



THE DUNEDIN CLUB

FOUNDED 1858 - ESTABLISHED AT FERNHILL 1874

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CLUB EVENTS



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



ITALIAN LONG LUNCH

Join us for a dram or two as we taste some fine scotch and surrounding nations whisky's served with either ice (rocks), water, or neat and the effect of each.
6.30pm, Thursday 8th September
Tastings & Nibbles \$30/person



WHITEBAIT LUNCH

The whitebait season has begun and the long standing tradition of the Club's Whitebait luncheon continues on Wednesday the 12th of October.
Reservation times are between 12.00 and 1.30PM so please give us a call and book your table.

Dear members

The busy nature of the club continues and I'm delighted to report that Stephen and his team are putting the finishing touches to a new programme of events and improved hours to be confirmed by the committee for announcement in December.

The quiet pursuit of excellence is manifest. Fresh flowers are back. The archival photographic record of the club's paintings and art is being completed. The banquettes in the billiard room have had their legs repaired and the cushion webbing restored. The furniture in the hall has been rearranged in a most pleasing manner with the overall look so much better and unique to our club one can pick up a copy of the ODT dated December 1864. (Our benefactor has graciously agreed to forgo the purchase price of 3d)

Our lack of members continues to exercise the minds of the committee and it is to you all that we must look for help. The old convention or notion if you will, was that a suitable member was someone who you would be happy to entertain in your own home. That said the effort to find additional members has to be our priority.

We have the Melbourne Cup day at the club on the afternoon of the 1st of November and this is a perfect opportunity to invite friends and show off our wonderful building and grounds.

If you are unsure about the process for nomination do please contact our manager Stephen Dawkins or any member of the committee.

Kind regards

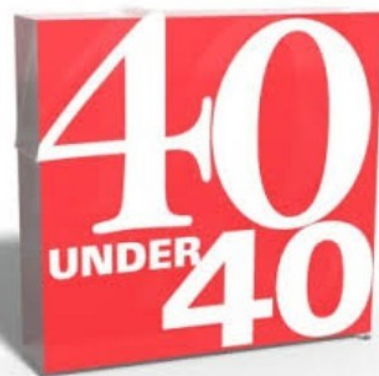
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FERNHILL WHISKY CLUB

Due to the overwhelming success of the first Whisky tasting event, the decision was made to form the 'Fernhill Whisky Club' which will meet seasonally to discuss and taste the many superb Whisky's of the world. So do let us know if you are interested in becoming a member and joining us in November when Jenny McMahon presents "Six regions of Scotland"

Email manager@dunedinclub.co.nz to enquire further



UNDER 40'S LUNCH

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

12 for 12.30pm Thursday October 27th

email manager@dunedinclub.co.nz

for details

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members:

Candidates for Membership: - **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

EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2016

Monday 3rd
Club Luncheon with
speaker Prof. Jim Mann

Friday 7th
Italian Long Lunch

Wednesday 12th
Whitebait Lunch

Thursday 27th
Under 40's Lunch

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st
Melbourne Cup
Celebration

Monday 7th
Club Luncheon

Thursday 17th
Fernhill Whisky Club

DECEMBER

Monday 5th
Club Luncheon



Dunedin Club Accommodation

October Feature Room - Room 9

*This comfortable sunny twin single room also with ensuite
(with shower only).*

Can be converted to one single bed with study desk on request.

Delightful view over the bowling green and garden.

Help yourself to breakfast in the guest lounge.

- Jan Lee Beecher (your house-keeper)

For bookings email dc@dunedinclub.co.nz



Manager's Report

Greetings to you all.

Well, my first month with you has passed extremely quickly, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of getting to meet some of you and learning the ropes.

First of all, I would like to thank Austen Banks, Malcolm Wong, Margot Skinner and Gerard DeCourcy for my appointment and entrusting me with the management of your Club. I must also thank and acknowledge Simon Thomas's contributions, as acting manager and in staying on to hand over responsibility. Simon has been very helpful and supportive during this period and has generously provided me with much of his extensive Club corporate knowledge. Therefore, we will not be letting Simon wonder too far from the Club, and you will continue to see him about on occasions.

The management team and staff have begun reviewing the Club's programme, structure and service and discussing new ways forward. It has been very exciting to hear some of the creative ideas being generated and I look forward to working with the team in developing a new programme for 2017.

September was very busy for the Club hosting thirty five functions including a beautiful Spring wedding. Jeff Fay our Chef led the Club team through this period superbly, and we received many acknowledgements and thanks from organisers and those attending the functions.

At my first Club luncheon, we heard Mrs. Barker talk about the interior renovation of the Ball Room at Larnach Castle. It was a most interesting talk, and we are so lucky to have this magnificent building and garden within our region. The second Club event I was lucky enough to attend was the Whisky Club Tasting. The Card Room was decorated in a highland theme; we were given an informative information booklet, and we tasted six beautiful Whisky's. Simon Thomas who presented the master class performed an excellent job and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In fact, the decision was made to form the 'Fernhill Whisky Club' which will meet seasonally to discuss and taste the many superb Whisky's of the world. So do let us know if you are interested in becoming a member and joining us in November when Jenny McMahon presents "Six regions of Scotland". Although I was, unfortunately, unable to join the Club Dinner with guest speaker Marshall Seifert, I am reliably informed that it was an interesting and most humorous evening as Mr. Seifert talked about growing up and working in New York in the 1960's.

October, although perhaps not as busy with functions, promises to be a good month of Club events beginning with Professor Mann as Guest Speaker at the Club luncheon and the long awaited Italian Long Lunch. Jeff Faye also tells me that the whitebait season has begun and that he will have a fresh catch ready for our forthcoming Whitebait luncheon. Due to the popularity of this lunch, seats are limited so please make your reservation while there is still time. Last and by no means least, we will also host an 'Under 40's' club luncheon.

Well, I hope October is good to you all and to those of you I have met, thank you for welcoming me so warmly and I look forward to meeting more of you soon.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Dawkins

2016 MELBOURNE CUP

From 3pm Tuesday 1st November

This 'Event of the Year' is back at the Club \$45 per person. Full Details to follow this coming Monday.



CLUB MEMBER'S LUNCH 12pm Monday 7th November

Guest Speaker: Mr Johnathan Howard

Otago Southland Area Manager for the

Historic Places Trust NZ