



Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Newsletter

Dec 2012

Xmas wishes to all!! This is my first newsletter as President of our club and I take this opportunity to welcome on board our new committee who can be contacted at any time if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.

Immediate Past President: Christine Dallas, Vice President: Yvonne Hughes, Junior Vice President: Jan Brown, Treasurer: Robyn Reidie, Secretary: Sue Scott Committee: Bob Atley Marilyn Jackson, Erin Batchelor, Anne Somerville, Grant Milne, Randall Milne, Allen Waghorn.& Lee Davies..

Congratulations to the 6 Silver reserve players who have been promoted to Silver division for next year. They are Jan Brown, Grant Milne, Craig Rodgers, Margaret McDonald, Treasure Maxwell & Evelyne Adamson. We are all looking forward to seeing you do well on a Monday night.

I would also like to welcome this year's learners to Tuesday night Bridge. Now is the time to throw away the notes and come on board with the rest of us. We all think twice before we bid thinking what information we are giving to our partner (and the opposition) but the best advice is go with your gut instincts as hesitation is not permitted as this gives away so much more information. Good luck to the learners – you are a great bunch and we all look forward to playing with as many of you as possible during 2013. I would also like to take this opportunity to recommend that you consider “Teams Bridge” on a Thursday night for 2013.

Holiday Bridge

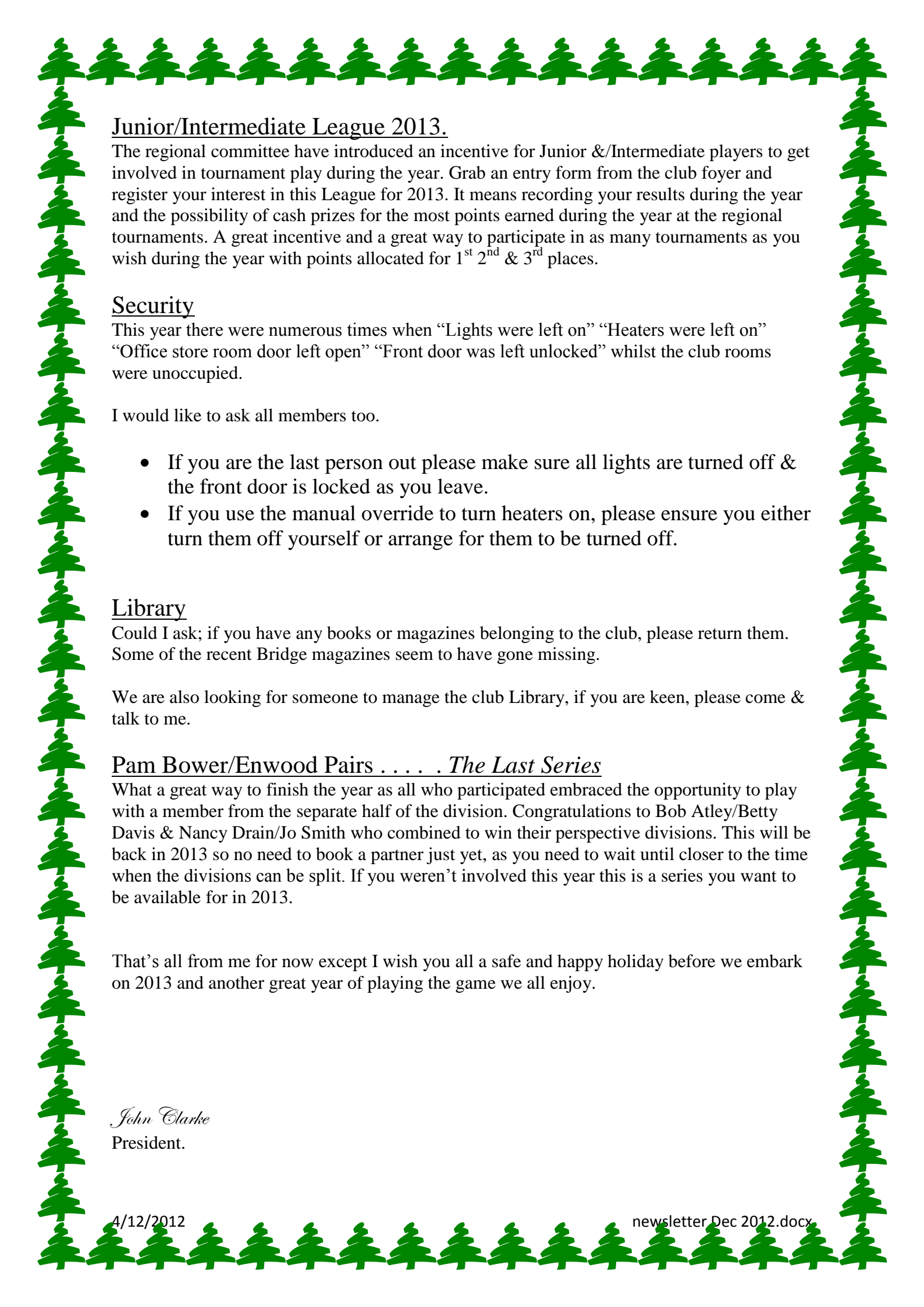
As we have now ended our Bridge year for 2012. Please consider “Holiday Bridge” as an opportunity to play with those members who you don't normally have a chance to play with.. The criteria is 9 games available and you can play with the same partner for 2 games but then required to play with different partners for at least 5 of the remaining games to qualify for a chance to win the friendly competition. Holiday Bridge is again played each Monday & Thursday till the last night on Monday 14 Jan, table fees are \$3, normal 7:30 pm start time. If you require a partner contact either Betty Davis or Sue Scott who will happily find a partner for you.

Mixed Teams 2013

The format has been changed for 2013 where each team is to be self-selected. This is a great competition with a great mix of all grades in the club so if you are keen to be involved next year check out the information in the foyer and get your team together.

Roof painting

The contract to get the roof painted has been let & hopefully we should shortly see the scaffolding go up & the roof painted. Getting the roof painted has been a bit of ‘a mission’ for Grant & his team & it is good to see their hard work pay off. More on this next year.



Junior/Intermediate League 2013.

The regional committee have introduced an incentive for Junior &/Intermediate players to get involved in tournament play during the year. Grab an entry form from the club foyer and register your interest in this League for 2013. It means recording your results during the year and the possibility of cash prizes for the most points earned during the year at the regional tournaments. A great incentive and a great way to participate in as many tournaments as you wish during the year with points allocated for 1st 2nd & 3rd places.

Security

This year there were numerous times when “Lights were left on” “Heaters were left on” “Office store room door left open” “Front door was left unlocked” whilst the club rooms were unoccupied.

I would like to ask all members too.

- If you are the last person out please make sure all lights are turned off & the front door is locked as you leave.
- If you use the manual override to turn heaters on, please ensure you either turn them off yourself or arrange for them to be turned off.

Library

Could I ask; if you have any books or magazines belonging to the club, please return them. Some of the recent Bridge magazines seem to have gone missing.

We are also looking for someone to manage the club Library, if you are keen, please come & talk to me.

Pam Bower/Enwood Pairs *The Last Series*

What a great way to finish the year as all who participated embraced the opportunity to play with a member from the separate half of the division. Congratulations to Bob Atley/Betty Davis & Nancy Drain/Jo Smith who combined to win their perspective divisions. This will be back in 2013 so no need to book a partner just yet, as you need to wait until closer to the time when the divisions can be split. If you weren't involved this year this is a series you want to be available for in 2013.

That's all from me for now except I wish you all a safe and happy holiday before we embark on 2013 and another great year of playing the game we all enjoy.

John Clarke
President.