



ST. HELENA MALTESE - AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL CLUB Inc.

April 2011

Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Friends of St Helena

Our club has started 2011 with two very successful social events. The first held at Errington Hall in St Albans, followed by another great night at the Maltese Centre in Parkville. We are certain that with your support the remaining functions organized for 2011 will be just as successful.

The Committee received two letters noting that for personal reasons Lina Montebello, the Club's Secretary/Treasurer, and Marion Tabone, Committee Member would resign from their positions as at the 21 February 2011.

I, along with my Committee wish to thank both Lina and Marion for their dedicated contribution and support to the club and wish them both well in the future.

There are now two new Committee Members I would like to introduce to you. They are Bernadette Luker in the role of Secretary, and Joe Borg in the role of Treasurer. We welcome them to our Committee.

The Feast in August is fast approaching and the Committee has been working very hard to ensure its success. We are pleased to announce that the Katoomba Entertainers will be performing at the dinner dance, and Joe Apap will perform on the Sunday. The

dinner dance is filling fast, so I suggest that you call to reserve your tickets so as not to be disappointed.

The half yearly meeting will be held on the Sunday 15 May 2011, at the Maltese Centre at 2p.m. Please note the change in your diary.

Just a reminder that at this meeting you will be asked to vote on the new proposal regarding the cost of the Christmas function. The proposal is that members who attend more than four functions/weekends throughout the year will continue to pay \$5 for the Christmas function; members attending three or four functions will be charged \$20; and those attending up to two functions throughout the year will be charged \$25.

Also, the date for the Annual General Meeting has been changed. It will now be held on the Sunday 16 October 2011 at the Maltese Centre at 2p.m.

I acknowledge and thank our sponsors for their ongoing support to our Club.

Finally, thank you to the Members and Volunteers for your support. It is through this support that we have such a great Club.

Regards,

Victor Bartolo
President

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Mr. Victor Bartolo
Vice President	Mr. Joe Busuttil
Secretary	Mrs. Bernadette Luker
Assistant Secretary	Mr. Joe Galea
Treasurer	Mr. Joe Borg
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. Joe Abdilla
P.R.O.	Miss. Mary Bartolo
Function Organiser	Mrs. Mary Abdilla
Church Organiser	Mr. Joe Grima

RECEIPE

Figollí

(Maltese Traditional Easter Cookies)

Ingredients

Pastry

350g Caster Sugar
800g Plain Flour, sifted
400g Butter
Rind of 1 lemon, grated
4 egg yolks, beaten

Almond Paste

600g Caster or icing sugar
2-3 Egg whites
Rind of 1 lemon, grated
Orange flower water, a few drops
600g Almond meal

Icing

Glace icing
Royal icing
Small Easter eggs

Method

Pre heat the oven at 200°C

To make the pastry,

- mix the sugar and flour in a bowl
- rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine crumbs
- add the grated lemon rind and egg yolks
- mix with a little water to make a dough, leave to chill

To make the Almond paste,

- mix the sugar, orange flower water, lemon rind and almond meal
- add the egg whites to bind the paste

Roll out the pastry and cut into shapes. Make two of each shape as you will need a top and bottom layer sandwiching the almond paste.

Lay the first shape on a greased and floured baking tray. Spread the almond past over the shape leaving a small margin around the edge.

Wet the edge of the pastry and lay the second shape over the top. Press the edges together.

Bake at 200°C for 5 minutes, then lower the temperature to 180°C for 20 minutes or until pale golden. Cool on the baking tray.

Decorate

When cold,

- coat with glace icing
- then decorate with royal icing in different colours
- while the icing is soft, press a small foil wrapped Easter egg in the middle of each shape.

Enjoy

2011 DIARY

Important dates to remember

Half yearly meeting

- Sunday 15 May 2011
- 2 p.m.
- Maltese Centre, Parkville
- Followed by refreshments

Annual General Meeting

- Sunday 16 October 2011
- 2 p.m.
- Maltese Centre, Parkville
- Followed by refreshments

June 18	Errington (Moods Music)
July 16	Parkville (Moods Music)
August Friday 26 Saturday 27 Sunday 28	Feast Mass (Croation Church) Dinner Dance (La Mirage) Feast (Mass & concert, Moods Music)
September 17	Parkville (Dominic)
October 15	Errington (Markis)
November 19	Errington (Mario)
December 17	Christmas Function St Bernadette's (Moods Music & Floor show)

Social Functions

Santa Cruz Get Together

Date: Saturday 7 May 2011
Time: 6.30p.m. to 11.30p.m.
Venue: Polish Club
Helene Street, Ardeer
(off North Street)
Music: DJ "Moods Music"
Special Floor Show
Cost: \$10 per person
Includes tea & coffee
BYO Food & Drink

For bookings please call

Victor - 0412 991 325 or 9379 8387
Mary - 9370 5164

Weekend Trips

April 2-3	Corowa
May 21-22	Deniliquin
July 30-31	Albury
September 10-11	Tocumwal
November 12-13	Barham

Dates and venues are subject to change

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