



Otago Bridge Club

Inc
Established 1936



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BRIDGE UPDATE

Holiday Bridge:

7.25pm Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Prizegiving:

Each division will host its own prize giving on the last night of play. A supper plate please.

Tournament News:

FIRST IN NEW ZEALAND!!!! Well done to Nick Bailey and James Coutts who were the overall winners of the Babich NZ Wide Pairs held on Friday 2nd November. Their score was 71.37 E/W. Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout were 4th overall winners with 97.96 E/W.



Timaru Intermediate/Junior Tournament, 13 November. In the morning session Joy Martin-Frew and Pam Hodgkinson were 6th and in the afternoon Judy Russell and Margie Auty were 2nd. Good work and thanks for representing our Club.

Maniototo held a Tournament on 3 November and several of Otago Club members enjoyed the hospitality as well as the playing. Estelle Maxwell and Marion Russell were 1st with 58.73%. Well done and again thanks for your support.

There will be the Alexandra Holiday Pairs Tournament on 4/5 January 2013. Entries close 31 December.

Also the Top of the South Region 10A Teams, 26/27 January 2013 notice is up. You will need to forward your own entries if playing.



FESTIVAL PAIRS 5A OPEN

This Tournament, on Sunday 3rd February 2013, is to be a fund raiser for the new heating system. All players will benefit from this new system, so we are asking all players to assist in fundraising by helping with the catering. We provide morning tea, afternoon tea and nibbles at the end of play.

We will need volunteers to help in the kitchen and in providing the food. Players able to support their Club need to let the Management Committee know the support which they can provide. We will need someone to co ordinate what food is being provided and plan a roster for help in the kitchen.

VOLUNTEERS:

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

Volunteers are needed to

1. Clean the trophies
2. Clean the boards the cards go in
3. Occasional typing for the Club
4. A qualified Electrician who could be called on occasionally.

SUMMER HOLIDAY READING

When you're selecting your reading material for this summer remember our extensive library in the Cargill Room. There are over 600 books to choose from, titles to suit all abilities and cover a wide range of bridge topics. Happy reading!

Jude Smeijers, OBC Librarian

Membership:

New members: Beth Harman, Christine McLachlan

Bereavement: Deepest sympathy to the family of former member Margaret Finnie.

2013 Bridge Lessons – Christmas Gift

Why not shout a friend Bridge Lessons for Christmas.

Bridge laws and regulations reference with Jared Fudge

Situation: An opponent makes an insufficient bid. The Director is duly called and for some reason you are blind-sided by the options the Director presents to you at your turn to call. What should I do?

Suggestion: *These days, it is quite trendy to accept insufficient bids - in some situations. For example, partner opens a Weak 2H and righty overcalls 1S. You may accept the 1S and 'raise' your partner, quite legitimately and ethically so, to 2H (as the level of the auction at your turn is 1S). Consider whether your side can now compete a level lower during part-score battles, rather than just winding the situation back to what it might be, by not simply accepting the bid. Just don't do this against me.*

Title: Being there as Dummy - how to prevent an irregularity.

Last issue, a situation arose whereby Dummy pointed out to a player if they'd potentially revoked and when it is allowable to point it out. Basically, all Dummy can do is *prevent* irregularities but must not *draw attention* to them, the latter implies an event (lets say Declarer wrongly points a quitted trick towards the opponents) has taken place and is no longer in the moment nor act of the event/irregularity actually taking place, in the present tense.

Here is our situation this time: Declarer unknowingly actually wins a trick, but points the turned over card towards the opponents, as if s/he had lost it. Declarer goes into a trance for say 30 seconds. No one notices except Dummy, who has seen Declarer's confused and blank faces all too often. Can Dummy point this out? Even if they're running late? Well, Law 43A1(b) 'Dummy's Limitations' states "Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during play.". The 'normal' everyday interpretation of this would suggest that no, Dummy mustn't point this out to poor old Declarer. Like all good statutes however, it masquerades as non-contentious. So, end of story, right? Wrong! As we shall see, the careful law drafters had obviously thought of this very situation...

If you casually flick over to Law 65 'Arrangement of Tricks', this quite clearly contradicts Law 43 and would seem to take precedence. It reads, under 65B3, "...Dummy or either defender may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly, but for these players the right expires when a lead is made to the following trick.". There you are. Clean, clear and under control.

The pesky thing is that Law 43 makes no reference to Law 65 whatsoever. Laws 42 and 43 make entertaining holiday reading and are available online through the WBF site.

Jared and Dennis

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