

Newsletter September 2007

Spring at last – hopefully winter is on the way out, although the sight of new snow on the Alps suggests otherwise.....roll on daylight saving !

Teachers' Weekend

There is a flyer related to this weekend attached. Please ensure that all those who are interested in bridge teaching or the development and retention of players at your Club know about this weekend. We also hope that Clubs will consider it worthwhile providing some financial support to cover some of the travel costs of those attending.

Constitution

The version which will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting in Hamilton on 22 September 2007, has been circulated to all Clubs and is available on the NZCBA website.

Youth Weekend

Richard Solomon, Bridge Development Officer, reports that a successful weekend for youth players was held in Christchurch recently with 26 players between the ages of 13 and 24 attending to experience the enjoyment of playing bridge and meeting others with similar views.

Congress

Registrations are up from last year for Congress with a 'sell out' of accommodation in the hotel. There are more overseas visitors coming than ever before and more Intermediate and Junior players. The initial Club Championships will be held near the end of Congress week with the trophy for the event to be named in honour of John Wignall.

Congratulations

Janet Barnard (Auckland) Craig Shannahan (Christchurch) Jared Fudge (Otago)
(Three from Palmerston North) Jim Esson Ray Kemp & Stuart Malcolm
who sat and passed their Club Director examination held in July

Director Examinations

The next examinations for Club, Tournament and National directing are due to be held in November

Beijing

Later this month our international teams will be competing in China – our best wishes for success go with them



House of Cards

Time table of the Teachers' weekend. October 27-28

Venue: House of Cards
184 Papanui Road
Christchurch 8014

Saturday:

10.30 am coffee

11.00 am beginners' lessons.

Finding out what problems we have in common in order to find some common solutions. Please bring any problems you would like to discuss as some input from every teacher present would be fantastic. We are more likely to get good solutions this way.

1-2 pm lunch

2-5 pm

Teaching improvers ; What is the appropriate
Lesson content?
Lesson material/resources?
Lesson structure?

Saturday evening - dinner optional

Sunday:

10.00 am

Speaker - useful teaching techniques for non-teachers. Some ideas from an experienced non bridge playing teacher

11.00 am

How to present a bridge hand. Finding the best way of demystifying the language and symbols of bridge.

12 lunch

1-3 beginners

Resources for all levels. Sharing ideas/ materials. Should there be a standard system for the country? How do we retain our beginners?

Registration

Please register with Tina or Graeme at the House of Cards by, phone 033550643 or email bridge@houseofcards.co.nz

Please advise us if you would like a billet and if you would like to come to dinner on Saturday evening.