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The Swallows of Port Melbourne

Newsletter - October 07

Welcome to our October Newsletter. Isn't it odd how the last quarter of each year is so busy? This year is no exception for us - we've got lots of things happening which we want to tell you about.

First of all, as you probably know Jack & Raoul have moved on. Management duties are now handled by Andrew Shrapnel. Ashley Inglis, who started his apprenticeship here, has graduated to be our chef and he is joined in the kitchen by Fel Gayanillo. Tess the Wonder Dog is still on security duties - when awake!

Summer of Seafood

We have also been rethinking our menu. In future you'll find lots more seafood on offer. So it's a SWALLOWS SEAFOOD SUMMER. Our Spring Menu appears in this edition of the Swallows Newsletter. We hope you find it irresistible.

Lots of daily specials too, as our suppliers find interesting things for us, such as fantastic, giant sized Pipe Clay Lagoon oysters from Tasmania. We serve them with wasabi infused flying fish roe. Yum!

We think fine seafood is all about freshness and quality and that's what we'll be totally focused on.

There has also been lots of work done on our wine list. We feel sure you'll find something to tempt you - at a fair price.

Coming Up

We've got lots of stuff coming up - hopefully something for everyone.

The Swallows Steering Wheel Club

"The older I get the faster I was."
Mailing listers will know that John is a total motoring tragic. Our long-term loyal customer and jazz enthusiast Richard Oldham is just as bad. Richard has suggested that there are enough of us around to start a little club where we can get together regularly to share our passion.

The format we've come up with is drinks about 6.30, a motoring DVD or film upstairs in our function room, followed by dinner and live jazz downstairs about 8.30. Dinner will be 2 courses plus cheese. The cost will be \$65.00 for the entertainment and meal, drinks extra. The first Steering Wheel Club meeting will be on Wednesday, 24 October at 6.30. Please book, as we can only accommodate 50.

Richard and John are excited about this. We hope enough of you are too, to make it a regular Swallows event.

Melbourne Cup Lunch

Tuesday 6 November is our MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH - equine flu permitting! Fingers and toes crossed on this one. This is always very popular. Make up a table, get frocked and hatted up ladies and join us for a great day. Sweeps, prizes, great food and wine, great ambience, easy parking, two plasma screens - a happy day. Don't miss it!

The Summer Cull

We've been under pressure from quite a number of our Cellar Cull regulars to go again before Xmas. So - we're announcing the SWALLOWS SUMMER CULL. BIG!! It will follow the well-established format of

- Black tie with a touch of red
 - Entertainment of various kinds
 - Great food, including the oyster shucker, doing his thing with 70 doz. Oysters.
 - An amazing selection of wines.
- For this one we are proposing
- 20 different French Champagnes
 - Over 100 different Pinots
 - a small, but exceptional line up of Shiraz
 - A TASTE OF GRANGE

The date is Saturday, 17 November. Doors open at 7pm. Last drinks 11.30pm

The cost is \$200. There are 100 tickets available. We need 100 acceptances to make this work. Bookings are now open!

Swallows Mighty Mud Crab Night

Come along and murder a mud crab with a whole pile of other desperates - we do a great chilli sauce. It's on Wednesday, 28 November at 7pm. \$70 per head, including a seafood entrée to get you warmed up. Please book ASAP so we can get our fish monger to start fattening up the muddies!

There is no need to remind you that Xmas is coming. On our website www.swallows.com.au you will find our Festive Season Function menus, both dinner and finger food. In particular we would like to draw your attention to our "Modern Australian Xmas Menu" featuring seafood.

We made it into the Good Food Guide again, I'm pleased to say. I think it's 8 years now. We do try very hard with our food, wine, service and ambience. Thank you for continuing to support us.

Don't forget that we have 4 really pleasant B & B bedrooms - check them out next time you are in, or on the Swallows website.

Gentle Jazz every Sunday at 7pm.
Bookings essential.

We are updating our mailing list - if you would like to receive our Newsletter by email please send us your email address - office@swallows.com.au

We look forward to seeing you soon at
The Swallows.