



April 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Michael G. Woods

A chance meeting with the New Zealand representative of the Royal Overseas League has led to a reciprocity agreement giving Auckland Club

members an additional choice for accommodation in a central London Clubhouse with eighty ensuite bedrooms and a lesser number in Edinburgh.

This organisation, with 20 000 members worldwide, was founded in

1910 to foster international understanding and friendship.

Please go to www.rosi.org.uk Additionally we have recently received an invitation from the Cardiff and County Club, Cardiff to enter into a similar reciprocal relationship.

This Club was founded in 1866 and is situated immediately adjacent to the Wales Millennium Stadium and has extensive links with the Welsh Rugby Union. Their letter suggests that our members "might well be amongst those many rugby followers who make the pilgrimage to the Arms Park and

who would enjoy being able to make use of the facilities of this Club on International days".

We have an outstanding "stable" of reciprocal clubs around the world.

The Members dining room is often described as "one of the finest dining rooms in town."

Please take every opportunity to dine in this magnificent room and indeed encourage others to join you.

Kind regards,
Michael Woods, President

FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR



Bill McDermott

Here we are well into another year of what we hope will be a continuance of enthusiastic activity within the Club. There are a number of functions underway or in the pipeline over the next month or two. I will take the opportunity to introduce our new Head Chef at a special Theme Dinner specially prepared for the occasion this month. Chef Anton brings a wealth of experience to the Auckland Club and he has a vision for our future that includes fresh tasty dishes with frequent changes in menu selections. He believes the Club should offer only the best of produce freshly prepared with imagination and flair, the emphasis being on taste. Chef Anton will source his own products using his relationship

with local suppliers. I would also like to use this column to thank our kitchen brigade, all of whom have worked extremely well of late without the leadership of a head chef. They have exceeded my expectations.

The removal of the ivy on the Cathedral Room deck has now been completed and the pots have now been replanted with yukka's which look so much tidier. My thanks to Sharon for gifting us these plants and to John

and Wein who have clambered over the side to work on getting the area cleaned up. We are now in the process of replanting the patio outside the Presidents Room.

I look forward to catching up with many of you over the coming weeks, and please let me know if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our services to you the Club Member.

Bill McDermott, General Manager

MOTHERS DAY

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2006 10AM TILL 1PM

SCRUMPTUOUS BUFFET CARVERY BRUNCH

Chef Anton has created the perfect Brunch for Mothers Day and we recommend your early reservation to avoid disappointment. We invite you to bring all Mothers to celebrate Mothers Day at the Auckland Club. This has now become a very popular Club tradition. As in past years, the price will include a glass of Champagne on arrival (adults) and something for the little ones.

Adults \$33.00. Children under 12 years \$12.00

Reservations to Jenny or Ravish at reception on 09 3031526

There is limited secure parking available within the building-access details from reception.

THE AUCKLAND CLUB

Meetings/Catering requirements

A Launch, Presentation, or Event with a difference.

We do it all with an experienced team that can be relied upon for precision and expertise.

Your Club can cater for groups up to 150 plus and we place considerable importance on making certain that every detail is taken care of.

We now have an enviable reputation as specialists in wedding and large function catering and service.

This is also the case with conference and other events within the privacy of your own club.

With more than a 130 combined years of Hospitality experience, we promise that we will meet every requirement if it is within our means to do so. This will ensure that your event is a success.

Please pass on the Club details to your PA's or Secretary or whoever it is that deals with such matters.

Contact Marianne Manning on 303 1526.

We guarantee you won't be disappointed.

CHEFS DINNER

"A TASTE OF ASIA"

An opportunity to meet our new Head Chef – Anton Susilowaty and to sample some of his favorite Asian dishes.

A specialty Buffet will be prepared where Chef Anton will explain the variety of dishes on offer for your enjoyment.

This will also be the first opportunity for Members to purchase Anton's "Auckland Club Chilli Sauce"

which he has made at the Club and will go on sale from next month.

Date: Thursday 27th April 2006, 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: **\$38** pp

Drinks own care

RSVP to reception on 3031526 by Tuesday 25th April

HISTORY

The Auckland Club

C.W. Vennell's 'The Auckland Club'.

Chapter Nine – Hands at the Helm.

Continued from February.

In 1885, the club suddenly found itself deprived of the efficient services of its secretary for, on September 1 of that year, William Flood died at his home in Parnell, at the early age of 49. His place was taken by Captain Henry Olive, a former officer of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, who came from Fiji. Olive, who had been selected from no fewer than 68 applicants, took over the reins of the club management at a time of severe commercial depression, and his task could have been by no means easy. One of the chief difficulties was collecting outstanding subscriptions from prominent Aucklanders who suddenly found themselves short of ready cash.

Membership, which had stood at 292 at the time of Flood's death had shrunk, by 1887, to 240. In that one year the club lost 42 members from resignations or by death. In the absence of connected club records between 1887 and 1910 we know little of Olive's immediate successors. Angus W. Gordon, however, who became secretary in 1900, was well known both in civic and racing circles. Born at Aldershot, in England, in 1864, Gordon came to New Zealand with his parents in the seventies and was one of the early pupils of Auckland Grammar School. His father, Major William Gordon, was Inspector of Volunteers and commander of the Auckland Militia District.

RECIPROCAL REVIEW

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Situated at the 'Paris end' of Collins Street in close proximity to the Victorian Arts Centre, Princess and Regent Theatres, Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Federation Square and sports precincts, the Athenaeum Club is the perfect place to base yourself while enjoying all Melbourne has to offer. Melbourne Airport is only a 30-minute drive (20 kms) and Parliament railway station is just a five minute walk from the club. A gymnasium, sauna and pool is situated in the basement of the club for use by gentlemen guests. A very reasonable one off usage fee has been negotiated for our female guests at the city club fitness centre at the Grand Hyatt, two minutes walk from the club. Accommodation includes Standard Single, Double/Twin and Club Suites all with ensuite bathroom, international direct dial phone, colour TV with foxtel, CD player, personal safe, mini bar, toaster, iron and ironing board, bathrobes, umbrellas, tea and coffee.

In addition to a variety of private meeting and function rooms, the club offers a choice of dining venues on weekdays

Reservations can be made direct to concierge@athenaeumclub.com.au

BEER OF THE MONTH 'LIMBURG'

Enjoy our selection of these premium crafted beers at reasonable prices.

Brewed in NZ they offer fantastic flavours that have been created for the discerning beer drinker.

Try the Limburg Witbier (Wheat Beer), The Hopsmacker Pale Ale & the Czechmate Bohemian Pilsner.

All available now in the Wine Room.

DAME KIRI AWARDS (22 March 2006)

A very successful cocktail party was held following the cancellation of the Award Dinner due to Commonwealth Games Commitments.

Hosted by Judy Bailey, the Award recipients and their family members enjoyed a fabulous reception.



CHAMPAGNE DINNER

The Champagne Comte Audoin de Dampierre Grand Degustation Dinner on March 10, was a sparkling success with exquisite Champagne, complemented by a magnificent menu served with style. Comte Audoin de Dampierre certainly lived up to his reputation of being the most charismatic man in Champagne and together with our own "Champagne Lady" presented his cuvees to guests with humour and warmth.

To the delight of guests, Alex Witten-Hannah, well-known franco-ophile and lawyer launched the evening with "sabrage" wielding his French antique sword to lop off the cork, at the same time weaving the story of "sabrage" into the Count's aristocratic background.

The Count's eponymous Champagne can now be purchased at the Club so join the 42 French Embassies around the world and try it next time you are in.



Comte Audoin de Dampierre and Anne Baulcomb

GOLF GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual event against a team from the Northern Club was held at the Auckland Golf Club on the 14th February 2006.

By a slim margin the Northern Club were successful in retaking the trophy.

Many of the players, from both teams, attended a dinner in the Cathedral Room in the evening and being Valentine's day it was appropriate an invitation was extended to include spouses.

Sincere thanks to both Archibald and Shorter, and the Bank of New Zealand for generously donating prizes.

Individual results:

Athenaeum Trophy:

Warwick Bringans.

Chappie Upton Trophy:

Michael Woods

BOWLS NEWS

At one time the two Club's - Northern & Auckland enjoyed a big day out on the greens with up to 8 rinks being required. Unfortunately we are now down to 3 teams of triples, (including a ring-in).

We hope to see a few more bowlers participating in next years event so bear this in mind when you receive the notice.

For the record.....We lost the cup 3 games to 1 to the Northern Club.

MEMBERS' NEWS

LONG STANDING MEMBERS

The rules of the Auckland Club under 4.3 recognise that any Members who has been a Member of the Club for forty years or more shall be exempt from payment of annual subscriptions.

Your Committee wish to thank the following for their support since joining and confirm their Membership category has been transferred to Long Standing.

Mr BN Morris	Mr JG Tuck,
Mr DO Walker	Mr SG Bawden
Mr RF Day	Mr TW Hume
Mr LJ Robinson	Mr CWS Ward
Mr AW Tills	Mr KM Coyte
Judge EW Thomas	

New Members

Mr Grant Seagar,
Mr Tavake Barron Afeaki,

The Auckland Club extends a warm welcome to our newest members. It is our wish to see you often and share the warmth and camaraderie of good fellowship, the foundation upon which the Club is solidly based.

New Members before
Committee

Ms. Bridgett Louise Theuma,
Mr James Barry McGhie and
Mr Ritesh Mani.

IN MEMORIAM

DR WS TONGUE 1989
BJ STEVENS 1957
B.W. HEATLEY 1969

Minimum Dress Standards: Monday till Friday inclusive in the Main Dining Room Gentlemen - Jacket & Tie, all other rooms including the Wine Room are smart casual at all times.

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