



THE DUNEDIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1858 - ESTABLISHED AT FERNHILL 1874

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CLUB EVENTS



Fundraiser for the Fernhill Heritage Foundation

Be sure to mark Saturday February 11th, 2017 in your diaries for a special black tie gala evening benefiting The Fernhill Heritage Foundation. We are looking for items to auction so please let the manager know if you would like to donate to this important cause.



FERNHILL WHISKY CLUB

Due to the ongoing success of this club, be sure to mark 16 February 2017 at 6.30pm in your diaries. Graeme Bell will perform a Haggis ceremony as part of the Whisky tasting – Haggis & Whisky sounds like a match made in ... Scotland!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear members

Thank you for supporting the Club over the year by dining regularly, attending Club events, having a drink in the bar or holding a function or meeting at the Club. This activity and the atmosphere it generates are vital to our Club, not only for our ongoing financial strength but also for our continuing and expanding popularity as a special place to meet. The success of this is in large part due to the considerable efforts of our staff who so faithfully serve the needs of us and our guests. Thank you all.

I wish to thank Brent Weatherall Jeweller and Maher Shoes for the generous sponsorship of the Club's Melbourne Cup event and encourage you to support them as they have supported the Club.

Stephen Dawkins, our Club Manager, is putting together a program for next year and in discussions to date, there are some exciting initiatives being considered. Stephen will present this report at the December Committee meeting and we will then communicate the forward plan to you.

Can I also encourage you to attend our family BBQ and Christmas Party on Sunday 11th December 2016 and the Members Christmas Drinks and Carols on Thursday 8th of December?

May I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and prosperous New Year. Kind regards

Austen

 **brent weatherall JEWELLER**



Brent Weatherall Jeweller, our principal Sponsor for the Clubs Melbourne Cup event, has a Mont Blanc pen to give away if you go into the store, identify yourselves and spend over \$100, you will go into the draw to win this beautiful Mont Blanc pen. Brent Weatherall Jeweller, 153 George Street, Dunedin, 03 4770411

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members:

Candidates for Membership:

Ms. Shona Cummings Solicitor proposed by G.J. DeCourcy Seconded by P.E. Buckner
Ms Sally Peart, Lawyer proposed by M.A. Wong Seconded by A.G.A. Hamilton
Mr J Chang Proposed by A G A Hamilton, Seconded by M A Wong
Mr R Poulton Proposed by R Joseph, Seconded by M Kernaghan



Manager's Report

EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Monday 5th

Club Luncheon with
speaker
Austen Banks

Thursday 8th

Members
Christmas Drinks,
Carols & Supper

Sunday 11th

Club Family BBQ and
Drinks

Member Christmas Carols

Please join us on Thursday December 8th for the Club's annual Christmas celebration. The evening will begin at 7.00pm with drinks and at 8.00pm Richard Madden and choir members from St Paul's Cathedral will sing Christmas carols followed by a buffet supper. The cost is \$40 per person and the evening promises to be memorable.

Bowling Club

Welcome fellow members of The Dunedin Club to the new bowling season. As you are aware, our bowling green is now the oldest in the South Island, and we are very proud of this. Members of our Club are invited to join with the bowling fraternity on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, at 2.00 pm for a friendly game. If you haven't played before, please come along and we will assist you. We look forward to welcoming you,

David Humphrey, Club Captain

Squash Club

Thriller at Fernhill The annual match between the Fernhill Squash and Otago Squash clubs was held at Fernhill on 22 November 2016. This is an annual fixture played for the Don Green cup. This cup was donated by Don in 1975 for this fixture. Don was a member of both clubs and a former New Zealand national squash champion. Otago edged out Fernhill 4 – 3 with three of the matches going to tiebreakers. Meritorious wins were achieved by Matt Haggart, Hamish Walker and Gerard DeCourcy. The team also included Paul Buckner Charlie Hantler Luke Bishop and Nathan Laws. All seven matches were played at Fernhill and it was great to see a crowded gallery again. The balmy evening was finished with drinks on the patio area outside the bar at the club. A great evening.

Gerard DeCourcy



CLUB MEMBER'S LUNCH

12pm Monday 5th December

Guest Speaker: Mr. Austen Banks

Current President of The Dunedin Club

"A potage of Poets" A celebration of poetry for and
by women

Dear Members

November was one of our busiest months and the Club hosted some 38 functions. The staff worked hard and we have received some very complimentary feedback. Function highlights were two separate birthday celebrations hosted on the same day. Mrs. Nance Orr celebrated her 100th birthday and Mrs. Lewis celebrated her 90th birthday. Mrs. Orr's husband, Mr. J.P. Orr was a long standing member of the Club and Mrs. Orr has hosted her birthday at the Club over the past 10 years. It is functions like this that reminds staff how important our roles are in creating memorable occasions for our members.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2017.

Yours sincerely Stephen Dawkins



CLUB MEMBERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT - SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

We have had an overwhelming response to the Club Members Family Christmas event which is wonderful. However, we have had to change the timings for the event slightly as follows:

3.00 pm Guest arrival and children's afternoon Tea is served

3.30pm Story Teller Kaitrin entertains the children with stories and a puppet show

4.00pm Jay the Juggler and Magician entertains the whole family

4.45pm Family BBQ begins

5.00pm Bumper Ball for children & adults

This event will be held in the club if the weather inclement. The cost is \$45 for two adults and two children and additional adults \$25 and children \$15. Some tickets are still available so please let us know if you can attend.