

## **ESBC Newsletter**

Dear

At our last committee meeting it was decided that it may be helpful to send out a newsletter on a regular basis, as a way of keeping you up to date with what is happening in our club.

Foremost, our Congress will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at the TBA. Entries for this event can be found on the TBA website and the ESBC website. Paper forms will also be available.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID restrictions and the number of entries we may receive, we have decided to scale the congress in a couple of areas. As at last year's congress we will not be catering for lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be available and it is here that a small plate would be greatly appreciated. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided at end of play.

This year the entry fees have been reduced to \$30 per pair and unlike last year cash prizes will not be awarded.

Because this is a very important calendar event for our club it would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible.

Then on the  $15^{th}$  March we have the first of our 2 weeks Open and Handicap Teams Championships. A team may consist of 4 - 6 players and must be prepared to participate in both weeks. Bookings will be required and this is usually an event that we look forward to.

It has also been confirmed that the City Bridge Club will be hosting us for the first leg of the City-Shore Challenge on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at the TBA. We encourage all our members to come along to this great social bridge event. Remember we have to defend the trophy we won last year for the first time!

Finally, there is the Tasmanian Festival of Bridge to consider. This is to be held in Launceston from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Information and entry forms can be accessed on the TBA website.

It is a busy month indeed and we hope to see many of you at these events in support of our club.

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