

# Paraparaumu Bridge Club Newsletter

March 2016

## Up and Coming

### Events

20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Sevenoaks  
Rest/Care Centre

### OPEN TOURNAMENT

*Seated by 9.15 am*

*\$22 Bring own  
lunch.*

*Refreshments and  
finger food at end  
of play*

*Entry on-line or on  
Notice Board*

*Phone: Bill Sewell*

299 0766

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### Wellington Congress

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April  
2016

See flyer on notice  
board re  
requirements of  
paying etc

## Newsletter No 1 March 2016

### Message from the President

Welcome to the 2016 bridge year. I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas/New Year period and this newsletter finds you in good health.

During the break all the fluorescent lighting was replaced with modern LED lighting as the lights were becoming a fire risk due to the deterioration of some of the fittings. Besides giving better lighting these lights use less power and require very little maintenance.

You will notice that a lovely mirror has been hung in the entrance foyer, this being kindly donated by Francie Vagg and Lou Macdonald. Thank you, ladies.

Membership: My committee welcomed three new members to the club: Jill Brown, Lorraine Borland and Julie Lankshear. I hope you will all do your best to make them feel at home. A further six new members are awaiting their welcome.

Painting: It is planned to paint the exterior of the building this month when the weather is a little cooler. The council has asked that it be the same colours as the Community Centre. We will be asking for volunteers to help with this project.

Directors' Booklet: Our directors have produced a handbook which is a précis of the Directors' Rule Book covering the most common infractions.

Scoring Errors: The committee has revisited the process for handling adjustment of players' scoring errors. N.B. If a mistake has been made in entering information into the Bridgemate, a request to make changes through the Director immediately. Even though you or others may be able to do this, please get the Director to authorise the procedure.

Security N.B: Over the past three months there have been

# Lessons

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
2016

Time: 7.30 pm to  
9.30 pm

Venue: Club  
rooms

Cost: \$30

10 Lessons

Phone: Jane on  
299 3915

Encourage friends,  
family etc to play  
bridge.

Remember:

“Bridge is the most  
entertaining and  
intelligent card game  
the wit of man has  
ever devised.”

- W. Somerset  
Maugham

Early Reminder:

22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Paraparaumu  
Intermediate  
Tournament

Remember  
you may play  
above your grade  
but not below

three reports of the building not being secure. Once the alarm was not activated, once the door was unlocked and on February 22<sup>nd</sup> the door was found unlocked and the alarm not activated. Please take extra care when leaving the building to ensure it is secure.

Constitution/Rules Review: A committee of Tom Eichelbaum (Convenor), Ralph Brown, Tony Davies and Robyn Michelson has been appointed to go through the Club's Constitution and make recommendations for any up-dating and amendments. Any suggestions may be sent to Tom Eichelbaum at [thoseich@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thoseich@xtra.co.nz) by 31<sup>st</sup> of March, please. The Constitution is on the web site: [www.paraparaumu.bridge-club.org.nz](http://www.paraparaumu.bridge-club.org.nz)

Good bridging. Ian Nicholls, President

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MSTs: There are new forms available on the board to be filled in when you want an MST ticket. Colleen would really appreciate these being filled out appropriately. Many thanks.

Almoner: If you know of any member who is not well, in hospital or has had a bereavement, please update our Almoner, Elizabeth Steinbauer.

Should you have any concerns re club matters it would be appreciated if you call the appropriate person listed below. The Officers are listed in the front of your book along with Building Manager: Mike Kent; Web Site: Ralph Brown; Interclub, new members and lessons: Jan Brunton.

The Editor would be very happy to receive copy from any club members. Dale's Tips will be back for the next newsletter.

Meanwhile a tip taken from Paul Mendelson's book. Care is needed on opening hands of 4-4-4-1 fits. Very difficult to convey to your partner your complete content if playing ACOL. His words are, "Don't open with this distribution with 12 or a very poor 13 points. A few missed part scores but on the whole saves poor contracts." Something to consider.

Enjoy your bridge. Jan.