

Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

Newsletter

It's half way through the year and time for another update from your Committee.

Comings and Goings

Firstly, we record with sadness, the recent passing of a long-time Silver Reserve member Joan Belworthy. She held a private funeral which meant we were not able to say our goodbyes publicly, but it was lovely to see the memorial sheet that was done up by her family at the clubrooms.

As farewell is said to an old club member, on the other side we have welcomed the 2015 learners Class, who have graduated from lessons to playing in the Silver Reserve room. It has also been good to see some of them on the odd Thursday night, and others have also attended the Improvers classes we have been running this year, so welcome to you all. We hope you continue to enjoy this great game of Bridge.

For those who don't know who our new club members are, here is the list: Rachel and Doug Hall, Barbara and Gus Johnston, Brigid More, Judith van Eeden, Mary Hardy, Ray Alcock and Joyce Grieving.

It is also pleasing to record the return of two past members, back into the club. Nelson and Lyn Gutsell have returned to enjoy some Friday bridge and Lyn is also playing on Monday nights.

Upgrade Works

I am sure you are all thrilled to see the excellent progress being made with the toilet refurbishment. The installation of the disability toilet and repairs and changes to the women's facilities are now all complete. And it looks great, and will stand the club in good stead for many years to come. Work continues with the upgrade of the men's facilities, which is nearly complete. Thanks very much for your patience whilst this work has been continuing. I am sure you will agree it has been very worthwhile, and it will be great to have our rooms back in some semblance of order.

Congratulations!

A number of our players have been doing good things at the Bridge table in and around Southland and even further afield. Congratulations to Kay Shand, Anne Somerville, Lorraine Oliver, Moss Wylie, Sue Scott and Robyn Reidie on successfully qualifying for the Interprovincial teams which will be played in Christchurch at the end of November.

Our club team won the right to represent Southland/Otago at congress in October. The members of the team travelling to congress are: Tony Winters, Debbie Cooper, Marilyn Jackson, Bruce Batchelor, Judith Lawton, Jan Brown, Kerry Cartwright, Yvonne Hughes, Barbara Fahy, Marie Chilton, Fred Warnaar and Neil Rodger.

Special mention to Pat Dennis, Colin and Janet Thomas, who were in the initial winning team, however due to their own personal travel commitments, they were unable to attend Congress.

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Upcoming Events

A Quiz night is being held as a fundraising event for the Club Team travelling to Hamilton later this year. It is scheduled for 9 September - a Wednesday, so get a few mates together and come and have a fun night whilst supporting a worthy cause. \$20 per team of four. Great raffle prizes to be won.

Learner's class - a second intake for 2015 will commence 16th September 2015. Please help to spread the word.

Toyworld sponsored tournament - Sunday August 16th, 1.00 pm \$5 per player and a plate per partnership

Martin & Lobb Open B tournament - August 29th. \$30 per player. 9.30 am for morning tea and lunch is also provided.

Club Team Fundraiser bridge tournament – Wednesday, September 23rd. 7.30 pm \$10 per player. Supper will be provided.

Odds and Ends

We now have the option for you to bulk buy or prepay your table fees. You can buy in sets of 10 table fee vouchers for \$50. Those in Silver wishing to buy these should approach Robyn Reidie, and those in Silver Reserve should approach Christine Dallas.

Etiquette – don't forget to welcome your opponents to the table, and also treat everyone with respect - your partner included! It makes for a much friendlier atmosphere in the room, and for a pleasant night's bridge - even if your play isn't going so well.

Also please don't let the Bridgemates hold up play. Please lead or put your cards down if you are Dummy, before entering anything in the Bridgmate. Also, South doesn't have to monopolise the Bridgmate - anyone at the table can do the entering. Please ensure you also get your opponent to check the entry and confirm it, and then let everyone see the results before the movement is ended. These are all little things that will make the night go more smoothly, and hopefully not too late.

Our Sponsors

Just a reminder to support our sponsors whenever you possibly can, and let them know that you are a member of the Bridge club when you are doing that – so that they can see they are getting a return on their investment in us😊. Our sponsors are – Invercargill Licensing Trust, Foveaux Communications, Rowena Jackson, Toyworld and Martin & Lobb optometrists.

That's it for now. Remember, if you have any complaints, suggestions, or even congratulations to offer, please contact any member of the committee. We are here to help.

Jan Brown
President

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