

PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

It is with great sadness I advise Richard Beauchamp passed away suddenly last Wednesday. We pass on our sincere condolences' to Chrissy and their son Johnny. A service for Richard will be held at the Winton Bridge Club at 2pm Tuesday 17 Feb. (tomorrow)

2026

The New Year is now well advanced and all competitions are under way. We would like to see more teams formed to participate in the various Teams grade competition. If you would like to play this outstanding form of Bridge but are lacking potential team mates please let the committee know and we may be able to find others to make up a team. These competitions are due to start on February 19. We now have 4 teams entered.

PAIRS COMPETITION 2026

After listening to the concerns of the Silver Reserve Players participating in the Silver Reserve Pairs qualifying a decision has been made to abandon the new qualifying format for the

SILVER RESERVE PAIRS ONLY

The first Swinton series has now been completed.

The Pairs competition for **SILVER RESERVE** will now **NOT** be split into Championship and Plate sections after the first 7 nights. The revised format for 2026 is for 12 nights of Pairs beginning on Tuesday 10 February. The revised competition will be over 12 nights with the winners being the Pair with the highest average percentage while playing a minimum of 9 of the 12 sessions.

INTERCLUB TEAMS 2026

Entries are sought for the inter club teams event on Wednesday evenings. At the moment it looks like 2 teams for Invercargill, Winton and Gore. If you would like to participate, please contact Tony on 021 2520 415.

CLUB RESULTS

FRIDAY BRIDGE FOR JANUARY

HIGHEST HANDICAP SCORE was 70.42% achieved by Sandra Russell and Marilyn Jackson. A reminder there are monthly prize winners in this category.

INVERCARGILL TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

- **CHARITY TOURNAMENT**

- Originally set for the 7 Feb has been postponed to a later date. The new date and format will be decided soon

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- **AVENAL PARK FUNERAL HOME SWISS PAIRS 8B TOURNAMENT**

- 1st Open Greg Buzzard and tash Lundin
- 1st Intermediate Rae Dorricott and Pam McLeod
- 1 Juniors Susan Burgess and Debbie Reading

Good bridging everyone!

Tony Winters