

August 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT



In this issue of Club Ties you will note a number of initiatives the General Committee are taking with a

view towards encouraging both new Members to join the Club and for existing Members to make greater use of the Club.

I would ask all Members to really think about whom among their friends and colleagues would be interested in joining the Club. We have superb facilities, a very central location and dedicated staff. We have a dedicated Club Table in the Main Dining Room on the second Friday of each month where particularly newer Members can meet alongside at least two of us from the General Committee.

We are currently in the process of reviewing our Menus and Wine List. We believe that it is important to continue to offer Members a quality Club experience at a reasonable cost. With this in mind you will shortly see a selection of wine and food that will tempt the palate without making a large dent in the wallet.

The General Committee is also in the process of reviewing the Club Bylaws particularly in regard to dress standards so as to make these simpler whilst at the same time preserving the standard of dress in the main Dining Room. The revised bylaws will be published in the members Handbook which will be distributed to Members in the next month.

In closing you will be aware John Gordon has retired from the position of Manager of the Club but is still

working as Consultant. On Thursday the 4th of September we will be holding a Testimonial Dinner for John; the dinner will be priced at \$40.00 per head with drinks to Members account.

I urge you to make up a party so that we can host John and his wife and as such show our thanks to John for his years of loyal and dedicated service to our Club.

Member get Member get Lunch

Auckland Club members are being encouraged to introduce new members following the approval of an incentive scheme by a recent General Committee meeting.

Introducing members will receive a \$250 credit to their accounts following the successful introduction of a new town member. This credit will also be available on a pro rata basis for other membership categories.

This will enable members to properly introduce new members to the Club over lunch or dinner, without incurring additional expenditure, while at the same time receiving a tangible reward for assisting the Club's current membership drive.

Members sought for Billiard Floor space

Following the annual meeting where members approved the proposal to lease all or part of the Billiard floor, members are now being given first priority as potential leasees.

The General Committee would appreciate hearing from existing members as potential tenants prior to putting the space out into the market through the real estate industry.

At this stage it is proposed to lease the entire billiard room floor if possible, however smaller tenancies, especially if occupied by existing members, will be considered.

The space would lend itself ideally to barrister's chambers which would enable us to retain much of the existing décor.

Another advantage of having existing members as tenants of the Club is that this will assist in preserving the privacy and atmosphere of the club which outside tenants may not necessarily achieve to the same extent.

Members should contact Club Vice president Mr David McEwen if they wish to pursue this opportunity.

MEMBERS HOLDING OFFICE

July 2008 – June 2009

President M. K. WILLS

Vice-President D. E. MCEWEN

Trustees R. H. DUNCAN, G. S. REA,
A. Q. DICKINSON

General Committee

A. BATLEY BURTON, J. C. BERGIN,
W. L. BUTTERWORTH, C. B. CATO,

G. C. GANLEY, P. I. HENLEY, D. E. MCEWEN,
B. O'CALLAHAN, J. L. PHILLIPS,
K. SORENSEN, M. K. WILLS

Rare Honour for Club Member



Anne Batley-Burton with Comte Audoin de Dampierre on the night of her being made a "Dame de l'Ordre des Coteaux du Champagne".

Club General Committee member Mrs. Anne Batley Burton has received a rare honour from the French champagne industry.

Mrs. Batley Burton has been made 'Dame de l'Ordre des Coteaux du Champagne' in recognition of her

promotion of the French champagne industry in New Zealand.

Already known as 'the Champagne Lady' to her friends and consumers, Mrs. Batley Burton is believed to be the only New Zealander to have received this honour.

The accompanying photograph was taken on the night, showing Mrs. Batley Burton with Comte Audoin de Dampierre at 'Palais du Tau', which is where the 'intronisation' (investiture) took place. Palais du Tau is where the Kings of France were prepared for their coronations at the Reims Cathedral which is situated next to the Palais.

The Club wishes to congratulate Mrs. Batley Burton on this honour.



Champagne Lady Spring Ball

(IN SUPPORT OF THE SPCA)

An evening for the discerning patron to enjoy Champagne Comte Audoin de Dampierre, fine wines and dining, under the glittering chandeliers of The Ballroom in the prestigious Auckland Club.
Dance to the music of Grant Chilcott and his 5-piece band, all the while knowing you are supporting the SPCA and The Parnell Cat Colony by bidding on a small number of desirable auction items.

OCTOBER 18, 2008

Whether you are a Champagne enthusiast, an animal-lover, or hopefully both, this is an event you should not miss.

And while this is a personal invitation to you, do you have friends of similar interests in the well-being of our furry friends who would like to join in what will surely be a very enjoyable evening?

Note: Make up a table of 10 with your friends: this is a tax-deductible event.

VENUE: The Ballroom, The Auckland Club
34 Shortland Street, Auckland
DATE: October 18, 2008
TIME: 7:00 pm
DRESS: Black Tie
PRICE: \$150.00 per head
(Includes Champagne on arrival, 3-course dinner, wines your cost.)

Please contact:
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CLSpringBall08.co.nz

New Dining Room Menu

The Dining Room Menu is also currently being reviewed by the House Committee with a view to introducing more traditional club fare at reasonable prices to complement our existing dishes. Your suggestions as to what constitutes traditional club fare would be welcome, we know of one Member who would like to see "bangers and mash" introduced!

Improved Wine List

The Club's Wine List is currently subject to a review and upgrade, following a recommendation from the House Committee.

Improvements can be expected to the standard of wines at the higher end whilst at the same time introducing a range of less expensive wines which offer value to Club members.

A new Magnum list is to be included as part of an expanded Library List featuring a larger number of aged wines.

Library Books

We require some 'new' books for The Club Library.

Any HARD-BACK books you have received for Christmas, Fathers Day or Birthday,

or have just purchased for yourself, and have read and finished with, drop them into the Club Office so we can put them into our Library so others can share the pleasure of them. Fiction, Non-Fiction, Sport, reference, as long as it is hard back, it will be most welcome.

"Fly-leaf inscriptions" no problem.....makes them more interesting!

Testimonial Dinner for John Gordon

Thursday 4th September

As you are probably aware John Gordon has retired from the position of Manager of the Club but is

still working as Consultant. On this evening we will be holding a Testimonial Dinner for John and we welcome your attendance to this occasion. Charge \$40.00 per head.

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