



Bridge Update

TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

Alexandra 5A Point Tournament held on 13 September was won by Janette Quennell and James Coutts. Congratulations.

HONORARY MEMBER

In recognition of the time and services given to the Bridge Club, the Committee has awarded Arthur Patton, of the Senior Division, honorary membership. Arthur joined the club 14 years ago and immediately began offering his talents where he was convenor of the Novice Division, then had two years as Computer Manager for the Intermediate Division, He served four years as Tournament Secretary, for seven years entered the names for the the Women's Pairs, and was convenor of the Cutlers Teams event for two years. For the past two years Arthur has been the Chairman of the Finance sub-committee, a demanding job which he has taken on with relish. Not only has he saved the club several thousands of dollars in negotiating a lower ground rental and lower insurance premiums, but has also methodically applied for several grants in the past few months in order for the club to purchase BridgePads. Not content, he is now looking towards becoming a Club Director. Arthur has been ably assisted and supported by his wife, Joyce, who plays in the Senior Reserve division. Thank you Arthur and Joyce. This Honorary Membership will go well with Arthur's Chess Club Life Membership.

Congratulations to
our Open I/P team
who won at
Hamilton 25 Sep

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Elaine McDonald was re-elected and Judith McKinlay was newly elected to the Committee of Management. Judith is a member of the junior division and currently serves as its convenor. Thanks to Anneloese de Groot, who chose not to stand again, for her work over the past two years. There was much discussion under the heading *General*, resulting in the Committee being asked:

- to remind members that they must send a letter of resignation if they stop coming to bridge and do not pay their subscription.
- to review bar prices
- to distribute another supper survey spelling out the alternatives and consequences.
- to look at a secretary's honorarium
- to remind directors when rostered

PROGRAMME BOOK

This is currently being updated for 2010. Membership lists are available on division nights

to check your name, division and telephone number for next year. Past advertisers are being asked if they will support us again. If your business would like a ½ page or page advertisement (\$60 or \$110) phone Marion Russell 467 5331.

Crockfords Bridge Club in Christchurch is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and holding a Jubilee Dinner on 1st November. They are anxious to contact and invite all past members and partners. If this is you phone: 03 348 7478 or Fax: 03 348 3112. Email: crockfords@xtra.co.nz

NEW REGION

As from 2010 a seventh region has been formed from the old Canterbury Centre area and will be known as *Top of the South* covering the eight affiliated clubs in the Nelson, Marlborough and Buller areas. Otago/Southland will no longer be the smallest region of about 1800 home club members. This new region will be around 700 members.

OLD BOARDS

Old boards which are no longer of use to the club are being offered to members who might like to use them for social or rubber bridge at a price of \$1 each or \$20 for a set of 26. Cards included. Please contact Pat Dickson.

BABICH NZ WIDE PAIRS

This event will be held at the Otago Club on Friday 5 November. The same hands are played all over the country on this same night – club winners and national winners are recognised. It is a good night for all grades of players. A fundraiser for NZ Bridge, \$5 of the \$7 cost for the evening being forwarded to them. A booklet is supplied to each player at the end of the evening, which gives a commentary on how each hand could be bid and played. Watch the notice board for entries.

WANT TO PLAY MORE BRIDGE?

Women's Pairs: All women from all grades are very welcome. Played alternate Wednesdays from 1.00 pm and finish about 4.30 pm. Friendly and no-fear competition. Phone Convenor or Partners Steward as listed in your Programme Book.

Saturday Night Bridge – 3 Oct and 7 Nov: All welcome. Meal served at 6.30 pm. Book in for the meal on the notices on the Cargill and Larnach Room doors, posted during that week.

STOP PRESS: Do you have some bridge books on your shelves? Check, and if they belong to the Club, please return if they are overdue.