

October 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Many thanks to the Members who attended the Club's 156th Annual General Meeting in June, at which I was elected President. I appreciate the faith shown in me

and can assure you of my unstinting efforts to address the challenges ahead.

I am confident that the best interests of Members will be attended to, thanks to the very strong set of skills and experience possessed by Vice President Craig Ganley, Finance Committee Chairman Mike Gault and the members of the General Committee.

One priority for the months ahead is to see Members using the Club more frequently. To that end we are making a number of competitively priced offers that will tempt Members and their guests to visit.

These include our regular Champagne Wednesday, where we offer French Champagne at \$56 a bottle, a buffet lunch on Tuesdays to Thursdays at \$13.50, regular Friday lunch specials such as a whole crayfish for \$48. I challenge anyone to find better deals in the CBD.

Then of course there are our regular evening events. One highlight coming up is the Carnivale Night featuring South American-inspired food, music and dance which, if previous functions are anything to go by, should be a sellout.

Another priority is to generate revenue from our beautiful premises when they are not being used by Members, particularly in the weekends when the Club is closed. If any Member is aware of someone looking for a venue for a wedding, birthday party or any other significant event, please let our events co-ordinator Marianne know.

A further priority has been to review staffing levels, particularly since a slowing economy has had an impact on

the number of functions being hosted at the Club.

As a result, the Club has discontinued the role of Head Chef and Anton Susilowaty, who held the role for five years, has moved on to new opportunities. I would like to thank Anton for his diligent service over the years and wish him well for the future.

We have also adjusted the number of hours being worked by staff in other areas and will be reviewing all roles on an ongoing basis.

All the General Committee and Staff can do is try to fulfil Members' wishes. It is up to all of us to use the Club and to introduce new Members who will do the same. If there is anything we can do better, I would love to hear from you.

ACCOMMODATION

The Club has recently purchased new 32 LCD televisions for the accommodation rooms, this combined with freeview decoders has vastly improved the reception in these areas.

We have also kept our rates competitive offering what we believe to be outstanding value for Members at \$112.50 per room inc GST and continental breakfast in the Governors Room Monday to Friday and only \$100 for a weekend stay. Breakfast is provided in the rooms on Saturday or Sunday. Overnight parking can be arranged.

Also for those last minute bookings we have a rate of \$60 per room; these are valid for the same day, after 10.00am enquiries, subject of course to availability. Breakfast is not included in this offer.

We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to your PA or secretary, they are more than welcome to visit the Club to view the rooms.

PARKING

If you are attending an evening

function or coming for dinner we can offer limited secure parking to the Club with access from Fort Street. This is available after 5.30pm, just let reception know of your intention to park in the building, you will be met in the car park, and escorted to the Club. Should all our available car parks be occupied and you have to use the public ones on Fort Street, Chancery etc then it is advisable to check the closing times of these parks.

FUNCTIONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

We are specialists in organising weddings, special birthdays, anniversaries, corporate dinners or any occasion worth celebrating.

Our experienced and dedicated team can create an event for you, relied upon for their ability and expertise to organise and deliver a memorable occasion for yourself and your guests. The flexibility and attention to detail along with excellent food and attentive and thoughtful service will guarantee the success of your event.

If you have a meeting or conference to organise and wish to hold this in the privacy of your own Club then please pass on our details to your staff and Marianne will be happy to show them around.

The club is open from 7.00am so if you have a client or colleague to meet and wish for more privacy than the noisy local cafes can offer we can cater for any requirement from a breakfast,

MEMBERS HOLDING OFFICE

July 2009 – June 2010

President

D.E. MCEWEN

Vice-President

G.C. GANLEY

Trustees

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

General Committee

A. BATLEY BURTON, J.C. BERGIN,
W.L. BUTTERWORTH, C.B. CATO,
G.C. GANLEY, M.C. GAULT, D.E. MCEWEN,
B. O'CALLAHAN,
J.L. PHILLIPS, K. SORENSEN

morning tea, light lunch or a coffee in the Governors Room. If you feel as though your day needs a break and a glass of wine or snack will ease things along, the Club will provide that oasis in the Wine Room any time of the day.

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

A new Wine Appreciation Group has been formed by a group of Members interesting in tasting wine and assisting the Club to develop its Wine List.

The Wine Appreciation Group (WAG) proposes to hold one tasting a month of wines submitted to the Club for consideration and also tastings of particular wines of a country, region or variety, to be hosted by Wine Distributors.

A nominal charge will apply from time to time.

In addition the WAG will organise fortnightly lunches on the first and third Friday of the month, based on Table 20. Eight members and guests will participate in a tasting of normally four wines purchased specifically for the lunch. These are wines not on the Club list, acquired from specialist wine distributors and private cellars. Members and Guests pay corkage of \$10 per person to bring these wines into the Club.

Two such lunches have been held to date, the first something of a 'Baptism', featuring four different red wines from Southern France, acquired from the specialist wine retailer Maison Vauron in Newmarket. Despite the rather daunting task both the Members present and the wines, acquitted themselves well.

This was an indication of the seriousness with which the WAG Table 20 regards its brief - with the next lunch providing only slightly lighter relief, presenting two Rhone Valley white wines, followed by two stout Australian Cabernet Sauvignons.

Members interested in the WAG should contact the Club Manager for details. Tastings will be publicised in Club Ties and in the Club weekly emails.

DRESS CODE

A stronger adherence to the Dress Code in the public areas of the Club and in the Wine Room has been requested by Members and considered by the House Committee.

As a result new signage at the entrance to the Club and in the foyer of the Wine Room will display the dress code, and more particularly those types of

dress which are specifically excluded (Denim for example).

Specific reference will also be made in the signage to cellphone use and areas, such as the Wine Room, where this is absolutely forbidden.

The minimum Dress Code applying to public areas and the Wine Room is:

Gentlemen: Smart trousers, jacket and business shirt. Excludes all denim, sporting wear, track suits, trainers and other overly casual clothes.

Ladies: Ladies should wear forms of dress consistent with the above directions. Smart trousers may be worn.

The Dress code will in future be sent to all outside groups wanting to book functions and those Members holding functions are reminded of their obligation to ensure all guests adhere strictly to the Code.

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

We are pleased to have established reciprocal arrangements with the following Clubs over the last year. Members are also encouraged to suggest suitable reciprocal clubs.

The Old Chengdu Club

Wu Yue Palace Road, Wen Shu Fang, Chengdu 610017, Sichuan, China
Tel: 0086 28 8695 6688,
Fax: 0086 28 8696 6677
E-mail: info@oldchengduclub.com,
Website: www.chengduhuiguan.cn

Butterfield's Club

2 - 4/F, Dorset House, TaiKoo Place, 979 King's Road, Hong Kong
Tel : 00852 2968 5555,
Fax : 00852 2968 5600
E-mail : info@butterfields.com.hk,
Website: www.butterfields.com.hk

Royal Canadian Military Institute

426 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1S9, Canada
Tel: 001 416 597 0286, Fax: 001 416 597 6919
E-mail: info@rcmi.org, Website: www.rcmi.org

The Capital Club

Gate Village, Building 3, DIFC, P.O. 506536, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Tel: 0097 1 4 364 0111, Fax: 0097 1 4 363 7259
E-mail: info@capitalclubdubai.com,
Website: www.capitalclubdubai.com

Royal Automobile Club of Victoria

501 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia
Tel: 0061 3 9944 8888

E-mail: clubmembership@racv.com.au,
Website: www.racv.com.au

United Service Club

183 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Australia
Tel: 0061 7 3831 4433, Fax: 0061 7 3832 6307

E-mail: membership@unitedserviceclub.com.au,
Website: www.unitedserviceclub.com.au

The Bellevue Club

525 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California, CA 94610-5096, USA
Tel: 001 510 451 1000, Fax: 001 510 832 0219

E-mail: reception@bellevueclub.org,
Website: www.bellevueclub.org

Poona Club

6, Bund Garden Road, Pune 411 001, India

Tel: 0020 2636 0083/85/86
E-mail: reception@poonacclubltd.com,
Website: www.poonacclubltd.com

SIGNING IN GUESTS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all Members, that they must, when admitting a guest to the Club premises, enter their own name and name and address of their guest in the Visitors Book in the front lobby to show the date of each visit.

This ensures compliance with legislation.

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Accounts:
Niyamet Gobarani
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E-mail: accounts@aucklandclub.co.nz

Chef:
Renato (Bobit) Sumilang

Dining Room Manager:
Adriana Gomes

IN MEMORIAM

C P VAUGHAN

Member since 1965

D O WALKER

Member since 1960

BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS FOR FUNCTIONS

The General Committee would like Members to be aware of the Club's Cancellation Policy.

A cancellation fee will be debited to members' accounts when less than 24 hours notice is received and for non-attendance.

When making your bookings please note that seating requests do not constitute a booking made on behalf of other members you wish to be seated with at Club Functions, e.g. each member of a group should make their own booking.

The Club makes every effort to carry out the requests of members. However, this is dependant on the size of the tables, the number attending and the number of requests.

We look forward to seeing you and your guests at the Club

NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

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.

MEMBER INCENTIVE SCHEME

It was decided by the General Committee to encourage increased patronage by Members, to introduce a scheme whereby Members are issued with a \$100 voucher for every \$1,000 spent (and paid for) at the Club on food & beverages.

And also, when a new Member had paid the subscription in full, that 50% of the subscription amount is credited to their account to be spent on food and beverage.

Above mentioned are for Personal use only and could not be used for Club functions or corporate events.



Mr John Phillips, Mr John Gillett and Mr Jeremy Mace at the Game Dinner



Miss Kristina Sgibneva , Ms Svetlana Sgibneva , Mrs Judy Gillett and Mrs Judy Mace at the Game Dinner

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Sponsor	Seconder
Aaron Brownlee	G.C. Ganley	D.E. McEwen
Scot James Humphreys	W.B. Stredder	S.W. Stredder
Ralf Hohwieler	G.C. Ganley	D.E. McEwen
John C. H. Southcombe	I. S. Peddie	A. Valabh
Paul L. Murry	G.C. Ganley	D.E. McEwen
Alan Z. Zhu	D.E. McEwen	I. Gray

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

CARNIVAL NIGHT

We are bringing the sights, sounds and flavours of Rio's famous Carnivale to the Club this November!

ENJOY the exotic flavours and fun of a South American Carnivale.

TASTE a range of delicious dishes inspired by the finest chefs of Argentina and Brazil.

DANCE the night away to fiery Latin rhythms.

*Caipirinha cocktail on arrival
Seven tapas-style courses
Brazilian dancing displays
Live South American band
Spot prizes for the most colourful attire*

All for just \$95!

DATE: SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Dress code: Lounge or Carnivale attire

Our last ball - the Titanic Night - was a sellout so we strongly recommend you book as quickly as possible!

AUCKLAND CLUB FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THIS IS THE DAY THE CLUB
LOVES TO ENTERTAIN
YOUR CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN
AND THOSE CLUB MEMBERS
WHO ARE STILL YOUNG AT
HEART.

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2009

ARRIVAL TIME 11.45AM
DRINK ON ARRIVAL
BUBBLES FOR ADULTS AND
SOFT DRINKS FOR CHILDREN
BUFFET LUNCH 12 NOON

ENTERTAINMENT
ANDY WALKER THE MAGICIAN
WITH ALL HIS TRICKS AND
MAGIC. ALSO TWINKLE
THE WORLDS ONLY
EDUCATED RABBIT.
SANTA WILL ARRIVE
AROUND 1.15PM

UNDER 2 YRS - \$13.00 PER PERSON
2 - 5 YRS - \$20.00 PER PERSON
6 - 12 YRS - \$25.00 PER PERSON
EVERYONE ELSE - \$35.00 PER PERSON
RSVP TO RECEPTION BY
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2009
NAME AND AGE OF CHILDREN -
BOY OR GIRL.



Mr and Mrs Gerry Rea at the General Committee & Trustees Dinner



Mr John Moody, Mr Klaus Sorensen and Mr John Phillips at the Wine Appreciation Group table on Friday



Mr Anthony Segedin and guests at his 60th birthday celebration



Ms Claudia Broughton, Mr David McEwen, Mr Ratesh Mani and Mr Brent O'Callahan at Friday lunch



Mr Keith Coyte at his 60th wedding anniversary



Mr Bob Duncan and Mr Gerry Rea at the General Committee & Trustees Dinner