

Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

Newsletter July 2012

Dear Members

It is timely for another newsletter to update you on the comings and goings of our club. First of all with sadness we remember the passing of Peter Lenihan, Margaret Dawson & Dorothy Boyde. These members will be sadly missed.

We welcome to our club 16 new members who have “graduated” from Learners class. A reminder to all on how we felt on this auspicious occasion as we make them feel comfortable in the club surroundings.

Upcoming Events

July 29th :Toyworld Sponsored Tournament at 1pm

Our next Tournament is sponsored by Toyworld. The cost is \$5 per player and each partnership is to bring a plate for afternoon tea. Enter your names in the foyer and if you need a partner contact Sue Scott Ph 215 4070.

This is the first time Toyworld have sponsored a tournament so let's get behind our sponsor to show our appreciation of their support.

August 12th : Lindsay Trophy. This tournament is our annual get together with the Gore Club. Each year this is held at an alternate venue and this year is our turn to host Gore. Play starts 1pm and each Invercargill member is to bring a plate. It would be preferable if a sweet & savoury was brought from each pair. There are no table fees on the day. Names can be entered in the foyer.

August 25th: SBS Invercargill Pairs. This is open to all club members as Intermediate can play in the Open section. Names can be entered in the foyer.

Sept 2nd: President vs Vice President: A new fun club tournament, names to be put up in the foyer then 2 even teams will be formed, same format as a sponsored tournament.

October 7th: Bowmont Meats Sponsored tournament at 1pm

October 28th: Evans Trophy at Winton

November 2nd: NZ wide pairs

November 17th: ILT Sponsored, 7.30pm

Reminder for the 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.

Bar Manager

Grant Milne is taking over the role of Bar Manager, a huge thanks to John Clarke for his dedication at looking after the bar over the past few years.

Slow Play

Thanks to all members for your efforts in reducing the unnecessary hold ups we have been plagued with in the past. Remember the most important role if you are sitting West is to move to the next table as soon as the bell goes & not to review the scores. A big thank you to the directors for keeping us all on track. Committee members are also required to back up the Director.

Scores

It is very hard to get scores 100% correct on the night when information provided by members is incorrect or positions changed on the backing sheet. The end result is only as good as the data provided to input. Convenors please make sure all results are to the computer operator and be on hand for any checking etc. If any members are interested in learning how to do the scoring for next year, please let Jan Brown know.

Sponsors

It is timely to thank our sponsors again for their contribution to our tournaments though out the year. As we continue to support them they are happy to continue to support us.

Our 2012 Sponsors are: ILT, Bowmont Meats, Office Max, Foveaux Communications, SBS, Toyworld.

Christine Dallas
President

A dear old lady found herself playing in a teams match against two very famous Grand Masters. Her partner was also a distinguished Grand Master. Feeling considerably outclassed, she spent the entire match praying for 4-3-3-3 yarboroughs (that is, a hand with no card higher than a 9), so that she would not have to make any decisions and could not be criticised in front of the kibitzers for getting a decision wrong. She also worked very hard in the bidding to try to ensure that her famous partner played all the hands. She had been reasonably successful with her 'relay' system until this monster came along:

AKQ – A6 – KQJ10 9 8 – AK

She and her partner were playing Benjamin Twos and in this method she had an automatic 2 Diamond opening which promises a hand of 23 points or more, or at least enough for game in one's own hand. However, she figured that if she did open 2 Diamonds, it was highly likely that the final contract could be 5, 6 or even 7 Diamonds and then she would have to play the hand.

Therefore she rejected the 2 Diamond opening and instead opened 2 Clubs which showed around 20-22 points, about 8-9 playing tricks. This clever ploy was in anticipation of her partner bidding the 2 Diamond negative reply, in which case he would end up as declarer if the final contract happened to be in diamonds.

However, the contract turned out to be 6 Spades, played by her partner of course, and after the lead was made and she tabled this gigantic dummy, the Grand Master on her right stared at dummy goggle-eyed and exclaimed : 'Good grief! That's the biggest eight-playing trick hand I have ever seen. What do you need to open with 2 Diamonds?' Her reply : 'Weaker opponents.'