

# Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

## Newsletter April 2012

Dear Members

We are a third of the way through the year and timely to distribute another newsletter.

### Upcoming Events

*April 28th & 29th* is the ILT Murihiku Teams & Pairs events. A two-day tournament and entries close April 24th. This is open to all grades and a huge thanks to the many workers who will be assisting in the running of this event.

*May 20th:* Alliance tournament with the start time at 1pm. Note all sponsored afternoon tournaments start at 1pm and evening tournaments start at 7.30pm. Please put your name up in the foyer and anyone needing a partner we will find you one.

*July 1st* Guy Swiss Pairs: For the new members of the club this is a great event. Everyone is seeded and you start by playing a set of 6 boards against your opponents. After they are scored everyone moves up or down in the room and meet their next opponents and the same thing will happen. At the end of the day there are winners in 3 sections and even if you finish 10th in the room you may be the winners of your section. This is a very relaxed day where we all bring our own lunch and a minimal cost of \$10 is required.

### Club Teams

The Otago / Southland interclub teams are on the 6th May to find the team to represent Southland/Otago at the National congress in September. The following are representing Invercargill:

#### Open Intermediate Junior

Bruce Batchelor Bob Atley Christine Dallas  
Greg Buzzard Kerry Cartwright Grant Milne  
Harry Shepherd Robyn Reidie Lee Davies  
Tony Winders Sue Scott Sue Whelan  
Reserve: Jan Brown

### Names & NZCBA Number

When putting your name and number on the sheet please make sure you are putting your name & numbers clearly and correctly with the table number and board number you start with. This makes the job of the computer operator a lot easier and quicker, and less chance of mistakes being made. We are using the NZBA scorer programme in conjunction with Max's programme, running the two systems side by side, Jan Brown is doing a great job facilitating this transition and we need to ensure the best of Max's programme is available in the new system before the transfer takes place.

### LEARNERS CLASS 2012

We have a large class this year and thanks to Jill McMeeking with the assistance of John Burgess, Doug Harrington & Bob Atley for their weekly commitment to this class. The following change in bidding procedure has been introduced this year:

#### No Trump Rebids

In the fifth edition of Paul Marston's 'Introduction to Bridge' a minimum rebid of 1NT is 15 – 17

HCP. A rebid of 2NT is 18-19 HCP.

According to the author this represents a big improvement to the Acol system. It is right from a theoretical point of view and it is easier to learn. The NZ Bridge notes on learning bridge also advocate this part of the NT rebid structure.

This year's Learners' class is being taught this feature of the system so if you are still playing the previous version you need to be aware of this. It does not have to be alerted.

### **Hiring of Rooms**

Please note as we are not a registered commercial kitchen the kitchen is unable to be hired out for the making of cheese rolls etc. Huge thanks to Kay McMillan for looking after room hire over the last few years. She is no longer doing this but still assisting with dealing of cards and banking of \$\$\$. Sue Scott is the new contact for room hire enquiries.

### **Slow Play**

Thanks to all members for your efforts in reducing the unnecessary hold ups we have been plagued with in the past. Remember the most important role if you are sitting West is to move to the next table as soon as the bell goes & not to review the scores. A big thank you to the directors for keeping us all on track.

### **Sponsors**

It is timely to thank our sponsors again for their contribution to our tournaments though out the year. As we continue to support them they are happy to continue to support us. Our 2012 Sponsors are: Bowmont Meats, Office Max, Foveaux Communications, Toyworld, SBS, Alliance & ILT.

Christine Dallas  
President

### **Some Pearls of Wisdom**

People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.

We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.

You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer.

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age.  
It also helps you get there faster.