



# Otago Bridge Club

Inc  
Established 1936



## JULY 2012 BRIDGE UPDATE

**Social Bridge on Sunday Afternoons** for the winter months: **1, 15, 29 July and 12 & 26 August.** Duplicate will be played. Other forms could be considered if enough people come and make requests. Bring yourselves and non-member bridge playing friends for an afternoon of bridge. Cost \$5. **Please come and support this new venture.**

**Wednesday Men's Bridge** - As no men turned up this will be discontinued for the present.

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

**Saturday Bridge:** Open to all grades and to visitors

Dates: 7 Jul, 4 Aug, 1 Sep, 6 Oct, 10 Nov.

### Etiquette - Seating

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

**Membership:** Welcome to  
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## TOURNAMENT UPDATE

**O/S Congress Wanaka:** Several Pairs and Teams were entered. Daniel Skipper and James Coutts were 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Pairs. Lorraine Peacock and Marilyn Noye were 4<sup>th</sup> with Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins 5<sup>th</sup>.

James Coutts's Team was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Teams. Congratulations again to James, Daniel Skipper, John Skipper and Jane Skipper.

**Taieri Open A Pairs:** Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley were 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adrien Dever and Judy Robertson were 3<sup>rd</sup> with Nina Hewitt and Dennis McCaughan 4<sup>th</sup>.

## OTAGO WINTER TEAMS AND PAIRS

**Otago Open and Intermediate Teams**  
sponsored by DF Transales  
Engineering

**Open and Intermediate Pairs sponsored**  
by Nidd Realty

There were few entries in the Intermediate events so they played with the Open players. Players entered from Rangiora, Oamaru, Invercargill and Christchurch as well as Taieri and our own members. Thanks you all.

Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller were 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Pairs; Dennis McCaughan and Nina Hewitt 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lorraine Peacock and Marilyn Noye 3<sup>rd</sup> and Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins were 4<sup>th</sup>.

Matt Blakeley and Susie Lawless were the winners of the Intermediate Pairs.

The Stout Team comprising Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller, Jared Fudge and James Coutts won Open Teams. The Noye Team comprising Marilyn Noye, Philip Noye, Arleen Schwartz and Francis Sheehy was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Evens team comprising Owen Evens, G Evens, Dominic Evens and Grace Evens won the Intermediate section. They were also 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Not bad for the three teenagers who have only been playing 3 years and their father.

"Tis better to give than to receive, but not when it comes to penalties"

## HEATING AND VENTILATION UPGRADE

An upgrade of the heating and ventilation has been talked about for years. It has now become urgent following a recent \$4,000 failure of the existing system. On top of that, we have a report from Chubb Building Services indicating that within five years the existing system, which is very inefficient and expensive to run, will need almost total replacement. Basically we need to do the upgrade now before the system has a total failure and we have no heating at all.

As authorised by the motion passed at last year's AGM and following very extensive investigation, including reports and recommendations from Heating Engineers, the Committee of Management has selected a new commercial ceiling mounted heat pump system with a separate ventilation system which has now been put out for tender. This system is estimated to have a total cost near \$100,000 but the cost to the Club will be around \$75,000 with the difference being met by grants. This sounds a scary number but it is actually mid-range cost for a heating and ventilation system of the size required. Fortunately the Club has been putting money aside for the heating upgrade for a number of years and after paying for the new system the Club will still have cash reserves of around \$80,000.

The system chosen was considered to provide the best balance of cost and efficiency with the advantages that it will:

- . save at least \$4,000 a year in electricity costs.
- . be quiet running with no draughts.
- . provide continuous fresh air ventilation.
- . have an expected life span of twenty plus years.

Domestic heat pumps and other alternatives were investigated as cheaper heating options but were not chosen for a variety of reasons including noise, draughts, less efficient heating, higher

maintenance, not providing ventilation, the risk of vandalism and an expected considerably shorter lifespan.

Once the tenders have been received the next stage will be to apply to various charitable trusts for funding, from which we expect to receive between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The acceptance of any tender is conditional upon costs above \$80,000 being met by grants.

All going well the new system will be up and running before summer.

Here's to being warm and having fresh air!

**Mike Hickling, Finance Committee**

### Reminder:

**Key Register to be established** – If you hold a key to the Bridge Club please ensure your name is recorded in the Key Register. If you are in possession of a key and no longer need it, please hand to your divisional convenor.

**Maintenance Requests** – a maintenance book is located in the Property Manager's box in main office. Please record any maintenance that requires attention.

### Monthly Bridge Update

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





# Otago Youth Players Attend Auckland Workshop (report by Jared Fudge)

OBC supported five youth players (Glenn, Sam and James Coutts, Sam Bailey and Jared Fudge) to attend a training weekend in May convened by professional Kiwi bridge player, Ashley Bach, who is currently based in Melbourne. This high-level workshop was aimed to improve and inspire New Zealand's top and up-and-coming youth players, in lieu of an international event this year.

Several themes were covered by Bach including partnership understandings, psyche bidding, virtues of the strong 1NT (opening 1NT to show 15-17 HCP), how to bring out one's best at bridge and listening to the bidding.

Twenty boards of 'par bridge' were played. Set hands with a challenging declarer play or defensive problem were played two at a time, followed by group discussion as to the best way to make or defeat the contracts. Each hand had a par contract and lead, which it was changed to if that didn't happen in your auction. My favourite hand is below. Can you make it?

Contract: 6♠ by South. East-West passed throughout. Lead: ♥Q.

Plan the play. The 100% line to make is shown elsewhere in the newsletter.

♠ AQT8  
♥ KT7  
♦ K652  
♣ A4



♠ KJ9632  
♥ -  
♦ A743  
♣ KT7

Par bridge would be worthwhile for Inter Provincial team practice sessions. The 20 hands are available on request from the author.

An educational and entertaining weekend was had by all participants. We wish to gratefully thank the Club for their assistance.♥

## Solution:

If Diamonds are breaking 3-2 then there is no problem and the slam is cold, yet this gives us only a 68% chance of making. How are you going to handle a 4-1 break (28%) or even a 5-0 (4%) and still take 12 tricks?

The key to the hand is the Heart suit. Playing the ♥7 from dummy at trick one is critical here, rather than lazily covering, in order to transfer an entry to the appropriate defender later on. So, ruff that small Heart, draw trumps and play three rounds of Clubs, ruffing the third round in dummy (elimination play). Cash the top two Diamonds ending in dummy and you'll see the 'bad news' (4-1 break). With the remaining ♥KT in dummy, it is now simply a matter of which opponent you wish to be on lead, to force a ruff and discard ending. If East has 0-1 Diamonds, then play ♥T, East ducks, ruff it, cross to dummy and exit the ♥K to East's Ace, pitching a Diamond from hand. East must now exit a round suit, enabling you to pitch a Diamond. If West has 0-1 Diamonds, play the ♥K, East covers and then ruff. Return to dummy and exit the ♥T to West's marked ♥Q, whom suffers the same fate as East would.

You just transfer the entry to the defender who has the Diamond shortage, who is then end played into leading a round suit, enabling declarer to discard a Diamond and take 12 tricks. Note the importance of playing a low Heart from dummy at trick one and eliminating all your Clubs, so Whoever is in with a Heart can't safely exit one of these if you've still got some in either hand.

If you ignorantly played for Diamonds 3-2 by playing Ace, King and another, having failed to eliminate Clubs and throw in the correct opponent, then you go one down, having lost two Diamonds.

♠ AQT8  
♥ KT7  
♦ K652  
♣ A4



♠ KJ9632  
♥ -  
♦ A743  
♣ KT7

♠ 5  
♥ QJ983  
♦ QT98  
♣ 963

♠ 74  
♥ A6542  
♦ J  
♣ QJ852