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Chair Chat

October already! Another year drawing to a conclusion... the days get longer, the wind blows harder, and very soon Christmas decorations will start appearing. But fortunately there's still a bit of bridge to be played before 2014 ends.

New Players

We were delighted to welcome our bridge lesson "graduates" to the Club on Wednesday 20 August, and congratulate all those who completed the lessons. The novices have been playing as a separate group on Wednesday evenings – usually 3 or 4 tables – as they develop their confidence in playing the game. We wish you all long and successful bridge careers!

There are a few new players that we haven't seen for a few weeks – we would really love to see you back again, so don't be shy. If it would suit you better to play on a Thursday afternoon instead of a Wednesday evening, our Thursday hostess (Joy Pearce) would be pleased to hear from you.

Daffodil Day Tournament

Our annual Charity Bridge Tournament was a great success, and you can read all about it elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. What I want to say here is a big thank you to all those who took on significant organising roles – and most especially to John McCartin, our tournament convenor.

Christmas is Coming: Save the Date!

Further details will follow next month, but please save the date/s for our end of year functions on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 December. The Christmas Party, Prizegiving and Annual General Meeting will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 on Wednesday 3 December, and the Christmas Luncheon for Thursday players on Thursday 4 December.

Summer Bridge

The Board has decided that we will have a couple of evenings of Summer Bridge in January 2015, on Wednesday 21 and Wednesday 28 January. Members who have been missing their bridge over the holiday period can get a "head start" on the year by coming to Summer Bridge. You don't need to book ahead, and you can come with or without a partner – we'll match people on the night, and we'll make sure there is always someone available to make up a pair. So add these dates to your next year's diary – further reminders will follow as we get closer to 2015.

*Good bridging,
Julie Bunnell*

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

The Club Championships were played in July. Winners in the Tournament Grade were Julie Bunnell and Graeme Donaldson closely followed by John Hogan and Janice Willoughby. The Progressive Grade winners were Pauline Brown and Janine Fenelon with Joy Pearce and Margaret Vaughan in second place

August Winter Pairs winners were Alan Doddridge and Peter Wiles followed by Gayle Leader and Mary Scott. The Handicap Section winners were Maria Lukkassen and John Hogan with Frank and Mary Dunlop in second place.

September Hokowhitu Pairs were won by Julie Bunnell and Janice Willoughby with Frank Dunlop and Peter Wiles in second place. The Handicap section winners were Andrea Bennett and Caroline McCartin.

MEMBERS

Sadly Margaret Crosbie passed away after a long illness and our thoughts are with her family and friends.

DAFFODIL DAY TOURNAMENT

As this is the first newsletter since the daffodil day tournament I would just like to take the personal opportunity to thank everyone involved. Many people gave of their time to ensure a successful tournament, from chasing sponsors and picking up the donated prizes to setting out the playing room in such a welcoming fashion. However if I may I would like to mention three people in particular :

Gayle Leader for her culinary and organisational success in ensuring no hungry bridge player stayed hungry and that we did not (indeed could not) run out of cheerios,

Pauline Brown for her exquisite touch in wrapping up all the prizes, and making even the perhaps more mundane ones, more exciting. All part of the fun.

And lastly Graeme Donaldson who amongst all the other behind-the-scenes work he invariably does, did another fine job of setting up all the computer dealt boards. There is a lot of work involved here and Graeme basically did it all by himself, under Fort Knox like precision & security.

After actual expenses were finalized, we were able to top up the \$1500 donated at the conclusion of the tournament with a further \$460. A good effort by all. Thank you..... John McCartin.



1st place winners



2nd place winners



3rd place winners

The board wishes to thank Rohan Wewala, Will Robson, Julie Campbell, Mary Scott, Chris Abbey and Jeanette Gomes who acted as scrutineers and assisted Graeme with the dealing of the cards for the Championship rounds.



SPECIAL MENTION

Congratulations to Frank Dunlop and Zheng Zhang who were joint first place winners at the Palmerston North Intermediate Tournament held in September.