

## Presidents Update

Dear Members

It is with great pleasure that I can officially announce the opening of a new dining room at our Club. It's trading name is 1934 Ristorante and is located in the premises that were previously operated by Maurizio's Restaurant on Fitzgerald Street and will be open for evening and weekend trade and open to the general public as well as members.

I would ask that members come and experience the wonderful food and beautiful décor which have been put together by board member Sal Vallelonga, showing off his interior designing skills with the assistance of the restaurant manager Rimon and maybe a little moral support from myself. An enormous amount of time and effort has been devoted by these gentlemen in setting up the restaurant. It's a restaurant we can surely be very proud of.

The last five or six months the Club has been experiencing some extremely difficult trading conditions, as many other businesses in the community, with many businesses closing down. Your committee has taken the view that we must try changes and not just sit back and wait for the economy to improve – and this is one of the reasons we made the decision to undertake this restaurant and make it available to the general public.

Reality is that we have not had enough support from members. Your committee is continually organising functions which are not been supported and at times have had to cancel some functions because of this. If trading continues in this manner, then the committee will have to consider making some serious and maybe not so popular decisions.

I am urging members to come forward and get more involved in the Club – we need your help. There are so many ways this can be done - by attending functions, becoming a founding sponsor of the restaurant, introduce new members or use our facilities like the 1934 Ristorante to have family functions or refer it to other family members. Too much is left to too few people!

I wish you all good health.

Joe Radici  
President



## Membership & Marketing

Dear Members,

The first six months of 2018 has been eventful year for our Club, beginning with an ongoing update in technology to better interact with our members. We will continue to review and update these initiatives with a view to cost reduction, improved business practices and member information.

One strong initiative achieved this year was the official opening of our new restaurant, '1934 Ristorante'. Moving our small Members Dining Room to the new Restaurant on Fitzgerald Street, makes the Club's restaurant more profitable. It also provides a better service offer to our members. Since its opening, we have had an unprecedented amount of bookings for a range of functions, such as:

Baptisms, Communion,  
Confirmations, Engagements  
Special Birthdays,  
Corporate Functions

This will also provide us with more function areas to offer our members and friends for their special occasions, with the members dining room and heritage room available for private functions and the restaurant also with 2 areas for private functions and a seating capacity of up to 120 people.

With an ageing building it is always difficult to be able to attract different ages and demographics, however 1934 Ristorante, is proving to be a hit with our members and it is evident by the strong support it is being given and the large number of functions that are continuously being booked.

We have also been active in establishing some regular functions that have been bringing a lot of familiar faces back to the club, such as the "Let's Catch Up" nights which is great to have our members engaging with old friends, along with attracting new membership.

Sal Vallelonga  
Chairman



## COMING EVENTS:

**Watch for our regular update on Facebook and web page:** Facebook.com/waitalianclubinc **W:** www.waitalianclub.com  
**Free Pool Fridays:** Join us EVERY Friday night from 6pm at the Club for FREE pool! This is open for Members and their signed in Guests

### World Cup Games on the Big Screen

**Saturday 16th June 6pm AUSTRALIA vs FRANCE** Bar & Food facilities

**Thursday 21st June 8pm AUSTRALIA vs DENMARK** Bar & Food facilities

**Tuesday 26th June 10pm AUSTRALIA vs PERU** Doors open 9pm Bar only

### Friday 29th June End of Financial Year Celebration Lunch

@ **1934 Ristorante** commencing at 12.30pm to 3.00pm - Cost \$70.00 (Inclusive of Food and Beer, Wine & Soft Drink)

Bookings via Pat Luca 0418 911 995



Another new initiative for 2017/2018 has been the regular once a month "Let's Catch Up" on the first Wednesday of every month. It is a great night for members and their friends to come along and meet, when most don't have a lot of time to catch up nowadays. This monthly event is relaxed, commencing from 6.00pm to late. It's a perfect opportunity to have drinks at very reasonable prices and the menu is designed to be simple and affordable. The Pork rolls have been a hit with our guests, along with the different pasta's on offer. We have different promotions throughout the year, with Best Sausage maker and Best Wine Maker competitions, along with inviting guests to bring special culinary delights.

The June event featured executive chef Egidio Squilace, doing an amazing demonstration with his pasta cooker imported from Italy. Egidio cooked it all fresh in front of the eagerly awaiting guests on the night. Pictured is Egidio cooking up a storm.



June was also our best home-made wine competition. The competition was for the best 2018 and 2017 vintages. After much debate and consideration by our judge, Sam Mondello was declared the 2018 vintage winner and Vince Longo the 2017 vintage winner. The top 4 best rated wines were from both Sam and Vince, so we congratulate them for the wonderful wines they have made to share with their family and friends.



In May we had the Let's Catch Up Family Night featuring Tony Pantano and DJ Nick Agostino. A fun night for all ages, with a Magician Al Kazam keeping the kids entertained for a few hours.



We urge members to come down to the Club to catch up and enjoy the specials that we will have in store in the coming months. In July we plan to feature some beautiful Zippole. It is always on the first Wednesday of every month excluding January.



The dates to December are:

4 July 2018, 1 August 2018, 5 September 2018  
3 October 2018, 7 November 2018

Thank you to your continued support and look forward to sharing a bite and a drink with you next month.

Sal Vallelonga

## PAT OTTOBRINO ... What a valuable Member!

For those of us that frequently visit the Club, one face and one voice will usually be seen and heard. In the area of the Sports Bar which is called "Pat's Pillar", is seated Pat Ottobrinio or "Otto" to all.

The beaming smile and the booming voice has been a fixture of the Club for many years and welcomes members to the Club. Otto is always surrounded by a group of friends who daily come and go depending on the hour of the day. Here they discuss the world's affairs or the footy or the pool competition or nothing much at all except being together.

Otto is now retired and is at the Club most days. He says it is his second home having been a member for 50 years. His Dad and uncle, Italian migrants were members, he lived nearby, so it was natural that he too join the Club. In his young days Otto played tennis across the road and then came to the Club for drinks.



In the 70s the WAIC had an affiliated Football team AICA which competed in the amateur Sunday league and C grade. Otto was President of the AICA Footy team for 4 years as well as being a selector and runner. He mentions Joe Ferraloro, Leo Italiano, the Salamone boys and John Carmignani in the teams as well as the after games sessions in the members lounge and functions in the Ball room upstairs as great memories. Otto Says that although he knew his wife from their school years, it wasn't until he met her again on a Friday night in the members lounge that they connected and continued their relationship to this day. Currently he still enjoys playing pool and is still playing in competitions with the WAIC Pool Club team. He has also been President of the WAIC Pool Club and offers advice and suggestions to all.

Otto has seen many changes at the Club from his stool at the pillar, and in his opinion welcomes the stability and planning from the Board of Management in the last 10 years. The change in drinking laws has stopped the excess drinking that produced problems in the past and the Club has more to offer new members. Otto is a larger than life character, with a smile and an opinion for all. Like the pillar near which he sits, he is a member who solidly supports our Club.





## WA Italian Golf Club Update

Welcome to the 2018 Golfing Season and what an exciting start to the year it has been with the committee deciding to add two additional games to the season, one being in January and the other in September making the Natale Perpetual Cup a 12 game challenge. Giving our members even more value for their membership fee, which by the way did not increase this year. Due to changes to our sponsorship arrangements to the club this year members were given a new uniform (Polo Top and Cap) promoting the changes in sponsorship. Our new major Sponsor this year is MacTrack owned by Grant Mackie, also joining the Sponsorship group is Ricciardo Earthmoving Co owned by Brandon Ricciardo. Perth Iveco Centre managed by Claude Mattiaccio has continued their sponsorship as has our founding sponsor Frank Starvaggi of Aust Group. This year we have played at some of Perth's most prestigious golf courses such as Joondalup Resort, Port Kennedy, Royal Perth, Meadow Springs and Mt Lawley, all for a subsidised cost of \$70 per game including a sausage sizzle and drink. No doubt this value being one of the reasons for the growth in attendance to this year's games.



This year's team for the Festival City Challenge Cup at the Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast QLD on the 27th -29th October 2018 is already oversubscribed, proving how popular this national event has become with our members. Anyone wanting to join this unique golf club can do so by visiting our website [www.waitalianclub.com](http://www.waitalianclub.com) or ringing the office of the WA Italian Club on 93284104 Happy Golfing.

Nunzio Nici  
President WAIGC





# 1934 *Ristorante*

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We are open Tuesday to Friday for lunch service and Friday night for dinner

**For bookings please call: 9328 4184 or email [bookings@1934.com.au](mailto:bookings@1934.com.au)**

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Our new restaurant, '1934 Ristorante' is located next door to the WA Italian Club

We also cater for a range of functions, such as:

Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations, Engagements, Special Birthdays and Corporate Functions

We consider it important to be flexible and accommodating and are more than happy to discuss your personal needs to ensure your event is exactly what you envision ...

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