



BRIDGE UPDATE

June 2010

CONGRATULATIONS TO Cameron Benson and James Coutts who won the Swiss Pairs Tournament at the club which ended on 31 May. This was the first time we had tried a tournament over three Monday evenings, and judging by the entries, it was most successful. Baukje Blok and Sherryn Wright from Taieri were the best Intermediate pair with Judy Russell and Margaret Auty winning a bottle of wine for the best Junior pair. A further Monday evening tournament will begin on 2nd August. An Intermediate tournament has been scheduled for next year.

Thanks to whoever kindly returned the Blanche Wolken Trophy

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Sunday 29 August at 1.30 pm, nominations are now being called for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and four committee members. Nomination forms are on the notice board in the foyer. Nominations and Notices of Motion need to be in the hands of the Secretary by 8 August.

PLAY AND DISCUSSION NIGHTS

Thanks to James Coutts for leading the latest of these nights for five tables of enthusiastic bridge players keen to learn more. Another two of these evenings are scheduled for 5 & 19 July.

OYSTER PLATE/PAUA TROPHY 50th

Thanks to Lindsay Lawrence for organising a most successful day, enjoyed by both Otago and Invercargill players. The Oyster Plate was held by Otago and the Paua went back to Invercargill. Thanks also to Liz Neville for the scrumptious morning tea and lunch, to Paasha for the lovely dinner and to the magician, John Barton, who entertained and mystified us after dinner.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

We have had a number of our youth representing the Otago/Southland region and New Zealand this year – Cameron Benson, James Coutts and Jared Fudge in the Under 26 age group, Sam Bailey, Glenn Coutts and Sam Coutts in the Under 21 age group. They played in the Pacific Asia Bridge Forum, the Under 21s gaining third place behind China, Taipei and Australia. The Under 26s were third in a field of seven teams with Australia and

Singapore heading them off. They will also be attending our national congress in Hamilton in September.

To compete in these competitions needs money and to this end a 5A Swiss Pairs Tournament is being held on Saturday 3rd July starting at 10.00 am, which we encourage all members to enter to help these young people. \$25 Entries can be added to the list on the notice board or emailed to jbcoutts@gmail.com.

People can help in other ways, or as well, by offering

- to bring food for morning tea/after play,
- contributing to a grocery hamper raffle
- contributing raffles/money
- bidding on the painting kindly donated to our youth by Jocelyn Kilcullen – displayed at the back of the Larnach Room.

Please note that Saturday night bridge has been postponed until 17th July

SUPPER

Divisions are free to make their own arrangements as to how supper is organised. Your convenor can lead a discussion with members of the division if you would like to do anything different to what is happening at the moment. The committee recommends that at least a 5-minute break is allowed. At the moment:

Junior: The director usually makes tea and all have a break at the same time.

Intermediate: Have a roster to help in the kitchen and stop for a break.

Senior: One member is setting up, makes a pot of tea before the break is announced and pours tea for members.

Open: Have a roster to set up and clear away. It would be helpful if players could get their drink when they are

dummy, to avoid the crowd at the slide when the break is announced.

It has come to our notice that there may be people in our club who are not able to play because they do not drive or do not like driving at night. If you are one of these people please let anyone on the committee know. Or if you can offer rides to people please also let a committee member know. We will try to match up those wanting rides with those offering. Phone numbers are at the front of your Programme Book.

STOP PRESS: Winter Teams Winners: Donna Ruwhiu, Kristen Collins, Lorraine Peacock and Ron Meng. **Winter Pairs:** Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller. **Well done Otago.**