

# THE DUNEDIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1858 - ESTABLISHED AT FERNHILL 1874

## CLUB NEWS – NEWSLETTER NO. 133 – APRIL 2017

### CLUB EVENTS



#### **BLACK TIE GALA Dinner & Auction to benefit the Fernhill**

**Foundation**

**\$90 per ticket**

*Plans are underway for The Fernhill Heritage Trust Black Tie Gala Dinner and Auction on Saturday, May 13th. This will be a truly special evening celebrating our beloved Club. Our brilliant chef Jeff Fay is pulling out all the stops in designing a wonderful menu that starts with champagne and finishes with a dessert buffet, cheeses and port. Items for the silent and live auctions are starting to come in with several exclusive "experiences" such as a tour of award-winning Black Quail vineyard and Truffier with a wine tasting and picnic lunch for four as well as live theatre tickets, a night away, a custom Felicia Fernando scarf and other exciting things. If you would like to offer an item or experience for the auction, please let the Manager know. A complete list of items will be available prior to the event. So mark your diaries and gather your Club friends for a fun evening!*

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear members,

Let me start by recognising the generosity of a number of our members.

You may recall that last month I spoke about our need for a defibrillator and I am delighted to advise that a number of our members have provided the necessary funds.

Another of our members has recently celebrated 50 years of membership at Fernhill and has chosen to make a significant contribution to the Foundation.

The other item of note is that we recently hosted the Otago Anniversary Dinner and I suspect achieved a new milestone in numbers seated. 121 visitors is no mean feat and those involved in its organisation are to be applauded. Opening our historic building for special community events does us no harm and only increases our standing in our community.

It is instructive that the more we raise our profile the more we find folk wanting to join us.

Thanks to the endeavours of a number of you, I can report that we have 11 new members either approved by your committee or 'on the board' for your consideration. We have planned a new members evening for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May and this time we intend to invite proposers to bring their nominees and for members to attend.

By now you will have received your invitation to our Foundation dinner and I strongly urge you to help us make it a success.

Kind regards

Austen

#### **FRESH BLUFF OYSTERS**

**At Cost Special during April**

**Served as an Entrée only with  
the purchase of any main  
meal**

**Natural, Beer Battered or**

**Kilpatrick**



### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

#### New Members:

Mr. E Adamson - Proposed by D J Adamson, Seconded by R Joseph  
Mr. M Sproule - Proposed by D J Adamson, Seconded by R Joseph  
Mr. D Reddiex - Proposed by A H Banks, Seconded by B R Clarke  
Mr. S Eddy - Proposed by A Gray, Seconded by R Joseph

#### Candidates for Membership:

Mr T Anderson - Retired. Proposed by A J Wright, Seconded by A H Banks  
Mr. R Chalklin - Co. Director. Proposed by M A Wong, Seconded by C P Burke  
Mr. R G Duff - Director. Proposed by G R Thomas, Seconded by P J Hutchison  
G Wilson - Orthotist. Proposed by M A Wong, Seconded by A H Banks  
P M Wood - Manager. Proposed by C J Barnes, Seconded by R R Quin

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Details of Club Events are emailed weekly. Please let us know if are not currently receiving the email update?

### April

**Monday 6th**  
Club Lunch

**Thursday 6th**  
Fernhill Whiskey Club Tasting

**Friday 28th**  
Bar open from 5.00pm for 7.35pm  
Highlanders V Stormers game in Dunedin

**May**  
**Monday 1st**  
Club Lunch

**Friday 5th**  
1st Winter series Club Dinner

**Saturday 13th**  
Fernhill Foundation Black Tie Gala Dinner & Auction

**Tuesday 23th**  
New Member Welcome Reception

*A reminder that our financial year ends on 31st May 2017 and we ask that any outstanding account balances are paid prior to this date. Thank you.*



**CLUB MEMBER'S LUNCH: Monday 1st May at 12.00**

**Guest Speaker: Sam Botting**, Living Environments and Science Engagement Operations Manager. Sam Botting is responsible for ensuring the living environments at Otago Museum are maintained at a high standard. This responsibility encompasses animal welfare, staff operations and containment regulations. Beyond the living environment, Sam manages the team of Science Communicators who act as the bridge between scientific content and visitors. "They are the ever-smiley people you will see delivering science shows in Discovery World, Tropical Forest and the Perpetual Guardian Planetarium as well as out and about at community events."



## **Manager's Message**

Dear Members

I attended the New Zealand Club Managers meeting last month at the recently re-opened Christchurch Club. It was wonderful to meet the other managers and hear of their knowledge and experience within the Club industry. I found the meeting invaluable and I have begun planning some of the ideas we discussed.

I am pleased to report that March was a good trading month for the Club with many meetings, receptions and dinners and I would like to thank those Members for using the Club in this way.

Last month we were delighted to host Their Excellencies The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy and husband Sir David Gascoigne while they stayed at the Club during a visit to Dunedin.

April will see the introduction of a full *À la carte* menu in the Dining Room. The menu will change monthly and be influenced seasonally and for those with more traditional tastes, we will continue to run a "Specials Board". With the much awaited Bluff Oyster season upon us we are serving Bluff oysters as an entrée at cost price during April with the purchase any main course. Please see the advertisement in this Newsletter for more information.

In May we will introduce a Café menu from the Bar and Card Room and open Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 4.00pm. This will provide a relaxed dining alternative for Members and their Guests and I will provide you with the Menu in the May Newsletter.

I hope you will find time to visit the Club soon and we look forward to welcoming you back.

Stephen Dawkins

### **WINTER DINNER SERIES**

#### **2017 Dates**

Speakers are currently being confirmed but please note the following dates in your diary:

Friday 5 May

Thursday 8 June

Friday 7 July

Thursday 3 August

Friday 1 September

