



BRIDGE UPDATE

The Otago Bridge
Club Inc
February 2010

TOURNAMENTS

Festival Pairs

Congratulations to winners of our Festival Pairs Tournament.

Junior: Robert Blok and Maria Caspers

Intermediate: Maria Godfrey and John Sheehy

Open: Phillip Gillen and David Green.

With the sponsorship from Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village we were able to award additional prizes and a number of people came away very happy with their winnings.

South Island Pairs

The winners were a Canterbury team and second was a team from Otago - Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller, Jeff Thompson and Peter McCaskill.

Thanks to Lindsay Lawrence and Katie Young for organising these two very successful tournaments which were enjoyed by all participants.

DIRECTORS

Congratulations to **John Yates** and **Arthur Patton**, who passed the Club Directors examination held in November last year. It is good to have people interested enough in their club to act as directors. Examinations for Club and Tournament directors will be held on 19/20 June. Please contact Dennis McCaughan if you are interested in studying for these.

CHARITIES COMMISSION

The Club is now registered with the Charities Commission. This should make applying for grants and sponsorships easier and the committee recorded its thanks to Michael Albert for the work he did in making this successful application.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that subscriptions are due by 28th February. If you are not sure whether you have paid, please contact Pat Dickson, Treasurer.

PROMOTIONS

Rules for promotions are now set in place and are posted on the notice-board. Please read these carefully if you are aiming to be promoted to a higher division in 2011, so that you can strategise accordingly. The Programme Book sets out the basic rules, but are more fully explained in this set of notes. Lists of people who have been promoted/refused promotion will now be kept in a folder in the Committee Room.

Thanks to Playing Captain, Nina Hewitt, and the Playing Committee who have spent much time agonising over promotion rules.

LESSONS

Twenty-four people have joined the learners group which began on 16 February. This is an encouraging number of prospective new members. Lessons are being conducted by Martijn Prent, assisted by Alison Giller. Martijn is also offering revision lessons at 5.45 pm each Tuesday evening for those people who have been away from the game for a while or for juniors who feel they need a brush-up on some aspects. Another series of lessons will begin in May.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to two returning members – Kay Healey and Patricia Thwaites who will be rejoining the senior division.

The resignations of Val Lundy from Junior and Stephen Wesselingh from Senior have been accepted.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Marjorie Leishman who passed away earlier this month.

Please have a hunt through your home for books belonging to the Club. Many books are missing – they have been taken away with the card still in the book. Other books are well overdue. Judith Smeijers does a great job in looking after our library. Please help her by complying with the rules of the library.

DISCUSSION NIGHTS

These are something new for the club and are being trialled in 2010. The format is outlined on Page 10 of your Programme Book. If you want to learn more about the great game of bridge this is the perfect opportunity. They are being held on 1, 15 and 29 March. This series is for Junior, Intermediate and Senior players. Your leader will be Kristen Collins.

MARCH EVENTS

March	
1	1 st discussion night (Monday)
6	Te Anau Tournament
13	Alexandra Tournament
15	2 nd discussion night (Monday)
20	Saturday Bridge, Otago Club
27	Taieri Tournament
29	3 rd discussion night (Monday)