

Invercargill Bridge Club – September 2024 Newsletter

Hi All

NZ Rep Fundraising Tournament this Sunday 8 September 1,30pm

Anne Somerville, past Club President and Treasurer of seven years is off to South America representing NZ at the world champs in October. Anne is only the third member of the club to be a NZ rep.

We are running a fundraising tournament this Sunday, 8 September at 1.30pm to help with Anne's costs as NZ Bridge is only contributing a minimal amount towards players costs. The entry fee is \$10 and please bring a plate for a good day out.

There are some good raffle prizes including a two night stay at a two-bedroom plus sunroom holiday house in Te Anau.

There is also a blind auction for a two-night stay at a Clyde four-double bedroom holiday house (one sleep out) on Friday and Saturday 21 and 22 February 2025. This is the weekend of the Cromwell 5B intermediate tournament. Put your sealed blind bids into the suggestion box next to the raffle table.

Numerous Programme Book Date Changes Coming Up

The West Otago tournament in Tapanui on Sunday, 20 October is not happening this year, so we have taken the opportunity to replace that with the Foveaux Communications tournament.

All the other changes are on Thursdays with:

- Teams on 3 October swapped with the 18 September Goulash due to a clash with the National Congress
- 17 October is now a fundraising night for our Interprovincial Reps, Moss Wylie, Kevin Skoropada, Anne Somerville and Emma Strong
- 14 November is now a replacement night for teams following the fouled board night.

Pixies and Leprechauns

There have been some strange happenings at the Club lately, lights left on in the playing room, office and kitchen and the heaters being put on automatic and cool in winter. There are signs above the heaters with instructions on what setting to leave them on. Please follow them, it does not make much sense having one on cool and the other on heat!

Bayleys – Southland Real Estate sponsored Intermediate and Junior Tournaments

Well done to winners and placegetters with Intermediates Tash Lundin and Jen White first with a 64 average, from Kate Ramsay and Karen Palmer-Hall with 61 and Michael Checketts and Janice Hodson with 56.

The junior event was won by Mary MacIntosh and Allison McKenzie with a huge 68 in the second session to with a 58 average ahead of a Balclutha pair.

Mixed Pairs Winners

Congratulations to Juilene Sheat and Lyn Darnill for taking out the mixed pairs title from John Burgess and Georgina Ellis and Joyce Grieving and Janice Hodson third.

Series Winners and Tournament Results

Wednesday - Ascot Pairs, Bruce Batchelor and Debbie Cooper 60.20 from Betsy Gray and Lyn Gutsell on 54.75 and Marilyn Jackson and Kay Shand 53.06

Wednesday – Glengarry Pairs, Sandra Russell and Debbie Cooper 60.83 from Kate Ramsay and Kay Shand on 59.43 and Anne Cosgrove and Rae Dorricott 56.21

Tuesday - Doris Hanan winner was Ian Ellis on 64.30 from Janet Thomas 63.25 and Georgina Ellis 62.72

Tuesday - Pomona Pairs, Marianne Frisby and Ian Ellis 60.20 from Claire Graham and Bill Scully 58.28 and Megan Dowd and Chris McDonald 56.07

Monday – Dacre Pairs, Bruce Batchelor and Lyn Darnill 56.77 from Sue Scott and Yvonne Hughes 55.40 and Nola Cavanagh and Kevin Kerr 52.85

Monday – Strathern Pairs, Harry Shepherd and Kath Glover 57.25 from Tony Winters and Kate Ramsay 55.58 and Anne Cosgrove and Tash Lundin 55.32

Tournaments in Our Region in September and October

Saturday and Sunday, 7 and 8 September – Central Otago 5A Teams and Pairs

Saturday, 14 September – Wanaka 5B Intermediate Pairs

Saturday, 21 September – Winton 8B Open Pairs

Sunday, 29 September – Taieri 3B Junior Pairs

Saturday, 5 October MLT Gore 8B Open Pairs

Saturday 12 October – Balclutha 8B Open Pairs

Sunday 20 October, - Foveaux Communications club tournament

Labour weekend, 26 – 27 October Otago Southland Congress

- 10A Open Teams and Pairs
- 5B Intermediate Teams and Pairs

National Congress

Good luck to all the players attending the Tauranga event at the end of the month. A reminder next year this shifts to Palmerston North in November.

And a last word reminder for Anne's fundraising tournament and blind auction this Sunday at 1.30pm.

Greg Buzzard
President