

PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

CONGRATULATIONS

To our members on their recent successes

Harry Shepherd and Kevin Skoropada on their 4th placing in the NZ Bridge online Fundraising Swiss Pairs.

Tash Lundin and Anee Sommerville on finishing 3rd at the Winton Swiss Pairs.

Wanaka Pairs – Winners Anne Sommerville and Fergus More and 3rd placing Moss Wylie and Greg Buzzard.

RUBBER BRIDGE

Congratulations Judith Lawton and Jan Brown on being selected as our representatives for the Rubber Bridge competition 😊

CLUB RESULTS

We recently held our 2 weekend tournaments. I thank, on your behalf, all those members who made this such a success. As we know these tournaments don't just happen – a lot of hard work and effort from many people make them a success.

MURIHIKU TEAMS RESULTS

- 1 Anne Sommerville, Kevin Skoropada and partners from Otago
- 2 Greg Buzzard, Harry Shepherd, Bruce Batchelor and Moss Wylie

MURIHIKU PAIRS RESULTS

- 2 Anne Sommerville, Kevin Skoropada
- 3 Greg Buzzard and Harry Shepherd

INVERCARGILL TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

Grab yourself a partner and come join in the fun.... 😊

- **E HAYES & SONS TOURNAMENT** Sunday 14 June
- **CHARITY TOURNAMENT** Sunday 28 June
- **TOYWORLD TOURNAMENT** Sunday 5 July
- **LINDAY TROPHY** Sunday 12 July
- **FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT** Sunday 30 August

This is to assist Roisin Dyer in her Outward Bound placement. Please make every effort to play

TWIG INTERCLUB

Our teams are currently being selected by the Match Committee. They will be selected on current form. The leading contenders in each of the 3 divisions – Open, Intermediate and Junior – will be approached and invited first.

A plea for some to form a team to participate in the WIG teams to be held on Wednesday evenings (once a month) at each of the 3 clubs later this year. These teams are self nominating. We have two teams and one each from Winton and Gore – we would like more. Please contact me on 021 2520 415 as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE MEETING DECISIONS

At a recent committee meeting it was decided that;

- Handicaps for refusing promotion to the Silver Division are still operative for 2026 (2 players are affected).
- A greater use of Howell movements to be used (the rationale to be used is to be able to play against more opponents.)
- Updated handicaps (from 1 April) are now in use for all competitions
- **Promotion criteria from Silver Reserve Winners (provisional as at the end of September).**
 - Need to have played more than 70% of Tuesday nights
 - Averaging 54% or better.
 - Other players can apply for promotion (in writing) which will be at the discretion of the Match Committee.
 - All promotions will be finalised by the end of September 2026.

CLUB FUTURE....

Time to start thinking about the future of the club....

Dissatisfied as to decisions you think are incorrect?? What can YOU do to help?

Please consider standing for the committee positions at the AGM in November. It

should not be advisable that any President should serve more than one term (2 years).

This has now happened 3 times with 3 members now having served 2 terms (4 years) as President...without regeneration the club will stagnate. We are looking for a Junior Vice President (to become president for the 2031 – 2032 year)

Good Bridge

Tony Winters