

THE DUNEDIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1858 - ESTABLISHED AT FERNHILL 1874

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CLUB EVENTS



BLACK TIE GALA Dinner & Auction to benefit the Fernhill Foundation

Dunedin Club - Saturday 13th
May 6.30pm. Tickets are \$90 pp



GERMAN BIER & GOURMET SAUSAGE TASTING

The evening will provide an exceptional range of genuine German Sausages matched with excellent bier. German Master Butcher Mr Simon Tiefenbach will host the evening which will be one not to miss. Price TBA shortly.

6.30pm Friday 31st March in the Club Bar

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear members

I wish to start by thanking those, mainly senior members, who so kindly remarked on my opening comments in the February newsletter. The basic premise was/is that 'benign neglect' will not get us comfortably to the future.

Clubs Conference.

Our manager is currently attending the New Zealand Clubs Conference in Christchurch and we await Stephens comments with interest. These deliberations will enable us to bench mark ourselves against other clubs and will doubtless produce a number of new ideas.

Your committee looks forward to a report which we can share with you.

Bowlers.

It was good to see our bowlers in action last Thursday afternoon.

They are keen for more members to join them and would welcome your enquiry. If you will excuse the pun, it's just a case of 'rolling up'.

Defibrillator.

It seems to me to be somewhat incongruous that our club does not have suitable equipment to help in the event of a heart attack.

We need to find about \$3500 and I am delighted to report that one of our members has contributed \$500 already! If you are able to help, would you contact either myself or Jennifer please.

Kind regards Austen

FRESH BLUFF OYSTERS

Available soon (Seas permitting) at the Club for

members and guests to enjoy
Jeff Fay our exceptional Club chef is a master in preparing this southern delicacy your favourite way.



OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY DINNER 2017

Thursday 23 March 2017 • The Dunedin Club • 6.45 for 7pm

Otago Peninsula Trust's 50th anniversary • Speaker: Sophie Barker Tickets \$55

GOLDEN PENINSULA GUARDIANS • Cash bar

Dress code lounge suit/business attire • Tickets available from Otago Settlers Association or The Scottish Shop.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members:

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
Ms L Bates - Director Proposed by C S Batchelor, Seconded by R D Spary
Prof R J Walker - Professor of Medicine Proposed by S R Dixon, Seconded by J J Reid

Candidates for Membership:

EVENTS **CALENDAR**

March

Monday 6th
Club Lunch

Tuesday 14th
Cocktail Tasting

Wednesday 15th
Chamber of commerce lunch with
Winston Peters -
Members Welcome

Thursday 23rd
Otago Anniversary
Day Dinner

Friday 31st
German Beer and
Sausage Night

April

Thursday 6th
Fernhill Whiskey
Club Tasting

Friday 7th
Club Dining Room
open - evening
dining & entertain-
ment



FERNHILL BOWLERS.....Yes we do have an historic bowling green of which we should all be so proud of.

Did you know that the first game of bowls in Dunedin, and possibly the South Island, was played here in 1876.

Fernhill versus The Dunedin Bowling Club. (The Dunedin Bowling Club was in Gt King St where the nurses home now stands).

We didn't win that game, and the

records and score has been lost in our records somewhere, but our return match at The Dunedin Bowling Club, Victory reigned for us.

To all members of The Dunedin Club, please feel welcome to come and join with us on a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon, commencing 2.00 pm. We would love to have you join with us for a friendly game, and can even supply you with a set of bowls. Just wear flat soled shoes, and enjoy an afternoon.

- David Humphrey

CONGRATULATIONS HIELKE...

*Winning the championship at
the recent South Island*

Dressage show.



CLUB MEMBER'S LUNCH

12pm Monday 3rd April

Guest Speaker: Prof David Baxter

Director - Aging Well National Science Challenge

**Topic - What you need to know about aging well in
New Zealand**



Manager's Report

Dear Members

I am writing to you from the Christchurch Club while attending the annual Managers conference where I have had the pleasure of meeting my New Zealand counterparts. The recently reopened Club is beautiful and the weather is decidedly hot, making a pleasant change from the recent weather in Dunedin.

As some of you may be aware the Club was closed for a couple of days in February due to the brief but heavy down pour of rain and hail. Damage was limited to the front part of the kitchen and the hallway. Fortunately, Peter Mason our Maintenance man was on duty and we were able to cut a whole in the floor to allow the water to escape which minimised any long-term or expensive damage.

We have also been busy meeting and planning the implementation of the Club review and will close the dining room for lunch on Mondays, other than for the Monthly Club luncheon on the first Monday of each month with immediate affect. However, we will open a new Cafe from the Bar, Card Room and patio Monday to Friday in the near future and I will provide you with more details on this in the April Newsletter.

I hope you will have an opportunity to visit the Club during March and we look forward to welcoming you back.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Dawkins

THE FERNHILL SQUASH CLUB DONATED EQUIPMENT

A Very warm 'Thank you' to our incoming Dunedin Club President and squash enthusiast Mr Gerard DeCourcy who has very kindly donated new Racket-ball equipment for family members and children to enjoy some healthy competition on the court.

