



BRIDGE UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2010



BABICH NZ WIDE PAIRS

Congratulations to Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland who were the national winners of this event. 798 pairs competed and their winning score was 70.46%. Kay Wilson and Kevin Farnden also earn some Babich Wine for achieving the closest score to 50%. At our own event Margaret and Paul were the Open winners, Sam and Glenn Coutts, the Intermediate winners with Betty Laing and Eleanor Archer winning the Junior title.

The trophy being awarded to Margaret and Paul is the **Allard Cup**. Gordon Allard was a bridge teacher who came to NZ about 1940. The trophy had been awarded for many years to the winners of a national pairs competition which has since fallen into disuse. This year NZ Bridge thought it would be an appropriate use for the trophy to be awarded to the NZ Wide Pairs winners.

CROMWELL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Diane Carruthers and Bob Gillanders who took top honours in the Open B Pairs last Saturday, 27 November.

WORKING BEE

Thanks to the many people who came to the clean up at the Club on Sunday 21 November. The garden looks fabulous, the cups are shining, the windows are sparkling, the spoutings are cleaned, the curtains are down, the Christmas decorations up and the offices have been denuded of a lot of unwanted *stuff*. At the back of the Cargill Room there is a quantity of goods which people are invited to take away.

PROGRAMME BOOK

Thank you to the team – Nina Hewitt, Dennis McCaughan and Katie Young – for ensuring the programme came out in good time. There are a number of errors and omissions:

Intermediate, add Eileen van Turnhout 455 9030
Change Alison Martin from Int. to Senior

- NZ Bridge have decreed that our two Monday night tournaments are outside the rules of NZ Bridge. These need to be deleted from your Tournament Schedule at the front of the book.
- The Otago-Southland Congress is to be held in **Wanaka** at Labour weekend.

If there are other omissions or changes to be made please let the Secretary know.

BARBECUE

Friday 3 December from 5.30 pm

Do come along to this event. It is a purely social gathering for bridge members and their families. Bring the food you would like barbecued and a salad or a dessert to share. A few nibbles will be supplied and the first drink for members is free.

SNACK BOX

Unfortunately because the provider was losing money, this service has had to be discontinued. Some people have suggested a dispensing machine, but there would not be enough sales to warrant this.

VISIT OF CRUISE SHIP

A group of bridge players from the cruise ship *Volendam* will play at the club on Friday 10 December. Come along to Friday bridge if you are able, and welcome these people to our club.

FUNDRAISING BRIDGE EVENING

To help Sam and Glenn Coutts compete in the Youth Tournament in January 2011, they are organising a night for all to play, on

Friday 10th December at 7.30 pm

See posters around the club soon for further details. Do come along and encourage our young people – they have done so well this year in putting The Otago Bridge Club on the map.

NEXT YEAR

Because the NZ Congress has been brought forward to the July school holidays in 2011 (a certain sporting event is being held at the usual time) the following events need your consideration:

**Inter-club Teams - entries close 31 January
play Sunday 6 February**

**Inter-provincial trials - entries close 8 Feb
play 19/20 February**

**Rubber Bridge - entries close 1 March 2011
play commences 8 March**

Further information and entries (or entry forms) are on the notice board in the foyer.