



EVENTS



COMMUNITY



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THE DUNEDIN CLUB

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## Opening Hours

Monday	Club Closed
Tuesday	10am - 8pm
Wednesday	10am - 8pm
Thursday	10am - 8pm
Friday	10am - 11pm
Saturday	10am - 3.30pm
Sunday	Club Closed

## Staff

Stephen Dawkins	Manager	
Jeff Fay	Head Chef	
Jennifer Hughes	Office Manager	(part-time)
Jan Orlowski	Hospitality	(part-time)
Wendy Challis	Cook	(part time)
David White	Grounds Keeper	(part time)
Tania Fogarty	Hospitality	(part-time)
Dean Reed	Membership & Communication	(part-time)
Monica Beck	Junior Chef	(part-time)
Ben Clayton	Hospitality	(casual)

## Committee

Dr Margot Skinner (President)  
Andrew Hamilton (Vice President)  
Gerard DeCourcy (Immediate Past President)  
Roger McElwain  
Norcombe Barker  
Greg Easton  
Steve Brocklebank (Treasurer)  
Matthew Haggart  
Shona Cumming

## Message from the President

The Christmas season is upon us already but we are fortunate to be able to look forward to enjoying a range of social events at the Club before the staff leave for their very well deserved holidays. Our beautiful Victorian building Club lends itself well to being decorated with trees, wreaths, holly and candles, which evoke the spirit of Christmas, so do check the calendar on the next page, and come and join us for some Christmas cheer at one or more of the events!

Although we are only half way through our financial year, it is worth looking back on our calendar year to reflect on 2019. We started the year with a wide range of events set out in a monthly calendar – the calendar has been well received by Members. Although there were a few dates changed and some smaller events cancelled, the calendar still seemed full! Your feedback whether informal or formal is valuable and has given us ideas about the social events that Members are already looking forward to next year, such as the Melbourne Cup, the dinner for younger members, and whiskey tasting.

None of our enjoyment would have been possible without the dedication of our General Manager, Stephen Dawkins and his great team of staff. Thanks to Members who have contributed towards the staff gratuity fund as it is just another way in which we can show our appreciation to the staff, besides thanking them personally. Special thanks and best wishes are due to our General Manager who has given us a wonderful three years in the role.

To you, our Members, and your families, on behalf of the Committee can I extend our best wishes to you all for a very happy Christmas and New Year. A calendar of events for the first part of 2020 is in the making and will be emailed to you soon – please mark the first event, Welcome Cocktails on Friday 24th January, in your diaries now!

Kind regards

*Margot Skinner*

President



## A parting message from the Manager

Dear Members

As many of you will be aware, I am concluding my time as manager when the Club closes on the 18th of December and I will take a break and smell the roses.

I would like to sincerely thank many of you for the kind words I have received since tendering my resignation in mid-September. One of the many highlights of my time at the Club has been meeting and serving you, your guests and the many reciprocal members who have stayed at the Club. These associations have meant a lot to me. The Club has changed in many ways over the three and a half years I have been here and without the ongoing support of the staffing team, these changes would have been more difficult to make. Staff don't always receive the acknowledgement they deserve so please allow me this opportunity to thank them. First and foremost, I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank Jeff Fay for his hard work and outstanding contribution and commitment to the Club, not only during my time but over many years. Without Jeff's skill, experience and generous nature, our successes would be greatly diminished. Thank you, Jeff. Wendy Challis has also worked in the kitchen for many years and amongst other duties, creates some of the sweet items we enjoy on our menu. Wendy's longstanding commitment to the Club, skills and reliability are to be commended. Thank you, Wendy. Jennifer Hughes contribution and commitment to the Club over many years has been exceptional and without Jennifer's experience, knowledge and support, my job would have been considerably more challenging. Thank you, Jennifer. We are all about looking after our members and their guests and I don't know where would we be without Jan Orlowski's undying contribution to this and to the Club, again, over many years, coupled with her wonderful sense of fun. Thank you, Jan. Tania Fogarty in many ways has been my operational right hand and also played an important role in the staff restructure taking on both the housekeeping and front of house roles previously performed by two staff members. Tania's feedback on operational issues, has, on many occasions, saved the day and I value and greatly appreciate Tania's contributions. Thank you, Tania. The garden is like another room of the Club requiring an eye for detail with constant care and attention. David White has worked hard repairing and remodelling the gardens and it has been an absolute pleasure working with him. Thank you, David. Dean Reed joined us last year and has provided the Club with a greater focus on the important matters of membership and communication. Thank you, Dean. Lastly, Monica Beck joined us in the kitchen earlier this year as junior chef and has provided great support. Thank you, Monica. I also would like to thank Malcolm Wong, Austen Banks, Gerard De Courcy and Margot Skinner for giving me the opportunity to work at the Club. With Christmas fast approaching I send my very best wishes and hope you have a safe and enjoyable time with your family and friends.

*Stephen Dawkins.*



# EVENT LISTING

## DECEMBER 2019

Tuesday	3rd	Fernhill Snooker & Billiards Club Night	6.30pm to 9.30pm
Wednesday	4th	Club Lunch with the President	12.00pm for 12.30pm
Thursday	5th	Fernhill Whisky Club - Tasting	6.30pm to 8.30pm
Thursday	5th	Zumba with Paola - in the Squash Court	6.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday	6th	Friday Cafe Dinner	6.30pm to 9.30pm
Saturday	7th	Saturday Cafe & Bar	10am to 3.30pm
Tuesday	10th	Sports Social Night - games, drinks and buffet	from 5.00pm
Thursday	12th	Zumba with Paola - in the Squash Court	6.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday	13th	Friday Cafe Dinner	5.00pm to 8.30pm
Saturday	14th	Saturday Cafe Bar	10.00am to 2.00pm
Saturday	14th	Family Christmas Party	3.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday	18th	CLUB CLOSED after lunch service	2.00pm
Thursday	19th	Zumba with Paola - in the Squash Court	6.00pm to 7.00pm

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

<b>January</b>	Friday	24th	Welcome back drinks in the bar & gardens with complimentary canapes from 4pm
<b>February</b>	Tuesday	4th	Elton John Pre-concert dinner and drinks
<b>February</b>	Saturday	8th	Gin Garden Party
<b>February</b>	Friday	21st	Chinese New Year Dinner and Entertainment
<b>May</b>	Friday	1st	Fernhill Squash Court 85th Anniversary Dinner & Exhibition



President  
**Dr Margot Skinner**

### **Committee:**

The Dunedin Club Committee has been established to advise, review, and approve management strategic plans, decisions, and actions in managing the Club. The Committee are placed in charge of developing and monitoring governance and key principles of the Club. The Committee meet on a monthly basis, and publish a formal annual report to all members of the Club.



Vice President  
**Andrew Hamilton**



Immediate Past President  
**Gerard DeCourcy**



Treasurer  
**Steve Brocklebank**



Committee Member  
**Roger McElwain**



Committee Member  
**Greg Easton**



Committee Member  
**Norcombe Barker**



Committee Member  
**Shona Cumming**



Committee Member  
**Matthew Haggart**



Club Manager  
**Stephen Dawkins**



## Latest Club News - sports focus

### Snooker

During the month of June, the Club re-launched the annual Snooker Handicap Championship. This was contested by a modest nine members in a round robin format. Although there were challenges to arrange all the scheduled games, two players emerged at the top of the table, with a final due to take place between the two. On this occasion Dr Steve Dixon (left) and Mr. Danny Ryan (right) took part in a final on Tuesday 26th November. Due to the handicap rules of the game, Mr. Ryan began each frame with a 42 point deficit (match played best of five frames). On this occasion, the experience and skills of Mr. Ryan were on full display as he managed to win the tie 3-0. Congratulations to both players.



Mr. Danny Ryan has been busy with his snooker of late. New Zealand Snooker selected Mr. Ryan to represent our country at the International Billiards & Snooker Federation Championships during October and November. The championships were held in Antalya, the coastal city of Turkey at the Starlight Hotel Resorts and there was a record participation of 219 players for Men, Women and Masters from a total of 40 countries. Mr. Ryan was one of four men to represent New Zealand at the Championships this year. Congratulations again to Mr. Ryan for this achievement.



### Squash

Next year is the 85th anniversary of the opening of the squash court at Fernhill. It was opened by the Duke of Gloucester in January 1935. As was indicated at the reunion event last year we will have an anniversary celebration and dinner. This has been scheduled for Friday 1st May 2020. The Club would like to invite our squash enthusiasts to save the date. It seemed entirely appropriate to invite the current Duke of Gloucester to this worthy event. It was his father who opened the court. The immediate past president, Mr. Gerard DeCourcy has dispatched an invitation to His Royal Highness care of Kensington Palace. Although Mr. DeCourcy is not anticipating that we will have to move the date to tie into the Duke's schedule, he is eagerly awaiting a reply at this stage.

**A reminder that the password for the members area of the Club website is: dcclub**

## A brief look back at the past



It is enough to note that on 27th August 1875 a sequence of events led to the land being conveyed to Allan Holmes, to reconvey it to William Fraser, Henry Howorth, John Macfarlane Ritchie and John McGregor who took over a mortgage of £6,250, interest of 7 percent to be paid half-yearly and the whole sum to be repaid on 1 January 1880. The Club took over the house on 10 December 1874 and just over a week later the Otago Witness noted: "The new Dunedin Club was organised, rules were passed and office-bearers for the ensuing year elected." Those officers were E. B. Cargill (President), Robert McLaren (Vice-President), and Henry Driver, Allan Holmes, Charles Ritchie Howden, W. D. Murison and R. M. Robertson as Committee Members.

- Tradition & Change - Gordon Parry -

*In 1863 the Club was housed in the Commercial Hotel, the large building shown in this picture. It was near the Princes St-High St corner. (Hardwicke Knight Collection)*

## Our featured Reciprocal Club this month is - The British Club, Thailand

The British Club is a unique private members club tucked away, minutes from the central business district and BTS Skytrain and MRT Underground in Silom, Bangkok. The club dates back to 1903, and boasts a beautiful heritage building, with restaurants serving great British favourites and classic Thai dishes, together with a cocktails & drinks menu and bar that will quench your thirst for home! Surrounded by lush green lawns and gardens, the Club is the perfect place to unwind with family and friends, do a spot of business, or partake in one of our many cultural or epicurean activities. But if you're feeling a little more energetic, there's also plenty to keep you occupied. There is tennis, cricket, squash, swimming, football, golf and much more. Whether you're an adult or child, a budding pro, or a keen beginner, there's a coach and an activity for everyone.



## Making Bookings

To reserve places for any Club event you may use any of the following methods:

- Email - [bookings@dunedinclub.co.nz](mailto:bookings@dunedinclub.co.nz)
- Use the buttons within our weekly Mailchimp advertisements
- Give us a call on (03) 477 0082
- Add your name to the bookings sheet when visiting the Club (located at the Office)

## Payments

Once you have attended the event, your account will be charged. Please also advise us prior to the event if any of your guests would like to pay on the day, otherwise the balance will be charged to your account. Please also note - we require a minimum of 24 hours' notice should you wish to cancel your reservation. 50% of the event cost will be charged to your account should notice not be given.

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

Due to the cost of processing Credit Card Payments, the Club has had to implement a 2.5% Credit Card surcharge. To avoid this surcharge we encourage you to pay via either debit card or bank transfer

### **New Members Confirmed**

Mr. Gordon Dickson  
Mr. John McCallum  
Mr. Stewart James MacDonnell  
Prof Gary Wilson  
Mrs. Denise Lindsay

### **Proposer**

Dr Margot Skinner  
Dr Alan Collier  
Mr. James MacDonnell  
Sir Eion Edgar  
Dr Noelyn Hung

### **Second**

Mr. Andrew Hamilton  
Mr. Mark Willis  
Mr. Andrew Hamilton  
Dr Margot Skinner  
Dr Margot Skinner

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### **New Candidates for Admission**

Mr. Samuel James Turner  
Mr. Mikkel Fredslund Andersen  
Dr Louisa Joyce Lim  
Mr. Nicholas Brown  
Mr. P. A. Clarke  
Dr Sheng Chiong Hong  
Mr. Trevor Edwin Laing

### **Proposer**

Mr. Greg Easton  
Dr Margot Skinner  
Dr Margot Skinner  
Mr. Asher Ingram  
Mrs. Paola Hill  
Dr Margot Skinner  
Mrs. Shona Cumming

### **Second**

Mr. John Blaikie  
Mr. Andrew Hamilton  
Mr. Gerard DeCourcy  
Mr. Matthew Haggart  
Ms. Jeneopher Glover  
Mr. Gerard DeCourcy  
Mr. Gerard DeCourcy

The committee will meet on 18th December 2019 to make a final decision on the admission of the New Candidates for admission. The Committee will in making its decision consider any submissions received from Members concerning a candidate. Members are invited to lodge submissions with the Manager prior to 17th December 2019

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### **Club Etiquette**

A reminder that the Club dress code is: Attire of smart, tidy, casual wear is our minimum requirement. Jandals, T-shirts, sneakers, sun-caps of any description are unacceptable.

Members are also advised of their responsibility to ensure that their guests are suitably dressed.

Use of your cell phone: For the comfort of other members and guests please ensure that your cell phone is turned to 'silent' or 'vibrate' mode. If you must make or receive a phone call, please use the hallways or the outdoor space. Please ensure that your guests are made aware of this protocol as well.

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### **The Saturday Cafe Bar**

The Saturday Cafe Bar offers an informal setting for members and their guests to enjoy freshly baked cakes and scones, brunch, light meals and snacks. We also offer a range of Smoothies,

Milkshakes and Spiders for children to enjoy. Saturday in the Club building and gardens is very much a family friendly environment to be enjoyed. No bookings required, simply turn up and enjoy.

### **Friday Cafe Bar Dinner & Wine Ballot**

With dining available from 5pm to 8pm each week, members can also enjoy our weekly Wine Ballot. Simply turn up for Dinner or a drink at the bar, select a number from the Ballot list, and watch the Tumbler roll. At 6.30pm a maximum of three attempts will be made to find a Winner, who will take home the bottle (or bottles) of Wine. A rollover takes place if no winner is found. Also, more guests mean more chances for you to win.





### **The Fernhill Snooker & Billiards Club**

Tuesday 3rd December - 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Cost. Free to attend

Our monthly Club night returns, with informal games and optional coaching from our Snooker champs. Don't worry if you do not have a cue, there are plenty to choose from in the Snooker & Billiard Room. All abilities are welcome to attend. Complimentary bar snacks also available.

### **End of Year Club Lunch with the President Dr Margot Skinner "A Christmas Pot Pourri"**

Wednesday 4th December - midday for a 12.30pm seating  
Cost. \$30 three course light lunch

Join Margot and other friendly faces for the final Club Lunch of the year. Margot will talk about a range of people, events, celebrations and traditions that will be familiar to many people associated with Dunedin's past and the Dunedin Club.



### **Fernhill Whisky Club Tasting with Maxine Clark "Touring Scotland's Distilleries"**

Thursday 5th December - 6.30pm  
Cost. \$50 including six Whisky's and tasting plates

During this tasting session, Maxine Clark will be returning to present "Touring Scotland's distilleries - Islay and the Lowlands". Complete with a photo presentation, there will be 6 Whisky's and tasting plates available. In May, Maxine returned to Scotland to visit some more Whisky distilleries, this time the island of Islay and also some Lowland distilleries. She will briefly cover current developments in the single malt industry in Scotland and give a virtual tour of some of the well-known Islay distilleries.

We will be tasting selected whisky's from Islay, and by contrast, some of the lighter Lowland malts (for those who are less fond of peaty whisky's).

### **Firstly Thursday**

Thursday 5th December - 5pm to 6.30pm  
Social drinks group for younger members

"Firstly Thursdays" take place on the first Thursday of each month. This is a chance for members to get together socially and enjoy some time in Club bar after work. Complimentary canapes served. Open to all members and guests.





## Sports Social Night

Tuesday 10th December - Casual games available from 5pm  
Cost. \$35 including evening buffet

Whether you are sports enthusiast involved with our Fernhill Snooker or Squash Clubs, or simply want a good fun social evening out, this is one for you! Social games of Snooker, Squash and Bowls will be available all evening, while a buffet will be served at around 7pm. Please book your attendance and drop in any time after 5pm. We would also encourage you to bring guests along to enjoy the Club's facilities and hospitality.



## Family Christmas Party

Saturday 14th December - 3pm to 7pm

Cost. Adults \$35 - Children U16yrs \$25 - U5yrs no charge

The end of year Family Christmas Party is always a fun occasion to enjoy the Club gardens, relax, and allow the little ones to be entertained. This year members and guests can enjoy a theatrical show from Dunedin's premier magician & entertainer Jonathan Usher, also outdoor activities "Life Size Billiards", and the archery game "Hover Ball". Mr. Claus has also assured the Club that he will pay us a visit, while Chefs delicious BBQ feast will follow the afternoons entertainment.



## Pre-concert Dinner & Drinks

Tuesday 4th February

4.30pm - 6pm

Including transport to Forsyth Barr Stadium

Begin your evening of Elton John festivities here at the Dunedin Club. Enjoy a themed Cocktail and dinner in the relaxed environment of the Club bar and snooker room. Our shuttle bus will depart the Club at 6pm leaving ample time to arrive and enter the stadium.

**\$50 per person**

Including return shuttle to the stadium, welcome cocktail and dinner

Please contact the Club to arrange your reservation:

[bookings@dunedinclub.co.nz](mailto:bookings@dunedinclub.co.nz) | 03 477 0082



*The Year of the  
Rat*

## CHINESE NEW YEAR 2020

**Friday 21st February 2020** from 6.30pm  
\$65 including five course dinner

Celebrate the Chinese New Year "Year of the Rat" at the Dunedin Club, as once again we enjoy a five course Chinese dinner with entertainment. This is always a popular event and we advise early booking.

[bookings@dunedinclub.co.nz](mailto:bookings@dunedinclub.co.nz) | 03 477 0082



## AFFILIATED CLUBS

The Clubs listed below have reciprocal arrangements with the Dunedin Club. All their facilities are available to our members and the Dunedin Club to theirs.

When wishing to stay at reciprocal Clubs with accommodation, we recommend that you book in advance directly with the club. Should you require assistance please contact our club office. A Dunedin Club letter of introduction is required for overseas clubs. Within New Zealand you do not require a letter of introduction but will need to show your Dunedin Club membership card.

We would strongly recommend members travelling to countries where we have reciprocity to take advantage of them. You will not only receive a warm welcome but greatly benefit from the rates and facilities offered by the Clubs.

We are always interested to hear about new Clubs members may have heard about on their travels. Our worldwide network of reciprocal Clubs is always under review in order to expand this facility yet further for the benefit of our members.

### United Kingdom

The Caledonian Club	London	A
The Cavalry and Guards Club	London	A
The East India Club	London	A
The Hurlingham Club	London	
The National Liberal Club	London	
The Royal Commonwealth	London	A
The Royal Over-Seas League	London	A
The Oxford & Cambridge Club	London	A
The Sloane Club	London	A
The Travellers Club	London	A
The Lansdowne Club	London	A
Army & Navy Club	London	A
City University Club	London	
The Oriental Club	London	A
Phyllis Court Club	Oxfordshire	A
Lensbury Club	Middlesex	A
The New Club	Edinburgh	A
The Royal Scots Club	Edinburgh	A
The Western Club	Glasgow	A
The Royal Northern and University Club	Aberdeen	A

### Republic of Ireland

The Kildare Street and University Club	Dublin	A
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### Switzerland

Cercle de la Grand Societe de Berne	Berne	
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### Thailand

The British Club	Bangkok	
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### Japan

Kobe Club	Kobe	
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### Philippines

The Manila Club	Manila	
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### India

PYC Hindu Gymkhana	Maharashtra	A
Ootacamund Club	The Nilgiris	

### United States of America

The George Town Club	Washington	
The University Club	San Francisco	A
The Faculty Club	California	
The Bellevue Club	California	A
Queen City Club	Cincinnati	A
The Union Club	Cleveland	A
The Yale Club of New York City	New York	A
University Club of Chicago	Chicago	A
The Georgian Club	Georgia	
The Surf Club	Florida	A
University and Whist Club	Delaware	A
University Club Saint Paul	Minnesota	
The University Club of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	

### Canada

The University Club of Montreal	Montreal	A
The Saint James' Club	Montreal	
The Vancouver Club	Vancouver	A
The Terminal City Club	Vancouver	A
Union Club of British Columbia	Victoria	A
University Club of Toronto	Toronto	
The National Club	Toronto	A
The Ranchmen's Club	Alberta	A
The Royal Canadian Military Institute	Toronto	
The Forest and Stream Club	Dorval	

### Republic of South Africa

The Durban Club	Durban	A
Capetown Club	Capetown	A
The Rand Club	Johannesburg	A

### New Zealand

The Northern Club	Auckland	A
The Hamilton Club	Hamilton	
The Tauranga Club	Tauranga	
The Hawke's Bay Club	Napier	A
The Napier Club	Napier	
The Wellington Club	Wellington	A
The Canterbury Club	Christchurch	A
The Christchurch Club	Christchurch	A
The South Canterbury Club	Timaru	
The Invercargill Club	Invercargill	A

### Australia

The Brisbane Club	Brisbane	A
Tattersalls Club	Brisbane	A
The Queensland Club	Brisbane	A
The Moreton Club	Brisbane	A
Queensland Cricketers Club	East Brisbane	
The North Queensland Club	Townsville	
The Australian Club	Sydney	A
The Royal Exchange of Sydney	Sydney	
The Women's Club	Sydney	A
Union, University & Schools Club	Sydney	A
The Newcastle Club	Newcastle	A
The Athenaeum Club	Melbourne	A
The Australian Club	Melbourne	A
The Melbourne Club	Melbourne	A
The Alexandra Club	Melbourne	A
The Lyceum Club	Melbourne	A
Melbourne Savage Club	Melbourne	
The Sandhurst Club	Bendigo	
The Royal Automobile Club	Melbourne	A
RACV City Club	Melbourne 3000	
RACV Healesville Country Club	Healesville	
RACV Cape Schanck Resort	Cape Schanck	
The Tasmanian Club	Tasmania	A
The Launceston Club	Tasmania	A
The Adelaide Club	Adelaide	A
Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia,	Adelaide	A
Public Schools Club of Adelaide	Adelaide	A
The Weld Club	Perth	A
University Club of Western Australia	Crawley	
University House	Canberra	
The Commonwealth Club	Yarralumla	A

### Hong Kong

The Refinery	Hong Kong	
Pacific Club	Kowloon	
The Kowloon Cricket Club	Kowloon	
United Services Recreation Club	Kowloon	A

### Singapore

The Tanglin Club	Singapore	A
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### Zimbabwe

The Bulawayo Club	Zimbabwe	
The Harare Club	Harare	A

### China

Ambassy Club	Shanghai	
Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club	Tianjin	A

### Cambodia

The Cambodian Country Club	Phnom Penh	A
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### Korea

The Seoul Club	Seoul	
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