



Otago Bridge Club

Inc
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FEBRUARY 2012 BRIDGE UPDATE

Happy New Year and welcome back to Bridge 2012

Important dates: All Bridge Competitions are posted on the Noticeboard just inside and to the right of the main entrance.

Teams Competition: Sponsored by Cutlers Real Estate

Senior/Open starts Monday 13 February
Junior/Intermediate: Monday 27 February
5-person teams allowed. Players listed for another team may play for a different team only with the prior consent of their captain and the opposing captain.



Festival Pairs 5A Open: Sunday 5 February 10am :

Sponsored by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village.
Entries close: 1 February \$25

15A point Teams event:

In 2012 this will double as trials for the NZL Team Squad
South Island Teams: Dunedin 18/19 February commencing at 11am.
Entry \$50 per player
Entries close: 10 February

Friday Bridge continues – be seated by 10.25am. Bring Lunch. Visitors welcome.

Saturday Bridge: Open to all grades and to visitors

Dates: 4 Feb, 10 Mar, 14 Apr, 5 May, 9 Jun, 7 Jul, 4 Aug, 1 Sep, 6 Oct, 10 Nov.

Coming up:

Rubber Bridge – alternate Mondays to Teams : 5th and 19 March

Played between two pairs. The cards are hand dealt. Similar to teams and depends on skill and the luck of the cards dealt. There are new and interesting tactics!

Just turn up with or without a partner. \$5

Pairs Champs – 8 March

Entries close 3 March. See Noticeboard

New Programme: Men's Pairs

(Wednesday pm). Some members have asked that a competition for men be run alongside Women's Pairs each Wednesday. Contact Susan Johnstone 4761360 to register your interest.

2012 Convenors:

Junior: Corinda Taylor
Intermediate: Judith McKinlay
Senior: Robert Blok
Open: Elaine McDonald

Holiday Bridge.

It was most satisfying to see many of the Junior Division players attending Holiday Bridge. Thanks to Kristen Collins, John Sheehy, Judith McKinlay and members of the Junior Division for the preparation of the Learners' and System cards. Players from other Divisions were quick to support the "L" plate holders explaining slowly and clearly their bidding and were often heard explaining an incorrect bid and offering Junior players the chance to correct. This is the true spirit of an excellent Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Holiday Bridge Winners:

Off-the Stick: John Sheehy

Handicap: Ross Sanson

Ross is a new member who went through the lesson program last year. Well done.

Intermediate Convenor

We extend sincere thanks to Grant Dowland for the excellent systems and congenial atmosphere he has created during his time as Convenor. Grant has certainly made it easy for Judith to take over the ropes. Thank you Grant for the time and effort you have extended to the Club and the Intermediate Division.

2012 Subscription

The subscription for 2012 has been maintained at \$96.00.

Accounts have been posted to members and payment should be made by 28 February.

Building Maintenance:

Disabled Toilet

Construction of the fully accessible toilet in the ladies cloakroom is underway.

Heating System:

Management Committee have been looking at various options to upgrade and/or replace the current 35 year old heating system which has become inefficient. Quotations are being obtained and grants explored.

Bar:

The operation of the bar is under review and we are looking at rejuvenation and creating additional socialising opportunities. Alex has stepped down as bar overseers and Murray Robertson has agreed to act as temporary bar overseer meantime.

Please register your interest with the Management Committee if you would like to take on the position of bar overseer.

Learners Classes:

2012 Learners Classes will commence on Wednesday 7 March. Kristen Collins will be the tutor. We will need volunteers who can, on a regular basis, come to the classes and help the learners when they play hands after the half hour less. Please contact Marjan Lousberg 4738224 or marjan.lousberg@gmail.com if you are willing to help.

Help needed: to advertise Learners Classes we have been given a community stall at the Saturday Farmers Market on **Saturday 25 February**. We need helpers who can hand out leaflets, talk to passers-by or play a hand of bridge. If we get enough help, you only need to be there half an hour or an hour, any time between 8am and 12.30pm. Please contact Marjan if you are willing to help.

Results:

These are posted on Divisional Noticeboards in the Larnach Room and Cargill Room and on the website www.otagobridgeclub.org.nz

Membership:

A big welcome to new members:

Derick Hamer (Jnr) 4550724

Phil Merchant 4555882

Change of contact:

John Revie (Open) 4877695

Warren Palmer (Jnr) 4667498

Condolences: Irene Wilson

Etiquette - Seating

Before start of play ALL tables must toss for North/South seating (unless someone has seating rights).

Monthly Bridge Bulletin

If you have any news items that might interest bridge club members please forward to otagobridgeclub@gmail.com

Use of Club Rooms

When our Club is not being used for playing bridge, it is available for other uses Meeting, workshops, social events.

Contact Susan Johnstone, Secretary for terms and conditions of use.

