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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2013

### Chair Chat

Past the year's half-way point already! I hope you have been enjoying your bridge. Wednesday evening bridge sessions have been averaging 7 to 8 tables, and Thursday afternoon bridge sessions 6 to 7 tables. There is always room for more players – so if you are one of our members who has taken a little holiday from bridge, please do come back. Our hostesses, Maureen Watts and Mary Scott, would be pleased to hear from you and will help you find a partner.

### *Heat Pump*

If you have been playing lately, you will have noticed the installation of a second heat pump in the room. Early impressions are that this has made a significant improvement to the comfort level in the room, even on quite chilly evenings. The Board approved a donation of \$800 to the Bowling Club to assist with the purchase of the heat pump, as our players will be major beneficiaries of the improved heating now available.

### *Bridge Lessons*

The good news of the moment is our bridge lessons, which have attracted an enthusiastic group of 30 learners! The lessons started on 10 June and will continue until the middle of August (ten weeks). Alister Stuck is tutoring the group, using the teaching resources developed by NZ Bridge. A new topic is covered each week, and then the learners play 7 or 8 pre-dealt boards that allow them to practice the lesson topic of the week. Big thanks to Alister for contributing his experience and expertise in this way, and thanks also to the small group of volunteers that has turned up each week to help set up, answer questions during play, and tidy up. We look forward to welcoming the learners into the club when they have completed their lessons.

### *Club Championships*

The 2013 Club Championships are currently underway on Wednesday evenings. There are six pairs contesting the Tournament grade competition and seven pairs in the Progressive grade. The rules for the 2013 championships can be accessed at [www.hokowhitubridge.co.nz](http://www.hokowhitubridge.co.nz), or on the noticeboard at the Bowling Club.

### *Follow up to AGM Issues*

Members who attended the 2012 AGM will recall that there was considerable discussion about the Board's proposal for the Club to transform itself from a company to an incorporated society. The view of the meeting was that further discussion of such a change was necessary before a decision could be made. One argument made by the Board related to the better availability of funding sources for major purchases, such as a dealing machine, to incorporated societies. Hence, the incoming Board was also tasked with submitting a funding application to test the availability of funds to companies.

The Board has worked to progress an application for a dealing machine, but most sources of community funding are closed to us, because we do not have tax-exempt status – and we cannot obtain such status while we remain a company. The Board will update club members as/when further information is available.

### *Company Accounts*

The Board is also looking at how best to manage the annual audit or review of the company's accounts. Our accounts have been audited for many years at a concessionary rate by Sheena Mason, who gave notice that she was retiring from the role as from 2013. Our initial enquiries suggest that going rate for a registered auditor will be considerably greater than the nominal expense incurred previously. An alternative would be to have the accounts reviewed annually, which can be carried out by a chartered accountant for a more modest fee. An audit is normally required for a company, but if the shareholders agree, the accounts can be reviewed instead. If you have any feedback on this matter – or if you know an auditor who would be willing to do some pro-bono work – please get in touch with me.

### *Daffodil Day Tournament*

The next big event for the Club will be our Daffodil Day Charity Tournament on Sunday 18 August. All proceeds from the tournament are donated to the Cancer Society, which we have been supporting in this way for 20 years. Save the date! More information appears in a separate column that our Tournament Convenor, John Hogan, has prepared.

*Good bridging,  
Julie Bunnell*

## LESSONS

Further to comments by Julie Bunnell regarding lesson, mention should be made regarding the many different ways the Board endeavoured to raise awareness. One of which saw several members spend time at the Hokowhitu Community Centre once a week. Thank you to the very helpful staff at the Centre.



Hokowhitu Community Centre

## WEDNESDAY WINNERS

The winners of the Harvest Pairs in April were Maureen Watts and Janice Willoughby followed by Alan Doddridge and Jan Whyte. Maureen Watts and Janice Willoughby were also winners in the Handicap Section with Jill Hart and Chai Young in second place.

Individual Ladder played in May was won by Alan Doddridge with Janice Willoughby in second place. Winner of the Handicap Section was Janine Fenelon followed by Chris Abbey in second place.

Swiss Pairs were played in June and although scores were very close throughout the competition, clear winners were Maureen Watts and John Hogan with joint second place shared by Frank Dunlop and Graeme Donaldson partnership and Mary Scott and Margaret Williams.

## MEMBERS

It is with much sadness that we record the passing of Brenda Harrod. She will be greatly missed at the club and our thoughts are with her family and friends.

## DAFFODIL CHARITY TOURNAMENT

The annual Daffodil Charity Tournament will be held on **Sunday 18 August 2013** at the Hokowhitu Bridge Club. Morning refreshments will be provided at 9.30 am and play will commence at 10.00 am. A light lunch will be provided following morning play and nibbles, soft drinks and bar refreshments will be available at the close of afternoon play.

The Tournament Director will be **Lorraine Stachurski** and everyone will be assured of smooth playing sessions and an enjoyable day of bridge. There will be a raffle for those who wish to contribute further to the fund-raising. The tournament is held on behalf of the **New Zealand Cancer Society** and net proceeds will be presented to a representative of the Cancer Society at the end of the day. Sponsors will be sought for the tournament prizes and it is also hoped that club members will make appropriate donations to make up further award and/or raffle prizes. It is hoped that all club members will participate in the tournament to help this good cause by either playing and/or assisting with the associated activities.

Those wishing to play are encouraged to form their partnership and register their interest by e-mail to [hokowhitubridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:hokowhitubridgeclub@gmail.com) or by contacting **Shirley Barnett** the tournament secretary as soon as possible as this tournament has proved very popular in the past. Details of entry are posted on the noticeboard. Entries may also be posted manually on the entry form attached with the flyer.

**Volunteers** will be needed to assist with the setting up of the clubroom on Saturday 17 August 2013 to provision/prepare and service the morning refreshments, lunchtime tea and coffee and evening nibbles and soft drinks. Volunteers are also needed to manage and assist with registrations on Sunday morning and to tally the takings for the Treasurer, to prepare the awards table, organise the raffle including preparation of the raffle prizes and the sale of tickets and to assist with the tidy up at the end of the day. Volunteers may either place their names against the preferred activity on the task list on the noticeboard or approach **Caroline McCartin** the Volunteer Co-ordinator directly.

It is hoped that all club members will contribute to make this Daffodil Charity Tournament yet another success.

**John Hogan Tournament Committee Convenor**

## TABLE TOPICS

The following substitution rules have been approved by the Board of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club in October 2012. The rules take effect from 1 January 2013, and remain in effect until further notice.

### Substitution Rules

#### Purpose

The purpose of substitution is to allow for exceptional circumstances affecting members of a partnership to be managed, while at the same time preserving the identity of the partnership.

#### General

1. A substitute should be from the same grade as the player for whom the substitution is made.
2. Wherever possible, substitutes who are members of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club are preferred to substitutes who are not Club members.
3. All substitutions must be recorded on the table slip with the name and NZCBA number of the substitute and the player for whom the substitution is made.

#### Pairs Competitions (Played over four weeks or five weeks)

4. A maximum of one substitution per player is permitted, and hence a maximum of two substitutions for the partnership.
5. The substitutions may not be simultaneous; if both members of a partnership are absent from the same session, then the partnership is no longer eligible to win the monthly competition.
6. A pair made up of members of two other pairs may substitute for both partnerships.
7. A maximum of one substitution by a person who is not a current member of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club is permitted per partnership.
8. A pair containing a substitute who is not a current financial member of a bridge club affiliated with New Zealand Contract Bridge Association is not eligible for the award of C points, although the score obtained will contribute to the monthly competition.
9. The primary responsibility for arranging a substitute rests with the player who is unable to attend. Assistance from the session host/hostess may be sought when individual efforts are unsuccessful, or when the requirement for a substitute occurs at short notice. All substitutions should be notified in advance to the session host/hostess.

#### Club Championships (Played over 6 weeks, best 5 scores to contribute to overall rank)

10. If at least one member of the partnership is present at all six sessions, then a maximum of one substitution per player is permitted across the six sessions. If a partnership has two substitutions, then the lower of the scores achieved with a substitute must be dropped from the calculation of overall rank.
11. If both members of a partnership are absent from the same session, then a maximum of one substitution for the partnership is permitted over the remaining five sessions, and all scores will contribute to the calculation of overall rank.
12. All substitutes must be current members of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club, although the session host/hostess is authorised to approve exceptions where warranted.
13. Responsibility for arranging substitutes within the Club Championships resides with the session host/hostess, who should be advised of substitution requirements as far in advance as possible.

#### Teams Competitions

14. The maximum number of substitutions for a teams competition will be determined in advance of the competition/s and notified to members.
15. The eligibility for substitutions in a teams competition will be determined in advance of the competition/s and notified to members.
16. Responsibility for arranging substitutes within a teams competition resides with the session host/hostess, who should be advised as far in advance as possible of substitution requirements.



## Playing dummy's cards

Declarer plays a card from dummy by naming the card, after which dummy picks up the card and faces it on the table. In playing from dummy's hand declarer may, if necessary, pick up the desired card himself. If declarer touches a card in dummy, except to rearrange cards, the card must be played.

In naming a card from dummy, suit and rank should be named BUT "high" means highest card in suit, "low" means lowest card and "win it" means lowest winning card. If the suit only is named the lowest card of that suit is played. If rank only is named then if possible, the last suit played is implied.

## Dummy's rights and limitations

Dummy may give information about fact or law but only in the presence of the Director.

Dummy may not call for the Director during play unless declarer or a defender has first called attention to an irregularity.

Dummy may call attention to an irregularity after the hand has been played.

Dummy may attempt to prevent an irregularity by declarer during play but may not draw attention to an irregularity made by declarer or defender. (For example dummy may speak if a declarer places a trick incorrectly but once a card is played to the next trick it is too late, dummy must wait until the end of play).

Dummy may question declarer immediately about a possible revoke but may not question either defender about a possible revoke until the end of play.

Dummy may keep track of tricks won and lost.

Dummy may play cards as directed by declarer but may not indicate a card to play nor make any comment about play.

Dummy may not, except accidentally, look at the face of any card not played.

## Handling cards

No player shall touch any cards other than his own during or after play except by permission of the Director (but Declarer may play dummy's cards).

If dummy leaves the table during play, the defenders should not play dummy's cards nor place them after the trick is played. This frequently happens but it should not in case a dispute arises. Nor should a defender distract his thoughts from his own play in order to make things easier for declarer.

The same applies if a dispute arises about the number of tricks taken or a possible revoke. You must not touch anyone else's cards nor disturb the order of your own cards. If you do disturb the order of any cards the laws require the Director to rule against you in the dispute.

## VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

Rosters have been made for two small jobs – tidying the kitchen after Wednesday play and setting up cups for afternoon tea on Thursdays. Please see Julie Bunnell if you are able to help on Wednesdays and Jeanette Gomes is organising the Thursday roster.



