

The NZCBA APRIL 2006 NEWS

SENIOR TRIALS

The Management Committee has agreed to extend the closing date for all entries to the national Senior Trials to Friday 21 April. We wish to encourage as many participants as possible and it appears that the original decision to have two closing dates has proved a little confusing.

All entries for the Senior Trials now close on **Friday 21 April 2006**. A copy of the amended Notice setting out entry criteria can be found at <http://nzcba.co.nz/tournaments/>

DIRECTING EXAMS

The next set of Directors Exams - both Tournament and Club exams - will be held on the weekend of **27/28 May**. A notice setting out entry requirements can be found at <http://nzcba.co.nz/directing/>

INTERNATIONAL

Mersin Bridge Festival

The Mersin (Turkey) Bridge Festival will be held between 13 – 17 September 2006. We have been invited to send a team which will have their hotel accommodation, tournament fees and airport transfers paid by the host organisers. You are required to pay your own airfares to Turkey. A notice setting out entry criteria can be found at <http://nzcba.co.nz/international/>

And for further details of the event go to www.mersinbsk.com

CONGRESS

National Congress will be held in Hamilton between 1 – 8 July, preceded by the interprovincials on 29/30 June. Congress now has its own website which will provide details of all events, registration and accommodation. The site can be found at <http://www.contractbridge.net/nzcbacongress/>

ALERTING REGULATIONS

A clarification of the new Alerting Regulations, detailed in the 2006 NZCBA Manual, is now available and a copy has been sent to all Clubs. It can also be found on our website at <http://nzcba.co.nz/directing/Clarification.asp>

AUSTRALIAN MASTERPOINTS

If you played at Canberra or Surfers this year and wish to have masterpoints earned from these events converted to New Zealand points, then please send a **detailed** statement (which can be downloaded from the ABF site <http://www.masterpoints.org.au/files/ASP/mpquery.asp>) together with your NZ computer number to fran@nzcba.co.nz. A statement showing totals only is insufficient and will not be actioned. Please check that the ABF site is up to date first; as at 30 March 2006 only masterpoints from the Seniors events at Canberra have been processed by ABF.

Points must be claimed by the end of the calendar year in which they are earned.

Currently, it is not possible to show points converted from Australia to New Zealand through our website. However, they will appear on the printed quarterly masterpoint certificates under Club 820 and on the printed Masterpoint Adjustment Checkprint sent to clubs.