



MAY NEWSLETTER

The Management Committee had a meeting in Wellington on 27 April - some news from that includes :

Scoring Package - Version 6.1 is now to hand. An installation disc will be posted to those clubs using the programme shortly.

Australian Gold Points –Effective Jan 1 2008 our policy will be amended to include all Australian gold point events. Please familiarise yourself with the steps that need to be followed when you make a claim. You will find this information on the Masterpoints page on our Website.

Restricted Events Australia - Players are reminded that open graded players are not eligible to play in restricted events in Australia.

Tournaments - *Any* changes to dates, etc. please remember that these need to go through your Centre who will notify Kay Nicholas and the NZCBA Office.

Teachers' Weekend - The Assn will, in conjunction with the House of Cards, host a Bridge Teachers weekend in Christchurch over the weekend of October 27th & 28th. Please note that no travel subsidies will be provided this year.

Directors' Exams - The information regarding the dates for these is due out within the next week.

Jean Peche Award - Congratulations to Susan Humphries the 2007 recipient

International - Congratulations also to those who were successful at the recent national trials with inclusion in teams which will be competing later this year.

Grading Changes - Effective 1 Jan 2008 the rating point thresholds for Junior and Intermediate will change, although A Point thresholds will not change:

Junior 0 to 30 rating points Intermediate 31 to 100 rating points

Ethics DVD - The final editing is complete. A copy will be sent to all club free of charge soon.

Youth Weekend – Reminder regarding the Youth Weekend coming up over 13 – 15 July 2007 for those under 25 years of age. If you are interested please contact Richard Solomon on rjsolomon@xtra.co.nz

New Zealand Wide Pairs - If your club has not yet entered this event to be held on the evening of 6 July 2007 and you want to enter, please contact Richard Solomon on rjsolomon@xtra.co.nz

Thank you - From Chris and Mary Peeler 64A Lionel Avenue Wendover Bucks HP22 6LS England Tel 02196 624089

“We have just come back from a seven week holiday in NZ and during that time we managed to play at eight bridge clubs – Wellington, Dunedin, Geraldine, Christchurch, Kaikoura, Picton, Whangarei and Kerikeri. In all cases we had a very warm welcome and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Please publish this letter if that is possible. We should be delighted to welcome any Kiwis to our club at Wendover !

Well done to the Clubs involved – positive feedback is always welcome. There are quite a few visitors to New Zealand appearing at local Bridge Clubs. One comment Chris did make was that the city “Information Centres” were not always up to date with contact information !

Still Learning - It has been an interesting and challenging few weeks since commencing in the position of National Secretary – a real learning curve ! Thank you for the support and ‘best wishes’ which have been received.

Good Bridging !