

SPADEWORK

October 2016 Newsletter

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from our President -

We were saddened to learn of Jane McDonalds passing. Jane was a lovely person, respected by all members and a good friend to many of us. Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to her caring and devoted husband Hamish and the family. Our year is rattling along and it's always a reality check at its progress when you have been told the Programme book has been sent to the printers. Very well done to both Shirley Knight and Dianne Moreland.

Thank you to our Committee and members for their hard work in running our recent Tournament. The day went well with thanks also to Rochelle our Caterer and those Club members who worked in the kitchen. Congratulations to all winners, many of whom were our own members. Pamela Pederson our Secretary has contributed comprehensive items to this October Newsletter pertaining to the Club's Christmas Party and Charity week which follows on from our Programme until 16th December. Please support both of these events. Who needs more than a week to prepare for Christmas !!!!
Keep up the good bridging and have fun.

JUNE

CHARITY WEEK

We'll be holding our Charity Week again this year from Monday 12 December to Friday 16 December (not in our Programme Books) and the charity we will be supporting is **ARTHRITIS NZ**. Unfortunately we have lost our sponsorship from Heartland Bank this year, but we'll still be having some (modest) prizes. Table money will again be \$5 for everyone, with \$3 going to charity. We very much hope that members will support the week again this year.

WOW !

At our recent Restricted tournament held 8 October, two of our Juniors excelled in Session 2.
Teri Logie & Sharyn Rudolph
achieved 55% coming 6/21 NS pairs.
Keep up the good work.

Club Captain Carol writes ...

We all can lapse into bad practices, myself included (thank you Sarah) and this month let's make a special effort to do what director Helen has been insisting on. CALL the card in dummy you want played. Touch if you must but it must be accompanied by verbal instruction. Let's make a special effort, it will only take a little thought.
I'm sure you are all aware of how important Bridge ethics and etiquette are, but just a little reminder. We all need time to think about our bidding and play but remember it is unethical to use tempo of play to give information to our partner. When bidding and the times you play quickly without pausing compared with your normal deliberation may need some thinking about, as does excessively slow consideration without bidding. Tempo should never be used to mislead one's opponents. Occasionally a player will slowly and deliberately place a card on the table to make sure partner notices a signal. This is not allowed. Please work on a steady and even pace of play. Remember too, dummy is just that, keep your hands off the table and definitely no verbal suggestions.

Good bridging everyone.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party this year is on Sunday 27 November at 11.30am. This year there will be a charge of \$10 and this will cover all fun and frivolity. Drinks, lunch, prizes and bridge will also be included! Please check the notice board and in case we have to close off entries, make sure you put your names up early to avoid potential disappointment.



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Oct'16 **Craigs Investment Pairs**

Wednesdays Oct'16 **Status Clothing Handicap Pairs**

Thursdays Sept'16 **Captains Pairs Handicap**

Thursdays Oct '16 **Cunningham Pairs Handicap**

Fridays 2016 **Malyon House Singles**

Fridays Oct '16 **President's Pairs**

1st Jose McDonald & Jean Scott
 2nd Kaye Robertshaw & Carolyn Parker
 3rd Kay Miles & Margaret Wakelin
 1st Frazer Smith & Justin Sims
 2nd Joanne Munro & Diane Blumsom
 3rd Brian Cavit & Sharyn Rudolph
 1st Dorothy Harvey & Carol Cullen
 2nd Joy Holmes & Marilyn Wallace
 3rd Mavis Bryant & Barbara Ferguson
 1st Joan Heuvel & Lesley Stephen
 2nd Betty Forbes & Charles Forbes
 3rd Joy Holmes & Marilyn Wallace
 1st Jean Scott
 2nd Liz Gilbert
 3rd Mike Huymans
 1st Joy Holmes & Flo Nield
 2nd Kaye Robertshaw & Shirley Knight
 3rd Carol Cullen & Pat Hunter

Larry Cohen is an American bridge player, writer and teacher. He is best known as an advocate for the "Law of Total Tricks" as a guide in the bidding. Larry has some advice for Intermediate players. "I am a staunch advocate of 'less is more'. My observation is that at every level of the game, players are using too many conventions. Too often I see players (from beginner to world champion) misusing or forgetting their methods. Everyone would benefit if they would just KISS (keep it simple, stupid).

If I had to choose just 4 conventions, they would be

1. Negative Doubles
2. Blackwood (4NT asking for aces)
3. Stayman
4. Jacoby Transfers (2D transfer to hearts and 2H transfer to spades).

If you forced me to choose 4 more -

5. 4th suit= Game Forcing
6. Methods vs opponents' NT (I prefer doing nothing)
7. Weak jumps (in competition)
8. 2NT asking after a weak 2-bid."

For even more favoured conventions, details can be found at

www.larryco.com

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members

Helene Paterson

Kathleen Pender

Welcome back again to Audrey Gardiner and Carol Jones

Secretary 2017



I will be stepping down as secretary next year and would love to pass the reins on to someone who loves bridge, wants to give back, would enjoy the stimulating company of other committee members and would like to help with the running of our amazing club. You needn't worry that you might not have all of the skills, it's really quite rewarding to grow into the role. I would be very happy to help with this so please have a chat with me soon if you'd like to consider this position.

Thanks - Pamela Pedersen

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