

Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

Newsletter #2 – 2018

Winter has arrived with a blast

Hope everyone is keeping warm on these chilly mornings. The days will start getting longer soon as we quickly approach the shortest day.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to new and returning members: Barbara O'Connell, Noel Bulman, Clare Hadley, Colin Blair, Daniel Clearwater, Diane Russell, Eleanor Rudolph, Jan Williams and Tom Wallis. It is lovely to have you joining or rejoining our club. I am sure you will have many enjoyable sessions at our club.

Congratulations to

- Margi Christiansen & Sue Whelan winning the Gore Intermediate pairs .
- Kevin Skoropada and Anne Somerville winning the Murihiku Pairs
- Moss Wylie, Bruce Batchelor, Geoff Eyles, and Harry Shephard winning the Murihiku Teams
- winners of the Number 10 charity Tournament Geoff Eyles and Joyce Grieving
- Foveaux Communications 8B tournament winners Lorraine Oliver and Anne Somerville
- winners of the Otago Festival 5A Pairs Marilyn Jackson and Kay Shand; and
- winners of the Taieri Open Pairs Geoff Eyles and Anne Somerville

Congratulations also to

- **New Grand Masters:** Greg Buzzard and Bruce Batchelor
- **Silver Grand Master:** Anne Somerville
- **Representing Otago Southland Women's Team :** Marilyn Jackson playing with ex Invercargill member Anne McGregor-Egan

Happy 90th Birthday's to:

- Life Member Daisy Skerrett, who turned 90 years young earlier this year
- Sheena Reid, who has been back to play this year
- Also late last year regular player Irene Warnock had a quiet celebration when she hit 90

It is great to have so many active nonagenarians at our club. Congratulations to you all.

Directors Exams

This year we have three members keen to sit the exam on 14th July 2018, and thank you to Harry Shepherd who has been coaching them. It would be good to have some more involved in sitting this exam – please let Harry or I know if you are interested. Learning the rules is part of any game.

X CLUB

Most of our sessions use X Club files for the hands that we play. The format links computer deals from around the country, so you can see how you played not only against the room but against hundreds of other players. Vil Gravis writes a "Thursday Review" every week, and posts this on the X-Club's web site. He will email this to any of our members free of charge if you send him an email with "Thursday Reviews" in the subject line – villyn@xtra.co.nz

Cleaner

We are sad to announce that Michelle Harvey is no longer cleaning for us, as she has decided to continue her education. We have appointed Merrill Leith to start this week on a 90 day trial. We welcome Merrill, and it is great to have her looking after the cleaning for us.

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