

Alexandra Bridge Club

February 2017

The January tournament went well with everyone appearing to have a happy time. We received numerous compliments and comments from players who said they always enjoy attending this tournament. Congratulations to Elwyn and Elspeth who were the winners achieving first place.

Subs are due by the end of this month, \$50 if paid by the 28th February with an extra \$5 added for late payment from the 1st March. If you are paying online, please remember to add your name and subs in the reference fields. The bank account number is in the front of your bridge book.

Mixed Teams are due to begin on the second Monday of March ie: 13th. Please enter your team on the notice to be found on the Results notice Board. Teams should consist of two Senior or Intermediate and two less experienced players. Mixed Teams take place on 3 nights on the second Monday of March, April and May. Last year we had to cancel them and play Mixed pairs, it would be great to have a good number of teams and reinstate this competition.

Beginners' Lessons will start on Thursday March 16th. There will be flyers at the Bridge Club next week, if you know of a suitable place to pin one up, please take one and do so. Also, if you know anyone who may be thinking of learning bridge please tell them about our lessons and encourage, even coerce them to come!

March 11th is our All Grade Pairs B tournament. This is the last year we will be holding it at this time (same weekend as the Wanaka Show) because we have come to an agreement with the Oamaru Bridge Club to swap with them and take their time of the third weekend in April. This will usually be at ANZAC weekend now that the holiday has been "Mondayised". Please write your entries on the flyer on the noticeboard, they close on Monday March 6th. There is a sheet on a middle table at the club for people to please write their names to contribute their time to help in the kitchen, provide a plate for morning tea and/or bring a raffle. Please help us to minimise our costs so we can make some profit from this tournament. We are holding table money and subs at the same level as it has been for quite a number of years. If we do not raise extra money at Tournaments, we will have to look at increasing our costs of playing Bridge.

The Scorer now shows how other players have scored and the contracts they played in. Members wanted us to return to this but we do not want people spending extra time looking at it, commenting loudly and holding up play. Please remember to be quick and discreet.

The furore/debacle at NZ Bridge continues with new revelations almost daily, I sent everyone the 14 page report with recommendations on how the Board should proceed. Other emails have come in to the club and I suggest you visit the website to see what is going on if you are interested.

Friday Bridge begins on February 24th and will continue through to December 1st.

A Voucher system for paying your table money will be instigated very soon. I am just waiting for Anne to return from her holiday to confirm details of payment. It will be possible for you to pay online or pay in cash at the Bridge Club. Vouchers will be available in lots of 10 so you pay \$30 for 10 sessions and instead of paying \$3 each time you place one of your vouchers on the table to be

collected along with any cash payments. You may, of course, purchase multiples of 10 should you so wish. There is no obligation to use the vouchers if you prefer to carry on with the current system. The purpose is to provide an alternative to those of us who find producing the cash difficult at times. More detail very soon.

This newsletter will also be uploaded to the website.