

News from the Timaru Bridge Club – March 2023

CAROLE'S COMMUNIQUE

We are fortunate that we are able continue playing our bridge and are relatively unaffected by the trauma affecting the East Coast of the North Island. Our thoughts are with all these people.

The news is that your committee has agreed our vision for the year....

“To rejuvenate our club through strengthened membership and increased player participation”

Together we will make it happen!

We need YOUR help to attract beginners to our lessons and YOUR feedback in our survey please!

Beginner lessons

This is a plea for you to move from shoulder tapping to arm twisting of your friends and family! Remember that much of our concern around the future of our club will be alleviated if everyone refers a beginner. If you can think of any groups or workplaces which could be receptive to displaying our flyer please let us know.

Flyer info is as follows...

Beginner bridge lessons start on Wednesday 3 May 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

The cost for 12 weekly lessons and a subscription for the rest of the year is \$60.

Contact Grant on 6860818 or 027 2332312. Email grpandskp@gmail.com

Gym for the body. Bridge for the brain!

Your committee will be running a campaign. Look for an article in The Courier and a big sign in our garden. We are hopeful that we will be able to organise some bridge demos in the library.

If you feel you would like to come along to the lessons as a refresher please feel free to do so. These would be free to members but you will need to let Grant know.

Members survey

Your committee is undertaking a survey to ascertain your satisfaction, and give you an opportunity to make suggestions and have your say in the management of our club. Your feedback will hopefully confirm that we are on the right track and provide some direction for decisions still to made.

The survey is imminent and paper copies will be distributed to members at next week's playing sessions. We will endeavour to provide other members with copies. Please note the completion date is **31 March** and surveys should be returned to the questionnaire box by then.

South Canterbury Congress 15 and 16 April (Message from our Tournament Secretary)

Congress is just six weeks away. Our Director will be David Stephen from Christchurch. There are a modest number of entries so far. As this is our tournament we would really love all those that can enter in teams on the Saturday and/or pairs on the Sunday to do so. If you are unsure how to enter online, text me on 0276372212 with your bridge number and I will do this for you. The Sunday pairs competition is divided into Open, Intermediate and Junior so there is an opportunity for all levels.

The tournament has the potential to be a good fundraiser as well as showcasing our club so I encourage you to enter. Check out the posters on our website and on the noticeboard at the club.

AnneMarie Pavletich

Other tournaments

11 March Ashburton Anniversary Pairs

19 March Rangiora all Grades

25 March Otago Autumn Teams

26 March Otago Autumn Int/Open Pairs

1 April Mid Canterbury Pairs

2 April Waimate All Grades

29 Akaroa All Grades

30 April Otago Junior Pairs

Social media

Lucy Blaikie has kindly offered to be our web (and Facebook) master. Our website is our window the world and it is important that we keep our social media live and engaging.

We ask that if you have any interesting photos please do check that your subjects are happy for their names and faces to be posted on our media and send to Lucy at lkcollierchristian@gmail.com.

Thanks to Joe Harris for setting up the club website in the first place, no mean feat!

Correspondence / invoices for secretary and treasurer

Please leave these in the labelled drawers in the office.

The club has gone green.

Compostable paper cups are here! This will be good news for those who are always busy washing and sterilising our cups and glasses. Thanks to Mary and Dianne for their research and organisation of these.

And we are making the best use of our new large screen television...

The gold division's rolling display of the session seeding draw, duty allocation and weekly notices is to be admired.

Congratulations to...

Lesley Andrew and Bill Mecchia who were 1st overall in the recent Geraldine All Grades Tournament

Joe Harris and Gavin Spence – 2nd in the diamonds grade

Dianne Esler and Peggy Shaw – 3rd in the diamonds grade

Paula Gregory and Michael Johnstone who were 3rd overall and 3rd in the 1st division of the Oamaru Open Pairs

Uneta Denley and Pauline Prendergast - 2nd in the 2nd division

You have all done us proud!

Membership

We have received Raewyn Shaw's resignation.

Tricky hands

Watch this spot in future newsletters!