



April Newsletter

This month we will start with the first competition to finish – Friday morning.

In this handicap event, Angela Guptil and John McCoubrey smacked out a 70% raw result on the first day to leave everyone in their dust. Choking in their slipstream the rest of the field scored some fine results, but Angela and John maintained a consistently high level to take out both the handicap and gross titles in the March Handicap event.

Monday night saw our first Handicap Pairs event for the year, and that woman Angela Guptil claimed another trophy, this time with Paul Scott, scoring over 50% every night to win the competition from Brian Spendelow and Anne Peacock, while Carol Paewai and Pam Watson were third. Angela's fine form was highlighted by their partnership coming second in the gross behind the formidable pair of Val and Gerry, while the consistent Carol and Pam filled in third place, again. Angela says that future partners will have to pay a bond (non-refundable) to be considered.

Tuesday night's event resulted in a win for the most consistent pair on Tuesdays so far, Steve Fotherby and Lance Bowden. Regular tops in the 60% since the start of the year has seen them dominate the proceedings, and only a 'paltry' 53% on the last night of March gave anyone any chance. Luckily for them Fern and David McRae had turned up to claim first for the night and held back the chasing pack to allow them to win. Second were Brian Spendelow and Gerry Nyssen (I am getting tired of typing his name) while John Heta and Val Tetley claimed third.

It is great to see the increased numbers playing in each session, averaging over 9 tables on a Monday, Tuesday had 6½ on their last night, and 9 pairs on Friday. Also, last year's learners are really getting into the club, playing often, and joining in to tournaments, where they face stiff opposition at times. If you remember the rules, you should end up in a good contract most of the time. If you are in a suit contract, draw trumps! The progress has been amazing, keep playing, and keep smiling!

CHARITY TOURNAMENT



What a great day we had! All the opposition I played were friendly and seemed to enjoy the day. There were so many prizes in the raffle that you had to be so unlucky not to score a prize. Ralph took my bottle of engine oil, but wait until he sees his handicap next year! Never thought you were an open player, did you Ralph? I just have to point out that both sets of runners-up were students from Macleans College! Kevin and Georgia must just love our club.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Papatoetoe committee decided to run a very beginner tournament, actually 2, for our club. However, it has had to be cancelled, as did the Howick junior tournament

MAJOR ITEM

Anne Peacock has had to resign as tournament manager. We thank her for the work she has done for the club and wish her well for the future. WE NEED A VOLOUNTEER to take over. Otherwise the work falls back on the committee members who are already doing so much for the club. Some of us are facing burnout from the load. This is your club, we all have fun here, but the effort needs to be shared. Talk to Marilyn Stark if you think you can contribute.

TOURNAMENT PHOTOS

