



Otago Bridge Club

Inc
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APRIL / MAY 2013 BRIDGE UPDATE

FRIDAY BRIDGE: All OBC members are invited to Friday Bridge. Play begins at 10.30am and is finished by 2pm. Tea/coffee is available at lunch. Players to bring their own lunch. \$5 per player. Partner required.

Now that winter is approaching what better way to spend the day.

2013 BRIDGE LESSONS We currently have an extremely keen and enthusiastic group of learners – averaging six tables per lesson. Anyone interested in helping with lessons on a regular or casual basis please contact Alison Giller 4776286.

Improve your Bridge Seminars: Dean Eider led a well attended session recently on “Losing trick hands”. Pencil 17 June and 19 September into your calendar for the next sessions. Each seminar will be on a specified topic with up to 12 hands to play with discussion of the hands to follow.

TOURNAMENTS: See Programme of Events for all Tournament dates for 2013. Note: NZ Wide Pairs – NZ Contract Bridge Assn have changed this to 8 November 2013 (not 1 November as in our programme book).

WEDNESDAY WINTER PAIRS TOURNAMENT – June 12 & 26; July 10 & 24; August 7 & 21: These three sessions to be played with the same partner. One substitute is allowed. Entries on Noticeboard.

YOUTH BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – This is to be held in Christchurch 9-11 August 2014.

I/P TEAMS TRIALS – The Trials will be held on 15/16 June – two pairs will qualify. This competition is to take place in Wellington at the end of November 2013.

MURHIKU RESULTS

Teams:

1st: Margaret Perley, Paul Freeland, Arleen Schwartz, Murat Genc

2nd: Donna Ruwhiu, Kristen Collins, Stewart Kerr, Christine Kerr

3rd: James Coutts, Glenn Coutts, Sam Coutts, Sam Bailey

Pairs

1st: Sam Coutts, Sam Bailey

2nd: Arleen Schwartz, Murat Genc

3rd: Harry Shepherd, Tony Winters

MEMBERSHIP

New members: Emma Barrack, Saul Sheehy

Congratulations to Margaret Perley who has become a Silver Grand Master.

VOLUNTEERS:

If you have time to help out at the Bridge Club in any way please contact Nina Hewitt.

Judith McKinlay our very efficient but overworked Tournament administrator is seeking an assistant to help her with assimilating tournament information, entries and results along with various other duties. Please telephone Judith 4727702 if you are available to offer some assistance.

SEATING & MOVING RIGHTS

If you have not already done so please apply to the Playing Committee for seating and moving rights. Once granted they apply to all sessions at the Otago Bridge Club.

HEATING CONTROLS

Please leave any adjusting of these controls to the Director and Convenor of your division.

BEEF STUDY:

A big thank you to those who participated in this - \$440 was given to the OBC.

CLUB ROOMS FOR HIRE

A reminder that our Club Rooms are available for meetings and social events. A schedule of charges will be displayed on Noticeboards.

Contact: Susan Johnstone 4761360

REVOKES

In a previous article on Revokes the statement was made that although Dummy can revoke there is no penalty or (more correctly) rectification. This is strictly true (Law 64 B3), but it may have given the impression that no correction can take place. Law 64C gives the Director the power to award an adjusted score if the non-offending side is insufficiently compensated by the automatic rectification from Law 64. This power is available after any established revoke, including those not subject to rectification listed in Law 63B.

SEVEN THINGS TO KEEP THE DIRECTOR HAPPY

1. When you call the Director, try not to use an impatient or exasperated tone. "Director please!" is nice. It is also important in calling the Director not to demean or upset the person who has committed the infraction. Everyone bids out of turn or revokes or leads out of turn once in a while.
2. When the Director arrives explain clearly and briefly what has happened. It is best if the caller or the perpetrator does this: nothing worse than four people talking at once.
3. Listen to the Director's ruling: often you have alternative actions to choose from.
4. Make sure you know a bit about the rules. You really only need a rough idea of the basics on
 - Insufficient Bid (Law 27, changed in 2007),
 - Bid out of Turn (Laws 29-32),
 - Penalty Card (Laws 50-52),
 - Lead out of Turn (Laws 53-56) and
 - Revokes (Laws 61-64).

If you have no idea of the Rules things can get very confusing.

5. Think about your options, if any. It may annoy opponents if you always make them retract their lead or their insufficient bid, but often it is worth considering whether to accept it.
6. If you do not agree with the Director's ruling, or feel that you have been insufficiently compensated for the infraction, inform the Director as soon as you can, preferably at the end of play on that board. That way an appeal, if necessary, can be heard in good time, perhaps in the supper break. If you decide after the last board that you wish to appeal a prior ruling it is a bit late; in a tournament that would be acceptable as there is time between sessions, but not in Club play.
7. Remember Bridge is a Game and try to retain a sense of proportion as well as a sense of humour.