



BRIDGE UPDATE

September 2010

COMMITTEE

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Development Committee Chair	Marjan Lousberg
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Committee Members:	Bob Gillanders, Mike Hickling, Dennis McCaughan

Congratulations to Michael Albert, our new President – also to new members Mike Hickling and Dennis McCaughan.

Thanks to the two retiring members of the committee - for the sterling work of Murat Genç over the two years of his presidency and to Katie Young who has worked tirelessly ensuring our tournaments are friendly, well organised events over the past four years.

Due to the cancellation of the The South Island Pairs event in Christchurch the weekend of the earthquake, this has now been re-scheduled to 20-21 November. See notice on board.

Congratulations to the following people who will represent New Zealand in a 72 board Youth Test against Australia at the Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton on Friday and Saturday October 1 / 2. Sam and Glenn Coutts, Sam Bailey and Jared Fudge, James Coutts playing with Nick Jacob. Cameron Benson is part of a reserve pair. Well done boys and good luck.

DISABLED CAR PARKS

Please remember that these parks are for disabled **drivers** only. A disabled sticker does not qualify you to use those parks if you are an able-bodied driver. Please stop at the door to let your disabled passenger out and continue on to the normal parks. Some genuinely disabled drivers are having to park some distance away because there are no vacant disabled parks.

PENCILS

Some 6B pencils have been purchased for people with impaired sight to use at tables. They will need to sit N/S. These pencils are thick and dark and will enable easier reading. There are also some bidding sheets which have been photocopied to a larger size. If you know of anyone needing these, please let your set-up people know.

In future the thicker black propelling pencils will be purchased – these are easier for people with

arthritis hands to hold. There are a few at the club now – ensure you use these if it helps. Softer leads will also be purchased for the propelling pencils and hopefully this will eliminate the leads snapping as easily.

CALL FOR DIRECTOR

At a recent evening session a lady called the Director.

"I have just been to the Ladies room and I cannot turn off the cold water tap"

Director knocked on the door, before entering, and used his extra strength to turn off offending tap.

Master Point Rankings

Junior Master certificates were given out at a recent Junior bridge night. To become a Junior Master an aggregate of 5 A and B points are required. C points are converted to B points in the ratio of 100 C points to 1 B point. B points are not convertible to A points. The total number of C points is obtained by adding together the yearly totals which can be found on our web site. The Master point Rankings are as follows:-

1. Junior Master 5
2. Club Master 20
3. Local Master 50
4. Provincial Master 100 (incl at least 50 A Pts)
5. Master 200 (including at least 100 A Points)
6. National Master 350 (incl at least 175 A Pts)
7. Life Master 500 (incl at least 250 A Points)
8. Grand Master 1000 (incl at least 500 A Pts)
9. Silver Grand Master 2500 (at least 1250 A's)
10. Gold Grand Master 4000 (at least 2500 A's)

SUGGESTION BOX: In response to a suggestion at the AGM there are now Suggestion Slips on noticeboards. Please fill in and place in the box on the committee room door, if you have suggestions to help with the smooth running of your club. Soon there will also be a facility on the website for the same purpose.

SATURDAY BRIDGE – 2 October, Please register for the meal on one of the notices at the club or phone Liz Nevill 477 9108.

REMINDER: *Because some of our members have allergies the club decreed several years ago that there should be no fresh flowers at the club. Please ensure that this ruling continues to be observed.*

JUNIOR BRIDGE: A list of players is being compiled of people who live close to the club and are available to partner a junior player on a Wednesday evening. This obviates the need for them to arrange a partner beforehand. Please phone Marjan Lousberg if you are interested in helping out.