



# BRIDGE UPDATE

## MARCH 2011

### WINNERS

Congratulations to Bob Gillanders and Diane Carruthers, winners of the Alexandra Graded Pairs tournament.

### LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

**Celebrations:** 48 people registered for lessons on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, the largest class we have had for some time! The group has learners of all ages. Thanks to Kristen Collins and her helpers who are running a happy and eager group. Thanks to all of you who put their shoulders behind advertising and promoting the club's lessons. Particular applause for those who helped to man the stall at the University Clubs and Societies Day. A truly fantastic effort.

### 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

24-26 June

#### KEEP THIS WEEKEND FREE

Plan to attend one or more of the following

- Friday** - 10.30 am Social Bridge  
 - 5.00 pm drinks and nibbles
- Saturday** - Open teams tournament 5A  
 - Intermediate tournament 5B  
 - Anniversary dinner
- Sunday** - Open pairs 10A

If you know of past members of the club who may like to participate for all or part of this weekend, please get in touch with them and encourage them to be there.

**Coming Up**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
 The four players from Otago who

are representing NZ in the Under 26 Bridge Team at Kuala Lumpur in June, will be holding a 5A fundraising tournament. Do support our young people – Glenn and Sam Coutts, Jared Fudge, Sam Bailey. Enter on-line or on the noticeboard. \$25. If you cannot play they will be happy to receive donations. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY BRIDGE IN APRIL – we encourage you to enter the fundraising tournament instead.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – The second in the series of Play and Discuss nights for Junior, Senior and Intermediate players, designed for those who want to improve their bidding and play.

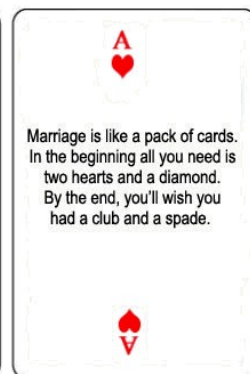
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April O/S Provincial Teams at Otago.**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – This is the first night of a 3-night series playing Swiss Pairs. A good number from all divisions entered this event last year and we hope you will again this year. The second and third nights are 9 and 23 May. The first night will also take the form of a FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CHRISTCHURCH BRIDGE CLUBS affected by the recent earthquake. Many people have already donated raffle prizes – thank you – and we are still receiving these. Entry Fee \$25 which covers the three nights. Entry Fee for the fundraiser only - \$10.

**Saturday/Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May** – Murihiku Teams and Pairs - Invercargill

### From the recent Management meeting

- The blue cedar at the front of the building has been professionally trimmed by *OmniTree*. This tree was originally donated when the club was built, by Judy Pairman, who currently plays in the Senior Division.
- A toilet in both the men's and women's areas are to be converted to a disabled one. If anyone wishes to have input into the design, etc please contact Mike Hickling or John Wolken. Once quotes are obtained we will apply for grants.
- Directors' Exams are to be held on 28/29 May. If you are interested in doing these please contact Dennis McCaughan.
- Kay Nicholas has been elected for a further term as the chair of the NZ Bridge board. Allan Barclay from Thames and Patsy Walter from Whangarei have been elected to the Board.
- A grant of \$500 towards a new dealing machine has been received from the Southern Victorian Charitable Trust.



Marriage is like a pack of cards. In the beginning all you need is two hearts and a diamond. By the end, you'll wish you had a club and a spade.