

Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Newsletter

August 2013

I would like to welcome this year's learners to Tuesday night Bridge. We all understand how daunting those first few months are. To our more experienced members, we must remember to ensure advice is not given too freely, as the learners tackle the basics first and can move on at their own pace in the future.

Good luck to the learners – you are a great bunch and we all look forward to playing with as many of you as possible in the future. Remember, the Learners Anniversary Pairs series starting on Thursday September 12.

SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA:

A sensational night was held recently to raise funds for the purchase of Bridgemates for the club. A huge thanks to Jean Jablonski, Margaret Christiansen & Brendon Lenihan for their work in ensuring the evening ran smoothly. Praise was loud indeed from all who attended the sell-out evening as they were spoilt with the seafood delights on offer. Well done to everyone who helped on the night.

BRIDGEMATE II:

The club has purchased 25 Bridgemates and the first trial has been held. The evening was popular with players, not daunted by the gadgets as they followed the instructions displayed, but were more concerned with the bidding from their partners as everyone was thrown together and some great combinations arose. Adjustments to the Bridgemates were made during the trial as Geoff Eyles tweaked the units to ensure all the information we needed was available on the hand held devices. Thanks to all who turned up on a Friday evening to get this trial underway.

If you are able to assist the club with the funding of these devices the club is calling for donations of \$210 which would purchase one Bridgemate unit.

SUCCESS:

Congratulations to the Interclub team: Bruce Batchelor, Greg Buzzard, Harry Shepherd, Tony Winters, Vicky Bouton, Kerry Cartwright, Robyn Reidie, Sue Scott, Lee Davies, Diana Easson and Karen Palmer-Hall who will be representing Otago /Southland in the NZ Club Champs at the National Congress in October.

Congratulations to Lorraine Oliver and Kay Shand who have been selected to play in the Interprovincial Teams Championships in Wellington over the last weekend in November. Thanks also, to all who participated in the annual club get together with Winton & Gore as we managed to hold onto the Lindsay & Evan trophies by very slim margins.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SBS Invercargill Open and Junior Pairs: Saturday August 24th. Entries close August 20th. A great opportunity for Juniors to experience a tournament playing against other juniors and at your home club. There has to be a first time for everything, so if you haven't played in a tournament before, find a partner and make our tournament your first tournament.

For Open and more experienced Juniors we would value your support to show our sponsor we are worthy of ongoing sponsorship, so get your entries in today.

Quiz Night: Wednesday September 4th. 7.30 p.m. Teams of 4 - \$20 per team.
This is a fundraiser for our Interclub team. We have secured some great raffle prizes including a trip to Milford Sound and accommodation in Te Anau, a \$70 voucher from Queenstown Ale House and meat. So get a team together – family/whanau, friends, workmates, and come along. Thanks to the ILT for their donation towards this event.

Fundraising Tournament: September 15th. 1.00 p.m.
A final fundraiser for the Interclub team. Thanks to the ILT for their donation towards this event.

Presidents v Vice Presidents match: September 22nd. 1.00 p.m.

Bowmont Meats Sponsored Tournament: October 5th. 7.30 p.m.

ILT Sponsored Tournament: November 16th 7.30 p.m.

Rowena Jackson Swiss Pairs: November 23rd

LIBRARY:

It's great to see the revamp of the library and special thanks to Bev Flint and Christine Selby for their dedication to this task. The NZ Bridge magazine appears a popular read. Please remember this is to stay on the premises for all to read and not to be taken home. NZ Bridge offer great subscription rates so the opportunity to have this delivered for you to read at your leisure is available.

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We would like to thank sincerely the following for their sponsorship of tournaments we have already held this year:

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Whenever possible please purchase the products they sell or use the services they supply and remember to tell them you are a member of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club as only by acknowledging their sponsorship can we hope for it to continue .

GOOD BRIDGE

Yvonne Hughes

P.S. If you are a dab hand with the pruning shears I'd love to hear from you as we have a few plants that are in desperate need of a good haircut!

P.P.S. Its 3 months till Christmas ☺

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