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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2014

### Chair Chat

Midwinter greetings to you all! I hope that you are enjoying your bridge as much as I am.

On Wednesday evenings, the Club Championships have just started. Ten pairs are competing in the Championship grade and eight pairs in the Progressive Grade. Scores from the best five (of six) sessions will count towards determining the 2014 Champions.

#### *Bridge Lessons*

We have a group of 25-30 people who started bridge lessons on 9 June. They seem to be enjoying themselves - and catching on quite quickly to the basics of bidding and playing hands. Alister is doing a great job of making the game seem easy, and encouraging them to come back each week for more. Lessons will continue until about the middle of August, and then they will play as a separate group on Wednesday evenings until they are ready to join the main group.

Very big thanks to Tim Mordaunt, who has made the conference room at Property Brokers available for the lessons – it's a great venue and very much appreciated. Thanks also to the club members who turn up on Monday evenings to help out – if you'd like to volunteer to help out for an evening or two, let me know.

#### *Improvers' Sessions*

Two sessions for “improvers” who want to play better bridge have been held: the first in May covered the topic of Stayman and Transfers, and the second in June focused on Opening Leads and Signals. Details about the next Improvers session will be circulated by email (and announced at Wednesday/Thursday playing sessions) as soon as they are available. If there are topics you would like to suggest, please let me know and I will pass on the information. Many thanks to Alister for these interesting sessions!

#### *Daffodil Day Charity Tournament*

The next big event on the Bridge Club's calendar is our Daffodil Day Charity Bridge Tournament on August 17<sup>th</sup>, which we hold to raise funds for the Cancer Society. There are lots of ways in which members can support this event, and you are all encouraged to do so.

*Good bridging,*

***Julie Bunnell***



## WEDNESDAY WINNERS

The winner of the Individual Ladder played in April was Frank Dunlop closely followed by Peter Wiles. Winner of the Handicap Section was Bert Harrod with Dorothy Davidson in second place.

The Autumn Pairs winners in May were Graeme Donaldson and Rohan Wewala followed by Maria Lukkassen and Joy Pearce. The Handicap Section winners were Maria Lukkassen and Joy Pearce with Tim Mordaunt and Anne Richards in second place.

June Pairs winners were Frank Dunlop and Janine Fenelon with Shirley Barnett and Gayle Leader a close second. The Handicap Section winners were John Hogan and Peter Wiles followed by Shirley Barnett and Gayle Leader.

## DAFFODIL DAY TOURNAMENT

*Our annual Daffodil Day is coming up on Sunday 17 August. The help of club members will be much appreciated in ensuring the success of this worthwhile charity event.*

*Andrea Bennett will be approaching everyone with a list of jobs that need doing, none of them overly onerous.*

*Please be generous with your gift of time (or goodies to eat) by helping out in any way that you can.*

## TABLE TOPICS

### New Zealand Bridge Ranking System

A number of players have received a Certificate of Proficiency or Rank Change Certificate and have wondered what they have done to achieve these awards or ranking.

### Master Point Rankings

There are ten ranks that are accorded to holders of Master Points.

### The Rank Aggregate of "A" and "B" Points

Note 1 B point = 100 C points. C points are awarded at club sessions and A & B points are awarded at tournaments.

The rank is gained by getting for :-

Certificate of Proficiency	5B points
Club Master	20B
Local Master	50B
Provincial Master	100 (including at least 50A Points)
Master	200 (including at least 100A Points)
National Master	350 (including at least 175A Points)
Life Master	500 (including at least 250A Points)
Grand Master	1000 (including at least 500A Points)
Silver Grand Master	2500 (including at least 1250A Points)
Gold Grand Master	4000 (including at least 2500A Points)

- A Player with fewer than 5 "A" and "B" Points is classified as "unranked".
- On reaching an aggregate of 100+ Master Points, a Local Master who has not earned 50A Points is accorded the status of Local Master - 1 Star.
- At 150 Master Points, the Player becomes Local Master - 2 Star,
- And receives an additional Star for each additional 50 Master Points if sufficient "A" Points have not been attained.

Similarly, Stars are awarded to Masters of other ranks who have not attained sufficient "A" points for promotion to a higher rank.

**Example** – A 1-star National Master will have acquired 700 plus total Points but not yet attained 250A Points to move to the rank of Life Master.

## MEMBERS

Welcome to new member Marcia Sinclair. If anyone has a free space in their diary, please ring Marcia on 357 8271 to book a game with her.

Our thoughts are with Joan Wiltshire, Nancy Leaman and Margaret Crosbie who are not able to play due to illness.

**A special note of appreciation to Peter Wiles on his retirement from the role of Treasurer for the Club, a position he has held for many years.**

Please be sure to inform Graeme Donaldson if your address, phone number or email change so that Club Records can be kept up to date.

Maureen Watts and Joy Pearce do a fantastic job organising players. It would be of great help to them if you could advise as soon as possible before each game if you find you are unable to play. They do need to know how many tables to expect in order to avoid half tables where possible.

The Thursday players have frequently had a special afternoon tea treat of home baking for which we owe a big thank you to Bert Harrod !

Finally the usual reminder that everyone is requested to assist with tidying their own table after play. We need volunteers for a roster to wash the dishes after Wednesday evening play and also to set up the afternoon tea things before play on Thursdays.

