

# **Invercargill Contract Bridge Club**

## **Newsletter June 2011**

Dear Members

We are half way through the year and timely to distribute another newsletter.

### **Welcome to our new members**

Thanks to Jill & John and helpers for their assistance with the 2011 learners class. We have 5 new members starting. A big welcome to Ailsa Forrest, Patricia Dunne, Rachael Rogers, Julie-Ann Currie & Jean Jablonski. A reminder to all members how you felt on this auspicious occasion as we welcome the members to our club.

### **Upcoming Events**

Our first upcoming event is the Guy Swiss Pairs 3rd July. Air NZ are no longer sponsoring this event. The Bouton Family have offered their support by way of a donation for 3 years in memory of Guy. The overall winner of the event will be presented with a trophy. Entries close Tuesday 28th and play starts 10am. Bring all food requirements, as Tea/Coffee will only be available. Cost is \$10 per player.

July 10th Evans Trophy to be held here. Names can be entered in the foyer. This tournament is our annual get together with the Winton Club. Each year this is held at an alternate venue and this year is our turn to host Winton. 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.

July 31st Powernet Tournament. This Sunday afternoon fixture is always popular so grab a partner and support our sponsor for a fun afternoon.

August 27th SBS Invercargill Pairs. This is open to all club members as Intermediate can play in the Open section. More info to come

The following are changes to our programme book.

The Lindasy Trophy, which is our annual get together with Gore, has been moved to Sunday 18th September.

As Tapanui are holding their tournament on September 25th we are changing the Bowmont Sponsored tournament to Sunday Oct 2nd.

Another night to diary is our own club fundraiser Quiz night on September 24th. More information to follow.

### **Rugby World Cup**

The contract with Rugby World Cup officials is about to be signed for the hire of our clubrooms during the Southland event. The club will be used by the RWC from September 7th to September 19th. During this period they will have the use of the Harvey Kitto room, Committee room and the Kitchen. The only disruption to our bridge players will be Wednesday 14th as this is a RWC game day. The match committee is arranging an alternate day for this interruption.

### **Thank you Moss**

Your Monday night lessons are appreciated by all who attend.

Lee Davies has organised the use of 3 walkers for our members. They are stored in the Ladies Cloakroom and are available for anyone to use. Thank you Lee.

### **Wednesday Bridge**

Numbers are such that a Wednesday competition is not economically viable for the club. If the afternoon is to continue with such low numbers the Committee room should be used for the venue instead of the full room. For your information the last power bill for the club was \$1300.00 If anyone is interested in playing on Wednesday afternoon please contact the convenor as listed in the programme book. It is a great way to fill in a cold winters afternoon.

### **Youth Bridge**

Jono Batchelor & Vicky Bouton attended the Youth Bridge weekend in Auckland recently. They have both come back very enthusiastic about what they learnt about the game while in Auckland. Approximately 30 youth from around the country attended the weekend.

### **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 2011 Sponsors are: ILT, Air NZ, Bowmont Meats, Office Max, Foveaux Communications, Powernet, SBS.

### **Bar Manager**

John Clarke has indicated he is ready to pass on the Bar manager duties at the end of the year. If you are interested in this position have a yarn to John to see what this entails.

### **A Little Laugh**

A fellow had made a bad bid and gone for 1400.

"I'm sorry," he said to his partner, "I had a card misplaced."

Asked his partner innocently, "Only one card?"

A doctor, concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients, during a regular check-up asked, "Do you get much exercise?"

"Only when I sit East/West"

Did You Know?

43.6 percent of all slam contracts fail.

62.7 percent of all bridge players are women.

97.8 percent of all bridge statistics, including these, are made up.

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