

TABLE TALK
Special Edition

Otago Bridge Club: August 2007

Fundraising Quiz Night

In support of Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout – NZ Open Team

Competing for the Bermuda Bowl

WBF World Championships

Shanghai - September 2007



Get together a team of 4-6 people, which may include non-bridge players.

Date: Friday 24th August

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Otago Bridge club

Price \$5 per person

Please bring a plate for supper and donations of raffle prizes and goods for a grocery hamper would be greatly appreciated.

Jeff and Graeme have gained entry into the New Zealand team after competing successfully at the PABF Championships in Indonesia during June (see July's *Table Talk* for a review by James Coutts). A number of other recent achievements have also contributed to their selection – winning the New Zealand Pairs in 2005, top qualifiers in 2006, maintaining and finishing in 2nd place during this year's national trials as well as wins in numerous local tournaments, including the Otago Swiss Pairs on Sunday 12 August. They also finished up third out of 35 pairs on the datum in Indonesia.

The partnership employs a fairly straightforward and natural Precision Club system with a Multi 2♦ opening and the associated Mouldenberg 2♥/♠ openings, indeed a popular and seemingly effective system of bidding at our Club. Jeff Miller decided to downgrade a poor and balanced 11 count to opening 2♠, which Graeme raised to game. Most pairs opened 1♠, and a failing small slam was subsequently bid by responder. The contract made 11 tricks, to the detriment of your Editor who played them during this set!

Jared Fudge

President's Message

Not long since the last *Table Talk*, and I hope you will all support the fund-raising efforts for Jeff and Graeme's and later for the youth team. Apart from the good cause, Quiz Nights are good fun and a wonderful way to include non-bridge playing friends and relatives. We hope to have 2 or 3 each year. Because Saturday Night Bridge is played on handicap, everyone has a chance to win, and it is a good chance to meet people from other divisions.

I am always pleased when the members of especially the Junior Division start playing on such nights, on Fridays and in Tournaments. It is a great way to improve, too.

In the last *Table Talk* I mentioned the need for new members on the committee. Unfortunately we had only two (excellent!) nominations for the four vacancies, and shall have to call for more from the floor. We are keen for people with financial and business acumen. If you know of just the person, give me a ring and find out how much time would be involved. We try to have all our committee meetings between 5pm and 7 pm so that peoples' evenings are not taken up.

Of course I do hope that as many of you as possible will attend the AGM. Not always an exciting event but important for members of clubs to attend. And if we finish in plenty of time, we shall have bridge and a cuppa afterwards!

I shall do so at the AGM but want to thank all the members who do so much voluntary work for the club. Even a half hour of your time, say setting up and tidying up the room, can make a great difference to everybody's enjoyment of the game, and while we have lifted some of the burden by having a paid secretary-manager, we still could not function without the work of so many who do give their time, expertise and labour. Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday 24th, Sunday 26th and Friday 7th as well as ordinary bridge nights!

Lindsay

From the Development Committee...

The Bridge club is seeking financial sponsorship from within and outside the club membership.

The suggested level of sponsorship varies with the different events available.

For full details, please contact Martijn Prent at the club and he will provide you with a copy of the draft proposals.

It will be important to register your interest as soon as possible.

I/P Youth Team Fundraising Evening of Bridge

Friday 7th September 7.30pm

Prizes awarded on handicap

Raffles available

Please bring a plate for supper

Tournament Results

Taieri Graded Pairs 8B – 4 August (40):

1st: Bert Matthews - Baukje Blok

2nd: Adrien Dever - David Stewart

3rd: Jared Fudge - Wyn Jones

Otago Swiss Pairs 5A – 12 August (38):

1st: Jeff Miller – Graeme Stout

2nd: Kristen Collins – Melanie Knapp

3rd equal: Matt Blakely – Susie Lawless,
Peter Hall – Daphne Randle