

ANRC March 2024 NEWSLETTER

SUCCESS IN INTERNATIONAL TRIALS

CONGRATULATIONS to our popular national directors Julie Atkinson and Patrick Carter (Auckland) on winning their place in the NZ Mixed Pairs team for the World Games in Buenos Aries (October). They will have Blair and Liz Fisher joining their regular teammates Barry Jones and Jenny Millington in this prestigious event.



Rubber Bridge Enter now!

Entries close for the regional draw into the national bridge contest on 1 April. The finals will be held in Tauranga at Congress time and the prize money is high. Forward entries to gjarvis@xtra.co.nz. Entry is free.

GOLD COAST SUCCESS

Gold Coast Congress success was difficult to attain but our region claimed half of the blue ribbon Gold Coast Teams winning team via Tom Jacob and Brian Mace (Akarana) and "semi-Aucklander" Michael Ware.



Well done to Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler Pairs winners, Aucklanders Derek Bartosh and Jan Bennett



EASTER CONGRESS AUCKLAND

We are delighted to see such healthy face to face entries in recent events. It would be great if this extends to our Easter Congress hosted by Auckland BC (March 30- April 1) Enter now!

Regional Championship Trials (formerly Inter-Regionals)

Entries are open for the Regional Championship (former Inter-Regional) Teams on May 4/5. The trials will be on-line and entrants must be available for the Wellington hosted face to face finals in November.

Congratulations

CAROL DE LUCA (Franklin) - on achieving GRANDMASTER status

Farewell Alan Taylor

Our Committee extend their sincere condolences to family and friends of highly respected Alan Taylor. A most popular member of our local bridge community for 50 years (Akarana and Auckland) Alan was a very competent player who provided great service to bridge. This includes his committee role at National Congress and his skillful contribution as a Bulletin editor and scribe. His sharp wit was very popular with his witty Homer awards embarrassing many a leading player. He enjoyed years of success as our open Inter-regional captain. Beyond bridge Alan was a talented sportsperson (including rugby at St Helens), a principal of a decile 1 college and a truly inspirational maths teacher of the highest ability.

Online clarification

NZB have issued guidelines for on-line events this year. They include the following:

- Midweek tournaments (including some of the monthly ABC Thursday events) can be on-line with usual tournament masterpoints
- Regional congresses (our Easter, Kings Birthday) will be F2F
- National Events will be a mixture of on-line and F2F
- Clubs with tournaments on these weekends may opt to offer them on-line (swaps between clubs will not be allowed) May11, June 8, July 27, Aug 24, Sept 21, Oct 12, Nov 3
- Entry fees will be monitored by NZB

To put into perspective - on-line events will only be offered for less than 10% of the current tournament schedule

Regional Recorder

The regional recorder deals with complaints that may arise from incidents that occur at tournaments or other competitive events run under the auspices of NZ Bridge that do not meet the expected standard of conduct of a player or players. These incidents can be brought to the recorder's attention by any player, director, other official e.g. member of a Match Committee or club recorder. It is important that such instances are reported to the recorder to ensure that appropriate action is taken, and the game of bridge is made more enjoyable for everyone.

The recorder will assess and evaluate the incident reports and will take the following relevant action:

- where appropriate, provide assistance or advice to the complainant; or
- record the matter without further comment / action; or
- if appropriate, refer the matter to the Chief Director; or
- counsel the offending player or players

A confidential register of complaints/incidents brought to recorder's attention is maintained.

Contact: Glenis Palmer bnpalmer@xtra.co.nz

The Region is extremely grateful to Glenis Palmer who acts as our Regional Recorder. Cheers Glenis!

