



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday 8th June 2014 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Tony Morcom, Susan Humphries, Brian Ashwell, Trevor Robb, Angela Royle

APOLOGIES

Tony Morcom, Richard Solomon, Arie Geursen

INVITED

Sue Brown, Northland – apologies sent

IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wakefield, Russell Watt (part), Maurice MacLaren (ClubHub)

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 13th April 2014 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and confirmed: Brian/Susan

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Susan circulated a comprehensive report showing a balance of \$12,881.98 as at 6th June 2014.
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Susan/Trevor

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved:

Angela/Trevor

All inward correspondence from NZB was circulated to the committee as it arrived and other inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda

TOURNAMENTS

INTER-PROVINCIALS

IP TRIAL DATES

- Trial date/s are Saturday/Sunday 16 & 17 August 2014
- Dates confirmed with Auckland Club
- Flier with details to be sent to clubs (*this has now been sent and is on the ANRC website*) **ANGELA**
- One of the committee members was asked if your regular partner is overseas at the time of the IP trials and if the player won with another partner, could the winner play with their regular partner in the final rather than the sub from the trials. The committee advised this was not acceptable.

IP FINAL – Auckland Bridge Club

- The event to start at 11 am Saturday 29th November and finish 2.30 pm Monday 1st December
- The main room downstairs at Auckland Club will be used for the playing area and the upstairs room for social activities/team areas/lunches
- Russell advised he has obtained special rates with the Novotel and Ibis Hotels located on Greenlane Road close to the motorway. Ibis \$119 per night per room. Novotel \$189 per night per room. Rates including breakfast are also available. Details are on the ANRC website: www.anrcbridge.org.nz
- The hotels will hold the above rates until 31st October but will not hold a specific number of rooms. It will be on a first come first in basis
- Russell is also looking at transportation from the airport to the club and back. Angela thought Tracey Mancer from Waiheke Club may be able to assist and will give Russell her contact details **ANGELA**
- ANRC to Master host and Auckland Club to host
- Saturday 5 matches; Sunday 6; Monday 3; for Intermediate, Senior, Women, Open
- ABC to organise a substitute pair for each category
- Russell was thanked for attending the meeting and giving an update on the tournament arrangements

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP – Sat 7th June

- Congratulations to the winners – Auckland Club closely followed by Mt Albert

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS/TEAMS – 19/20 July

- Franklin Club to host. Trevor advised organisation is well in hand

YOUTH FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT 2014

- Susan Humphries presented an idea from Jan Cormack that was discussed with Patrick Carter regarding the youth fundraising tournament later this year
- In Australia they hold a very successful Teams of Three tournaments
- This comprises of one 'expert' bridge player and three lesser players with the expert taking it in turn to play with each of the three in team matches
- Players can enter as a single, a pair or as three players
- The committee decided this was a different concept and were in unanimous agreement to try it out

RUBBER BRIDGE

- Only 16 pairs from the Auckland/Northland area entered the competition this year...a very disappointing number

NATIONAL CONGRESS

- A new tournament is to be introduced this year – Restricted Swiss Pairs – for players with 175 A points or less
- Murray Wiggins will be providing further information on this tournament

TRIAL OF A NEW 3A RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT

- There was much discussion on an idea presented by Howick Club to trial a 3A Restricted tournament to encourage new Open players and players with less an 50A points as at 1st January 2014
- The date requested for the trial is Sunday 30th November 2014
- A motion was put forward that:

“An application be made to NZB and presented at the National Conference on 29th June 2014 for approval for Howick Club to trial a 3A Restricted Tournament for players with fewer than 50A points as at 1st January 2014”

Proposed: Susan Humphries Seconded: Trevor Robb: Motion carried unanimously

- Susan Humphries will speak to NZB on behalf of ANRC at the conference

YOUTH PLAYERS

- Six players going to Turkey in August for the World Youth Team Champs will have two training weekends prior to leaving. One in Auckland and one in Dunedin
- Those assisting with the training include Tom Jacob, Michael Cornell, GeO Tislevoll, Michael Ware and Martin Reid
- Youth Fundraiser held 9th May raised just over \$11K. This included money from the 25 clubs participating in the event (363 pairs), plus several other clubs gave a donation; there was a subsidy from NZ Bridge and a grant from the NZ Bridge Foundation
- Money raised will cover the costs of flights and accommodation at the World Champs for the youth team
- Approximately \$3K is to be held in reserve for 2105 overseas youth events

DIRECTING SEMINAR

- A directing seminar to be held in Wellington 21/22 June 2014
- Three Australian presenters will facilitate the seminar
- There are six directors from the Auckland/Northland region attending

GENERAL BUSINESS

QUARTERLY LEVIES

- An email to be sent to clubs towards the end of the month reminding them to update their membership list and that NZB will be sending accounts for the second quarterly affiliation levy **ANGELA**
- NZB will also be advising clubs prior to 30th June
- A large number of clubs have not paid their first quarterly instalment by due date (20 May) and some Clubs are inappropriately disputing their member numbers as at the quarterly levy date (1 April) despite the date being historically used for the fully levy

UNIVERSITY CLUB

- The University Club meets each Tuesday evening and has 3-4 tables.
- ANRC pays for their refreshments

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- The next Regional Conference is in Wellington on 29th June
- These conferences are now to be known as National Conferences
- Susan Humphries to attend on behalf of the ANRC.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

- The ANRC committee for the two year term commencing 1st July 2014 is confirmed as: Peter Bowyer, Susan Humphries, Sue Brown, Tony Morcom, Trevor Robb and Angela Royle
- Brian Ashwell was thanked for his input on the committee over the last year and will be most welcome to attend the future Auckland/Northland Regional committee meetings

ANRC WEBSITE

- Fliers promoting future tournaments are now put on the ANRC website (www.anrcbridge.org.nz)
- A link to Northland News is also on the site
- Chairman Peter is trying hard to encourage more players to use the ANRC website and also join the Yahoo! News group

NORTHLAND CLUBS WEBSITE

- Peter has contacted the Northland Bridge Centre and established regular two-way communication between the Regional Committee and the Northland group of ANRC clubs
- Peter has contacted the Northland Clubs and offered help and encouragement to either link to the ANRC website or establish their own club website

CLUB HUB

- Maurice MacLaren was present at the meeting and spoke about his website work with sporting organisations, bridge clubs and gave an overview on how he thought he may be able to assist with clubs in the Auckland/Northland Region

HONORARIUMS

- It was agreed by the committee that the honoraria for the Secretary and the Treasurer would remain the same for the coming year

HOLIDAYS

- Secretary Angela advised she would be away overseas from 12th July to 10th August.

The meeting finished at 12.10 pm

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 24th August 2014
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date:



Email: secretarywbbc@gmail.com

Waikato Bays Regional Report June 2014

Waikato Bays have been busy this year.

➤ **Rubber Ducky day**

Was held in Matamata. We had coaching from Christine Gibbons and then the first round of the rubber competition. More players new to the game entered the competition this year as a result, so we will continue to run the seminar to encourage more to participate in future.

➤ **Bridge Directors Seminar**

Julie Atkinson and Patrick Carter ran a seminar for upcoming directors and those who want to brush up their skills and move on further. This was also at Matamata and was well attended.

➤ **Jones Day Out**

This is a day for upcoming and intermediate players who wish to improve their bridge. The focus this year is on Slam bidding and play and No Trump play. Coached by Barry Jones this is happening on the 22 June and registration numbers are coming in nicely at this time.

➤ **Sponsor two people to the National Congress**

There is one month to go before nominations close for this. To date, not many have submitted their names, but we suspect they are leaving this to the last minute.

➤ **Top Club Teams trials**

At this point in time it would appear that only our larger clubs are going to participate in this competition, which is disappointing.

➤ **IP Trials**

These have been held with very disappointing numbers attending. Some of our players were away or involved to play in China and another pair were playing in Melbourne. Our date is not really satisfactory now that the teams are at the end of the playing season and it clashes with too many other events. We have moved the trial dates for 2015 slightly, but still may not avoid the issues we have had. In saying that, the teams selected are of reasonable quality and the best pairs on the day, got into a team.

➤ **Master points**

Brett has been working with the Huntly club, as they wished to have a remit at the AGM. The discussion paper has now been completed and to be presented at the Conference.

➤ **Intermediate & Junior Leagues**

These have both started and to date are well attended.



CENTRAL DISTRICTS REGIONAL COMMITTEE

REGIONAL REPORT

Meeting: 29 June 2014

Central Districts Regional Committee:

The final meeting of the current Regional Committee will be held on 13th June 2014.

The new Regional Committee which takes office on the 1st July 2014 is Colin Carryer, Michelle England, Mari Fitzsimons, Les Gould, Bryan Green, and Matthew Schumacher. The Secretary/Treasurer is Dorothy Mackay.

Financial Accounts:

The Central Districts Regional Committee's Financial Accounts for the Year Ending 2013-2014 have been completed. The financial status of the Region has remained static even though our income is down we have been fortunate that, with the new 4 person teams IP format, our costs for the IPs were also down.

Bridge Teachers:

This year the Committee made available a \$1000.00 travel subsidy for clubs sending members to the Bridge Teachers course in Christchurch. We were pleased that three clubs, Gisborne, Napier and New Plymouth applied for grants and the Region paid out \$907.00 towards travel costs. All feed-back has been positive, and the region would support future initiatives.

Interprovincial Trials:

The Region's trials were held on the weekend 7/8 June 2014. Our representatives will be (Subject to confirmation):

Open: Hurley/Hurley, Dravitzki/Dravitzki

Women's: Whyte/Yeomans, Thirtle/Buckley

Seniors: Nightingale/Nightingale, Bateman/Woodhall

Intermediate: Burney/Symons, Wiggins/Wiggins

The trial date for 2015 has been forwarded to late August.

Rubber Bridge:

The 2014 Rubber Bridge knockout for the Region is currently in the third round with four pairs on the West coast and three pairs on the East coast still in the knock out phase to find our pair to represent the Region at the Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge finals in Hamilton.

Club Championship Teams:

The 2014 East and West coast preliminary sections of the NZ Club Championship teams have been played with New Plymouth winning the West coast section played in Wanganui and Napier winning the East coast section played in Hastings. New Plymouth and Napier will now play off at a date and central venue to be agreed to find the club to represent our Region at the finals in Hamilton.

Bridge Membership:

As elsewhere in New Zealand, membership in our Region continues to decline, we are sure the new Regional Committee would appreciate feed-back from Clubs on retaining/increasing current memberships and also on ways to increase enjoyment in the game.

It is good that we have had Central Districts club bridge teachers attending the annual Bridge Teachers course in Christchurch. It has been proposed that this national course in Christchurch be held every two years with each Region holding a bridge teachers seminar in alternate years. Retention of learners is critical and to achieve this, we believe the continuation of learners playing together and being mentored to build confidence before going into club play is essential.



Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

REPORT FOR THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE **WELLINGTON 29 JUNE, 2014**

Our new committee consists of four members who have stayed, Heather Jared, Tony Sutich, Anna Herries and myself. We welcome two new members Vivienne Cannell and Alan Grant. Allan Joseph, who had to resign, as he was elected to the board of NZ Bridge, will be also be attending our meetings.

INTERCLUB

This year we have 58 teams, two more than last year. This means that we have to use either 3 venues or both rooms at Wellington and one other venue. We are delighted that so many are playing in the interclub and it fosters friendships between the members of different clubs. As usual Tony is doing a great job in organising the whole event.

RUBBER BRIDGE

This year we had 43 pairs enter which was wonderful and the most of any region. People could opt to play their first round at a club day or go into the general pool and play in their homes. It was about half and half but most of the new entrants were happier in the familiar surroundings of their clubs.

WELLINGTON CONGRESS

This event is being held over 3 days in just three weeks. Apart from the Swiss Pairs, which is a new event, we have added a one session Novice event on the Sunday and have encouraged all the beginners to attend. Hopefully it will give them a taste of tournament play.

IP TRIALS

These were held in the middle of May and we did not get a large number of tables. This was a pairs format but it does not seem to matter if it is pairs or teams we just don't attract the large number of entries that we use to get.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are being held next Sunday, 15 June, with only 4 teams. Some of the clubs feel that it is going to be won by one of the bigger clubs so there is no point in entering. Also some clubs struggle with getting enough juniors even though the juniors play in the interclub.

We had our usual meeting of the clubs in early February, which was well attended by all but one of the clubs in the district. It has been decided to hold this every second year as new members come on the committee.

In 10 days we are holding a Directors workshop with three Australian directors which should be most informative for all our directors

The Committee has been working hard over the last couple of months, a lot bridge and a lot of organising, and I thank them for their work.

Dinnie Hall

Wellington



Canterbury Regional Committee of
New Zealand Bridge Inc

Report to National Conference June 2014

Although the Canterbury rebuild is gaining momentum in the business arena the opposite is happening in the bridge arena. Although there was a small drop in numbers of bridge players in the region with a 13% decline in levy income for the year ended 31 March 2014 there was a 43% decrease in income from masterpoints. This will be a challenge for the Region to reverse this trend. We will need to work with Clubs to look at ways to increase their attendances at club and tournaments. Managing this reduced income will also be a challenge for the Region.

Part of the answer may lie in making bridge more fun (and more of a social occasion) and committee member Giles Hancock has already made a start in this area by producing a fun bridge package for distribution to clubs.

In an attempt to make contact with the unaffiliated clubs in Canterbury we have arranged a tournament day for these clubs where we hope we can show them some of the benefits of affiliation.

Allan Joseph kindly donated his time and ran a successful directors workshop in April. We extended an invitation to the unaffiliated clubs to send players who would be interested and it was gratifying to see that several attended the first of the three sessions.

We also conducted a survey amongst tournament players in the region about the IPs. The results of that have been circulated. It seems that there has been a general acceptance of the changes the Board made last year and players are willing to bear more of the costs than they have been asked to do in the past. There is also a desire to retain the IPs. It would seem that it would be useful to have a common date across the country for the IP trials (which has been the practice in the South for some while) and to have that date when the international players are available to trial. We also feel that it would enhance the status of the event if NZ Bridge encouraged those intending to trial for the international teams to also trial for their province.

We have had some issues with our website over recent months. Fiona's hair has almost turned completely white over the angst caused when the organisation that built and hosted the website for us folded coupled with a bug in the tournament entry functions. An effective website is an important way for us to communicate with and provide information for our clubs and players and yet, managing this requires skills and expertise that many of us do not have. We are fortunate that Fiona has expended an inordinate amount of time and effort to learn how to develop this resource. This may be an area where the Board should provide leadership and support to assist clubs to develop and maintain websites. This might be as simple as identifying people who have skills and/or knowledge and encouraging them to share with those who need help and advice.

Michael Johnstone

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Top of the South Region

11 June 2014

Report for Regional Meeting 29 June 2014

Regional Plan

The Region is continuing its focus on Development Strategies identified in the 2013 Regional Plan. These strategies appear to be having positive effect with a mild overall growth in numbers across the region. The 2014 Plan has not yet been completed.

Teachers Forum

Most clubs were represented at the Teacher's forum in Christchurch, with travel subsidies from the Region. Responses from those attending have been very positive and all consider the workshops to be worth-while.

Learners Classes

Bridge seem to be having a resurgence in Top of South with 69 in Learners Classes: Golden Bay 2, Marlborough 17, Motueka 11, Nelson 12, Picton 10, Richmond 7, Westport 10.

Youth Training

Westport has 14 College pupils learning Bridge under the tutelage of Ray Curnow. Marlborough has 3 youth learners. All 17 youth players are intending to attend the Youth development weekend in Auckland later in the year. The Region will provide a travel subsidy.

Directors Workshop

The lack of suitably qualified Tournament Directors in the region has been a concern as those currently qualified are active players. One of the 2014 Regional Plan strategies was to encourage an interest in qualified Club directors to take the next step. The Region has subsidised 2 directors to attend.

Tournaments

The Region added 2 tournaments to its 2014 schedule; Swiss Pairs in Richmond and a Junior Tournament in Picton. Both tournaments attracted good fields and will be retained on the schedule.

June 10, 2014

Inter-Provincial Teams

Selection for the Inter-Provincial Teams has been completed. The selection process proved to be controversial with selection based on results from the Richmond Swiss Pairs on the Saturday and IP Trials scored on Cross IMPS on Sunday. The controversy was sufficient to provoke suggestions from higher ranked players and the selection process will be revised next year.

Regional Committee

The region received 7 nominations for 6 places so an election has been called.



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz

Chairpersons Report for the Regional Conference, Wellington 29.06.14

Committee Members

The Committee has the full 6 members with Kristen Collins (Chairperson), Ann-Louise Stokes (Secretary/Treasurer), Kaye Wilson, Frances Sheehy, Marilyn Jackson and John Mitchell. (Lynne Fegan has been co-opted as a computer/website adviser).

As of the 01.07.14 Ann-Louise, John and Lynne will be leaving the committee and James Coutts from Dunedin and Joan Scarlett from Winton will be the new committee members.

In accordance with our Strategic Plan the focus of the Committee is on:

Junior/Intermediate: Our region wide Junior/Intermediate Tournament League for 2014 is set up and going. Interest was high last year but few players actually sent in their completed forms. We will be running a drive toward the end of the year to increase returns.

Support of Clubs within our Region: Our last regional meeting took place at the Winton bridge club before their Open Teams tournament and we plan to attend East Otago bridge club first AGM in July.

Regional Congress & Tournaments: Our Regional Congress moved to Dunedin this year and went well. We had a few issues mainly to do with format and planning the prize money but these issues will be sorted for the next congress.

Inter-provincial trials: our trials will be held over the weekend of 21/22 June. The number of triallists is well down on previous years. In 2012 we had 20 pairs trial for the Open/Senior/Women and 8 pairs trial for the Intermediate; in 2013 we had 12 pairs trial for the Open/Senior/Women and 8 pairs trial for the Intermediate. In 2014 we have 11 pairs trial for the Open/Senior and/Women (this includes a Youth Pair who would previously not be included) and 3 pairs for the Intermediate (this includes a Youth Pair who would previously not be included). When asked why pairs who have previously trialled every year (this includes some of our top ranking pairs in each category) are not trialling this years the reason are almost consistently "don't like the 4 person team format" and "IPs have lost their status by being moved away from Congress".

Most are also upset that there would be no Youth IPs at all this year; they see it as a slippery slope and the comment "who are they going to cut next?" has been repeated frequently.

Feedback from the region regarding the IPs

As requested by NZ Bridge at the last regional conference we have requested feedback regarding the IPs from our players. We created and sent a survey to 50 players who have either trialled for, or played in, the Inter-provincial championship in the last few years. The questions on our survey were:

1. Did you take part in the Inter-Provincial tournament in Wellington in Dec 2013?

▼ Yes	33.33%	12
▼ No	66.67%	24

2. If you took part in the 2013 Inter-Provincials did you prefer the 4 person team or the pre-2013 6 person team?

▼ 4 person team	18.75%	3
▼ 6 person team	62.50%	10
▼ I have no preference between 4 or 6 person teams	12.50%	2
▼ 2013 is the first time I have attended the IP's	6.25%	1

3. If you did not compete at the IPs in 2013 do you prefer the idea of a 4 person team or a 6 person team?

▼ 4 person team	20.83%	5
▼ 6 person team	66.67%	16
▼ I have no preference	12.50%	3

4. If you preferred the 6 person team would you still do so if you were asked to pay for a portion of your own travel costs to the IPs?

▼ Yes - I would not mind paying for some of my travel costs if it meant a 6 person team	65.52%	19
▼ No - I would prefer a 4 person team to me funding some of my own travel costs	34.48%	10

5. Are you likely to trial for future 4 person Inter-provincial teams?

▼ Yes	72.22%	26
▼ No - please provide a reason below	27.78%	10

6. Due to the 4 person teams format for 2014 do you think the usual Butler Pairs (scored against the datum) style trial is the best form of trial?
7. With only two pairs being eligible for each team do you agree with Selection (where teams are created by a selection panel not by trialling) as a viable way to create Inter-provincial teams?
8. Would you be willing to help with fundraising in the event that this was necessary to send extra team members to the IPs?

9. The cost of running the Inter-Provincials is very expensive for NZ Bridge. How important do you see them in the light of the high costs involved? (10 - very important to 1 - not important)

▼ 10 - very important	22.22%	8
▼ 9	8.33%	3
▼ 8	16.67%	6
▼ 7	13.89%	5
▼ 6	13.89%	5
▼ 5	2.78%	1
▼ 4	5.56%	2
▼ 3	2.78%	1
▼ 2	5.56%	2
▼ 1 - not important	8.33%	3

Its good to give players something to work towards achieving

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Numbers were down at Hamilton, due to the inter-provincials being held in Wellington. I think it should be part of the Hamilton competition

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At Otago some trial categories have tiny numbers of entrants

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All major sporting bodies run Inter Provincials. The benefit of running these out weigh the costs because its open to all players to trial. Your everyday bridge player can benefit and play at the IP's if they qualify. I have rated the costs unimportant. In my opinion if NZBridge can run the PABF here which directly increased costs to both the clubs and general player for the benefit of the few, then the costs of running the IP's can equally be sustained.

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Run @congress time then less cost

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just starting to trial - good to play against others in grade - not just locals

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Great chance to meet players from all centres and discuss a huge range of bridge and club issues

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I-Ps make bridge more broad-based, rather than a few couples failing to succeed on the international stage.

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Totally unnoticed when not held with Congress.

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they will make no difference to club membership which is our biggest issue

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good for provincial pride and comradeship

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Club feels good when it's members do well 2/18/2014 6:22 PM View respondent's answers
Their presence before congress is so much greater if you value recognition of performance as fellow players are present to congratulate 2/18/2014 5:21 PM View respondent's answers
Impt for open, womens and youth players 2/18/2014 2:47 PM View respondent's answers
most sports have interprovincials 2/18/2014 1:40 PM View respondent's answers
If NZ Bridge needs to save money they should be doing this by spending less subsidising players travel as they already have to spend a large amount to attend the tournament a little more isn't going to matter. I don't know about Wellington this year but in the past and this years youth ips the allowance given to O/S players hasn't been enough to cover the entire travel so this proves that players are willing to contribute to the costs 2/18/2014 1:21 PM View respondent's answers

I'm not sure if there is really a need for a women's tournament... 2/18/2014 12:53 PM View respondent's answers
If running them around congress time decreases the costs this is probably good...I would also be more willing to fund a potion of travel if around congress time also. I'm generally not impressed with the new format and have decreased my desire and motivation to get back on a team as a result. 2/18/2014 12:48 PM View respondent's answers
There is a lot of local interest which pays off in the long run. 2/18/2014 12:27 PM View respondent's answers
As new to the IP scene, seems like a good way to keep inter-provincial competition. 2/18/2014 12:06 PM View respondent's answers
they are important in keeping Bridge a nationally credible mind sport, if we get rid of them we are saying that we as a sport cannot maintain a viable infrastructure. Also an important link to international team selection 2/18/2014 11:45 AM View respondent's answers

10. Due to the high cost of running the Inter-provincials how upset would you be if they were not run at all (cancelled)?

▼ 10 - very upset	27.78%	10
▼ 9	2.78%	1
▼ 8	8.33%	3
▼ 7	11.11%	4
▼ 6	19.44%	7
▼ 5	5.56%	2
▼ 4	8.33%	3
▼ 3	2.78%	1
▼ 2	2.78%	1
▼ 1 - not upset	11.11%	4

Would be a shame not to hold them

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I would like to know how much it does cost to run?

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As above I feel them being held at Hamilton is part of a whole experience, and then being able to play some of the other competitions as well

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Again I think the IP's mean everyday players can trial and on occasion get through. It should be viewed as an achievement to represent your region and club. The IP's should be viewed as a premier bridge event. I would rather NZCBA removed the funding for international teams/pairs, the benefits of that are for the chosen few.

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still prefer run with congress

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if it comes to that it should be held at hamilton before the congress and maybe held at the Hamilton bridge club which would save on the hire of the rooms which is very expensive

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Very upset they were split from Congress. Once that is done, they might as well be cancelled entirely.

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Tournament results can give the same 'feell good '

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As an intermediate and then open IP rep they IP's got me into the congress and were a prime motivation for me to play more bridge

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same reason as above

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Well this is just a silly question obviously they shouldn't be cancelled

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I think they are the only event nz has to compare regions so if you cancelled this then I feel some similar type of event should still be held in some capacity.

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Any self-respecting NZ teams sport has a national IP competition.

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Personally I'm not a big teams player.

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I wouldn't personally be upset but I think it would look bad to external sources.

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I think inter-provincial championships are the most important event for bridge players in New Zealand. NZ bridge should consider not participating in international events rather than not running the Inter-provincials if expenses are a concern.

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I have not included the responses regarding how we as a region hold our trials but I am happy to forward them on request.

Goals

Websites: all our regional clubs now have at least a basic page on our web site, a big thank you to Lynne Fegan for co-ordinating this.

Summary

The committee, with its new members, will strive to build on the strong foundations established by Ann-Louise, Lynne and John. I would like to thank them all for all their hard work and effort on behalf of Otago/Southland Regional Bridge for the last few years.

Thank you and kind regards,

Kristen Collins,
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Otago/Southland Regional Bridge Committee
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