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## July 2012 Newsletter

### QUICK GNOCCHI

#### **Ingredients**

1 C. dry potato flakes  
1 C. boiling water  
1 egg, beaten  
1 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. ground black pepper  
1 1/2 C. all-purpose flour

#### **Directions**

Place potato flakes in a medium-size bowl. Pour in boiling water; stir until blended. Let cool. Stir in egg, salt, and pepper. Blend in enough flour to make fairly stiff dough. Turn dough out on a well-floured board. Knead lightly.

Divide dough in half. Shape each half into a long thin roll, the thickness of a breadstick. With a knife dipped in flour, cut into bite-size pieces. Place a few gnocchi in boiling water. As the gnocchi rise to the top of the pot, remove them with a slotted spoon. Repeat until all are cooked.

A great way for Nonna to bond with the Grandkids, is to make Gnocchi together!



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and welcome to our July newsletter. With the shortest day behind us there is plenty to be excited about. The Club Committee have recently hosted two very successful events; the over "60" lunch and "Festa alla Italiana".

The Over 60's lunch was a great day with 35 of our valued senior members attending – all in good voice with the club resounding with laughter and avid conversation. It was a pleasure to hold this event again and we hope it continues to gather momentum. The next event was the annual Festa alla Italiana. This event continues to generate high interest with the Club full to capacity with an enthusiastic crowd of members and guests. Johnny Esposito again took on the task of preparing a superb 5-course menu – a massive task. The food was fantastic, with every plate returned to the kitchen clear, a good indication the food was well received! Thanks again John and well done.

Another big thank you goes to Elena Pullen who, as always, provided a superb tiramisu which was thoroughly enjoyed by all – thanks Elena. Also a big thank you to those members who helped John in the preparation: Susan Gargiulo, Lisa Molnar, Fiona Talley and Lee-Ane Cappiello – great job, well done and thank you to all. It is terrific when members get on board and assist our hard-working committee make events like the Festa such a huge success.

In the coming months we have some interesting events on the horizon. Club Italia are planning to host Whakatu Marae at Club Italia – to thank the Marae for the wonderful hospitality offered to the Italian community during the Rugby World Cup. This event will require our members input to ensure it is a successful event. As your Committee makes arrangements we will keep you posted with dates and requirements from our members.

Also, the annual hosting of Club Garibaldi for the "Aldo Cucurullo Memorial Trophy" is set for Labour Weekend. This event has lost a little momentum with last year's event being cancelled, so it is up to us all to support this event if it is to continue – again we will keep you posted. There is plenty happening at Club Italia and I thank you again for your ongoing support – we have a terrific club that continues to grow and be a very positive part of our Nelson community.

Last, but by no means least, a very special thank you to the Club Italia Committee for your dedication and commitment to ensuring the positive position Club Italia maintains – well done to you all.

*Saluti a tutti*

**President  
David Clinton**



### Note – OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS

To those of you that have paid – **thank you**, to those of you that haven't please note your subscription is now **outstanding** and these funds are **essential** in the running of your Club. If you no longer wish to be a member please advise our Secretary in writing or by email, otherwise we look forward to receiving payment for your subscription notice as soon as possible. Any queries contact our Treasurer Paul Lubas – details to be found in newsletter.

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# RADIO CARTOLINA IN AUGUST

1 and 6 August:

We meet Rachel Priestley, Wellington-based wine and food consultant, and importer of Italian fine wine and food. Rachel spent many years in Italy helping establish cafes and restaurants, so she has much to tell about her experience, both personally and professionally. We play 'Spunta la luna dal monte', by Bartoli e Tazenda, 'Dolce Italia' by Eugenio Finardi, and 'Pianoforte e voce' by Teresa De Sio.

15 and 20 August:

University of Canterbury Professor Chris Jones describes the publishing treasures that the University owns; among others, a 1502 Aldo Manuzio's edition of Dante's Divine Comedy. We discuss about the past and the future of printed books: it seems we are presently witnessing a new (digital) revolution, similar in scope to what the press meant for printing. From Angelo Branduardi's 'Futuro Antico' we play 'Schiarazula Marazula' (an ancient song published in Venice in the late 1500s), and 'Suite d'Angleterre'.

29 August and 3 September:

Elisa Ramon and Alessio Olivieri are the Duo that calls themselves OPERAPERTA. They have recently offered to perform for a fundraising of the Lions Club of Christchurch Host, with profits going to its Charitable Trust Earthquake Relief Fund. President Bill McDonald explains how the concert came to be. Elisa, soprano, and Alessio, guitar, present their repertoire of Spanish, Venetian and Neapolitan songs, collected in their just released CD, available from [www.operaperta.com](http://www.operaperta.com), and from the major online music stores. We play Federico Garcia Lorca's 'Nana de Sevilla' and 'La Tarara', plus a Venetian Boat song: 'Sento che 'l cuor me manca'.

As usual all programmes are available via internet live or in podcast from <http://plainsfm.org.nz>

Cartolina producers Wilma Laryn and Denis Walker wish you all: *Buon ascolto!*



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## CLUB ITALIA CONTACTS

### Club Hireage

For enquiries relating to hireage of Club Italia please contact David Clinton on 0274 240 035 or see our website [www.clubitalia.co.nz](http://www.clubitalia.co.nz)

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## UPCOMING EVENT:

### 25 AUGUST - Official Thank You Function for Whakatu Marae

The format for this evening is an Italian meal provided by our Club members, who would provide Italian inspired food. Club Italia would provide pizzas to supplement this food.

We require expressions of interest from our members to participate in the above function on 25 August.

Please respond to our Club Secretary Gina Fletcher (contact details adjacent) by **1 August** to indicate you will be attending and you are willing to provide a dish for the evening.

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## ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS and ITALIAN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Next ten-week sessions begin Wednesday 18th July (7:00 pm-Beginners / 8:00 pm-Intermediate) at Club Italia. Brush up on previous skills, for future travel or learn for the fun of hearing yourself begin to speak a bit of lovely romance language. Club Italia members still receive one-third off the regular \$150 tuition fee and children 15 yrs. and under study free when accompanying an enrolled parent. Contact Joe Rifici at 545-6046 to enroll or for further info.

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## RELATIVE SEARCH

Dianne Scott is seeking help in trying to locate relatives in Italy. (Dianne is completing her family tree). Her mother Zita was Antonino's (Tony's) daughter (Tony is pictured below)



Tony Ercolano

Antonino grew tomatoes and fished in Nelson. He took his fish to Wellington for sale. He went on to found Nelson Fisheries. Antonino was a member of the club in Trafalgar Street. If anyone knows of him or his family in Italy, or is able to assist with any history or photos please contact Dianne Scott [dscot@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:dscot@slingshot.co.nz)

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