



BRIDGE UPDATE

The Otago Bridge
Club Inc
January 2010

Welcome back to a new Bridge year! We also have four members who are re-joining the club to especially welcome: Daphne Randall and Anne-Marie Russell, both country members who will be playing in the Teams competition, Rob Lawson playing in Open and Shirley Jones in Senior.

Members who have moved divisions:

To Open: Eleanor Archer, Henriette Rawlings, Coral Paris, Kathleen Hurr

To Senior Dot Cotton, Charlie Le Pine, Glenda Le Pine, Heather and Gregory Casey, Deslee Howell, Heather Bunn, Rosalie Douglas, Angela McKenzie, Glenys Shum, Glenn and Sam Coutts

To Intermediate: Ann Taylor, Don Smith, Helen and Alan Diack, Andrea Samson, Paul Spain, Bill Brockie, Karen Logan.

Please make all these players feel welcome in your division, play with them or suggest other partners for them. Many members are also trialling playing up over the next few weeks in accordance with the new rules and the Playing Committee will make their decisions later.

The committee have, with regret, accepted resignations from the following members: Nic Leefe, Jim McKeowen, John Aldis, Joyce McNoe-Booth, June Turner and Sharon Pine. Transferring to other clubs are: Vivienne Pinkham, Richard and Joanna Mundie and Juliet Mitchell-Bryant,

We also record with sadness the passing of Pat Houston and past members Margaret Stevenson and Ian Brockie.

A note from Viv Pinkham

Dear Bridge Club members

Just a note to say farewell and all the best to Club members. My husband and I are shifting to Napier in early January and I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to many people at the end of the year. Thank you to all my Bridge partners and to members of the Bridge Club for your friendship and competition over the five years I have been at the Club. I am moving back to where I first started Bridge, so hopefully will find some partners and enjoy many more years of Bridge. All the best for the coming year.

Viv Pinkham

Viv washed our boards when they were getting dirty – is there anyone who would like to take over this job??

SUPPER SURVEY

Those of you who have already returned to bridge will have noted alternative supper arrangements. The survey result was: 233 surveys returned – 175 chose not to have a supper break, 48 wanted to

keep supper as in 2009, five did not make a choice. These figures gave the committee a clear mandate to opt for no supper break, but with a 5-minute stop during the evening. Our kitchen personnel, Erin, Alison and Sue have given years of faithful service to our club and have made many friends and acquaintances through serving us. We do thank them sincerely and regret that this step has had to be taken. Volunteers will now run the kitchen and we hope you will offer when your convener asks for help. An honesty Snack Box is available and is usually located in the kitchen area.

Corrections to 2010 Programme Book

- Adrienne Dearnley, phone 455 5801, was missed and is in Junior.
- Vivienne Aitken's phone number should be 453 4664.
- Phil Radford should be in the Senior division.
- Jim McKeowen (J) and James McKeowen (I) are the same person (resigned).
- Three night matches (P 17) Delete the words "Seasonal Pairs". You cannot win more than one 3- or 4-night match with the same partner.

From the Committee Meeting

It is acceptable to write a plus or minus score on the travellers to indicate the contract result. BridgePad accepts either method.

The term "deferred membership" arose from a convenience feature of the scoring program, which enables us to easily restore a member's data when they rejoin the club after having resigned. The term has no official status at the club. Please note that to become a member of NZBridge you must also be a financial member of a club.

We noted that some people preferred the alphabetical listing of members in the Programme Book. Divisions will be asked for their opinion before the 2011 book goes to print.

With the 50th Anniversary of the Oyster Plate/Paua Trophy this year and next year our 75th anniversary, the committee invites members' suggestions for updating our rooms, as some parts are becoming a little "tired".

Thanks to all for supporting the end-of-year barbecue and Holiday Bridge.

CONGRATULATIONS to Arleen Schwartz and Jeff Miller – winners of the New Year Alexandra Tournament, to James Coutts and Andra McCone – winners of the Moise Holiday Trophies – Open and Handicap. Well done.

SATURDAY BRIDGE – 7.30 pm 6 February