



THE DUNEDIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1858 - ESTABLISHED AT FERNHILL 1874

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CLUB EVENTS



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



LUNCH WITH CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL

The club hosted a luncheon on Wednesday 2nd of November for the Chinese Consul-General who discussed Chinese tourism trends for New Zealand and in particular, the South Island.

Dear Members

Thanks to our dedicated team, we have had another busy month.

This week we held our own celebration of the Melbourne Cup and in spite of the weather, we had a wonderful time. I must say that the 'suits' were, with the exception of the best dressed male, truly outshone by the ladies, who looked absolutely wonderful.

Our range of prizes was much appreciated and our special thanks go to our sponsors, Brent Weatherall Jewellers, Maher Shoes, Etrusco Restaurant and the musician Rodger Fox.

It's a funny old world and I've been reflecting on a number of things, such as how very fortunate we are; namely that we are, to the best of my knowledge, the only club in NZ with grounds and a garden, the quality of ours. We have a cross section of members equal to anywhere and we have a management team, who continue to surprise with their innovation and service. Yet there is something missing.

Back in the day when American presidents really were presidential, Bernard Baruch said;

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

So, what I'm minded to say is that we, and you have heard me say this before, lack members to share our club with. I accept that all clubs suffer from this problem and the answer lies in our collective efforts.

Surely it is possible for each of us to introduce a new member.

I was thinking of Theresa May's address to the Conservative Parties annual conference and her point is apposite; "we succeed or fail – together".

Kind regards Austen

SCOTLANDS WHISKY REGIONS



FERNHILL WHISKY CLUB

Join us for what is considered to be the ultimate whiskey tasting... the 6 regions of Scotland hosted by our own Dr Jenny McMahon.

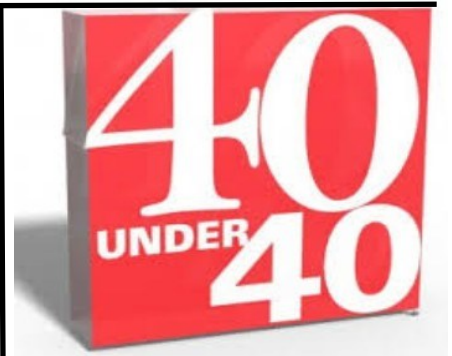
6.30 for 7pm Thursday 17th November

Email manager@dunedinclub.co.nz to enquire further



Fundraiser for the Fernhill Heritage Foundation

Be sure to mark Saturday February 11th, 2017 in your diaries for a special black tie gala evening at the Club, benefiting The Fernhill Heritage Foundation. More details will be given in the next newsletter



UNDER 40'S LUNCH

Members and interested guests are invited to join this group for a relaxed lunch

12 for 12.30pm Thursday 24th November

email manager@dunedinclub.co.nz

for details

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members: Mr. Shane Diack, Company Director proposed by A. Hamilton Seconded by A. Banks
Prof. Robin Gauld, Professor proposed by D. Skegg Seconded by D McBride

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st
Melbourne Cup
Celebration

Monday 7th
Club Luncheon
with
speaker Jonathan
Howard

Thursday 17th
Fernhill Whisky
Club
'6 regions of Scot-
land'
Tasting

Saturday 19th
Club Family
Christmas Party

Thursday 24th
Under 40s Lunch

DECEMBER

Monday 5th
Club Luncheon
with
speaker Austen
Banks

Thursday 8th
Members
Christmas Drinks

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Please mark Thursday De-
cember 8th, 2016 in your
diaries for Christmas Drinks
at the Club. More details to
follow shortly...

Squash Club

Don Green Cup Event

Tuesday 22 November 2016

*If you are a budding or old hand at
squash then you are very welcome to
join us for this event followed by re-
freshments in the Club Members bar*
For more information please email

Gerard

gerard.decourcy@downiestewart.co.nz



Dear Members

To say the least, it has been a busy four weeks planning and run-
ning functions, and dealing with a run of enquiries and site in-
spections for functions in November and December.

We met with the Building Compliance Officer from the Council
and went through a successful Building Warrant of Fitness Audit
process. We also met with the company that hosts our Club web
site and we are gathering information and photographs in prepa-
ration to upgrade the site and make it current and more relevant.

David has been busy preparing the gardens and it is wonderful to
see his work coming to fruition. However, we are struggling to
return the bowling club lawn to playing condition, particularly
with birds regularly digging for worms and the like. We have pur-
chased three Rock birds as a means of deterrence and it is hoped
this will assist.

Work has begun on restoring an original John Jones Loo table
found hidden under a table cloth in the Card Room. Once it has
been French polished, the table will be put on display. Of major
concern was the dramatic increase in the Clubs water use and
cost. Investigation indicated that the last remaining original water
pipes, located under the heritage out-buildings and pathways at
the rear of the building could be responsible. As a result, our
plumber spent three days digging the area up which, fortunately,
proved our suspicion correct. The cost of this major repair is ex-
pected to be considerable.

As the weather continues to improve, the view of the garden
from the Dining Room and bar are magnificent and I hope you
will join us over the month ahead.

Yours sincerely Stephen Dawkins



CLUB MEMBERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

Come along and enjoy the festivities, the
laughter, and the spirit in our annual club
Family Christmas Event.

**1PM - 3PM SATURDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER**

CLUB MEMBER'S LUNCH 12pm Monday 7th November
Guest Speaker: Mr. Johnathan Howard



Otago Southland Area Manager for the
Historic Places Trust NZ

CLUB MEMBER'S LUNCH 12pm Monday 5th December
Guest Speaker: Mr. Austen Banks

Current President of The Dunedin Club