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NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

Chair Chat

Midwinter is upon us – what better time to play bridge than when the weather is cool and the days are short? (Actually, every season provides a reason to play bridge 😊) It's been great to see good numbers at both Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon sessions.

By the time you read this, the 2015 Club Championships will be under way on Wednesday evenings. Good luck to all those competing!

Save the Date: Sunday 23 August

The next big event on our Club's calendar for 2015 is our annual Daffodil Day Charity tournament, on Sunday 23 August. Mark the date in your diaries now, and plan your partnership! The proceeds from the Daffodil Day tournament go to the Central Districts Cancer Society, and over the 20+ years we have been holding this tournament, our Club has raised more than \$30,000 for the Cancer Society.

Shirley Barnett is coordinating sponsorship for the tournament. If your business or organisation could help with sponsorship, please contact Shirley to discuss options. Sponsorship need not be large – every little bit helps! We will also be asking Club members to contribute items for raffles/prizes from about the middle of July.

John McCartin is coordinating arrangements for the tournament, and will be looking for volunteers for a range of jobs. Although hosting a tournament requires substantial effort, many hands make light work. We will need people to prepare delicious items for morning tea, people to help with pre-tournament preparations, helpers on the day, and people to help with clean up.

Novice Bridge Players

Congratulations to all those who completed the series of beginners' lessons! We are delighted to welcome you to our Club as novice players, and hope that you will enjoy bridge as much as the rest of us do. Have fun, persevere, and be patient with yourself and your partner, because making mistakes is how one learns the game. And a big shout out to Alister for his tutoring!

Good bridging,

Julie Bunnell

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

Winners of Autumn Pairs played in April were John Hogan and Paul Orsborn with Julie Bunnell and Janice Willoughby in second place. Handicap winners were Frank Dunlop and Alistair MacGibbon.

May Harvest Pairs winners were Michael Hardman and Maureen Watts with Margaret Orsborn and Harold Orsborn in second place. Winners of the Handicap Section were Shirley Barnett and Julie Bunnell.

Winners of Swiss Pairs played in June were Frank and Mary Dunlop.

MEMBERS

Resignations:

The resignations of T Eaton, G Edwards, J Fallaver, K Lawrence, L Lim, N Twigge, D Whiterod and J Whyte were accepted with regret. Please amend your phone lists accordingly.

New Members:

A warm welcome to new members Mike Dixon tel 351 2848, Jenny Monroe tel 357 8869, Muffy Saville Wood tel 354 7112 and Janet Toogood tel 358 8897. If you have a spare date in your bridge diary please give them a call and invite them to play.

TOURNAMENT NEWS

The Intermediate Tournament held back in April was quite a success. With 36 players this was an acceptable turnout and slightly higher than previous years, with less last minute chasing around of prospective players. The tournament was won by the Orsborn brothers, Paul & Tim, with Graham Donaldson and John Hogan coming second. My thanks to all the helpers and especially to the players who ensured the tournament could proceed.

To our next tournament which is the annual Daffodil Day Tournament coming up on Sunday 23rd August 2015. A big question for all club members arises. How much do we wish to give the Cancer Society? What is our goal?

Historically we have averaged giving around the \$2000 mark, though in some years this has been up to \$400 or so more, sometimes less. Why the variation? Well a full house is 20 tables so at \$25 a head our gross income from players is \$2000. If we are to donate this sum in its entirety then we need to cover all the \$600 total of tournament expenses by other means. Historically we have done this via holding raffles for donated prizes, some sponsorship and the like. This can be up and down too.

Any and all donations or items that we can use as prizes for the tournament or for the raffles would be welcome and cash donations are also accepted. The club does not profit in any way from the tournament; once direct expenses are covered all surplus funds are donated to the Cancer Society. So please consider helping with a cash donation or items that we can use as prizes and raffles.

Shirley Barnett is in charge of sponsorship this year and will collect donations on Wed nights. Joy Pearce will collect donations on Thursday afternoons.

As we draw closer to the event everyone will be approached to help in some way either providing catering, helping out on the day or setting up for the event. As usual we ask that all club members who play in the tournament stay and help with the clear down at the end of the day

*Thank you
John JP McCartin
Tournament Co-ordinator*

DAFFODIL DAY CHARITY TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST 2015

3A POINTS

9:30am - Morning Tea

Entry Fee:

10:00am – Play Commences

\$25 per player

Lunch Included – Nibbles & Cash Bar at end of play

Venue: Hokowhitu Bowling Club, 277 Albert Street, Palmerston North



Registrations by Wednesday 19 August to:

Julie Bunnell, Tournament Secretary

Email hokowhitubridgeclub@gmail.com

Text or Phone 021 127 4143

Please include computer number & grading

All registrations will be acknowledged

All proceeds to support the Cancer Society of New Zealand's Annual Daffodil Day Appeal



Please remember we are sharing the Bowling Club premises so thank you to those who assist with the clearing up. A small contribution from everyone is much appreciated. If each player is responsible for their own table it makes the task much easier.

Please be considerate to the hostess for Wednesday Evening and Thursday Afternoon. They do need to know how many tables to set up and numbers attending so that a half table can be avoided if possible. Could you please let them know in advance if you intend to play or if you have to cancel. Please advise as soon as you are able.