



New Zealand Bridge

Important Notice

Bulletin 2 – Tuesday 27th November 2007

Progression from Centres to Regional Committees

1. Centres will continue "business as usual" until 1 July, 2008.
For avoidance of doubt, Centres will still be responsible for:-
 - Administering and organising the game in their region including interaction and communication with NZ Bridge and Clubs in their region.
 - Setting the 2009 Tournament Calendar.
 - Running scheduled Centre Tournaments themselves or delegating the responsibility for doing so to a Club in their region.
 - Determining the selection criteria and if applicable conducting trials for their Inter-Provincial Teams as previously.
 - Receiving & processing applications from Clubs for Educational Grants.
2. Centres will continue to receive their normal income from the Master-point scheme for results processed up to and including 31 March 2008, even if the final payment is made after that date.
3. In the period between 1st March & 30th April 2008, Centres are required to call for nominations for membership of the Regional Committees that will come into office on 1 July, 2008. Clubs will elect the Regional Committees and have a weighted vote based on their membership as of the last annual return i.e. on the same basis as the vote when electing the Board of NZ Bridge.
4. Under the new Constitution it is the expectation that Regional Committees will have far greater interaction with NZ Bridge and its Board. To facilitate this, Regional Committees will be required to furnish a report for inclusion at every Board meeting and the Chairperson of every Regional Committee will meet with the Board and some Officers twice a year at the Regional Conference. The provisional date for the first Regional Conference is Sunday 5th October, 2008.
5. It is anticipated that once Regional Committees are appointed and a bank account under their control is established, Centres will be able to transfer their funds to that bank account.
6. Regional Committees will receive the normal income from the Master-Point scheme for sessions played from 1 April, 2008 and \$2.00 levy from NZ Bridge.
7. Although most Centres do have an appointed Honorary Solicitor, Graham Wakefield (Graham.Wakefield@waitakere.govt.nz) is only too happy to assist any Centre requiring guidance with legal issues and transfer of assets.

Bulletin 3 will:-

- Describe the new structure of NZ Bridge
- Detail job descriptions for Board Membership & Board Committees (including co-opted members)
- Call for nominations for the NZ Bridge Board

Additional Important Information for Centres & Clubs

- **NZ Bridge Office**
Contact with this Office can now be made through the new email address of secretary@nzbridge.co.nz.
- **Web Address**
The web address has also changed and is now www.nzbridge.co.nz.

To enable Centres, Clubs and their members to accommodate these changes the previous email and web addresses will continue to operate for a period of time. The date at which the previous addresses will cease to operate will be notified well in advance of this occurring.

Would all Centres and Clubs please ensure that your records are amended accordingly.

Club Committees are again asked to take every opportunity to ensure wide dissemination of this Bulletin so that as many of their members as possible are informed of this particular aspect of the Transition Process e.g. Posting Bulletins on Club Notice Boards, Announcements in Club Notices etc.

Trish Scott
Secretary
On Behalf of the Board