

## TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



### NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

The learner's lessons are progressing well. The formal lessons will be completed in four weeks. These will be followed by a further five weeks of practice sessions on a Tuesday night (starting 17 June). We will need some volunteers to come along and partner with our learners. It is envisaged our learners will begin playing on 21 July in the Brooklands Village Pairs. We have 19 enthusiastic people in our learner's class. The committee believe there needs to be a structured approach to introduce our learners into the Club. What is being proposed is each new player has a buddy from our Club. The buddy will play the Brooklands Pairs with a new player and then be available to provide the person advice, guidance and support for the next few months as required. We realise most people will already have a partner for the Brookland Pairs but we hope some of you will be happy to change your arrangements to help with this important task. To be a buddy you do not need to be a vastly experienced bridge player but perhaps best if you have been playing for 3 years or more. Deirdre Bruce will be managing this process and so please have a chat to her to find out more or to put your name down.

The Charity Tournament held on April 27 was a very enjoyable event with spot prizes, interesting raffles and a tasty afternoon tea. As a result of the tournament the Club has donated \$750 to the Otago Community Hospice. The numbers attending were down a little this year compared to last and may be related to the close proximity of Easter and people being on holiday.

Congratulations to Deirdre Bruce, Avril Power and Judy Gorman for each receiving a 'ranking certificate' from NZ Bridge. (This certificate is awarded by NZ Bridge to mark an individual's success each time they achieve a new rank at bridge.) Well done on your progress.

The Easter Fun night was well supported with 36 people attending. We enjoyed a delicious meal and there was plenty of chatter and laughter.

Kings Birthday Fun night is coming up—2 June. The cost for the meal will be \$15 and the bridge is free. It will be great to see another good turnout for the second time that the Wolken Cup will be played for. Please put your name up on the list on the noticeboard.

28 members attended the refresher course on Sunday 11 May. The next session is Sunday 25 May. Please note this date has been changed from that advertised earlier. The programme for the remaining classes is on the next page.

Although it is still some time to go there will be vacancies on the committee at the end of the year. So give it some thought and have chat to anyone on the committee to find out more about it.

### RECENT RESULTS

Well done to our winners of competitions this month.

#### Monday Competition

No completed competitions in this month.

#### Wednesday Competition

*Autumn Pairs played over three nights*

- ♦ 1st place— John Wolken & Jude Smeijers
- ♦ 2nd place— Val Wilson & Christine Samson

#### Easter Monday Fun Night—Wolken Cup—21 April

- ♦ 1st place-Barbara Wilkes & Cheryl Tapp
- ♦ 2nd place—Lyn McLaren & Mike Cooper



Photo—Lyn & John (Mike absent).  
Barbara, John & Cheryl.

#### Taieri Charity Pairs—27 April

The winners of the Charity Tournament were Judy Bevin and Mary McQueen. Congratulations!

## IMPROVER/REFRESHER PROGRAMME—10am to 12midday

Date	Topic
6th April	Overcalls, Pre-emptive Openings
11th May	Strong Opening Bids, Minimum, Invitational and Game Force
25 May	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

### Upcoming Tournament—Taieri Open

#### Pairs—5A Pairs

**When:** Sunday 8th June

**Time:** 9.30am morning tea, 10am start

**Where:** Taieri Bridge Club

**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Entries close:** Thursday 5th June, 7pm

On-line registration & payment.

Bring own lunch, light refreshments at conclusion.

### Local Facebook Campaign Results

NZ Bridge has provided us with statistics relating to our recent Facebook campaign that aimed to promote our Bridge Club among the wider public. The results showed:

- ◆ 365 people clicked through to learn more—that's a strong level of interest
- ◆ Our ad reached 10,986 people and was seen over 25,000 times
- ◆ Our ad was of most interest to females aged 55-64

### Did you know?

We have all had a hand that we didn't know what to bid and sometimes it takes time to think about things. That's ok but if you are in a situation where you hesitate for ages and then pass and then your partner bids it is a form of misinformation. You are giving information to your partner that you have something to bid but not sure what. By all means think before you write your bid down (time permitting) but if you hesitate you must bid.

