



# SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

## **60TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Next year is the 60th anniversary of the establishment of our Club. Pencil in Saturday 27 May 2023 for our celebrations with our subcommittee of myself, Liz Drew, Lynn Dunlop, and Louise Whitelock working on the background details.

## **New Committee Members - Nov AGM**

Just a heads up that if you want to make a change to how the Club is run one of the ways you can do this is by standing for the Committee. Formal requests for nominations will go out in October but something to be thinking of in the meantime?

## **Competition Rules and their Rationale**

From time to time members ask why we have rules around who you can (and who you can't) play with for the various competitions. Basically our rules mean that if you want to take part in the competitions you cannot play with the same partner all year but have to play with others.

As you will appreciate different clubs take different approaches to the issue of how new players (whether learners or transferring players) to a club can form new playing partnerships. We have taken the view that by requiring players to mix and match through the competition rules means that not only do new players get the opportunity to find partners (and thus become embedded members of the club) but also this approach allows established players to discover other partnerships that can work well for them. From this those players who find good partnerships can springboard off those to tournaments, if they wish.

If we did not do this then the situation could easily arise for example of a Bronze player being promoted to Silver but finding no Silver partners available.

As with all these things as a Committee we have to try to find a balance to suit all players whether beginners or the most proficient players.

And more generally on this issue I have a *mea culpa* (or "my bad") - Alison and I played together on a Friday in the August Silver/Bronze competition solely to get some practice for the then forthcoming Oamaru tournament (both of us having been away for several weeks). We shouldn't have done so, and were, of course, disqualified from the competition. The moral to both of us is that we, and you, should use the appropriate partner finder when without a partner rather than taking the easy option!

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