



AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL REPORT JUNE 2016

Greetings to those at the National Conference from the ANRC members.

Our last committee meeting was held on 22nd May 2016 and a copy of the minutes was circulated to NZB. Our next meeting is Sunday 3rd July some three days after the new committee take over. Susan Humphries, Peter Bowyer and Angela Royle are stepping down. Between them they have given 26 years on the committee.

INTERCLUB

Interclub is well underway. Teams comprise of: 20 Junior; 18 Intermediate; 9 Open.

2016 INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIALS

The trials were held over two days for all grades except the Intermediates who played on the Saturday only. Numbers of pairs who entered: Open 8; Women 7; Senior 10; Intermediate 8. Carol Richardson is appointed as Chef de Mission.

REGIONAL MEETING

A regional meeting was held on Sunday 29th May at Orewa Club. The committee decided to keep the meeting short and simple and after the event received positive feedback from those who attended.

The format: Introduction by Peter Bowyer; NZB news from Richard Solomon and Carol Richardson; guest speaker Angela Royle - topic - Members are our biggest asset. During the two hour session there were many questions and good discussion. The meeting lasted for two hours, followed by lunch and a game of bridge - six tables.

14 clubs were represented. Helene Labreche and Bianca Rangelrooy, new committee members attended; plus Richard and Carol.

CLUB TEAMS TOURNAMENT

With the cancellation of this event at Congress, the regional committee decided to continue the tournament but with a change of format. The new format allowed clubs of any size to combine and clubs could enter as many teams as they wished to.

12 teams entered the event (\$10 per person). Two clubs entered two teams and there was a combination of two clubs. We believe 144 players had a very jolly time and the winners were Royle Epsom (I just had to put this in the report!)

In 2015 Papatoetoe Club donated \$2000 to the region to be used for the benefit of players. Last year \$1000 was used to send two pairs to Congress and, this year, part of the remaining money subsidised cash prizes for this tournament. (There is \$250 left for next year.)

HONORARIUMS

At the last committee meeting it was felt that NZB should look into the honorariums paid to the regional committees. Volunteers are a necessary part of many organizations, with bridge being no exception. Currently \$1500 is given to the region. For Auckland/Northland, \$1000 for the secretary and \$500 for the treasurer and this money is well deserved for the amount of work processed. However, the committee think that the person who looks after the tournament schedule (a tough job as Rona will know) should also have some form of remuneration without diluting what is paid to the secretary and treasurer.

This is a requested item on the agenda and new committee member Bianca Rangelrooy will speak to the subject.

GENERAL

Bianca Rangelrooy and Helene Labreche, two new Auckland/Northland committee members, will represent our region at the National Conference. Bianca and Helene are very new to the workings of the bigger bridge world outside of clubs. I am sure you will look after them and make them feel welcome.

And finally, Susan Humphries and Peter Bowyer and I say farewell. For me I came on the committee being a very green committee member and after 13 years I have met great people, learned much about the workings of the organization and leave knowing we have left the region in good hands. Peter and I will be around should the new committee need any help or wish to tap into our knowledge of regional happenings.

Thank you all for your support and, in particular, Alister who has helped me enormously with Royle Epsom and as a regional committee member.

Happy bridging to you all.

Kindest regards
Angela
Secretary ANRC
31st May 2016