

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you are all enjoying the Summer

**Update on some of our members:**

Beth Tompkin was able to return home in time for Christmas after spending a length of time at Rhoda Read in Morrinsville

Pam Buchanan was discharged from Hospital, to continue her recovery at home in time for Christmas

Pat Johansen had also been in Rhoda Read, recuperating after a fall & operation. Lorraine collected Pat on Thursday and took her home

It is great to hear Beth, Pam & Pat are now back home, where they will continue their recovery, look forward to seeing you all back playing Bridge in due course

Nita Knight and Karen Brooks due to have their operations during the next couple of weeks, so we will be thinking of you both

Last weekend our successful Summer Festival took place at Thames High School, as we know, we had exceptional hot weather over that weekend, which everyone felt at the venue, we will be looking at ways that allows us to cool the hall much more efficiently for next year

It takes an enormous amount of time & energy to organize such an event as this Festival. We would like to absolutely thank everyone who volunteered their time to help make this event happen, because without you it would be very difficult to do so

So thank you again, for those who helped move all the items needed for the Festival from the clubhouse to the Hall and then returned them back. All the ladies who help with preparation beforehand and help made the lunches over the weekend. As well as everyone at the Hall for overseeing things ran smoothly and people were well watered and fed

We had new boards & cards for the Festival (courtesy of a grant, thank you Judith for doing the application) thanks Greg for dealing the hundreds of boards that were needed for the weekend, I know it is a time consuming task:

**Nita won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the raffle**

**We sold \$415 in Tickets**

**Thank you for all the raffle items donated**

We have Summer Bridge on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January, hosted by Allan Maine, thank you for doing this over the summer

We now have new **Bridgemates** which were used for the first time on Wednesday and went fairly well. So come down either Wednesday and play to try them out.

**Bridge restarts in February our first games are:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**Summer Handicap Pairs**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Monday HiLo Pairs**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**February Handicap Pairs**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:** **Snowden Pairs**

So find yourself a partner, and register yourselves on the calendar on our website.

The programme books should arrive soon

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer break