

December 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Michael G. Woods

Members will be aware that following the wish of the majority of those present at the AGM, back in June 2006, that discussions have been taking

place with the Northern Club.

The two Sub-Committees have been meeting regularly with the intention to establish a conditional agreement between the two Clubs to be then put, in our case, to members of the Auckland Club at a Special General Meeting.

Whilst a lot of common ground has

been agreed upon there are still issues to be worked through.

It was the wish of our Sub-Committee that a Special General Meeting be held prior to the closure of the Club for the Christmas break but with the requirement that twenty-one days notice of such a meeting be given, this will now not be possible.

It is interesting looking at past history that the Northern Club found in 1870 that they were then facing serious financial problems. Mining ventures had failed and many of their debenture holders were unable to honour their obligations- many of their members were unable to meet their entry fees and subscriptions. In June of that

year an approach was made to the Auckland Club suggesting a merger of interests.

The Northern Club owned its premises in Princes Street whereas the Auckland Club only occupied leased rooms in Shortland Street.

The amalgamation took place and the older Club closed its doors at the end of 1870, not to reopen them again for seven years.

As this will be the final Club Ties for 2006 may I take this opportunity to extend to you and your families my wish that you all have a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2007.

Michael Woods, President

MANAGERS MESSAGE

Another year is coming to a close, the festive season is approaching and we are all looking forward to a busy November and December. One of our many successful events held over the last 2 months has been the Champagne Lady Spring Ball. This has become a feature of the Club's social calendar and may it continue to do so. Remember to make full use of your Club at this time of the year and although the diary is filling up we still have a few gaps for our private Dining Rooms. If you are considering holding a dinner or cocktail party for your family or business colleagues may we have the opportunity to cater for this occasion. We continually receive positive feedback from our Members and their guests as to the quality of the meals and the professional standards of our staff. Please give either myself or Marianne a call and we will ensure

the event meets with your expectations. Finally on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you and your family a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2007.

John Gordon

FROM THE 7TH FLOOR

The Club's snooker players have been sharpening their cues as the Annual Club Championships are now underway. The playoffs for handicap singles and doubles events, and the open singles event to find a new Club Champion, culminate in a Finals Night on 29th November. All Members are welcome to watch the finals and enjoy a meal. Please reserve your place with reception.

FRIDAY LUNCH SPECIALS

The Club offers "Special Signature Dishes" every Friday Luncheon. Please check your weekly email updates or call reception to find more about the Friday Specials. These weekly specials dishes may vary from Whitebait, Cray Fish to Beef Wellington.

Members are welcome to call John with their suggestions for these special signature dishes.

WEEKLY E-MAIL UPDATES

Once again we request all members to call or email reception with their current & updated email addresses. This will ensure that you receive regular updates of the events and functions held at your club.

FAMILY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2006

Arrival at 11.15 am, to be seated at 11.30am for a musical entertainment. A festive Holiday Buffet will be offered with a variety of choices to please young & old. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to get into the holiday spirit. Children, parents, grandparents and guests are encouraged to attend.

A gift will be provided for each child under 12 years of age. When making reservations please provide: name, sex & the age of the child, so an appropriate gift can be selected

Under 2 years of age-\$12 Between 2-6 years of age-\$20

Between 6-12 years of age-\$30 Older children and adults-\$40

Car parks available, entrance from Fort Street.

RSVP: To reception by Friday 8th December 2006.

SPECIAL CLUB ACCOMMODATION

Due to a significant increase in the usage of the accommodation facility in last couple of months, the management has decided to further this special accommodation rate for members and their guests till the end of the year. Please note that the charges are \$100 per night plus GST - Continental Breakfast Included.

CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY

The Auckland Club will be going on its Annual Holidays from Thursday 22nd December after lunch. We would be reopening on Monday 22nd January 2007. This will also be the final issue of club ties for 2006. The next issue will be in February 2007.

WINE & PORT SPECIAL

Double Gold Auckland Club Christmas Port

Fine Old Directors Port came up trumps at the 2005 San Francisco International Wine Competition winning the only Double Gold in the Port Category. The Port is a 50/50 blend of 1975 and young wines. Amber brown with Coffee, spices and licorice aromas it is rich and liqueur-like on the palate-sweet raisiny, smooth and mellow this makes a perfect Christmas Gift. Only \$45 per

bottle or \$50.00 in an Auckland Club Cellar Wooden Boxes.

UPCOMING EVENTS FRIDAY MUSIC IS BACK

To celebrate the festive month Friday Live Music will be back for the first two weeks in December. Please note the dates will be the 1st & 8th of December starting from 1.00pm. All members are requested to come along and enjoy excellent live music by one of the new emerging New Zealand artists. As Friday is usually a busy day, we would recommend making bookings in advance.

LAST FRIDAY CLUB XMAS LUNCHEON

Friday 15th December at 12.00pm
Come along to the Dining Room for the last Friday before we close for the holidays, senior and retired members especially welcome. Chef Anton will

prepare a feast of Roast Turkey with all the trimmings to be followed by pudding and pies, only \$30, drinks to member's accounts

Bookings essential as we expect this to be a busy day.

CHRISTMAS HAMS

Members can again order Christmas hams for their family & friends.

Champagne Hams- \$139.00 (8.5 - 9.0 Kg)

Cooked Ham on the Bone- \$69.00 (4.5-5.0 Kg)

All orders to be made to Reception before Friday 8 December 2006

Hams will only be available for collection on Tuesday 19th December from 10.00am-7.00pm

NEW MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Matthew Chaytor	H.L.Julian	J.R.Sanders
John Buchanan	Rejoining Member	

The Auckland Club extends a warm and cordial 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.

The General Committee, Management and Members of the Auckland Club wish to recognize and thank the Members who sponsored and seconded new Members.

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