

# Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

## Newsletter Dec 2021



Hi everyone

Well what a year we have had. I am so pleased we have made it to December and now we can all start to think of holidays and celebrating club successes.

### Invitation

All are invited to come along to the Prize Giving and Xmas Party on Sunday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm. Bring a festive plate for afternoon tea and a \$10 gift for Secret Santa. Wear some festive bling. We have a fun afternoon planned with some spot prizes and festive cheer so come and support our members who have done well during the year and finish off with an entertaining afternoon for all.

### Committee

I am pleased to be able to take this opportunity to welcome on board our new committee, which is a great mix of divisions and whom are all keen to contribute to the successful running of the club. We can be contacted at any time if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.

Vice President: Greg Buzzard Junior Vice President: Karen Palmer-Hall Treasurer: Anne Somerville Secretary: Cheryl Foley Committee: Judith Lawton, Jan Brown, Jane Carroll, Janice Hodson, Chris McDonald, Lindsay Glover, Megan Dowd.

The sub committees are House: Janice Hodson, Jane Carroll.

Match: Greg Buzzard, Megan Dowd. Bar: Karen Palmer-Hall.

Membership/Club Promotion: Judith Lawton, Megan Dowd.

Computer: Jan Brown. Property: Lindsay Glover, Judith Lawton.

Room Hire: Chris McDonald. Club Administrator: Jan Brown.

Outside the committee we also have the following members assisting on the various sub committees. Computer: Geoff Eyles Match: Jill McMeeking, Geoff Eyles Lee Davies, Bar: Grant Milne, Fred Warnaar. Club Recorder: Ken Smith. Bridge Library: Helen Chesterfield. Fundraiser Library: Fred Warnaar

### Promotions

Marianne Frisby met the promotion criteria to Silver again this year. We also invited 6 Silver Reserve players to Silver and I am happy to advise Linda Stevens and Sherry Elton are happy to proceed to Silver. As Marianne again declined promotion the same restriction applies i.e.

she will be ineligible to win any of the S/R competitions. We are looking forward to seeing Linda & Sherry do well on Monday nights.

## Holiday Bridge

As we have now ended our Bridge year for 2021 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 11 games available and you can play with the same partner for 2 games but then required to play with different partners for at least 6 of the remaining games to qualify for a chance to win the friendly competition. If you play more than 8 games your top 8 results are only included. The Holiday Bridge dates are in the book & again played most Monday's & Thursday's till the last night on Thursday 13th Start time 7.30 \$5 and if you require a partner contact myself 027 2078720 or 215 4070 or write your name on the list in the foyer.

## Teams

Lists will be in the foyer early 2022 for all team competitions. It would be great to get some new faces along playing in the team competitions. These are relaxed competitions so if you haven't played before now is a good time to talk to some members and gather a team for 2022. Mixed Teams will be played later in the year as this gives everyone a chance to sort out their teams as well as the introduction of the new learners into the mix. A mixed team is one made up with no more than 2 silver players a silver reserve player and a novice player.

A novice player is deemed not to have played more than 3 years and a list of eligible novice players will be in the foyer to assist with the compilation of your team.

## Thursday nights

Due to the success of the individual night in 2021 we have decided to again run this event as a series with 3 individual nights in 2022. There are two cups for this event. Top Silver and top Silver Reserve player. So if you enjoyed this format, which seems like many members did, make sure, when the time comes, to get your names down for the 2022 series. A great mix of divisions and you only need to play a board with each partner once each night.

We have also decided to run a Rubber Bridge night to introduce members to this different format of the game as well as a Goulash night, which has proved very popular in the past. As previously requested by members we have several open nights on a Thursday where you can play with whoever you like. No partner required on these evenings as someone will be available to partner you if required. A great opportunity to practice any new bidding systems you may be developing with your partner.

## Learners Classes 2022

The date is set Tuesday 15 February 2022 7pm. Grab a flyer from the club and pass onto neighbors and friends over the summer break. A good chance to get some early interest in the 2022 lessons.

## Kitchen Tournament Helper

Miriam, who has been our long term kitchen helper at club tournaments, is unable to fill this role in 2022. So if you know of anyone who can assist in this next year please let a committee member know. You may have a relation or a neighbor who is willing to give us a few hours during the year setting up the kitchen for afternoon tea or a supper break and cleaning up afterwards. We pay some \$\$ for this assistance so please pass on any details to a committee member.

## Convenors & those dishes

A reminder that the convenors job, as well as finding partners as required, is to ensure the director and duty person are available. A quick phone call is required to the applicable people as the director dates and duty roster are in the book. Also a reminder to everyone you are responsible for washing your own dishes as this is not a task that duty people or committee members need to do.

## Bridge Libraries

The Bridge Library is a free resource for our members run by Helen Chesterfield. If you see a book of interest that will assist with your game members are welcome to borrow these books as long as the card at the back is completed.

The fundraiser library operated by Fred Warnaar generates approximately \$400 per annum. The choice is updated regularly from Fred's different sources. With holiday season fast approaching the shelves have been well stocked so grab some books 3 for \$5 or 1 for \$2

## Sponsors

We are very fortunate with our sponsors: Regal Floors, Audiology South, Toyworld, Foveaux Communications, ILT, Avenal Park, Southland Real Estate, Martin & Lobb & Rowena Jackson. We are so appreciative of their support and without them we would be unable to run the successful tournaments throughout the year. So please support our sponsors as they support us.

## SHOUT OUT FOR MY SISTER

My sister – Dawn -is embarking on a journey over the next few months as she undertakes the challenge of walking the length of New Zealand. She has fought the cancer battle and is doing this challenge as a way to raise funds for the Southland Cancer Society. She has set up a sponsorship page where you can follow her progress and/or donate to this worthwhile cause.

<https://www.youcanforcancer.org.nz/dawn-lloyd>

Dawn started her journey yesterday walking from Bluff to Woodlands. She is going to continue working for the next couple of weeks while walking in the weekends and then she will be taking a few months off to complete the journey.

That's all from me for now except I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and a very Merry Xmas before we embark on 2022 and another great year of playing the game we all enjoy.

Sue Scott  
President

