



Bridge Update

Congratulations to Peter McCaskill and Jeff Thompson who will represent the Otago-Southland region in the rubber bridge contest at the Hamilton Congress in late September.

Congratulations to Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout who will be representing NZ in the Open competition at the Bermuda Bowl in Brazil in August and to Arleen Schwarz and Chris Ackerley in the Senior competition.

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 23 August

Nominations are called for:

President, Vice President, Treasurer and
2 Committee members

Last year four committee members were elected: Bob Gillanders, Nina Hewitt, Marjan Lousberg, and Katie Young. These people are elected for two years. Anneloese de Groot and Elaine McDonald having both served two years are eligible to stand for re-election. Nominations need to be in by 31 July. Notices of motion to be in the hands of the secretary by 2 August.

More Volunteers required

A person who can help **promote** the club and attract new members, in particular to the lessons. This person would be a member of the development sub-committee which meets once a month, at present on the first Wednesday of each month, at 5.30 pm at the bridge club.

A person who can coordinate the **Continuing Education** program, set dates, find people to give the lectures, and put up flyers in the club. Most of the lessons already have notes and anyone giving the lesson/lecture could just use those. The person giving the lessons or the coordinator may also wish to put a few boards together, to play afterwards and which help clarify the points covered. This coordinator would also be a member of the development sub-committee which meets once a month, at present on the first Wednesday of each month, at 5.30 pm at the bridge club.

Trophies Photos of trophies and previous winners are all recorded in a folder and this needs to be updated after club events and tournaments.

Thanks to Eleanor Archer who has offered to apply for grants in the future and to Moira Andersen who has offered to help make up a team to do the gardens when the weather improves. A couple more people to help with this would be appreciated. Please let me know.

New Members

Welcome to Nic Matich who has joined the Open Division and to Wojtek Klobukowski in the Senior Division. Members of the first Learner's class, tutored by Kristen Collins, who have joined the junior division recently are: Samantha Benson-Pope, David Benson-Pope, Murray Thomson, Cathy Thomson, Luke Hoben, Margaret Tagg, Alice Chuang and Connie Beatson. We hope you all receive much enjoyment playing the great game of bridge.

Congratulations

To Margaret Auty and Judy Russell, Division 3 winners, Joy Turvey and Elaine McDonald, Division 1 winners at the Oamaru Graded tournament on 5 July, to Jared Fudge who won the Open B Gore tournament on 18 July. His partner was Moss Wiley. Also to Jo and Sam Simpson who topped the field at the Winton 5A tournament on 25 July.

Wedding Congratulations to Lyall Inwood and Amanda Weir (Senior division) who were married in a ceremony held at the Bridge Club on Saturday 18 July. They had a great evening at the club and praised the facilities for such an occasion. Anyone wishing to hire the club for an event, please contact the Secretary.

BridgePads

We are now actively seeking the funds to purchase this electronic scoring system. Arthur Patton has been busy applying for grants on behalf of the club and so far we have received \$1,000 from St Kilda Community Sports Society. A donation from Bob Gillanders has also been received. Thank you Arthur and Bob.

Programme Book

Within the next few weeks it will be time to think about the 2010 programme. Marion Russell has kindly volunteered to look after the advertisements and advertisers in next year's booklet. If you or your company have advertised in the 2009 booklet she will be in touch with you to see whether you want to continue. If you would like to be an advertiser, then please get in touch with Marion, Phone 467 5331.

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