

THE DUNEDIN CLUB

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CLUB EVENTS



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

August

Thursday 3rd

Final Winter Club Dinner 6.30 for 7.00pm

Monday 7th

Club Lunch

12.00 for 12.30

Thursday 17th

The Annual Beer & Curry Night

6.30 for 7.00pm

Tuesday 22nd

Squash 4.30 to 7.00pm followed by dinner

Wednesday 23rd

Annual General Meeting & Dinner

5.30PM AGM

7.00pm Dinner

Thursday 24th

Fernhill Whisky Club Tasting

6.30pm

Saturday 26th

Bledisloe Cup Match

Bar open 5.00 pm

Game screened at 7.35pm

Half time supper

September

Monday 4th

Club Lunch

12.00 for 12.30

Thursday 14th

Gin Tasting at Zanzibar

Wednesday 27th

Past Presidents Dinner

Saturday 30th

Members Working Bee & Lunch

Details of Club Events emailed weekly

Please let us know if are not currently receiving this email update?

Dear all,

You may recall that last month I made mention of some of the activities around the club especially aimed at members. This time I thought we might look at where our Club helps others. Our clubhouse and grounds are an important part of Dunedin's heritage and our future lies with engaging with our community. Simplistically perhaps, the more people know of us then the more our opportunity to attract potential members. All of us I'm sure have encountered comments like "isn't this stunning, I had no idea". Dunedin and our members have a proud history of quietly helping others, and in part this is demonstrated by our willingness to make our grounds and house available. What follows is somewhat of a shortened list. We have hosted non-member events for Dunedin Central Rotary, Business Networking International (Octagon Chapter), Otago Primary Principals Assoc, The Royal Victoria league, Otago Peninsula Trust, Otago Anniversary Day Dinner, Otago Officers Club, Otago branch of the NZ Law Society, various company board meetings and training seminars. Interestingly while writing this I am seized with the question; how is it that with so many visitors we seem to attract so few as members?

Continuing the theme of generosity allows for me to thank the following members. Professor John Chappell for organising and funding the ongoing conservation of the Clubs clocks. Mr. Ted Lloyd for donating a print of the Club. Mr. George Owen for donating two computers for the business centre. Mr. Gerard DeCourcy for a donation of equipment to the Squash Club. Mr. Hayden Banks for the loan of a print (he didn't know he had)

We are about to lose two members, but thankfully only from the committee.

Our Past-President Malcolm Wong who has completed a number of years of sterling service of which, I suspect that nobody of recent history has done more.

Andrew Hamilton our very able Club Treasurer has kept us on an even keel and who is off to fulfil the considerable role of District Governor Elect of Rotary, district 9980 (the Clubs from Waimate south).

A number of members have asked of me "what's the year been like"? And I have to say it's been rather a joy. Yes, it takes a lot of work, but anything you value does. Really it's been about working with an outstanding and hugely supportive committee and management and having the opportunity to engage with a wider cross section of members.

Notwithstanding the lack of numbers I feel we are in good heart and I look forward to our future.

Thank you all.

Warm regards

Austen

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Candidates for Membership :

Mr. L. E. Gray, Self Employed. Proposed by Mr. Dickson Jardine Seconded by Sir Eion Edgar

Mr. A. C. O, Tosswill, Hotel Developer. Proposed by Mr. D. Adamson. Seconded by Mr. R. Joseph

New Members passed:

Mr. Brent Weatherall, Jeweller, Proposed by Mr. G Paine & Seconded by Mr. A Banks

Mr. Xiang (Andre) Shi, Restaurateur, Proposed by Mr. P Buckner & Seconded by Mr. D Adamson

CLUB LUNCH



Monday September the 4th 12.00 for 12.30 \$28

Guest Speaker: Club Member Mr. Tracy O'Brien has been the Principal of Kavanagh College Dunedin since 2008

Topic: Current issues in education and running a high school today

Formerly Foundation Principal of Cullinane College Wanganui. Mr. O'Brien is current on the national executive of SPANZ (Secondary Principal's Association of NZ). Last year Mr. O'Brien was Chairman of the Otago Sec School's principal's Assn and is currently Chair of Otago Secondary Schools Sports Assn. Mr. O'Brien is also a trained national mentor for new and aspiring principals. He has been in education for 31 years as a teacher and principal. Married to Vicki they have 2 young adult children at the

Manager's Message

Dear Members

I must apologise for the continued delay in getting the Club Newsletter out to you. Much of my time is taken up with the day to day management of the property, answering the telephone, working on the floor and dealing with function inquiries. While struggling to find time to work on the Club Review and as new projects come to hand such as the reviewing changes to health and safety legislation, end of financial year preparation, the audit process, writing new budgets and the annual general meeting preparation, there never seems quite enough time in the day but I am hopeful that this month will be the last delay.

Although the Dining Room and Bar continue to be quiet, Club events have proven popular with the Game and the Truffle Dinners selling out and we hosted 23 commercial function in comparison to 33 last year.

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

Stephen Dawkins



GIN TASTING

Please join us at Zanzibar on Thursday 14 September 6.30pm to 8.30pm where Gin maestro and owner Jonas Hjertquist will present a range of 62 different Gin's... \$60 per person including gourmet nibbles followed by a live Blues Band

FERNHILL WHISKY CLUB TASTING

Thursday 24 August 6.30pm to 8.30pm \$45 including tastings and canapés

Scotch whisky fits into four distinct categories of flavor, light, delicate, rich & smoky. Roger McElwain will present and discuss a range of single malt Whiskies with Peaty & Smoky qualities.

The Annual Five Course Curry & Beer & Wine Dinner

Thursday 17 August 6.00 for 6.45pm \$45

Join us in the Bar for a relaxed Curry dinner with a glass of Beer or Wine



Bledisloe Cup Screening & Supper Saturday 26 August

Bar open 5.00 pm

Game screens 7.35pm

Half Time Supper

\$15 per person

