

Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

Newsletter January 2012

Welcome Back — Happy New Year

Hello everyone. For those of you who haven't participated in Holiday Bridge – welcome back to the bridge table! We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for another great year of enjoyable cards.

Congratulations!

Firstly – congratulations to all prize winners from 2011. We have no promotions in 2012 as those that met the criteria have opted to stay in Silver Reserve with a handicap.

Secondly – congratulations to Yvonne Hughes for winning the Holiday Bridge. This competition was held over 11 weeks. We had 111 members playing at least once during this period with visitors from the UK & Canada.

Thursday night competitions

Entry sheets for the following competitions are posted on the foyer noticeboard.

* Mixed Pairs: Starts 9 February 2012. The competition will be run over 11 nights. Each pair is to have one Silver & one Silver Reserve player. The same pair must play 9 nights of the eleven to qualify and scores with substitutes will not count. Handicaps will apply.

So find a partner or just enter your name on the list and Lee or John will match you up.

* Teams: Starts 16 February 2012. Entry forms are in the foyer.

There will be 3 levels of competition: Championship, Reserve & Junior. The format will be determined by the number of entries in each division.

* Mixed Teams: Starts 23 February 2012. Enter your names in the foyer and teams will be assigned by the match committee to ensure a tightly contested competition. No handicaps will apply.

These are all great competitions to be involved with. They are a great mix of all players from each division and a chance for the Junior players to learn more skills from the senior players. So if you have not played on this night in previous years come and join the fun.

Learners Classes – February 21st 7pm

We are keen to have a good attendance at these classes so ask your neighbours, work colleagues or friends. If any interest enter their details on the list in the foyer or pass the info to Jill McMeeking. We all know what a great game Bridge is – share the pleasure!

Charity Tournament – February 25th 7.30pm

This year's Charity is to be Southland Conductive Education Trust. This is a centre for children with Motor Disorder. They are a parent driven non-profit organisation providing programmes for children with physical disabilities and developmental delay to encourage independence & wellbeing. The cost for this tournament is \$10 per person plus a plate for supper and donations for raffles. Lets get behind this great charity and show our support.

Interclub Teams

The Interclub team competition is to be held in Dunedin on May 6th. We need to select an open, intermediate and junior team so if you wish to be considered for a team please put your name on the list in the foyer by March 16th. The winners of the interclub competition represent Southland/Otago in Hamilton at Congress in September.

Handicap System explained

Handicaps for each member are calculated thus: for each % figure above or below 50% half a % is deducted or added. The starting handicap for a Silver player is scratch and for Silver Reserve +5. Handicaps are updated after each pairs night, New players from the learners' class are assigned a fixed handicap of 15 until the end of the year. On the computer printout of players's averages, which is in the foyer, each individual's handicap is shown as half. Your combined handicap with your partner gives you your total handicap for the night.

Last Series of the Year: Silver-Enwood & SR-Pam Bower

As a way of encouraging the senior players in each division to play with the junior players within the division this series is to be split into two sections based on the average % where each pair is to contain a member of each section. Results to be scored on a handicap basis. These results will not affect your overall %. The division of each section to be sorted the series prior to enable you to organise your partner.

Defibrillator

ILT has funded the purchase of a defibrillator. Training was completed in December. The machine is to be located in the kitchen by the phone with the list of trained members.

Start Times

Just a friendly reminder to all that players are required to be here and seated 5 mins prior to the start of play. This allows time for the Director to facilitate table movements and for play to commence on time.

Don't forget your Committee is here to help. If you have any queries or concerns don't hesitate to contact any of us who are listed in the front of the programme book.

New Years Resolutions:

If you would like to be a desirable bridge partner – Don't say anything to your partner unless you want him/her to say the same to you. Always remember you and your partner are on the same side. Remember bridge is just a card game and last but not least have a good time.

Good bridging everyone.
Christine Dallas
President