

Invercargill Contract Bridge Club

Newsletter #3 – 2017

Spring is in the air

The daffodils are out and the first blossoms of the new season are amazing. We are also lucky enough to have lots of tuis and wax eyes enjoying our garden. What a beautiful part of the country we live in!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to new members; Donna Skoropada, Kevin McGechie, Stewart Kerr, Joy Keen and Sheila Todd. It is lovely to have you join the club, and we hope you are enjoying your bridge with us.

Congratulations

- To Sue Scott and Carol Scott on winning the 8B Charity pairs at Winton on Saturday 23rd.
- To Kevin and Donna Skoropada winning the sponsored tournament at Gore earlier this month.
- And to Moss Wylie and Bruce Batchelor who are representing Otago/Southland in the Rubber bridge competition at Congress in Hamilton.

Good luck to Moss and Bruce as they compete against the other seven winners from throughout the country this coming weekend.

And best wishes to all those travelling to the National Congress being held in Hamilton over the next week.

Bridge Events

- **Improvers Lessons:** We have had two nights of improver's lessons. Everyone that came learnt some new tricks, (including myself). We plan to hold one more evening on 16th November which is marked in your bridge book as teams.
- **Fun Tournament 7th October. 7.25pm.** Please bring a plate per partnership. This is a handicapped event, with fun prizes organised by the committee.
- **ILT Sponsored Tournament 28th October**
- **Rowena Jackson Swiss 5A Pairs 11th November**

Monster Garage Sale held in August:

This raised over \$3,300 and we have used most of this to purchase two new ovens for the kitchen. Thanks to Sue Scott and Fred Warnaar for all their hard work to make this happen. And also to everyone that donated items, did the baking and helped on the day.

With the remaining funds, we are planning to renew table cloths and put new foam on the table tops as some are getting pretty worn.

Happy Birthday to

Theresa Hollaway 90 years young this week. Maybe we should be promoting bridge as a guide to longevity.

2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge

We have bought new rule books for all our directors to help them with the changes to the rules, and they have already had a couple of meetings to try to familiarise themselves with the new rules. I am sure there will be many more to come!

There are some printed copies of the main changes on the front table for you to pick up and take home.

A very useful link is <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/latest-updates,listing,3254,revised-wbf-rules.html>

AGM

This is to be held on the 1st November 2017. Your club does need new committee members, so please consider it seriously. We all want to keep our club running smoothly. I am hoping to focus on increasing our membership next year, so if you think are keen to help with this please talk to myself or anyone on the committee to find out more. Nomination forms are on a table in the front entrance.

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