



Bridge Lessons & Seminars for 2010

Beginner lessons have a new format!

The new format for beginner lessons will be in sets of 5 lessons. After the completion of 5 weeks, the beginners will play in a newly created Novice section where they will play for 5 –10 weeks. They will be then offered a second set of 5 lessons to increase their knowledge of the game in term 2. Cost \$30 per 5 lessons.

There will be 4 sets of beginners run on a Wednesday evening for 2010:

Start dates are Feb 3rd, Mar 10th, 28th Apr , 21st Jul

Start dates for the 2nd set of lessons are: 2nd Jun, 25th Aug, 13th Oct

Back to Bridge Refresher Course

This course runs for 4 weeks for players wanting to brush up their bridge or players returning to the game. Content will include opening bids, responses, rebids & overcalls.

Cost \$25, Starts Monday 8th Feb.

Seminars

There will bridge seminars run on the 1st week of each month (Feb-Nov) on each of the evening sessions for 1 hour, 6-7pm. The level each seminar will be pitched at is as follows: Monday-Intermediate, Tuesday-Senior, Wednesday-Junior, Thursday-Senior Reserve. Cost \$5 per seminar.

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Bridge Happenings



Bridge over the Christmas Holidays

Christmas Parties

from Monday December 14th to Friday 18th

All formats inside.

Saturday Night Bridge Dec 12th

From Jan 2010 Saturday Night Bridge will occur on the 2nd & 3rd Saturday of every month. Jan 9th , 16th

HOLIDAY BRIDGE OPEN SESSIONS

Monday December 21st 1.30 pm and 7.30pm

Tuesdays Dec 22nd and 29th 7.30pm

Wednesdays Dec 23rd and 30th 7.30pm

CANTERBURY HOLIDAY PAIRS 2010

Tue Jan 5th, Thur Jan 7th, Tue Jan 12th

ALL SESSIONS BACK FROM
MONDAY JANUARY 4TH



FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Nova News December 2009

Welcome to this the final edition of Nova News for 2009. The year has just flown by and here we are again with Christmas upon us.

It is time to reflect a little on the year that has nearly all gone. Financially the club remains strong, with income up through increased playing numbers and costs have been kept under control. Our membership is over 1000, again. The outside fence building project is nearly at the end with the seal work being completed at present and only the parking lines to be done. All of these things are achieved with the help of many people. Special thanks go to our permanent staff: Sue & Thea; to our casual staff, like the directors, teachers and others; plus a huge thanks again to our many volunteers. The volunteers help out in many areas including: Wednesday night helpers; session convenors; committee members; card dealers; envelope fillers; and working bee helpers, among others. Finally I would like to thank our sponsors. They are supporting bridge in a number of ways, with the hope the club members will support them in turn.

Still to come this year are the Christmas parties and prize giving ceremonies. We will for the first time be presenting a number of new trophies, on Monday and Wednesday nights. These are named after our long term bridge teachers (Hay, Newton, Skipper & Wilkinson) and the charities that have provided us with so much financial support over recent years. Capital projects, like the fence, have been completed with something around 50% paid for by the charities. This has meant we have not had to increase our mortgage to pay for these projects.

Looking ahead a little further, we have a number of open sessions of bridge later in December, which all are welcome to attend. There is the Holiday Pairs tournament early in January over three nights. This is one of the best attended tournaments of the year, attracting people of all levels and played in a holiday mood. Well worth attending.

In February we will be holding the clubs AGM on Thursday 25th. The idea of starting early on a playing night is to get a better attendance at the AGM.

Thank you finally to all our members who have played and contributed to making this the best club in New Zealand. I hope that you have a peaceful Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

John Skipper
President

SOME PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON HOLIDAY This was sent from Thomas Cook Holidays - listing some of the guests' complaints during the season. (Survey by Thos Cook and ABTA)



"It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time - this should be banned."

"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food at all."

"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."

A tourist at a top African game lodge overlooking a waterhole, who spotted a visibly aroused elephant, complained that the sight of this rampant beast ruined his honeymoon by making him feel "inadequate".

A woman threatened to call police after claiming that she'd been locked in by staff when, in fact, she had mistaken the "do not disturb" sign on the back of the door as a warning to remain in the room.

"The beach was too sandy."

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as yellow but it was white."

A guest at a Novotel in Australia complained his soup was too thick and strong. He was inadvertently slurping the gravy at the time.

"Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women."

"We bought 'Ray-Ban' sunglasses for five Euros (£3.50) from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."

"No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled."

"It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England it only took the Americans three hours to get home."

"I compared the size of our one-bedroom apartment to our friends' three-bedroom apartment and ours was significantly smaller."

"The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the accommodation'. We're trainee hairdressers - will we be OK staying here?"

"There are too many Spanish people. The receptionist speaks Spanish. The food is Spanish. Too many foreigners."

"We had to queue outside with no air conditioning."

"It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

"I was bitten by a mosquito - no-one said they could bite."

"My fiancé and I booked a twin-bedded room but we were placed in a double-bedded room. We now hold you responsible for the fact that I find myself pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."