Paraparaumu Bridge Club Inc

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Please note the change in our street address. The Box number is still our postal address.

Coming Events

15 February

Kapiti Bearing and Locksmithing sponsored pairs.

The notice for entries is up on the notice board and we would like a few more participants. The charge is $5.00.

If you are not playing and would be willing to help in any way contact Bill Sewell 299 0766

Directors' lessons

These have now started. If you are still interested contact Marie Groves 902 0026

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A message from the President

I hope you all have had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to a good year of bridge in 2015.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have been promoted in the latest NZ Bridge ratings:

Pauline Reid Open

Rene Henke Open

Faye Manley Intermediate

Jane Bradbury Intermediate

Director Training

This started on the 31st of January. There are 9 members from our club taking this course. The passing of the final examination will give them the 'Club Directors' qualification. To do this training the participants have committed to giving 7 days of their time. I think we are lucky that the following members of our club are prepared to make this commitment. Thanks to you all:

Marie Groves, Michael Stace, Graham McLauchlan, Ruth Futter, Robin Michelson, Pat McArthur, Trevor Smith, Michael Cunniffe, Martin Woodhead.

The committee would like to thank Marie Groves for all the work she has done in helping us to facilitate this training.

Lessons

Learners' lessons will commence on 9th March. Jocelyn Graves will be leading these with assistance from Jane Bradbury and those who are willing to mentor. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in learning to play Bridge please encourage them to enrol. Look out for our advertisements in the local papers and on the local access radio station. Some members have expressed an interest in learning to understand 'Precision'. Martin Woodhead is prepared to run some training sessions on Precision. If you are interested please contact him, Brian Pender or me.

Junior League

The Wellington Regional Committee has put together an initiative to encourage 'juniors' to enter junior tournaments. This is an individual competition and each participant will have their own individual score card. Points will be awarded for entering the tournament, for averaging more than 50%, for outright wins and overall placing. The points awarded will be added up at the year end and a Championship Trophy will be awarded plus cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The form will be available on the Wellington Regional Committee web site, plus instructions and details. If you would like more information about this league please contact me as I do have a hard copy of the proposal.

Trophies

Some of our trophies are not in good condition. For this and other reasons they have not been engraved for many years. All competition winners are recognised and recorded in an Honours Book. Many trophy winners are not fussed about taking their trophies home and this is evidenced by the number of trophies sitting in the trophy cabinets.

Currently the trophies for each competition (with the exception of the Christmas Pairs) have been awarded at the end of the last playing session of the year for that day/night. This has been a nightmare for the committee for many years, getting all trophies back, finding lost trophies, cleaning, matching correct trophies to correct competitions etc. It may be time to consider a change to how we do things.

The committee would like your feedback on the following suggestion:

The week after the end of the competition the trophy be awarded, along with any vouchers to the winners, at the end of play. The intention is that this be made into a celebration and more social than our usual supper, lunch, afternoon tea that we currently have during the year. On these days the director would be asked to have the break at end of play rather than during play. The bar could be opened, we could have a nicer supper, afternoon tea etc. Other clubs are doing similar things to this suggestion and find it is both liked and enjoyed by many of their members. If you have any questions or thoughts on this proposal, both for and against, it would be much appreciated if you give these to any of the committee members.

Almoner

Anna Kennett is our Almoner and is not always made aware when a club member is sick, in hospital or when there is a bereavement. If you become aware of any of these situations please ensure Anna is contacted.

Ian Nicholls

Changing information on Bridgemates

If a mistake has been made in entering information on the Bridgemate, a request to make changes MUST go through the Director. Even though you can do it, or know someone else who can, it must be authorised by the Director.

Name tags

The committee would appreciate it if ALL members would wear their name badge. Some of our long standing members think that everyone knows them and that is not necessarily the case.

2015 Wellington Regional Interclub Competition

The 2015 Wellington Regional Interclub Competition will be held in Wellington on: 20 March, 1 May, 22 May, 26 June, 24 July, 14 August, 11 September, 16 October and 13 November. There will be: open, open restricted, intermediate, junior and novice grades. Table money for Kapiti teams will be at a reduced figure of $4.00 per head. Full details are on the club notice board.

If you would like to enter a team, please ring Brian Pender (Tel. 905 5647), by no later than **Thursday 26 February.**

If you would like to enter but have not been able to arrange a full team of four, please still give Brian a ring as he may be able to help you find someone. Teams made up of members from more than one club will be accepted.

Bridge lessons

Jocelyn Graves will be running bridge lessons again this year from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Mondays commencing 9 March. The lessons will run for 10 weeks and will be followed by practice sessions with other club members. The cost of the course will be $30 and (for participants who decide to join the club) this amount will be deducted from their 2015 membership subscription. Access to an online learner programme is also included in the fee.

The lessons are the club's main opportunity during the year to attract new members so please make sure you tell all your friends who might be interested in them. The lessons will also be ideal for anyone who would like a refresher course.

For more information contact Jocelyn Graves (Tel: 297 0967) or Brian Pender (Tel: 905 5647 email: penders@clear.net.nz).

From the Editor

The Bridge year is well under way. The committee met for the first time this year on Monday February 2nd. It was rather a long meeting as there was much to discuss, but very

productive. Brian Pender was welcomed to the team and you will have seen from his comments that he has already accepted a number of responsibilities.

If you have any concerns about any matter in the club, please ring the person responsible rather than the President. These people are all listed on the front page of the handbook.

I am always happy to receive copy from any member for this newsletter.

Jennette Newport