



BRIDGE UPDATE

August 2010

CONGRATULATIONS to winners of the Taieri Graded Pairs Tournament. *Open:* Judy Robertson/Donna Ruwhiu, *Intermediate:* Margaret Archer/Estelle Maxwell, *Junior:* Betty Laing/Bev Ross. Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout won the Otago 5A Swiss Pairs tournament on 8 August, with Joanne Simpson and Arleen Schwartz second.

The Charity afternoon in aid of the Cancer Society at Taieri was won by Mickie Reid and Shirley Bosworth. Well done.

QUIZ NIGHT

What a great night the Youth people organised for the fundraising Quiz Night, with the help of Jackie White, their non-playing captain. Jackie provided an interesting mix of questions. A *full house* with 22 teams competed and a creditable \$1,700 was raised. The **World Police** was the winning team: Judith Medicott, Judith Laube, Peter McCaskill, Graeme Stout, Nicola Power and Dan Power

Donna Ruwhiu won the grocery hamper and Kathleen Hurr the meat pack. Many other people took away smaller prizes from the continuous raffle sellers. The team is grateful for all the wonderful support it received from everyone, whether from attending the night, taking raffle tickets, providing raffles and/or providing supper. Thank you.

TROPHIES

Please return all trophies awarded in 2009 to the club by the end of September. Thank you. They can be placed on the table in the Committee Room. It would also be helpful if they were cleaned before returning.

NZ BRIDGE AGM

Nina Hewitt is the delegate representing our Club at the Annual Meeting of NZ Bridge on 25 September in Hamilton.

JUNIOR DIVISION

To meet the needs of this division, they are changing their night to Wednesdays. They will either play in a separate room or in the same room as Intermediate. The junior director has usually organised for a *spare* person to be available to play with a junior if there is an odd number turn up on the night. Is there a group of people from senior and open who would be

willing to go on a roster to be that *spare* person on a Wednesday night? Please contact Marjan Lousberg - 473 8224, or Doreen Whiston - 474 3252.

LESSONS

The Club has gratefully received grants from The Southern Victorian Charitable Trust Inc and from the St Kilda Community Sports Society to help us with the cost of running lessons for new players.

2011 PROGRAMME BOOK

Katie Young, Nina Hewitt and the convenors are working on next year's programme book. To ensure that your telephone number is correct in next year's printing, please write your name and phone number on the paper circulating in divisions during the next few weeks, if it is now different to the 2010 printing. Marion Russell is phoning all 2010 advertisers, asking if they wish to repeat their advertisement. If you, or anyone you know, would like to advertise please phone Marion - 467 5331.

GRANDMASTER

We have been advised by NZ Bridge that **Jeff Miller** has earned the title of Grandmaster. Congratulations Jeff. (A Grandmaster has 1000 A and B points, including at least 500 A Points). Photos of our Grandmasters can be seen on the website. Jeff will be joining that Picture Gallery soon.

2010 NZ CONGRESS

Best wishes to all those travelling to Hamilton for this event 25 September-2 October. We especially send good wishes with our inter-provincial teams competing the two days before Congress begins - **Women's:** Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu; **Open:** Jeff Miller, Graeme Stout, Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc and Arleen Schwartz; **Senior:** Alan Geare, David Stewart, Nina Hewitt, Dennis McCaughan, Kevin Farnden and Wyn Jones.

OTAGO SOUTHLAND CONGRESS 22-25 OCTOBER

Plan to go to Queenstown for Labour Weekend and join in for all or part of the Bridge Congress being played at the Events Centre. Entries need to be in by 7th October. Enter on-line - there is a link from our website or entry forms should be at the club soon.