



Bridge Update

Bridge Pads

We are delighted to acknowledge donations received from August for the purchase of the Bridge Pad units from:

- Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation,
- Otago Community Trust,
- Southern Victorian Charitable Trust,
- St Kilda Community Sports Society and Pub Charity,
- Cutlers Limited,
- and members donations.

All contributions have been very much appreciated, and the management committee are considering suitable means of providing a permanent acknowledgment.

From November's Management Committee meeting

Barbecue

The club will hold a barbecue on Friday 11 December from 5.30 pm. This is for all members and their partners to socialise with friends and with people they may not normally see across the bridge table. However, we do ask that you bring enough food for yourselves to cook, as well as a salad and/or dessert to share. The bar will be open.

Sales

Those people who bring goods to the club for other members to buy, whether it be paintings, vegetables, jam, etc are most welcome to do so, providing it does not interfere with play. The committee feels that this adds to the social and friendly atmosphere of the club. **Pre-Christmas Sale! All paintings on back wall of Larnach Room are now the set price, less \$50. Club receives 20% of sale price.**

NZ Bridge

Nominations for the election of two Board Members close on 12 February 2010. If you would like to be nominated from our club please see Murat or Elaine.

Hudson Room

Two heatpumps have been installed which should provide a much more comfortable environment, especially during the colder months.

Coffee Machine

This machine will remain on a month-to-month basis, provided that we are not losing money on it.

The Bar

Disappointingly, money has once again gone missing from the bar till - \$160. This happened on a Wednesday between 4 pm and bridge that night.

Henceforth, notes from the float will be kept separately and the locks on the bar will be changed. Only qualified bar managers and convenors will be issued with keys.

Promotions

It was agreed that any member may be considered for early promotion by the playing committee at any time under special circumstances.

New Members

We welcome Anne Abbott, Peter Abbott, Karilyn Canton, Georgie Christie, Celia Ellis, Margaret Ellis, George Friedlander, Juliet Mitchell-Bryant, Anne-Marie Parsons, Sharon Pine, Heidi Ross, Maree Watson and Doreen Whiston into the Junior Division after their lessons (ably tutored by Marijn Prent, assisted by Alison Giller). We welcome back into the club Vivienne Aitken (S), and also Anne-Marie Russell and Daphne Randall who will play in Open as Country Members.

Resignations

The resignations of Derek and Maretta Malloch were accepted with regret.

Finance Committee

Michael Albert has agreed to chair this committee for the remainder of the financial year.

Trophies

Because there are now four sections in the Larnach Room on Teams nights it was agreed to present a cup to the Gold section which previously was presented to the winner of the Otago Pairs 10A Championship which is no longer held, and the Bronze section will receive the Bob Hudson Plate, previously presented to the Otago Club Congress Intermediate Pairs. The Championship winners will receive the usual Booths Gin Trophy and the Silver Section winners will receive the John Swan Trophy previously presented to the plate section.

RAROTONGA HOLIDAY

Tina McVeigh and Jenny Wilkinson from House of Cards, Christchurch are organising a trip in July 2010. This is not for top-ranked bridge players but for those who enjoy bridge and would like to learn a bit, play a lot and have a lovely holiday. See notice board. For further information email bridge@houseofcards.co.nz.

CROMWELL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Irene Hallberg and Marion Russell who were second in the Intermediate section at the 8B Pairs tournament on 28 November.