



4 May 2024

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PLAYERS

On Wednesday, 1st May the learner group had their final session. The 14 learners were joined by 14 others, and we were all teamed up – a learner with another with a bit more experience. For me it was most interesting as we have all been there and I am not sure if we were so nervous about wrong bids, but we were there to offer support. Our learners also know that there are more ways to get to the final bid, as on occasions the more experienced players would disagree with each other and suggest an alternative, but it was all very informative discussion. Ken shared a few pointers on etiquette, bridge pads, timing and calling the director. Thanks, Ken, for that support. At the end of play there was lots of good feeling around the room. We followed the play with supper.

Thanks to Jane, Jennie and their dedicated team over the past 10 weeks.

The learners will be welcomed into the Tuesday night group in the next couple of weeks, but some have indicated they may like to come on Fun Fridays. Learners please do put into practice what you have been learning over the past ten weeks.

DEALERS

In my last mail out, I asked for dealers. We now have a great team and Jacqui is now teaming up the dealers and organising the training of our new dealers.

CONSTITUTION

All Incorporated Societies have to update their constitutions as the Rules under the 1908 Act needed a bit of a refresh as you might say. I have done lots of work drafting our club rules and the Constitution to comply with the 2022 Act. We now need either a person to peer review what I have done or a couple of people to work together to refine what I have done so far. **Are you able to help?** You do need some experience or knowledge in this work. I have used a couple of precedents to work with but of course tailored to our bridge club.

RAFFLE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FULLARTON TEAMS EVENT

Our club is hosting the Fullarton Pairs tournament later in the year. This is a big tournament running over two days, so we need funding from our club to help out. We will give you more information later, but our current activity is to sell our raffle tickets.

The raffle prize is a lovely silver bangle donated by Rom Massey. Ron has also provided a cash sponsorship. Thanks Ron and we do appreciate your support.

The raffle is \$5 per ticket and the prize is displayed at the club and the raffle books are also at the club. The draw is at the end of this month.

CHARITY TOURNAMENT

We have the baskets at the club for us to fill to capacity to donate to our worthy cause – Women's Refuge. Henny and Sylvia have already sent out notices about this but I want to support the activity as our Charity Day is our opportunity to give to our community and Women's Refuge is this year's selected charity. You will hear more about the afternoon of

bridge as time goes by, but our focus at this stage is to collect toiletries and fill those baskets. Tournament is to be held on Friday 28 June.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Look at the notice board for the numerous tournaments coming up.

HEALTH AT THE CLUB

As we do have some players with compromised health issues, please respect our request to stay away from bridge if you have coughs, colds, flu or Covid. If you are not coming to bridge because of health please phone your partner or the convenor.

START TIMES

Please try to be at bridge 15 minutes before start time to allow the Director to set up the computer software and the movement plan. If you know you are running late call your partner or the convenor so the director knows that you and your partner will be playing.

I know some of my gripes are repeats but this comes out of information provided to me, with a request remind people.

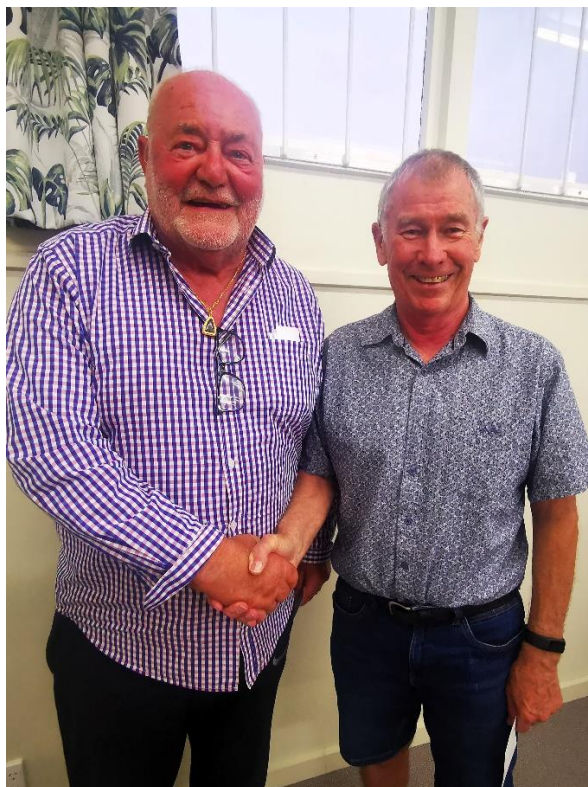
LATEST PHOTOS



1st - Robyn Anderson & Marit Van Rangelrooy winners of the recent Intermediate Tournament.



2nd equal – Bart Klumpers and Sue Kay/Nick Powrie and Masami Ozawa. Nick and Masami are Napier club members. Well done



Paul Entwistle and Mike Callahan won the Junior tournament held alongside the Intermediates. Again well done.



Carol Murphy and Marie Richards the winners of the Tuesday night Easter Pairs



Noel and Caroline won the Easter Tournament having also won the March Madness

Regards and Happy Bridging
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