

Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

Newsletter May 2021

Hi Everyone

Time for an update on issues for all members as unbelievably we approach the middle of the year.

Vandalism

Unfortunately recently we had to deal with the vandalism of heat pumps on the outside of the building with the addition of some graffiti. To top this off we have also had items removed from the office during the Murihiku tournament. To combat this worrying trend we are installing security cameras and extra lighting on the outside of the building and also security cameras on the inside of the building. The inside cameras will be in the playing room, office and bar .It's a concern that it's come to this but a reality and the cameras are a safety precaution for us all.

Building Upgrade

We are awaiting the delivery of further automatic doors inside the main foyer. This will prevent the rush of cold air as we enter the clubrooms. We also intend to replace the swinging doors into the playing room with a sliding door as the swinging doors are proving difficult for some of our members to control.

Tournaments

Next weekend Saturday night 7.30pm we are holding the Foveaux Communications sponsored tournament. This is a one session handicapped event so we hope for a great turnout to support our sponsor. Give me a call on Ph 215-4070 or 027 2078720 if you require a partner.

At the end of June Sunday 27th we have the Avenal Park Funeral Home Swiss pairs. This is an all day tournament with a Swiss Pairs format. The Guy Bouton Trophy will be presented to the winner of this event. This will be an enjoyable day for all members as you move up and down the playing room after each round.

The upcoming Enwood Swiss pairs on Monday nights & Pam Bower Swiss pairs on Tuesday nights are a great introduction to this format. The convenors for these nights, myself in Silver and Joyce Grieving in Silver Reserve, require the names of all playing in these series to ensure the same number of pairs who start the series remain the same over the 3 nights. So let us know over the next 2 weeks if you are playing and who you are playing with. As per the rules in the front of the programme book you may play with any partner in these series as the results do not affect promotion or the Series Trophy.

Vouchers

Are you aware you can buy vouchers to use as table fees. \$50 for 10 vouchers or \$40 Friday sessions. Deposit this amount into the bridge club account: 03 1355 0532940 00 or pay this amount to a committee member and you will be issued with some playing vouchers. It does save the hassle of cash and is a recommended option to use.

Housekeeping

It is very disappointing to see how many dirty cups are left lying around the playing room after a session of bridge. I am sure when you are at home dirty cups are not left lying around so please, if you get a cuppa during a session it is your responsibility to wash & dry the cup and return it to whence it came. This is not the convenor's duty, nor the director's duty, nor the committee members duty, nor the bar person's duty but your duty as an active club member.

Reminder

All receipted table fee money is to be placed in the bar slot. If the bar is not opened it is to be placed in the same file room the dealt boards are stored. No Table fee money is to be left in the playing room.

Thursday nights

As requested by members the Thursday night programme was set to suit you. Goulash pairs was really enjoyed last year and more nights were requested so we programmed two nights for 2021. Unfortunately, due to a lack of participants, 8 members, the first night did not proceed. The 2nd night is scheduled for Sept 9th so hopefully we have enough support for a fun night of crazy cards & fun bidding for all. No partner required just turn up and support the night.

Individual Night

We have played the first of 3 individual nights. All names on the whiteboard are the names for our next night on July 1st. If you wish to join this group please add your name to the list. Geoff has discovered there are several movements for this event so it is not a necessity to have a prime number of tables. If you want to play please just add your name. The winners of the trophies for Silver & Silver Reserve will be whoever has the highest percentage on any of the three nights. One down two to go.

Fundraiser Ball

Yes we are holding a ball at the club as a fundraiser for the Charity Hospital. This is being organized by the Waihopai division of the Freemasons and the date to put in your calendar is Saturday August 14th. Dust off the glad rags as we support this fundraiser by the Freemasons. More information is to follow.

Learners

Jill, with the assistance of Jo Smith, has been working away with our new group of learners over the last few weeks. They are pleased to advise our learners who consist of: Al Babington, Jan Livingston, Tash Lundin, Margaret Johnstone, Dianna McEwan & Els Wilson are looking to join the Silver Reserve division on June 22nd. They will return to the Learners for Pairs night and continue in the main room thereafter. Committee members Megan Dowd & Jane Carroll will be looking after the group when they come through to ensure they have partners and also to ensure they are looked after and not inundated with too much advice. We all remember our first time moving out of the comfort of learner's class so we all have a role of support to play. As Jacinda would say "Be Kind"

National Teams

We are hosting this NZ event on the weekend August 28/29th. Teams from throughout the country will be descending on the South. A lot of planning has already taken place and to date 10 teams have already entered. As the host club we will be providing food over the

weekend so if you are able to assist in any way please advise Judith Lawton or myself. Thanks to those who have already indicated their support. As the saying goes many hands make light work. ☺

Finally a huge thanks to all of you who assist to keep our club ticking over. From the dealers to the convenors and directors, to the bar helpers and to the committee members and especially to our sponsors, we couldn't be a successful club without you.

Roll on winter – We are ready

Sue Scott
President

