

## **Invercargill Contract Bridge Club President's Annual Report 2018**

It is my pleasure to present this report to the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Incorporated.

Many thanks to the members of our club who have helped out in any way. The club continues to operate efficiently because of the members who contribute so much.

### **Club Upgrade**

We have renewed the plumbing in the ceiling, thanks to Lindsay Glover and Grant Milne for overseeing this. The cost was \$4555 and was paid for from accumulated funds.

Harry Shepherd organised the instalment of another layer of ceiling insulation in the main playing room and office to bring this above current standards. It is noticeably warmer and our power bill is already down. This has been completed since the end of the financial year at a cost of \$4900

Last year I reported that a kitchen upgrade was going to be an inefficient use of funds, but a flood which has virtually destroyed the under sink shelves prompted us to get prices again. Currently we are looking at approx \$14K for installation of new joinery in the main kitchen area and a new centre island.

Donations of \$5K from the ILT and \$4K from Community Trust have been received towards this. Thank you to those two organisations for your continued support of our club. The fact that our building is used by other organisations helped us to receive this support. Earlier this year we had a working bee and replaced the foam on all the tables.

### **Membership**

2014 – 214

2015 – 204

2016 – 205

2017 – 193

2018 - 208

Jill McMeeking ran another successful group of learners classes this year and we have 10 new members from that group joined the reserve grade.

I am really pleased with the net increase of 15 members.

### **Obituaries**

Sadly I note the passing of a number of long standing members this year.

Dave Polaschek, Bev Forbes, Noeline Richardson ( remember the delightful hand knitted rug she donated to the club for our raffle table ) Gordon Smithies ( treasurer 1993 -1999) Also Alastair Baird, Ola McKenzie and Eleanor Sexton

## **Finance**

The financial position will be presented by our treasurer Christine Dallas, but I note the club remains in a strong financial position. This could not have been achieved without support from our major sponsors

- Avenal Park Funeral Home
- Foveaux Communications
- Invercargill Licensing Trust
- Martin and Lobb Eyecare
- Rowena Jackson Retirement Village
- Southland Real Estate
- Toyworld Invercargill

Please support our sponsors as they support us.

Thank you to all our members who donated prizes for raffles and especially to the anonymous donation of a truck which we raffled separately

## **Club Successes**

Congratulations to Marilyn Jackson representing Otago-Southland woman at the upcoming Inter Provincials in Wellington.

Marilyn Jackson and Anne Cosgrove representing Otago –Southland at congress as finalists in the National Rubber bridge competition.

Also Greg Buzzard and Bruce Batchelor becoming our newest grand masters and Anne Somerville obtaining Silver Grand Master.

Moss Wylie winning Same Sex Pairs at congress.

Congratulations to all our winners.

## **Committee**

Thank you to you all for your amazing support this year especially Jan Brown – you are awesome. We have co-opted new committee members Julie McDonald, Claire Graham and Colin Thomas. As a committee we have achieved much and it has been enjoyable.

Special thank you to these two ladies tiring from the committee at this AGM for all their work.

***Yvonne Hughes*** -Thanks Yvonne for the monthly newsletter, keeping members up-to-date with events, and also for keeping committee members up to speed. Yvonne has been President, served on match committee, Tournament Secretary and Club Administrator. And organised countless people to play.

***Christine Dallas*** - Christine has also done an enormous amount of work, she has been President, and Treasurer, served on the match committee, as well as making 1000's of scones. And she is always there and makes sure things are done. Thank you

## **Directors**

This year we had Yvonne Hughes and Jan Brown pass the club directors exam. Thanks to Harry Shepherd for your work teaching and mentoring our new “club directors “.

We can't play bridge without them – so thank you to Tony Winters, Harry Shepherd, Craig Rodgers, Moss Wylie, Marilyn Jackson, Yvonne Hughes, Lindsay Glover, Greg Buzzard, Jan Brown, Judith Lawton and Anne Somerville.

## **Volunteers**

There is many many hours of volunteer work done at our club. Thank you to you all

Special thank you to Geoff Eyles for all your work with our computer and scoring system. It is great to have someone only a phone call away.

Thank you to Deirdre Glover for her work on our webpage.

Thank you Grant Milne for keeping our bar well stocked and organising rosters.

Thank you to Christine Selby for all your work with the library over many years.

Thanks also to our dealers who work hard to produce thousands of boards, (I had a quick tally of over 11,000 not including tournaments), to the scorers for producing the all-important results quickly, convenors finding partners and duty people tidying up.

Thank you to the other volunteers who help with catering (providing yummy food and cleaning up), the bar, gardening, venue hire and working bees.

And finally, I am extremely grateful for the general support of members. Whenever I asked a member to do something, it is always a positive response.

Our club is a better place because of you all.

Yours in Bridge

Anne Somerville

President  
Invercargill Bridge Club