



Otago Bridge Club

Inc
Established 1936



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.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE: During the cold winter months come and play Bridge at 12.55pm. Open to men and women. This is on the alternative Wednesday to Women's Bridge. No entry is needed, just an indication of interest. The dates are as follows: June 12 & 26, July 10 Mid Winter Pairs; July 24; August 7 & 21 Snow Pairs. These three sessions to be played with the same partner. One substitute is allowed.

SUNDAY BRIDGE - 1.00pm NOT 1:30pm as advertised. There will be no Sunday Bridge on Sunday 16 June; Starts on June 30. All players welcome including non members.

Improve your Bridge Seminar:

Monday 17 June at 7.30pm.

The topic of this Seminar is **Carding Techniques – Signals and Discards.**

12 hands to play with discussion of 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).

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: Wanaka Congress: Congratulations to....

Open Pairs:

- 1st: Paul Freeland & Margaret Perley
- 2nd: James Coutts and Glenn Coutts
- 3rd: Stewart Kerr & Christine Kerr

Teams:

- 1st: Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc, Arlene Schwartz
- 2nd: James Coutts, Glenn Coutts, Sam Coutts & Sam Bailey

Intermediate Pairs

- 1st: Judy Russell & Margaret Auty

MEMBERSHIP

New members:

Gaye & Malcolm McKenzie (Snr)
Murray Barron (Snr)

Deaths: Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Connor.

THANK YOU:

Many thanks to Bob Lawrence who has given us outstanding service as OBC Legal Counsel. Bob is retiring from this position and the new appointment is Grant Dowland.

VOLUNTEERS:

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

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.

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

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 Radio Dunedin and on the OBC Website (www.otagobridgeclub.co.nz). Also an email will be sent to those members with email addresses.

CALL FOR DIRECTORS

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 our President Nina Hewit.

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 Nina if you are interested in this aspect but not necessarily wishing to train as a Director.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF 'ANNOUNCING' REGULATION

There is some confusion about whether 1C or Natural 1NT Opening Bids should be alerted by circling or using an "Alert Card" as well as by "Announcing".

The Regulation states:

1. Announcing of 1C and Natural 1NT Opening Bids:

The partner of a player who makes a **1C or Natural 1NT opening bid**, shall promptly *alert the opponents by "announcing"* their systemic agreement...

The phrase in italics makes it quite clear that 1C and Natural 1NT opening bids are alerted by **"announcing"**.

Consequently, 1C and Natural 1NT Opening Bids do not need to be alerted using the alerting procedure, whether by producing the Alert Card (where Bidding Boxes are in use) or by circling (where Written Bidding is in use).

2. Players must promptly *alert any other call during the auction if it is conventional*

This phrase (in italics) makes it clear that any **other** conventional call must be alerted using the alerting procedure. The **Alerting Regulations** are clear that players must also alert any natural bid which by agreement has a meaning that their opponents are unlikely to expect.

Summary

The partner of a player making a 1C or Natural 1NT Opening Bid must **"Announce"** the meaning of the bid as set out in the Regulation, according to their partnership agreement.

The 1C bid should not be further alerted regardless of the agreed meaning. The opponents are able to seek a further explanation of the bid's meaning.