

NEWSLETTER 10th MARCH 2016

The committee would like to thank **Maureen Underhill** for her years of service as player/director on Monday mornings. Maureen will now be able to concentrate fully on her bridge. Thank you Maureen and welcome to Brian Boxall, who will be directing on Monday mornings.

Some matters for your attention please:

- * **A reminder** about our next tournament the **Lawson Jugs** on the **19th March**. Please support our local tournaments. We always have prizes for best Junior Pair to encourage our newer members.
- * **Fish and Chip** night on the **1st April**, (not Good Friday as in your Bridge book – apologies for that error.) The notice is on the wall, so please state if you are having fish and chips/ having another meal/or just playing at 6.30 p.m.
- * **Thursday** play will now start at 9.30 a.m. and play straight through, with hot drinks and biscuits being available at your pleasure.

LEARNER/REFRESHER CLASSES START 16TH MARCH. ALL WELCOME!

Being a buddy when partnering a learner

- ♠ All new players from lessons will be permitted to use their ACOL flippers/cheat sheets for the remainder of the year at any bridge club sessions. Encourage them to learn their way around the cheat sheet so as not to spend lengthy periods looking things up.
- ♠ Encourage polite behaviour at the bridge table. Set the example yourself, and support new members if there is any other behaviour that is in any way upsetting to a new member.
- ♠ Encourage new members to call the director with any queries. Help new members understand that the role of the director is to assist where any query arises, and restore equity. They are there to help. They are not there to punish you, and the player is not going to get into trouble. A director is there like a referee - to resolve matters so that smooth play can continue.
- ♠ Sit either South or East – take all of the scoring duties/worries away from the beginner. Ensure they sit West or North.
- ♠ Helping to diffuse situations:
- ♠ Always speak in a quiet calm voice
- ♠ No matter what they bid/how they play – do not criticise
- ♠ Only offer advice if asked for it
- ♠ Never use the phrase, “You should have ... “
A good phrase to use is, “Sometimes it can work better if ... “

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- ♠ If an existing member is causing a new member discomfort – be prepared to ask your learner if they are feeling uncomfortable and what you can do to help.
New members are the life-blood of our club – smile, welcome and encourage them.
- * We wish our interclub representatives well on Sunday 20th at Havelock North.
- * **John Sowerby** has apples and peaches available at \$1 a kilo, but in 10 kilo bags only. Please phone him if you would like some or write your order and phone number on a piece of paper and give it to him at bridge – cash with order please.