

East Rand Italian Club Lettera mensile mese di Maggio– 2011

Carissimi Soci

La nostra prima funzione dell'anno , il Pranzo di Pasqua e' andato bene, L'anno scorso anno partecipato 81 Persone, mentre quest'anno 143

- Nel 2007 anno partecipato 177 Persone
- Nel 2008 123 Persone
- Nel 2009 84 Persone
- 2010 81 Persone

Comunque cosa molto importante, non abbiamo aumentato il numero dei presenti cercando

Di speculare sulla qualita' del servizio. In generale le Persone presenti sono rimaste contente per la funzione in questione.

Grazie a tutti coloro che anno partecipato e' stato fantastico vedere cosi' tante persone al Club

i commenti fatti dai partecipanti sono stati per la maggioranza positive, e alcuni sono i seguenti

- I tavoli e la Sala erano preparati molto bene
- La pasta in particolare era molto buona

E' stato fatto anche qualche commento negativo, i quali sono:

- Non e' stato molto chiaro che il menu' non specificava che il Vitello Tonnato e' un piatto freddo
- Il servizio Camerieri era lento

Ovviamente lavoreremo sui punti negative e cercheremo di migliorarli. Il punto importante e' attrarre e aumentare l'interesse visto, vogliamo ringraziare tutti coloro anno partecipato.

Come già detto nella lettera mensile di Aprile qualsiasi reclamo o complimento o suggerimento, vi chiediamo cortesemente di farcelo sapere e se volete avere risposte dirette lasciate il vostro recapito telefonico, o chiamateci sui numeri elencati alla fine della lettera.

Vogliamo inoltre ricordarvi che potete mandare posta elettronica usando il nostro indirizzo e-mail info@italianclub.co.za;

Una chiara e libera comunicazione da parte dei Soci e frequentatori del Club può solo far crescere ed invogliare i frequentatori di esso.

Siamo lusingati che la concessionaria Fiat Alfa Romeo di Boksburg abbia avuto fiducia del nostro Club e averci dato la possibilità di esporre la Nuova Giulietta e la Nuova Fiat Cinquecento per il fine settimana di Pasqua.

Per cortesia contattate Chantel Kole per informazioni' 011 892 9040 o chantelk@mcmotor.co.za

Funzioni prossime In Programma

- Pasta e Serata di Ballo, il 4 Giugno 2011. Vorremmo riportare al Club quelle serate di divertimento del passato, cercando di contenere i costi al pubblico al minimo indispensabile, cercando di far divertire pensionati, famiglie e Giovani, perciò portate il Nonno e la Nonna così che ci facciano imparare il Ballo Liscio

Il costo è di R 75.00 a persona, questo include una porzione di Lasagna servita al tavolo e insalata. Poi si potrà ballare per il resto della serata, nella lista musicale è previsto Valzer, Foxtrot, Tango fino ad arrivare agli anni 80

- Festa del Papa' 19 Giugno 2011. Menu' Antipasto, Panzerotti al sugo Napoletana. Involtini di Manzo con verdure miste e insalata e Dolce. Prezzo per Adulti R 140.00 Bambini al di sotto dei 12 Anni R 70.00. Pregasi prenotare per tempo.
- Ballo dei Minatori e Ballo Annuale del Club, Sabato 30 Luglio 2011 July 2011.

Varie

- Tutte le Domeniche alle ore 9:00 si svolgono partite di bocce. Qualsiasi persona sia interessata a giocare è benvenuta. Dilettanti fatevi Avanti più' siamo meglio è'.

- Ci si puo' inscrivere come Soci con soli R 100.00 all'anno, l'iscrizione non e' obbligatoria per giocare, ma solo Soci iscritti potranno essere scelti per competizioni come il Famoso Pallino D'Oro o Gare dove il Club debba essere rappresentato.
- Al momento ci stiamo fronteggiando problem con I Campi da Gioco, comunque il Comitato della SDezione Bocce sta' lavorando per risolvere il problema.
- Vorremmo inoltre chiedere se per caso qualche persona fosse in grado di dare consigli in merito ve ne saremmo grati.
- Chiediamo anche se per caso qualche persona sia a conoscenza se un Compattatore motorizzato e non usato possa venire prestato al Club. Vorremmo anche inioziare una serie di campionati da giocare tra' di noi, giusto per invogliare I nuovi giocatori, a patecipare.
- Foto vecchie riguardani il Club e I Suoi Membri nelle feste fatte sarebbero molto belle da far vedere, abbiamo la facilita' di poterle mettere sulla bacheca elettronica.

East Rand Italian Club Newsletter – May 2011

Dear Fellow Italian Club Members,

Our first big function of the year, Easter Sunday lunch, went well. Last year we had 81 people at the lunch and this year we had 143 people.

In 2007 we had 177 people for Easter Sunday Lunch

In 2008 we had 123 people

In 2009 we had 84 people

In 2010 we had 81 people

In 2011 we had 143 people

However, more importantly, we have not only been concerned with increasing the numbers at the expense of quality, and in general people were happy with the function.

Thank you for the support it was fantastic to see that many people coming to our club. So far the feedback has been mostly good. Some of the good points include:

- Tables and Hall looked beautiful
- In particular the pasta was very tasty

Some of the negative issues raised on the day include:

- We were not aware that the main course is in fact a cold main course
- Service was a bit slow

Obviously we will work on the negative issues in order to improve. But the important issue is that we can see an increase in the level of interest being shown, and we thank you all for your support. As mentioned in the last newsletter if you have any complaints or compliments or suggestions, please tell us either anonymously or include contact details if you would like us to come back to you directly. You can phone any committee member with an issue (see end of newsletter for list of phone numbers); or you can write it in the suggestion book which is by the bar; or fax us on 086 566 6638; or email us on info@italianclub.co.za; or write a letter and leave it in the suggestion book at the club; Good clear communication is essential for the growth of the club. Members must be happy to come to the club and we welcome comments, both negative problems and positive comments.

We are grateful to the Boksburg Fiat and Alfa dealer (McCarthy East Rand) who kindly brought the stunning new Giulietta and cute Fiat Cinquecento to display. Please contact Chantel for your Alfa and Fiat requirements:

011 892 9040 – Chantel Kollé (chantelk@mcmotor.co.za) – the dealership is in North Rand Road very close to the Italian Club itself

Other Functions:

- Pasta and Dance Evening on 4 June 2011. We want to have an evening with entertainment to bring back the fun we used to have at the club, and at the same time keep the cost of the tickets at a low level. The intention with a low ticket price is to make it affordable for pensioners, for families to come together, younger people etc. It's a family function, so bring Nonna and Nonno to show us how to ballroom dance; kids bring your parents to share the fun as a family; parents bring your kids to share the family function; bring your neighbours to experience a fun Italian atmosphere; bring your friends to join us to promote the Italian culture! The cost is R75/head and will include a scrumptious meal of lasagne and salad. Then we can dance the rest of the evening with music that will range from the waltz, to the foxtrot, to the ballroom shuffle to the 80's music, to the 90's music and the latest music. When last did you and your family get together for a meal and some dancing? It does not happen that often, so make the extra effort and join us for the evening. Support you club!!
- Fathers Day lunch is scheduled for the 19 June 2011. Menu is Antipasto, Panzerotti al Napoletana. Involtini di Manzo with vegetables and salad, and dessert. R140 for adults and R70 for kids under 12. Please book early by phoning Giovanna.
- The Miners Ball which includes the Club's annual ball is scheduled for Saturday 30 July 2011.

Other Issues:

- Bocce at 9am every Sunday. It is a social game so anyone is welcome and actually encouraged to play. **Novices very welcome.**
- There is a membership fee of only R100 per year for players wanting to join the Bocce section. But if you play once in a while this will not exclude you from having a game. However, only paid members of the bocce section will be eligible to represent the East Rand Italian Club in tournaments. For only R100 it should not exclude anyone though. It really is cheap and affordable.

- The courts may not be in the best condition, but we are putting in effort to understand the cracks in the court surface. The intention is to try various solutions in a small scale to find the best solution. If anyone has any ideas on how to prepare the surface, please let us know. We would welcome any suggestions and any help. If anybody has access to a motorised compaction roller which we could use on the bocce courts please let us now. We would also be grateful if anyone has access to a plate compactor which we could use on the bocce courts.
- We want to start a league for the Bocce which we are hoping will create interest but please do not see it as contradicting “novices are welcome”. We play Bocce for the fun and entertainment of the game. The league is open to all that have paid their Bocce membership fee.
- Old Photos Needed – If you have old photos of the club or during a function from the past please could you either scan and email, or if you don't have the facilities let me know and I will gladly scan the photos and return the photos very quickly. So please dig in your old photos, even if it is old photos at the club of various people that used to come to the club and possibly have since passed away or no longer come to the club. It would be fantastic to have a photo of the old house, or the original bocce courts before the roof, or the old kitchen or even the old club building when it was still next to the Dunswart Hotrods track! Memories are what we keep even once the clothes on our backs are stripped off and it is not about living in the past but rather building on our future. The club's values and culture is critical to the success of the club, and the values and culture is what we bring with us from the past into the future. It gives us our identity and creates the bonds on which we become, and remain members of the club. Past stories of the club, its members and the functions are important to record so that they are passed onto the next generation.
- Please note that we have extended the menu at the club for those that are not so hungry, to cater for kids, or do not want the fixed menu. If you would rather not have the fixed menu lunch the following is available (please ensure when you book to indicate what you want):
 - Panino con Salame O Formaggio O Sott'aceti R20
 - Pasta con salsa Napoletana R35
 - Lasagne o Cannelloni R40
 - Carne or Steak con Contorni di Verdure R45
 - Dolce R15
 - Beef or Chicken burgers R25
 - Steak roll R30

- Chips R10
- The contact details of the 2011 committee are:
 - President - Roberto Balboni 082 927 5704
 - Vice President - Mario Rossini 082 553 8968
 - Secretary – Carlo Boschetti 082 773 4957
 - Section for Kitchen and Halls
 - Luciana Simoni 083 453 9596
 - Gabriella Tanello 072 367 0006
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