

# **Invercargill Contract Bridge Club**

## **Newsletter #3 – 2018**

### **Spring is in the Air**

Sadly this is my last newsletter as President. Two years has gone incredibly fast.

### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Jan Beatty, Glyn Emmerson, Sarah Huckstep, Elaine Matheson, Allison McKenzie, Rowana McNaught, Cathy O'Connor, Val Mitchell, Val Shirley, and Lou Smith. And a big thank you to Jill McMeeking for all her hard work getting these new bridge players introduced to this amazing game.

Please remember what it was like when you first started playing on club nights – be patient and please don't try to be giving them more lessons!

### **Congratulations to**

- Moss Wylie and his partner for winning the Same Sex pairs at National congress.
- Kate Ramsay and Bob Atley North South and Marilyn Jackson and Sherry Elton East West winners at the Invercargill Licensing Trust club tournament held on Saturday
- Sandra Russell and partner North South winners Gore St John charity tournament.
- Winners at our club section of the Bill Hughes Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs event Jan Brown and Yvonne Hughes.

### **Directors Exam**

Big congratulations to Yvonne Hughes and Jan Brown for passing the Directors exam recently. Very well done. Also big thank you to Harry Shepherd for his coaching. This is great way to help you improve your bridge confidence and play. Please let us know if you are keen to learn more about the rules of bridge

### **Insulation**

Harry Shepherd has recently put a considerable amount of work into organising getting an extra layer of insulation in the ceiling in the playing room and office area. This is unseen work but we have already noticed a reduction in the power usage and it will be of long term benefit as less heat disappears into the ceiling

### **Kitchen**

This has deteriorated to that the stage where we have to replace at least under sink cupboards. We have applied for funding to the Community Trust and the ILT and received \$5,000 from the ILT and \$4,000 from the Community Trust. We are currently working on finalizing the plans to begin work on upgrading most of the kitchen joinery.

## **AGM**

This is coming up on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along. Two of our long standing and hard working committee members are resigning this year so that will leave space for one new committee member. Please let us know if you are keen to contribute to the workings of our bridge club at our committee.

We have a remit to make some changes to the constitution. This is up on the notice board. And I will attach a copy to this newsletter. The main changes will affect country members, which category will no longer exist. There are also some tidy-ups to allow for the use of email, rather than postage, to be made.

## **Tournaments**

Busy few weekends coming up – this weekend was the Invercargill Licencing Trust club tournament.

We are hosting the Babich Wines NZ wide pairs in Invercargill on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and then our 5A Swiss Pairs on 10<sup>th</sup> November. You will need to put your names down for the Swiss Pairs but you can just come along on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Please come and play – Swiss is a lot of fun- it combines teams and pairs. You play as a pair but your team mates are all the people sitting the opposite direction to you.

Even the very best players can be at the bottom table – I know because I have been there – several times

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Happy Bridging!

Anne Somerville

**President**