

## **President's Patch #9. January 2017**

### **The year to come:**

Summer bridge table numbers have been excellent, with double figures each week on both Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening. Summer bridge on Tuesday evening will continue through February and March.

For those that haven't received a blue programme booklet yet, Multi-Grade on Thursday evening kicks off on February 2 with a Welcome Pairs for the month, while Novice Plus on Monday evening kicks off on February 13, again with a Welcome Pairs for the month. No partner? Ring the Host or use the Partner Finder facility on our Pianola web site. Please send an email to the Club if you want the booklet posted out.

Open on Tuesday evening kicks off on April 4 with a tight programme of quality events, including a Butler Pairs All Comers Champs which is open to members of other clubs.

### **2017 Socials:**

Each night room has two socials scheduled. The final social for each will combine with prize giving. The theme for this year in all rooms is Back to the Future:

*You are driving to the bridge club with your favourite partner when it breaks down. Fortunately, a DeLorean stops by and the driver, a Mr Butler Pairs, offers his car to get you to bridge. It does, but to a Bermuda Bowl of the distant past, where you sit down in the final against the greats of yesteryear to play 'swing' hands. How will you fare against them, armed with modern bidding technique? After 16 or so Boards you are thirsty and hungry and your wish is provided for with a free drink and nibbles.*

First up is Novice Plus on May 29, closely followed by Open on May 30, and then Multi-Grade on June 29.

### **Lessons:**

A couple of short sessions on Acol bidding will be held on January 30 and Feb 6, 7pm, as a refresher for those who have completed lessons in the recent past.

### **NZB Governance:**

Concerns over NZB governance have led to an independent party (Allan Morris/Stephan Henry) conducting regional meetings around the country. PNBC hosted one such meet recently and it was encouraging to see not only the large turn out of PNBC members but also members from other CD clubs, with a total of ~40 attending. A Morris/Henry report is scheduled for early February and shortly thereafter Board elections commence. PNBC has written a further letter to NZB expressing its concern about the Constitution and the election process.