Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Newsletter

December 2013

Just a quick note as 2013 draws to a close and we look ahead to 2014.

BRIDGEMATES

The use of Bridgemates since the AGM has been a great success. A huge vote of thanks to Geoff Eyles for the time spent getting us to where we are today. However, like any device the output is only as good as the input, therefore it is important to keep a Personal Score record and check your scores after play is completed.

If you wish to make a donation of \$210 for the purchase of one Bridgemate please contact Robyn Reidie, our treasurer.

CARD DEALERS

We no longer need people to do computer scoring but the cards still need to be dealt. If you are able to help out, Jill McMeeking would be delighted to hear from you as she prepares the dealing roster for next year.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to those club members who have enjoyed success this year at any level and all the best for the year ahead. An enjoyable afternoon was held on Sunday to celebrate the achievements of our members at the club this year. We look forward to welcoming Vicki Bouton, Kaye Furness and Jan Jacobson to Silver in 2014.

SPONSORS/TOURNAMENTS

We welcome onboard next year a new sponsor in Bay Audiology who are the naming rights sponsor of the new 5B Intermediate and 3B Junior Pairs to be held on 8 February. This event is being held very early on in the year, (before the first night of pairs) therefore you may like to organise a partner sooner, rather than later to ensure you show maximum support for our new tournament and sponsor.

SBS will continue their sponsorship of our stand alone 8B Open Pairs in August. Our last tournament this year was also new, with a new sponsor, the 5A Rowena Jackson Swiss Pairs. This was very well supported and we were delighted to have Merryn Jack along on the day to present the prizes. Thanks to the regional committee for holding your meeting in Invercargill on the Friday night.

To recognise the valuable service provided to the community by St John they are to be the beneficiary of our charity tournament to be held on 22 February.

The Bowmont Meats handicap tournament will be held on 22 June to allow as many members as possible to participate.

LAST SERIES OF THE YEAR

This year, the format for the last series was not supported as well as the previous 3 night series. In light of this, next year we propose running the last series as a Swiss pairs event over the three nights, with you choosing your own partner.

TABLE FEES

A reminder, that after the end of Holiday Bridge on 13 January, table fees for all regular club sessions will rise by \$1.00. Any printed Table Fee vouchers issued for \$4.00 will be honoured for a scheduled \$5.00 club session. Change will not be given.

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Finally, I would like to wish all members a happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Yvonne Hughes, President.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR. NOLLAIG SHONA DHUIT! ATH BHLIAIN FAOI MHAISE FELIZ NAVIDAD! FELIZ ANO NUEVO **JOYEUX NOËL! BONNE ANNEE** ZALIG KERSTFEEST! GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN! EIN GUTES NEUES JAHR. **BUON NATALE! BUON ANNO** MILAD MUBARAK! SANA SAIIDA MO'ADIM LESIMKHA! SHANAH TOVAH GÉZUAR KRISHLINDJET! GEZUAR VITIN E RI SRETAN BOZIC! SRETNA NOVA GODINA MERII KURISUMASU! **AKEMASHITE OMEDETO** MERI KIRIHIMETE! KIA HARI TE TAU HOU