

Club Bulletin 29 August 2020

As we prepare to return to the bridge table there are a few issues that need your attention:

1. **Silver & Gold Match Play Updates**

- a. Gold Division Championship play will begin 1st September
- b. Silver Division will continue as per their revised schedule (available under “Resources”), although further advice may be forthcoming.

2. **The next Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- a. The next AGM will be held at the Club Rooms at 7pm on Thursday 19 November 2020.
- b. Nomination sheets for Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and 5 positions on the General Committee will be posted on or before 7 October 2020, with nominations closing 22 October. *Please consider offering to serve as an Officer or as a Committee member and help move the Club forward.*
- c. Also, in accordance with our Constitution, any member who wishes to have a subject on the Agenda for the AGM “shall deliver to the Secretary (or in the Secretary’s absence, any member of the Committee) at least 21 days before the meeting (29 October deadline), a notice in writing of the subject to be included and any motion that the member intends to move.”

3. **The Director’s Group** would like all members to be aware of the following information:

- a. **ALERTS**: An essential part of Bridge is making sure the system you are playing is transparent to the opposition. In order to do this, players should pre-alert their basic system and alert any unusual conventions during the bidding. Examples of this are:
 - i. 1NT opener –partnership range should be pre-alerted.
 - ii. Precision 1C opener –Should be pre-alerted.
 - iii. Other 1C openers – pre- alert length i.e. “2+”, “3+”, “4 plus”; “unusual” ;
 - iv. *If you play a forcing 1C opener (i.e. unless there is an intervening bid, you must respond regardless of point count) you must tell the opposition.
 - v. Doubles – if the meaning of a X is not showing the usual point range and shape, you should tell the opposition that they should ask the meaning of any Xs prior to bidding, and, when queried, you must explain your partnership agreement. An example of this is a X over a 1NT opener where it is not a penalty type double.
 - vi. 5 Card Major Opening Bid – this should be pre-alerted.
 - vii. Remember to Alert – Any bid that the opposition would not easily recognise must be alerted. 2 examples: a Multi 2D opener and responses or any opening bid that shows 2 suits and responses to this.

- b. **CALL THE DIRECTOR!** If you need a ruling at your table, call the Director! DO NOT, under any circumstances, self-direct!!
- c. **The NZ Bridge Manual** has recently been updated (28 June 2020). You can read a copy of the release notes on the website under “Resources”. You can also view or download the entire Manual on the NZ Bridge site. (It is a 3MB download and the link is available under “Resources”)