



BRIDGE UPDATE

JUNE 2011

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Thank you to all who contributed by helping or simply with your presence at any of the events held over the past weekend. Without exception, all comments have been positive and it was good to be able to look back over the years and reminisce with both past and present members of the club. The photo albums have proved popular and these will be left out for a few more weeks for anyone to peruse. Our official photographers for the weekend, Nick Bailey and Alysha Bloxham, will be providing a pictorial album of the weekend's activities and we will look forward to that.

Results: *Congratulations to the winners:*

Friday Pairs: Ann Wood and Wyn Jones

Open Teams: Nina Hewitt, Henry Levy, Dai Redshaw, Dennis McCaughan

Intermediate Pairs: Julianne Armitage and Susie Lawless.

Junior Pairs: Marion Dent and Jean Young

Open Pairs: David Green and Ken Yule

Also congratulations to Lorraine Peacock and Kristen Collins, winners of the **Taieri Pairs** tournament held on 12 June.

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Our intrepid travellers to Kuala Lumpur survived their trip in spite of the heat, the ash, disrupted flights and 10 bridge-filled days and are now back among us. After the double round robin the NZ Women's team were 5th, the Open team 9th, the Seniors 10th and the Under 26 team 8th. The



Women's team won the Zone 7 play-off (Arleen and Joanne were part of this team). Well done to all Otago players who competed.

Dealing machine

The new dealing machine has now been installed and is up and running. Funds for the purchase of this machine were received from members' donations, as well as \$1500 from Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation, \$2,000 from The Southern Trust and \$500 from the Southern Victorian Charitable Trust. We are extremely grateful for this generosity.

From the Committee Meeting

Teams: There was general agreement to a

suggestion from Cliff Rickard that this event is *overSwissed*, skewing results, especially at the top and the middle of the competition. Next year there will be a slightly different format to address this issue.

Disabled Toilet: We are in a position to go ahead and apply for funding for this project. Thanks to Mike Hickling who has done much of the groundwork.

Garden at Front: With the efforts of Bob Gillanders and Bev Ross, the plants have been re-located, the soil distributed elsewhere in the grounds, rocks removed and seats concreted in to a flat area. This should provide a safer corner to the building and a pleasant place to sit for those attending daytime sessions and tournaments.



Website: It was suggested by Don Smith that our website could be more friendly to non-bridge players who may be browsing. A page is to be added incorporating information about lessons and giving some biographical notes of a few people and why they have taken bridge lessons.

Learners: It is anticipated that the class will enter a separate Novice Division sometime in August, and several ways to encourage these learners to enjoy the game and retain them at the club, have been put in motion.

What's on next ...

Quiz Night – Friday 6 July, 7 pm

Only one team has entered this event so far, so please do bring in family and friends and form a team of 4-6 members. The entry form is on the door of the Larnach Room The young ones need our support to go to the Hamilton Congress in July. It is a Fun Night, with lots of raffle prizes and interesting questions. If you are not in a team then just come, and you will be allocated to a team.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETING AT
THE CONGRESS 13-23 JULY**