

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARIE KEAN

A big thank you to Barbara Wilkes who has been the newsletter editor for the past 9 years. In this time Barbara has produced an informative and professionally presented newsletter that we have all enjoyed. The monthly newsletter will now be compiled and produced by the committee. If you have any news to share or suggestions for the newsletter, please email us taieribridge@outlook.com.

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

We would like to thank two businesses for their recent generosity to our club:

- ◆ Anne Tamati from Digiart designed our new look promotional poster and flyer at no cost.
- ◆ Campbell & Sons printed both the flyer and poster at a discounted price.

The Bridge lessons start on Tuesday 25 March. Thank you to all the members who have delivered flyers and posters. Don't forget one of the best forms of advertising is favourable word of mouth so if you think a friend or family would enjoy Bridge please encourage them to come along to the lessons.

The committee has had considerable feedback from members about the benefit of offering 'improver/refreshers' lessons. On the following page we have an 'improver/refreshers' programme for this year. The sessions will be once a month on a Sunday from 10-12 midday. Robert Cowan has kindly offered to take the sessions. Just turn up on the day there is no need to put your name on a list to say you are coming.

The Club is due for another fire evacuation drill - thanks in advance for this possible inconvenience. It's part and parcel of having a bar license.

Gaynor Brown, a former member of our club, will be the new tea person. It's nice to see Gaynor again and we hope she enjoys being back with us.

Have you ever noticed that there is a bus stop sign attached to a power pole outside the Tennis Club in Wickliffe Street? One of our friendly neighbours brought this to our attention. Clarification is being sought from the DCC about where you can park as there are no markings on the road. The DCC has responded

to our request for more information. They indicated that they have now requested markings be put in place to outline the bus stop. In the meantime avoid parking to near the bus stop sign.

RECENT RESULTS

Well done to our winners of competitions this month.

Monday Competition

3 Night Individual (Junior grade only)

- ◆ 1st place—Denise Blair
- ◆ 2nd place—Cheryl Tapp

Autumn Handicap Pairs

- ◆ 1st place—Trish Whelan and Janet Gafford
- ◆ 2nd place—Joan Robertson and Chris Wither

Wednesday Competition

Ray Howes Memorial Trophy (played with a different partner over 5 nights)

- ◆ 1st place—Jann Dyer
- ◆ 2nd place—Robert Cowan

This month the Wednesday competition was for the Ray Howes Trophy. Several of our individual competitions are named after a former member of the club. As time goes by fewer people in the club know about the individual behind the trophy.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT RAY HOWES...

Ray Howes served on the committee for 13 years from 1985 until 1998. During this time he was President for 2 years, took the lessons in 1992 and he wrote a booklet on the history of the club in 1998. He also held the bar manager's license for sometime. Ray was made an Honorary Life Member in 2000 for his work and guidance in getting the club on a firm and professional footing. The Ray Howes Trophy was made by Ray's son, Colin.

REMINDER RE TABLE MONEY

Most people pay online and that is great. If, however, you do pay by cash can you ensure that you have the correct amount because we do not have the facility to provide change.

PROPOSED IMPROVER/REFRESHER PROGRAMME

| Date | Topic |
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| 6th April | Overcalls, Pre-emptive Openings |
| 4th May | Strong Opening Bids, Minimum, Invitational and Game Force |
| 1st June | Opening Leads, Signals and Discards |
| 6th July | Stayman, Transfers |
| 3rd August | Play in No Trump, Play in Suit Contract |
| 7th September | Doubles & More Doubles, 2nd & 3rd Defensive Play |

As already outlined, the time is 10-12 midday. Just turn up on the day, there is no need to pre-book. The sessions will be informative and friendly and designed for you to ask questions.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

March 22nd **Queenstown Open 5A Pairs**, 10am start, \$50 incl lunch, closes 19/3

March 29/30 **Timaru Congress**

April 5th **Winton 5A Swiss Pairs**, 10am start, \$30, closes 2/4

TAIERI OPEN 8B PAIRS TOURNAMENT

On March 2 our Club successfully hosted the Taieri Open 8B pairs tournament. The event was well supported with 30 pairs competing. The tournament was open to all grades.

We were thrilled to see two of our members, Judy Gorman and Catherine Smith win the Junior division. Well done!

