



#### **AUGUST UPDATE**

#### **DAYTIME LESSONS**

We are planning a series of daytime lessons beginning on **Friday 2nd August** from 10am to 12 noon. Cost \$30.

If you know of people who might be interested do encourage them to come along. Contacts: Nina 4761084 or Alison 4776286 for more information.

**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.

#### 2013 CANCELLATION

Sunday Winter Bridge and Snow Pairs (Wednesday) have been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Deaths:** Our deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Foote.

# **THANK YOU:**

Under the terms of a Memorandum of Wishes the Otago Bridge Club has received a very generous donation from the Estate of Kenneth Murray Robertson. The money will be used to buy a new laptop.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Philip Noyan and Betty Laing who won the scratchies at Winter Pairs/Teams tournaments.

# **AUGUST YOUTH CONFERENCE**

OBC is sending four players Bradley Johnstone, Matthew Baird, Nick Mitchell and Kieran Mitchell to this tournament. We hope they enjoy and profit from this course.

OTAGO SWISS PAIRS: Sunday 4th August. Morning tea from 9.30am. Start 10.00am. Closes Thursday 1st August. Entry form now up.

**SOUTH ISLAND PAIRS:** Saturday & Sunday 31 August & 1 September. Entry forms now up.

More out of town tournaments are up on the main notice board and the board in the Larnach Room.

#### SECURITY OF BUILDING

The last person out of the building must turn off all the lights and lock the front door. Locking the front door sets the alarm (so please ensure everyone is out).

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

If Bridge needs to be cancelled because of inclement weather and/or bad road conditions the President and Convenor on that night will collaborate and announcement will be made on 1305am Radio Dunedin at 6pm and on the OBC Website (<a href="www.otagobridgeclub.co.nz">www.otagobridgeclub.co.nz</a>). Also an email will be sent to those members with email addresses.

#### 2014 PROGRAMME BOOK

The Playing Committee are thinking about the 2014 Programme Book and are seeking advertisers to cover some of the cost of printing. If you, or anyone you know of, would like to place an advertisement in next year's book, please get in touch with Elaine McDonald 464 0639. Advertisers in this year's book will be contacted directly to ask if they wish to continue.

Costs are: Coloured print inside front, inside back and back covers \$130; Full page \$110; Half page \$60

If you have any suggestions for the programme for alternate Mondays, evening or daytime bridge, for 2014 please give them to a member of the Playing Committee as soon as possible.

# CALL FOR DIRECTORS – Classes to begin in August. See noticeboard.

It is becoming apparent that we are making increasing demands upon our current pool of Directors and that the number of Director's is diminishing not only in Otago but throughout New Zealand. If you are interested in training to become a Director please contact Dennis McCaughan..

There has been some interest shown from members wanting to learn the computer system – setting up the bridge pads and entering results etc. This would take a huge amount of pressure off the Director on the night. Please contact Dennis if you are interested in this aspect but not necessarily wishing to train as a Director.

#### **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

# Taieri Graded Pairs - 27 July

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Freeland & Margaret Perley

2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Ruwhiu & Kristen Collins

3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Farnden & Wyn Jones

### Taieri Open Pairs - 9 June

2<sup>nd</sup> Arlene Schwartz & Michael Atkinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Nina Hewitt & Dennis McCaughan

#### Interprovincial Trials - 15 June

The following will represent Otago:

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Open:

James Coutts & Glen Coutts

Jeff Miller & Graeme Stout

Senior: Carol Whitney &

Carol Whitney & Frances

Sheehy

Kevin Farnden & Wyn Jones

Women: Lorraine Oliver & Kay Shand

Donna Ruwhiu & Kristen

Collins

# **COFFEE MACHINE**

Unfortunately the coffee machine company has been taken over by a new owner and in order to make it profitable a rental for the machine would need to be charged. It is not economic for us to pay this as the coffee machine was not used enough. In short the coffee machine will not be replaced.

We did get another consignment of coffee from Nestles.

#### **HEATING CONTROLS**

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

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

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

#### **CLUB ROOMS FOR HIRE**

A reminder that our Club Rooms are available for meetings and social events. Contact: Susan Johnstone 4761360

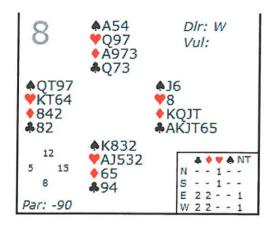
# Reminder: AGM Monday 16 September 6.30pm

The AGM will precede Teams but will not be able to start the meeting until we get a quorum (40 members). Please be punctual so Teams is not late in finishing.

Nomination forms for elective offices and other members of the management committee are available on the club noticeboard in the foyer.

# What would you do?

So it's the first night of a 3-night match, you've had a quick discussion on the phone with your new partner, and have helpfully arrived earlier armed with a system summary. They arrive right on the start of play, you assure them that the system summary is as discussed and the first hand hits the table...



Partner opens 1NT, RHO doubles, and knowing you have clearly written on the front of the system summary, that system is on over doubles of 1NT, you bid 2C as stayman, and watch the bidding go Pass, Pass, Pass. Has partner remembered and got a long club suit, oops.

You even have to play the hand, and after LHO leads a small club, and you take a losing heart finesse, you eventually finish up 5 light. It could be long night at bridge.

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Everyone loves to interfere over a Precision 1C opening, safe that they are not missing out on game, and knowing that they have a reasonable chance of safely making a nuisance of themselves. It is the last hand of the night, but you have had a few issues, particularly with dealing with interference. Partner opens 1C (16+ hcp, any shape) and RHO overcalls 1D which isn't alerted. What do you bid? Passing and hoping partner will reopen with a double is a possibility, but the vulnerability isn't really right. Blasting 3NT is also a possibility, but

there is a chance that the opponents can run 5+ heart tricks, so you decide to use a gadget and bid 1S as a transfer to clubs, showing 5+ clubs and 5+ hcp, true you are a club short, but it seems the lesser evil of several other options. LHO passes and partner rebids 1NT, which shows a diamond stop, minimum hand and possibly little club support. You now rebid 2D to force partner to bid again, and they rebid 2S, great, hearts still look wide open. Oh well, force partner once again with 3D and take a quick look at their System Card. They are playing Suction, and so the 1D bid shows a single-suited heart hand, or both black suits. Does partner know, is all my diamond bidding beginning to look natural, who would know. Any way, back to the bidding, partner now rebids 3NT, and it is decision time. I close my eyes and bid 6D and cringe when I see dummy hit with 5 spades. Still all is well in the world, 6D rolls in while 6S fails on the 4-1 spade break. It is hard enough bidding with interference when you know what the bid means, let alone when you don't!!!!

