



Bridge Update

*The Otago
Bridge Club Inc
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As most of you are aware the Club has not found it possible to renew Martijn Prent's Secretary-Manager contract, which came to an end in May. Thank you Martijn for your considerable contribution over the past three years. While it has been nice to have had Martijn's services, we now find that we are having to rely once again on volunteers to run the club. Thank you to the many people who have offered their services. We now have enough card dealers and most of the critical jobs are being done. However there are others, and if you feel that your skills could be utilised please let a committee member know. Several people might choose to help with the one task. We need helpers with:

Trophies – winners need to be recorded after club events and tournaments and where there are trophies awarded these need to be cleaned, taken for engraving, collected and displayed at the club.

Honours Boards – these need to be kept up-to-date and taken to the engravers regularly.

Thursday nights - usually there is just one director for the two rooms and it would be good to have Tuesday or Wednesday night people on a roster to collect and count the money, collect the table slips and enter names into the computer.

Gardens – these are in need of attention and perhaps there are a few gardeners who could get together and have a regular working bee.

Sponsorship – to keep in touch with our sponsors, to ensure their names are kept before members, and obtain new sponsors.

Grants – to apply to the various agencies for funds for club projects on a regular basis.

Email recorder – it would be good to have everyone's email address (if people are willing) for the use of convenors, to send bulletins to, etc. A person or persons to collect these, enter and keep them up-to-date would be a great help.

Pencils - we have refills and Alex Weavers has donated us many more. We would like someone to go through the pencils and refill those that are empty. (Note to the rest of us - please do not throw out empty pencils, place them in the box under the results boards in the Lanarch Room.)

Taieri Tournament

Congratulations to the placegetters in this 5A point tournament held on 14 June. 1st Nick Bailey and James Coutts, 2nd Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland, 3rd Bob Lawrence and John Mosley.

Saturday Night Bridge

This is steadily becoming more popular. It is held on the first Saturday of each month and we have a meal at 6.30 pm followed by bridge at 7.30 pm. June's event was particularly popular when there were 12½ tables. Thank you to Donna Ruwhiu and friends who catered. Think about coming on 4th July. A list will go up at the club for you to add your names or phone Elaine McDonald 464 0639 for those who are coming for the meal.

New Member

Welcome to Heather Thomson from Invercargill, who is playing in the Junior division.

Name Badges

If you would like one of these please let your convenor know.

Oyster Plate/Paua Trophy

These trophies are played for in a friendly match each year between the Otago and the Invercargill Bridge Clubs. Twelve pairs are chosen to compete for each trophy from those who do volunteer work around the club. This year the event was held in Invercargill on 21 June. In a closely fought contest in each division Otago came away winning the Oyster Plate by 3.09 points with Invercargill winning the Paua Trophy by 1.06 points. Invercargill turned on a very well-organised day with everything running to time and wonderful food. Next year it will again be held at Otago and it will be the 50th year of competition for the Oyster Plate and the 25th year for the Paua Trophy. Any ideas of how we can celebrate this milestone are welcome.

Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Tournament

You can follow how our representatives are faring in this tournament by going to our website homepage and clicking on the Quick Link to the PABF website.