offer matched by some exceptional dishes created by the Club's chefs with the assistance of Club Committee member Brett Newell.

This event of the year provides an ideal opportunity for Members to invite friends, family or colleagues who are 'owed' a favour, an invitation or who simply should be treated to something very special.

Bookings are being taken now and restricted to the first 100 reservations.

Time	:	6.30pm Arrival and Champagne 7.00pm Champagne Dinner with Laurent Perrier
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$125.00 p.p. all inclusive

Combined Services Dinner

Wednesday 19 September 2007

The Club Committee is very fortunate to have secured Club Member Captain Ricardo Martinez, USN, Defence Attaché at the Embassy of the United States of America as guest speaker for this year's event. The title of his speech is:

"YOU CANT' GET A SUNTAN THROUGH A PERISCOPE"

It will be a most interesting and quite different speech – this is all we are allowed to announce and reveal. Come along and enjoy it.

Captain Martinez is a career submarine officer with the U.S. Navy and has operated out of Atlantic and Pacific homeports. The Navy has taken him to twenty countries in the North Atlantic, Caribbean, North Pacific, South Pacific, and West Pacific regions. He served as a junior officer in USS SKIPJACK, Department Head in USS KAMEHAMEHA and USS OLYMPIA, and Executive Officer in USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL. From November 1994 to October 1997 Captain Martinez served as Commanding Officer in USS GATO, USS NEW YORK CITY, and USS GROTON.

This function is open to Club Members, active or retired in the Services, and their guests, as well as all other Club Members who have an interest in the Armed Forces.

This is a formal military dinner, a highlight on the Club's calendar of events.

Time	:	19.00 for 19.30
Dress	:	Mess Kit (authorised) or Black Tie, Evening Wear and Decorations
Cost	:	$60.00 p.p.

2007 MARTINBOROUGH WINE, FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

All ticket are sold, confirmations have been sent to Members, tickets and details for the day will be mailed in late October or early November. ***Thank you to those who booked early.***

Opera Package

TURANDOT BY GIACOMO PUCCINI

Thursday 18 October 2007

The Club has secured 26 Premium tickets for this year's last Opera package. Some bookings have already been received, it is therefore recommended to book early in order not to miss out.

Please ensure to register on the RSVP form applicable, if you wish to obtain tickets together with the dinner and transport package. There are two options listed on the RSVP sheet and attention must be paid to the correct reply form.

Time	:	5.45pm Arrival and welcome drink 6.00pm At Home Dinner 6.50pm approx. Transport to Westpac St James Theater 7.30pm Opera 10.30pm approx return to Club for supper
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$ 195.00 p.p.all inclusive

Members who have obtained their own tickets are encouraged to join the dinner and transport package for $59.50. Please ensure to fill in the correct RSVP form.

Members and their guests can now split their lunch and dinner à la carte accounts by using EFT/POS at the Club.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The recent Members' and Daughters' Dinner with guest speaker, Dr Gabrielle Ruben, and the Wine Options Dinner with Raymond Chan, were both pleasant and successful evenings.

Phillip Meyer (a Member) is the speaker at the Members' & Sons' Dinner on 12 September 2007. His topic is "Taking Risk – An Essential Part of Life". Phillip, as a company director, investment banker, adviser in the Sydney Olympics 2000 and a top competitor in aerobatic competitions, will speak from experience. It will be an interesting evening.

On 13 September, Club Member Dr Warren Tucker, head of the NZ SIS will speak and give inside background to the spy case that took place in Wellington and subsequently Australia. A first for the Club, if not the country.

The Combined Services Dinner on 19 September is for all Members and their guests. Captain Martinez, US Navy, Defence Attaché at the American Embassy, Wellington, and a Member of the Club, as speaker, will give an insight into the operations of the US atomic submarines. The Captain is a graduate of the US Naval Academy, has a Master of Science degree, and spent all his career at sea in the US Navy Atomic Submarine fleet.

From 1994 to 1997 he was Commanding Officer of three atomic submarines. He has chosen as his topic "You can't get a suntan through a periscope". It will be an informative and amusing evening.

The annual "At Home" is on 17 October, and details are set out in this "Club News". It is an opportunity for Members to invite guests, traditionally including widows of past Members.

To encourage usage, the weekend rate for accommodation has been reduced for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights to $100 per night (including breakfast and car-parking) as of 1 October. This new weekend rate reflects the lower weekend rates charged by hotels in Wellington and is being trialled by the Club to the end of the year.

The deaths of the following long-standing Members are noted with regret: R G Collins, R D Greenwood (Life Member)

Dan Stevenson
President

Reciprocity:

The Committee has agreed to establish reciprocity with a further Club in New York City, USA:

The Cornell Club

This traditional Club features 48 bedrooms and provides much needed additional alternatives for our Members to stay in this vibrant city. The Club also allows both genders as members.

Next time you need to travel to New York, book with Pam McGill and try it out!

The Secretary is interested in feed back from Members who have stayed at any of our reciprocal Clubs anywhere in the world.

Together with his wife Jocelyn, Club Member T C Brandon recently stayed in New York and Boston and has the following to report:

"The Metropolitan Club (New York)

This Club is extremely well situated being on the corner of 5th Avenue and 60th Street. It is within comfortable walking distance, for those who are moderately fit, of all the major attractions in New York and in particular the Metropolitan Art Museum and Broadway. 5th Avenue runs alongside Central Park which is across the Street from the Club.

The Club has recently been refurbished and was extremely comfortable and the service excellent. The views from the upstairs bar and dining room particularly in the morning are stunning. The dress code in the Club is virtually identical to ours except they do not have the equivalent of our 6th floor.

The Union Club (Boston)

Again this Club is extremely well situated and is within easy walking distance of the main attractions. There is a tube station virtually across the road which enables easy access to those attractions at a greater distance. The dress code at this Club is more relaxed being smart casual."

Mr Brandon continues cautioning Members of our Club: *"Members should be aware that the room rate quoted by the Clubs is not the total cost as added to the quoted amount is a New York sales tax, city tax, occupancy and Jacob Javits tax, whatever that is. To the Union Club rates are added lodging tax and a voluntary contribution to employees."*

Thursday Theme Evening

Thursday 13 September 2007

"THE MYSTERIOUS MISS X"
A.K.A. "THE SKRIPOV CASE"

Club Member Dr Warren Tucker, Head of the NZSIS, will to introduce the story to Members and their guest and give some insider background on this famous incident. The Club has already received over 50 bookings for this event. Don't delay your booking to avoid missing out!

Time	:	6.00pm Welcome Drink 6.30pm Presentation and Video 7.30pm approx. Dinner
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$45.00 p.p. all inclusive

Wine Appreciation Dinner:
Crossroads Winery

Thursday 27 September 2007

Founded in 1990, Crossroads Winery has established itself as a well-known boutique winery in Korokipo Road, Fernhill, Hawke's Bay. As one of Hawke's Bay's "premium" winegrowers, strict quality controls apply in the production of a reliable high-standard wine, every year. The main varietals are Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, a wonderful German-style Gewürztraminer, Syrah and Merlot Cabernet. Insiders have heard about their highly sought-after flagship wine "Talisman", a secret blend of six traditional, mainly Bordeaux-style, grape varieties. Members might recall that the Club had this rare wine in its cellar some years ago.

Crossroads is now part of a much larger wine company predominantly in the export market to the UK, USA and Australia under a number of brands including Southbank Estate, The Crossings and 3 Stones.

This is the last wine appreciation dinner for 2007. Members are therefore encouraged to come along and enjoy a very relaxed and social evening before everyone and everything becomes too busy again! Individual table reservations for 8 or more guests will be accepted.

Time	:	6.30pm Arrival and Tasting 7.00pm Dinner with Crossroads 9.30pm approx. conclusion
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear
Cost	:	$59.50p.p.

The Annual President's 'At Home'
Reception and Supper

Wednesday 17 October 2007

The President invites all Members, their spouses and guests to this year's ***At Home Reception***. It is traditional for Members to invite widows of past Members.

Drinks and cocktail food will be served between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Afterwards Members may wish to join the President and Mrs Stevenson for a convivial Club dinner in the Club's Main Dining Room. During the evening Marsden School will provide orchestral and choral entertainment.

As in previous years, a special invitation is extended to the spouse of a past Member to attend this function; the cost for these guests of the Club will be met by the Club. In view of the new rule established at this year's AGM regarding a widow or widower of a past Member to join the Club, this proves a great opportunity to re-introduce the Club to those who used to be a part of it.

Time	:	6.00pm Cocktail Hour
Cost	:	$27.50p.p.
Time	:	7.00pm At Home Dinner including table wines
Cost	:	$27.50p.p.
Dress	:	Jacket & Tie, Evening Wear

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Members' and Sons' Dinner

with Guest Speaker and Club Member Phillip Meyer

Wednesday 12 September 2007

Club Member Phillip Meyer, a regular user and very strong supporter of the Club has kindly agreed to be this year's guest speaker at the traditional Members' and Sons' Dinner in September. The subject of his presentation will be:

Taking Risk – an Essential Part of Life

This function is open to all Members and their sons, grandsons, sons-in-law, godsons and stepsons. There is no restriction on the number of your guests. It is a great opportunity to show your Club to your family members and to let them sample Alfonso's and Liam's good food. Please note that guests of Members should at least have reached the age of 16, preferably 18.

After the meal Members are invited to show their guests around the Club and its facilities or simply retire for a game of snooker to the Billiard Room or settle in at the Club bar.

Time	:	**6.30pm Arrival and Drinks** **7.00pm Dinner** **8.30pm approx. Guest Speaker**
Dress	:	**Black Tie, Evening Wear**
Cost	:	**$59.50 p.p. including welcome drinks, dinner and table wines**

Membership:

The following seven candidates were admitted to full Club membership at the regular Committee meeting in August:

David James Carruthers
Andrew Martin Crombie
Maurice Sidney Hesse
Noel Joseph Sainsbury
John David Sandford
Joanne Elizabeth Wills
John Douglas Wills

Mr Francis Bernard Allen re-joined the Club after his resignation in 1993. The new Members and Mr Allen were welcomed by the Committee and the Club's Trustees in early September.

CLUB COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS 2007 - 2008	
PRESIDENT	D F B Stevenson
VICE PRESIDENT	D C Brown Douglas
TREASURER	R G Hill
FINANCE	R G Hill, B R Newell, D C Brown Douglas, D F B Stevenson
MEMBERSHIP & RECIPROCALS	M W Brown, F J Heron, D F B Stevenson
FOOD WINE & FUNCTIONS, RECREATION & SPORT	B R Newell, M W Brown, T N Crutchley, F J Heron, J Prebble
PROPERTY, ART & FURNISHINGS	I A N Fraser, F J Heron, J Prebble, D F B Stevenson
PUBLICATIONS	T N Crutchley
RULES-BYLAWS	J Prebble, M W Brown, D F B Stevenson
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	R G Hill, G C Stewart
EX-OFFICIO ALL COMMITTEES	President, Vice President, Manager

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE NEWS

conditioning for golf

Supine Hip Extension

The Supine Hip Extension is another exercise that strengthens the core stabilizing muscles, the muscles of the back, gluteals and hamstrings. This exercise helps to train these muscle groups to work together as they should do when you perform a golf swing or even while walking between shots.

Start with heels (or calves to start with) on a Swiss Ball. Arms on floor at your side with palms facing upwards. Lift your hips off the floor till your shoulders, hips and ankles line up. Hold 3 seconds then lower. Repeat 10 times.

Supine Hip Extension Hamstring Curl

The Supine Hip Extension Hamstring Curl advances on from the Hip Extension exercise and encourages strength and coordination at the hip and knee joints as well as strengthening of the hamstring muscle group. Because of the instability of balancing on the Swiss Ball the abdominal and back stabilisers also play a big part, again just as they do in the golf swing.

Start lying on your back with calves (extend out to heels as you get stronger) on the Swiss Ball. Lift hips to line up with ankles and shoulders. Without dropping your hips pull your heels towards your buttocks, then extend out again, then lower hips back to the floor. Repeat 10 times, slowly and controlled.

NB: It is important that your Swiss Ball is not too big. If you have any neck discomfort, work with a smaller ball or discontinue exercise and have your neck checked by your doctor.

Kristjian Klue will be looking after Health & Fitness Centre members while Toni is away the week commencing 3 September.

INCENTIVE PROGRAMME: AUSTRALIAN WALKABOUT

Another programme has been devised to encourage, assist or just add another element of fun to your exercising regularly. It covers eight weeks of focused exercise sessions to help get you ready for the summer.

Start: Monday 24th September
Finish: Tuesday 20th November
Cost: $12 (for prizes,prize-giving & admin)
Aim: To do a minimum average of 2 1/2 exercise sessions weekly for 8 weeks.

Book with Toni at the Health & Fitness Centre from Monday 17 September.

Walk in the Park: Spring 2007

It is that time of the year again when we can get out and about into the wilds of the Wellington region's walking tracks. The first walk of this series will take place on Thursday 20th September, starting with our yearly excursion to the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary. The remainder of the walks will be Tuesdays. Put the following dates into your diary:

Thursday 20th September
Karori Wild Life Sanctuary (1 1/2 hrs) – meeting 10am in the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary car park.

Tuesday 2nd October
Queen Elizabeth Park (2-2 1/2 hrs) – meeting 10am at the Paekakariki entrance.

Tuesdays 16th & 30th October, 13th & 27th November

Each walk will be followed by lunch at a local café (own cost). Cost for non-Health & Fitness Centre member is $7 for each walk. The first two walks of this series are a combination of flat and undulating terrain on good tracks. I look forward to seeing you all!

CHESS AT THE CLUB

Tuesday 25 September 2007.

These popular evenings start 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. Afterwards supper is served. The Club prides itself on its unrivalled playing conditions, a cause for 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

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WINE NEWS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE
Matariki Aspire Chardonnay Full-bodied Hawke's Bay style, partly barrel-fermented, with good depth of ripe, citrusy, peachy flavours, a strong buttery influence and smooth, dry finish. Drinking very well now! Enjoy alongside a plate of corn fritters.	2006	$196.80	$16.40
Wairau River Sauvignon Blanc Soft and accessible Sauvignon Blanc with lifted passionfruit and box hedge characters. Very typical of the southern Wairau Valley. Plenty of flavour and a lingering finish. Enjoy with good company and some lovely nibbles!	2006	$192.00	$16.00
Main Divide Merlot Cabernet The merlot gives 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. It is a food-friendly wine which will enhance a wide range of meals, particularly those in which there are savoury characters or meat.	2005	$203.40	$16.95
Wirra Wirra Scrubby Rise A delicious Australian red blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and a touch of Petit Verdot. Dark, almost impenetrable blackish red in colour, this just oozes fully ripened, sweet plums and dark fruits on the nose and palate. Enjoy it with barbecued lamb chops	2005	$186.60	$15.55
The following great value Club House Wines are also always available:			
Shingle Peak Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc		$179.40	$14.95
Matua Matheson HB Chardonnay		$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.

Air Conditioning Chiller Replacement

Over the past six months the Property Subcommittee under Mr Fraser's experienced guidance has developed a plan to replace the two eighteen-year old chillers on the roof serving the Club as well as the tenanted floors. This major exercise, which will include the craning-out of the old and craning-in of the new equipment, is planned for Sunday 23 September. Failing this to circumstances beyond the Club's control, an alternative date being the 30 September has been determined.

Club Members are advised that there will be major disruptions to the access and egress of the Club's car park. This could even mean that access and egress might not be possible at all on either of those Sundays. Please plan accordingly.

CLUB HANDBOOK

This mail-out includes the annual Club Handbook. 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.

A GENTLE REMINDER

The Wine, Food and Functions Subcommittee has reaffirmed the Club's stance on individual payment for à la carte lunches and dinners: While guests of Members may pay with EFT-POS after an à la carte meal, an itemised account cannot be provided nor charged. The total amount of the bill will be divided by the number of guests and this part will be charged to the individual.

Distinguished Clubs of the World

The Club's Secretary Manager will be attending the annual conference of the Distinguished Clubs of the World in Seattle between 6 - 17 September.

Any queries during his absence should be directed to either Office Manager Pamela McGill (472 0348) or Functions Manager Jane Wells (DDI: 474 0732).

DIARY DATES CONTINUED

... November 2007

Martinborough Festival – Sold Out – Sunday 18

Last Friday Drinks Friday 30

Senior Members' Lunch

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

Wednesday 3 October 2007, 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 4 October 2007, 12.30 for 1.00pm

Last Friday Drinks

The evening is attended by several members of the Club Committee, who would like to meet the Members and their guests or prospective candidates over a pleasant drink.

Friday 28 September 2007, Guests of Members welcome. 5.00pm till approx. 6.30pm in the Members' Bar, Level 6

A supper is available from 6.30pm – reservations are essential and a charge of only $10.00 will apply. Please advise Jane Wells if you would like to stay for supper.

Also advise the Secretary Manager if you want to receive an e-mail reminder for this function.

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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:

Members' and Sons' Dinner

Wednesday 12 September 2007

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

RSVP:

Thursday Theme Evening 'The Mysterious Miss X'

Thursday 13 September 2007

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

RSVP:

Wine Appreciation Dinner - Crossroads Winery

Thursday 27 September 2007

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

RSVP:

President's At Home Cocktail Reception

Wednesday 17 October 2007

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

RSVP:

President's At Home Supper

Wednesday 17 October 2007

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

RSVP:

Opera Package Turandot

Thursday 18 October 2007

☐ ***Tickets, Transport, Dinner Package*** ☐ ***Transport, Dinner Package ONLY (please tick appropriate box)***

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

RSVP:

Champagne Dinner with Laurent Perrier

Wednesday 31 October 2007

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

September Wine Specials: *Please reserve the following WINE*

	YEAR	CASE	BOTTLE	No. CASES	No. BOTTLES
Matariki Aspire Chardonnay	2006	$196.80	$16.40		
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