

# THE DUNEDIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1858 - ESTABLISHED AT FERNHILL 1874

## CLUB NEWS – NEWSLETTER NO. 135 – JUNE 2017

### CLUB EVENTS



### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

#### Fernhill Foundation Gala Dinner

We are very appreciative of donations from Bidvest Foodservice, The Canterbury Club, The Invercargill Club, Wing On Wholesale, Will Anglin, Austen and Clare Banks, Jan De Courcy, Simon Eddy, Sir Eion Edgar, Natalie Ellis-Wilson, Rod and Mirani Keillor, Margot Skinner, Sir Julian Smith, Jeanette Trotman, Malcolm Wong and to the wonderful staff and management of The Dunedin Club who made the evening such a success.

#### Please help support these sponsors that so generously supported The Fernhill Heritage Foundation Gala Dinner

Bacchus Restaurant, Black Quail Estate, Brent Weatherall Jeweller, Camp Estate Larnach Castle, Classic Motorcycle Mecca, Cooke Howlison, Domaine Rewa, Domain Road Vineyard, Dunedin Cup Cake Company, Dunedin Symphony Orchestra, Etrusco At The Savoy, Highlands Motorsport Park, The Jitsu, Life Pharmacy, Luna Bar & Restaurant, Metro Cinema, Paperplus, Plato, Quartz Reef Wines, Rialto Cinemas, Rockburn Central Otago, Southern Motor Group, Bill Richardson Transport World, Unichem, University Book Shop, Whitestone Cheese Co & Zucchini Bros.

Dear all

The first-ever Fernhill Heritage Foundation Gala Dinner was a sold-out success. Guests arrived to see the Club illuminated in blue and gold lights as the sounds of our piper, Dugald McKay welcomed them to the event. Flutes of Quartz Reef bubbles were poured as the happy guests mingled among friends, old and new, and found treasures in the Silent Auction items.

At the sound of the dinner gong, our piper led all into the sparkling, floral-filled dining room where the candles glittered, the fire crackled and the delectable salmon first course awaited. Chef Jeff Fay and his staff outdid themselves with a series of Michelin-calibre courses and the wait staff was superb in ensuring that all were well cared for. They even performed a bit of 'food theater' as each guest's soup was poured from a silver pitcher in front of them. There were numerous audible swoons over the sweetbreads with the lamb loin.

The delicious courses were beautifully accompanied by the wines generously donated for the evening—Pinot Noirs by Black Quail Estate and Rockburn Wines, a Chardonnay from Domain Road and a Riesling from Domaine Rewa. In between courses (and frequent popping up to check on the progress of their bids on the Silent Auction), the attendees were entertained with speeches from Sir Julian Smith our Fernhill Heritage Foundation chair, Dr. Jenny

McMahon and Mr. Barry Clarke, both past presidents. The live auction was superbly conducted by our auctioneer, Rob Fowler and spirited bidding ensued for the unique and wonderful items on offer.

Dinner was followed by a dessert buffet complete with cheeses and port. The laughter continued until well past midnight for some, as they moved to the Billiards Room and the Bar, to continue their festivities. It was a memorable and successful evening and the Gala committee is delighted to announce that the evening raised over \$17K in total.

An evening of this calibre would not have worked without the months of tireless effort by the Gala committee—Jennifer Anglin, Mirani Keillor, Margot Skinner, Elizabeth Wilson and yours truly—as well as the magnificent event management performed by our Club Manager, Stephen Dawkins, and his staff. It has been decided to repeat the event on an 'every other year' basis, so mark your diaries for 2019!

My best regards.

Austen

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE Candidates for Membership :

Mr. J W K Blaikie, Proposed by G Easton, Seconded by J Elsom,

Ms. S R Lamb, Proposed by S Cumming, Seconded by G DeCourcy

Mr. D F McDonald Proposed by A J Wright, Seconded by I Farquhar

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

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

### June

#### Thursday 8th

2nd Winter Series Club Dinner - Norcombe Barker

#### Tuesday 13th

Highlanders V Lions pre-match Dinner  
Followed by a live broadcast from the Bar

#### Thursday 22nd

Fernhill Whisky Club Tasting

#### Friday 30th

The Annual Game Dinner

### July

#### Monday 3rd

Club Lunch - Sarah Anderson

#### Friday 7th

3rd Winter Series Club Dinner - Maurice Davis

### August

Thursday 3rd

4th Winter Series Club Dinner - Barry Clarke

## Manager's Message

Dear Members

First of all, I must inform you that Jan Orlowski our Dining Room Head Waitress of many years has unfortunately been on sick leave over the past four weeks. Jennifer Hughes, our Office Manager has been providing Jan with great help and support during this difficult time but we do not expect Jan to return to work for some time. This coupled with other staff absences means we have experienced some difficult staffing challenges this month. I have prioritized maintaining front of house services during this time but as a result I have fallen behind in some of my work and the delayed June Newsletter, is but one example of this.

It was a reasonably busy month for the Club with good attendances at Club events. Austen Banks presented the first of the Winter Dinner Series and Sam Botting from the Otago Museum gave an interesting talk on the Museum's living environments at the monthly Club lunch. The Fernhill Squash Club had a competition game followed by a dinner and the Fernhill Foundation hosted its first fundraising Gala Dinner. The Fernhill Whisky Club tasting and the annual Game Dinner have just "sold out" and the full a la carte dining room menu has proven popular and it is great to see entrees and desserts being regularly ordered.

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

Stephen Dawkins

## JULY CLUB LUNCH

**Monday 3 July 12.00 for 12.30**

**Speaker: Sarah Anderson, Manager, The Regent Theatre**

*Life behind the Scenes.* The Regent Theatre with a seating capacity of about 1,650 staging wonderful shows like the recent event, Mary Poppins and home to Dunedin's famous book sale and many other wonderful events. Sarah will give you a glimpse of life behind the scenes.

## THE ANNUAL GAME DINNER

FRIDAY 30th June

6.30pm for 7.00pm Dinner - Guests welcome - \$100pp

We only have 8 seats available so please think about joining us

Five Course dinner with matching wines

\$100 or Dinner only \$60

Guests Welcome



## WINTER DINNER SERIES 2017

Friday 7 July, Maurice Davis, former Chief Engineer of the Otago Harbour Board and Port Otago

Thursday 3 August, Barry Clarke 'Dunedin and its Future'

Friday 1 September - Marshall Seifert 'An educational, thought provoking and quietly humorous tale - Alcohol and Me'

