



# BRIDGE UPDATE

## OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB – MARCH 2010

### MEMBERSHIP

**Promotions:** At the recent Playing committee meeting the following promotions were approved:

*Senior to Open* – Glen Coutts, Sam Coutts  
*Junior to Intermediate* – Carol Mackie, Andrea McCone, Diane McKenzie, Judith McKinlay, Lynne Newell, Barbara Stone. Congratulations to all.

**Resignations:** We are sorry to record the loss of Val Lundy and Dave Russell from our club.

**Bequest:** The Committee acknowledges and thanks the family of Joy Jones for the bequest of \$1,000. Joy learnt to play Bridge in 1941. She attended tournaments from the 1970s and quickly rose to Grand Master status, and played in tournaments all over the world.

### EVACUATION PROCEDURE

We have a waiver from the obligation to have a formal Fire Drill because our building complies with the safety features and management controls identified in our original application and are still being maintained. However we are required to periodically publish the following procedures for exiting the rooms in the event of a fire:

**If a fire occurs the nearest alarm must be set off by following the procedure on the alarm. If the alarm sounds, occupants must leave by the closest exit. The outside emergency exits must be used, whenever possible, to avoid congestion. There is an emergency exit in each playing room.**

**If play is, or has been in session, the Session Director must check the offices, and toilets to ensure that all have left the premises.**

**After evacuation, people should assemble in the car park on the St Kilda side of the building. A notice is displayed at the assembly point. When everyone is safe and accounted for, then cars close to the building should be removed away from it.**

**ATTENTION OPEN DIVISION:** For the Easter, Winter and the Spring Swiss Pairs there will be a choice of Swiss Pairs (which you need to sign up for) or Pairs - a change from the book

**FRIDAY BRIDGE 2 April begins at 1.30 pm**

### OYSTER PLATE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This is to be held at our club over the weekend of 19/20 June with all members invited to attend. It will take the form of the usual competition between the two clubs comprising of 12 tables from each club competing for the Oyster Plate and the Paua Trophy. In addition, there will be a session for all other members in the Cargill Room. At night a dinner/social occasion will be held. We will be asking our members to billet the Invercargill Club, who will return on the Sunday.

*Contract bridge is experiencing a resurgence amid research that playing the card game not only may make kids smarter, but keeps players smarter longer.* Star Tribune, Minneapolis

### PACIFIC-ASIA BRIDGE FEDERATION

Trials for this competition were held last weekend and we congratulate Jeff Miller, Graeme Stout (Open), Chris Ackerley (Senior), Cameron Benson, James Coutts (Youth), Sam Coutts, Glen Coutts and Sam Bailey (Under 21) for their achievement in qualifying to play. They will compete in Hamilton 21-30 May.

### NZ CONGRESS

*Open, Intermediate, Senior and Youth Teams Trials – also Rubber Bridge* There is still time to enter for these for a chance to

compete in the NZ Congress 23-24 September in Hamilton. Pick up an entry form on the notice board for the trials or enter your name on the rubber bridge list by 31 March

### OTAGO/SOUTHLAND INTER-CLUB TEAMS

Our club hopes to select a team of 12 players – 4 Open, 4 Intermediate and 4 Junior to compete in the above. If you are interested please put your name – or preferably your team – on the entry form on the notice board. Competition between clubs in the region will be on Sunday 9 May at our club and the winning club will play in the national finals in Hamilton late September.

### YOUTH WEEKEND CHRISTCHURCH – 6-8 August

For players under the age of 26. This weekend is to encourage youth players in the game of bridge. Many of our young people have already taken advantage of opportunities such as this. See notice on board. Contact Marjan Lousberg if interested. The Development Committee will provide the funds to enter.

