



BRIDGE UPDATE

Otago Bridge Club – April 2010

INTER-PROVINCIAL TEAMS

The trials for these teams were held at the beginning of this month and the following were successful. They will play to represent the Otago-Southland region at the Congress in Hamilton 23/24 September.

Open Team: Jeff Miller/Graeme Stout, Paul Freeland/Margaret Perley, Murat Genç/Arleen Schwartz.

Women's Team: Kristen Collins/Donna Ruwhiu, Marilyn Jackson/Lorraine Oliver (In'gill), Sandra Russell/Anne Somerville (Ing'll).

Senior Team: Alan Geare/David Stewart, Nina Hewitt/Dennis McCaughan, Wyn Jones/Kevin Farnden.

Intermediate Team: Len Andersen/Moira Anderson, Philip Noye/Marilyn Noye, Barry Bouton/Bernadette McGregor (In'gill).

Youth Team: Nick Bailey/James Coutts, Cameron Benson/Jared Fudge, Sam Coutts/Glenn Coutts.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND TEAMS

This event was won by the Prent team – Martijn Prent, Cameron Benson, Annabelle Molloy and Pieter Vanderpoel (Chch), and Rudi Prent.

Congratulations to all!

From the April Committee Meeting Courtesy

It is important to remember that bridge is both a social and a competitive event. In the heat of the moment, it can be easy to forget that you have a responsibility to behave courteously. Specifically, Law 74A2 states: *A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.*

Since we don't live in a perfect world, it might sometimes be the case that you feel that one of your opponents (or, sad to say, your partner) hasn't acted within the spirit of this law. What should you do then? Exactly what you should do if any of the other laws of the game had been broken (a lead out of turn, an insufficient bid, a revoke ...) Call the director! Don't try to take things into your own hands and respond directly -- as with most conflicts that will often lead to escalation and more unpleasantness.

And what if it's you who, inadvertently I hope, has said or done something inappropriate? Then apologise -- immediately and sincerely. If you don't realise what you've done until sometime later, make a point to seek out the offended party and apologise at the supper break or after the close of play. As we all know, a little kindness goes a long way.

Finally, there are few "nevers" in bridge, but one of them is this: you must never accuse an opponent of unethical play or cheating at the table without first calling the director. Such an accusation is the most serious charge that can be

levelled in the game and, unless you're willing to back it up officially, is completely inappropriate.

Kitchen

The Club is purchasing two 20-litre urns for boiling water at supper time. It was

felt that the existing Cafe Bars are not hygienic as it is difficult to clean them out completely. Also the water does not actually boil.. The Cafe Bars will continue to be used as dispensers for coffee, chocolate and sugar in the meantime.

Lessons

The next series of lessons will begin on Tuesday 11 May at 7.10 pm. The cost is \$30 for 12 lessons and \$5 Table Money for each practice session. Tutor: Kristen Collins. Please let your friends, family, workmates, etc know of this date if they are interested in learning.

Saturday Bridge

This will be reverting to the first Saturday in the month again now -1 May. Please put your name on the list at the club to register for the meal. Play begins at 7.30 pm.

Bidding Pads

Thank you for your forbearance in using the old bidding pads and the scrappy sheets over the last few weeks. New pads are now being printed at a cost of \$3,400. Advertisers – Nidd Realty, Brown House Catering, South City Marine and House of Travel – are helping towards this cost. **Please support our advertisers** both for these and in our Programme Book.

May Tournaments

1-2 Murihiku teams/ pairs
8 Wanaka Prs 5B
15 O/S Pairs 10A Otago
15 Mossburn Jnr/Int Prs
22 NO Open/Int Prs
29 Gore Junior Pairs