



BRIDGE UPDATE

JULY 2011

WELCOME BACK to all those returning from the Hamilton Congress. Thank you for representing our club and our region so well. All would have had a wonderful time amongst people of like mind, living and breathing bridge! From all accounts there were some who just managed to make it back to Dunedin before the airport closed, but others were stranded and had to wait a day or two before getting home.

PROGRAMME BOOK 2012

The Playing Committee are beginning to put this together.

If any of your details are incorrect in this year's book, please write a note to your Division Convenor to ensure this is corrected in next year's printing. If you have an advertisement in this year's book and wish to repeat, or discontinue it or if you, or anyone you know, would like to advertise please phone The Secretary, Elaine McDonald - 464 0639. Half page ads are \$60, Full-page ads are \$110. Extra is charged for the back cover and inside front and back covers.

From the Committee Meeting

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to **new** member Gabriel Nedelcu (Ph 021 067 5944) who has been playing at the New Plymouth Bridge Club and to Joy Ward (Ph 455 9433), **returning** to the Club. Both play on Thursday night. If you don't have a partner booked, please think about asking one of these people to play.

We recorded with regret the **resignations** of Angela McKenzie, Andrea Samson, Ron Meng, Louise Stratton and Eunice O'Gorman.

It is with sadness the committee noted the **deaths** some very loyal past and present members of our club - Eileen Van Turnhout, William Wong, Glenda Le Pine, Agnes Mowat and Lyla Jones.

Chris Ackerley has been selected for the New Zealand team to contest the Senior Bowl in The Netherlands later this year. Congratulations, Chris.

Five-person Teams: In response to a suggestion from a member, it has been decided to trial 5-person teams in the 2012 Teams Competition. This will mean that when a person is unable to play, then there is always someone to fill in. If another team requests the fifth member to play (assuming they are not required in their own team), then permission must be sought from the opposing team before the evening of play. This concept will be evaluated towards the end of 2012.

Member's Suggestions: After completing a Suggestion Form, (found on each of the Division Notice Boards), please place through the slot in the Committee Room door.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held at the club on Sunday 18 September at 1.30 pm.

- Notices of Motion should be in the hands of the Secretary by 26 August.
- Nominations for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and two committee members to be in to the Secretary by 26 August, or may be put through the slot in the Committee Room door.

Please note that the 2011 President, Vice-President and Treasurer are eligible for re-election and are happy to be nominated.

However the two retiring committee members – Judith McKinlay and Elaine McDonald – will not be putting themselves forward for re-election.

Members will be able to collect from the club their Notice of meeting, Agenda, Annual Report and Accounts two weeks before the meeting. If you will not be at the Club during those two weeks, please notify the Secretary and we would be happy to post this to you.

WHY PLAY BRIDGE?

Bridge exercises both sides of your brain. Bridge is one of the few games that stimulates both the left and right sides of your brain. Every time you play, you use -- and improve -- your skills in communication, logic, math, memory, visualization and psychology. It's a unique type of mental workout that is both relaxing and invigorating, and that can't be duplicated by other leisure or work-related activities.