



May Newsletter

URGENT: We need a Tournament Manager. This is not an onerous position, as Neil does most of the work. Mostly you just need to tick off the boxes to make sure everything is in place. At the moment everything is falling back on committee members who are already doing a lot for the club.

Results:

Friday morning saw Val Tetley and Gerry Nyssen give everyone a head start by squeaking out a miserable 50% on the first day, but they hit their stride after that, scoring over 60% on the other days to make it Val and Gerry 1st, the rest nowhere!

With the new Draconian time system in place, Monday night proceeded very smoothly with no teams missing hands and very few slow tables. Solid performances by Steve Fotherby and Lance Bowden gave them a comfortable win in both the Handicap and Gross scores. Jocelyn Southen and Paul Wood-Stotesbury pushed for second, while Angela Guptil continued her fine form this year coming third with Gerry. Last year's learners continue to make good progress, as Bryan Lay Yee and Garth Pussell were right up there with their partners.

Tuesday night saw Russell FAMILTON and Rob Skinner, John Waters and Lance jump out to an early lead, but once Gerry tames a new partner they seem to be unstoppable. With Peter Boniface, the pair knocked up respectable scores to finish comfortably ahead, from Lance and John, with John Heta and Carol Paewai third.

Tournaments:



We have our Open 3A and Intermediate Tournament coming up on 10th June, less than a month away. This is always a great event, fully subscribed with 20 tables. There is a prize for the best Junior-Junior pair (and you do not have to play the Open players.) Be in now to book a place. Sponsored by **Papatoetoe Residential Care.**

Interclub:

We may have over-extended ourselves entering five teams from a very small club, but for those who have been there, it is a very enjoyable experience. There have been some issues with keeping up to speed in play, but the supper is fantastic. Intermediate team Purple had a solid win against Mt Albert on the first night, and Junior team Papatoetoe 1 had an excellent win over East Coast Bays on the second night.

Learners:

This year's lessons have started, and there has been a great atmosphere about the group. New players are evenly divided between those attracted by advertising, and those from friends and family. Thanks to all our members who twisted arms to get their friends and family along, this has to be a major push every year. Queen's Birthday will be our first chance to meet some of these people, when we have a fun (easy) night of bridge. I am really impressed at how quickly this group is getting into Bridge, we should see some really good players come through.