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NEWS AND EVENTS



Fantastic effort to members who ran in the Auckland Half Marathon on 1st November 2009

Conor Friel time was 1hr 55mins
Nick Hale time was 2hrs 20 mins
Nichola Thompson time was 2hr 30mins



We would like to congratulate the forthcoming wedding of two of our members Martin Kerley and Michelle Johns on December 19th on Waiheke Island Palm Beach at 2:30pm.



We would like to celebrate the 75th birthday of George Parry on 21st January 2010, he is having a party at Avondale RSA on 23rd and would like all to join him his email is: gemparry@hotmail.com for more info.



A couple from South Wales have been revealed as winners of £45.5m on the Euromillions lottery., Mr Scadding, who survived cancer five years ago, was £68 overdrawn at the bank.he has always told his family he would win the lottery one day."I'm very lucky to be here, having suffered with cancer," said Mr Scadding "I think somebody decided I have got to wait until now because I'm going to win the lottery."He said his daughter in Abu Dhabi was always ringing saying "Have you won the lottery yet?" and now he has.

NEW MEMBERS:

Steve Davies Graham Fain Jonothan Fain
Sam Vernon Wendy Fain Bill Turner

If any member has any event to celebrate, milestone birthdays, births or other events that you would like your fellow members to know about please let the club know via email.

The Club has a Cariatd account which can help people through hard times. If you are in difficulty contact a committee member and all dealings will be entirely confidential.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Dear Members of the Auckland Welsh Club,
My vision for the Auckland Welsh Club has two main parts. The first part is to continue to grow our membership. This is not just growing the membership for its own sake, but to enable the club to a vibrant, positive and active part of the community. In my eyes the primary way we can do this is through Events. For too long the Club has been stagnant and operated events based on the same tired old formula.

The first event would be a wine trail on Auckland Anniversary Day to be followed soon after by the focal point of the year, St. Davids Day. The clubs St. David's Day celebrations have become stale with the current Noson Lawen format. We need to involve the community more in these events, and it is my belief that we should make it more of a day time event and involve more of the family and have several games and events on that day. It is my hope that we can also add a cultural aspect to the festivities with the possibility of a poetry competition and the awarding of a chair.

In June we have the Welsh Rugby side touring New Zealand, the club has the ability to grow tremendously through this occasion, and we intend to host several events in both Dunedin and Hamilton, we will also endeavour to get block seating so that all the Welsh Supporters can be seated together.

Of course the Red Dragons are a vital part of the future of the Club, they are a source of young active members and the Red Dragon Brand is proving to be a strong one. We intend to foster and create awareness of the Red Dragons and try and sell some merchandise which will raise money for the club. We will continue to apply for grants to gain funding for the football side. Throughout the year I intend to devote much time to the organising of a Six Nations football tournament to be hosted by the Auckland Welsh Club and held around St. David's Day 2011. This will bring funds into the club as well as prove to be an exciting way for us to involve ourselves in the community and bring awareness to the Auckland Welsh Club and the Red Dragons.

I also intend to continue to try and build connections within the Irish Society in the hope that we can have a strong and active Celtic community in Auckland, one way in which I hope this can occur is with the now annual Celtic Tri-Nations and a second event where we can show off the best of our cultures.

We are also building a relationship with Teachers-Eastern Rugby Club with an eye to the Rugby World Cup in 2011, it is our ambition to try and make this a mutually beneficial, where the club is able to provide a focal point and base for the Welsh Supporters who come for the June Tour and the Rugby World Cup. Hopefully after seeing the attraction that is New Zealand many of these supporters will emigrate to Auckland and join the Auckland Welsh Club.

I intend to make the website a fundamental part of the club life, with this being the initial face and first contact point for new members. The Website is proving to be an excellent way for us to get information out to the membership and I intend to expand this aspect of the website and use it as our primary tool for communication to be used in conjunction with the newsletter.

The second part of my vision for the year is to improve the Constitution of the Club. Currently the Club has a skeletal constitution that is insufficient for our needs. I intend to form a serious sub-committee with the intention of upgrading the Constitution so that it can actually be of a use to us, rather than being bound by its limitations.

In short – I want the Auckland Welsh Club to be relevant to it's membership and get increasingly involved in the community. I want the Club to leave the past behind it and become unified towards a common goal of promoting the Welsh and Welsh interests in New Zealand and become leaders within a strong Celtic Community.



Vice President Barrie Partridge



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The Red Dragons season will start at the beginning of April 2010, official training will commence in the middle of January.

We will be entering the Ethnic 7 a side tournament in March 2010 .

It is also planned to have 6 friendly games from February to the end of March, Opponents and venue yet to be determined.

If you know any players that could be interested in getting involved please let us know by email.

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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OF AUCKLAND WELSH CLUB IS NOW DUE .

The fees this year will remain the same as last, because we are very aware of the economy today.

Single \$25, Family \$35 all new members will pay this amount. If you paid after June 2009 you are paid up.

This year for a short period there will be discount for prompt payment for existing members \$20 Single, Family \$30. Please send your cheque to our P.O.Box or if you wish pay direct into bank account:

ASB 123039- 0725387- 00 ref no YOUR NAME

VIEW FROM THE NEST



Some people think that the present Auckland Welsh Club is all about sport, that could not be further from the truth. Since April this year there have been numerous cultural events which have been enjoyed by many members but of course you have to attend events to know that. They would have a shock how much cultural stuff has been done. Is it that in the darkest waters the sun never penetrates? Those in these waters appear to be blind to events as they are and rely on biased people's points of view to become their reality.

Sport of course has a big place in Welsh culture and we have to provide many avenues at the club to keep the club growing because over the last decade the members have been ignored and a small group of individuals have decided what is best for them that is why the club dwindled to as low as 30 members at one stage.

We as a club are open to any ideas, it is your club any of your ideas will be listened to, just contact any committee member or go through the Secretary.

The Club had 60 members 2 years ago that has been increased by 200% today hopefully this momentum will continue and we will have 500 members by the end of RWC 2011. There were 34 members at the recent AGM and they have elected a very active vibrant committee with the average age of 41 with only 2 people over 50, last year's committee, average was 57.

It is very Dark days in the valleys and everywhere else where Welsh rugby people live, because of the Autumn Internationals, starting with a unlucky promising loss to the ABS and ending with a destruction at the hands of the Aussies.

Could it be that they believed the press and the communities telling them that they could not lose? Unfortunately the Aussies didn't believe it. Then after a short time after the start we lost both our try scoring strike force of Shane Williams and Halfpenny, Wales fell apart and were lucky to finish second.

Looking to the future we have a difficult Six Nations but Ryan Jones, Tom Shanklin, Adam Jones and Mike Phillips should be there, they then have a huge mountain to climb in June.

If **David** (Hayes) can beat **Goliath**(Russian Valuev) giving away 9 inches and 7 stone we can get to the top of the mountain and defeat NZ next year.

Catch you later *Barrie P.*

FUTURE EVENTS

December 12

Rocky Nook Bowls Club, Fowlds Park, Mt Albert.

Traditional Christmas Ceilidh (Scottish dance) with top band Twisty Willow,

From 7pm

Don't miss what will be a sell-out night as popular band Twisty Willow teach you to Gay Gordon like a pro and dance The Dashing White Sergeant.

This will be a whole evening of Scottish dancing with full instruction and everyone is welcome – dancers and non dancers alike will love it.

A traditional-ish Scottish BBQ supper and a wee dram will also be provided.

Tickets \$25 by emailing suzstick@hotmail.com

FEES ARE NOW DUE SEE PAGE FIVE FOR DETAILS OF PAYMENT.

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Next Committee Meeting: 7:00pm 7th December 2009, Galbraiths Alehouse,

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31st January 2010

Mystery Wine Trail.

Approximate cost \$40.

Tickets very limited.

Book now to avoid disappointment.

50% deposit required.

28th February 2010 (St. David's Celebrations)

We would like input as to how you want to celebrate St. David's Day. Perhaps all day outdoor celebration is more your cup of tea.

All suggestions welcome as it is your day.

PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS IN A.S.A.P

Wales Rugby Tour 2010

19th June (Dunedin)

26th June (Hamilton)

AWC will be organizing bus trips and events surrounding the two test match dates. Tickets will be extremely limited for these events, so be advised to register your interest with the club

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