



Otago Bridge Club

Inc
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April/May 2014 : www.otagobridgeclub.com

TOURNAMENT NEWS & RESULTS:

2014 Tournaments are listed in the Programme Book. Details will be posted on the noticeboard with closing dates for entry specified. Tournament results are on the website.

2014 LEARNERS CLASSES

Night time classes commenced 2 April and Daytime classes commenced 4 April. Fifty potential new members have signed up for lessons. If you don't have a partner on a particular night/day members welcome to join classes.

WORKSHOPS

Alan Joseph, Chief Director of the O/S Congress Tournament at the OBC at Queen's Birthday Weekend has offered to convene two workshops:

Friday 30 May 2.30-4.30pm: Teams & Strategies

Monday 1st June 2.00pm: Directors

These topics are tentative and Mr Joseph is open to suggestions.

Please indicate your interest to Alison Giller 03 4776286.

GARDEN WORKING BEE

Saturday May 3 was a brilliant sunny day and nine volunteers turned up to help.

Some members tidied the front garden and others pitched in with saws, pruning gear and a couple of trailers.

Three trailer loads were taken to the tip and there is still some to go. There is further pruning to be done.

Everyone worked really hard. The front garden is very smart and a pleasure to look at. The shrubs round the car park have been cut back making more room for the cars. We hope the work will be completed in the next few weeks. Many thanks to all the volunteers and especially to Gordon McDonald who is not even a member of our club.

If you wish to volunteer for future garden working bees please make contact with Beverley Ross 03 4558800.

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT!

While we were at the garden working bee several volunteers noticed some tables in the Cargill Room set out for a meal and asked if there was to be a wedding? No! The answer was that it is Saturday Night Bridge and Elaine McDonald was cooking a meal for the occasion. It was a very successful evening with 38 players attending.

The Management Committee fully supports these evenings and thanks Elaine very much for all the organisation and the extra mile she goes to.

Saturday Night Bridge runs once a month February to May and September to November (total 7 nights).

Sunday Afternoon Bridge

Social Bridge. Non members are invited.

Commencing 22 June at 12.55pm

Full details are on page 27 of the Bridge Book.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the monthly Management Committee Meetings are available on the Noticeboard.

Scratchy Board

Scratchy Boards Winners to date:-

Margaret Middlemiss, Ann Harry, Judith Stanbridge, Jean Bretherton, Matheus Smits Bev Walker, Jean Shelton, Geoff Brown

One person won over \$70 and another close to \$40. Well done and thanks to all who support this cause which allows a member to be independent with dignity.

NEW MEMBER:

Giles Graham

BRIDGE PROTOCOL

Announcing 1C and 1NT:

As soon as your partner bids either 1C or 1NT, you must announce (ie say, not circle) your agreement regarding these bids.

ALERTING:

This is where a player circles his partner's bid **as soon as partner has written it** to let the opposition know that the bid has a meaning different from that which they might expect. Ask only when it is your turn to bid, and ask the partner of the player who made the bid. You are not allowed to volunteer an explanation of your alert.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Murihiku – Invercargill 27/4/14

Pairs

2nd: Chris Ackerley & Paul Freeland

3rd: Murat Genc & Arleen Schwartz

Teams:

1st Genc Team: Murat Genc, Arleen Schwartz, Christ Ackerley and Paul Freeland

3rd Coutts Team: James, Glen and Sam Coutts and Sam Bailey

And now for a hand....

By Paul Freeland


Who said you had to pre-empt with long weak suits? In the Murihiku Teams, our heroes were playing that a redouble showed 10+hcp, and that after a redouble that they were in penalty mode. That seems like quite a good approach, but looked what happened on this hand. The bidding went:

1H : (X) : XX : (2C)

NB : (NB) : X : (NB)

All pass

That all looks pretty reasonable... Opener had 12 hcp, and responder had 13hcp including KQX of clubs, so what could go wrong. Well firstly, the takeout double was a little off-shape with 5/4 in the majors, and so that left the 2C bidder with 8 clubs to AT9 which went quite well with partner's JX of clubs and the AH for the 8th trick. 2CX making 2 for + 180. And to add insult to injury, the complete hand was as follows:

Board 28 Dir: W Vul: N-S	♠K974 ♥AJT62 ♦Q6 ♣J8	
♠QT63 ♥KQ987 ♦AJ84 ♣		♠AJ82 ♥43 ♦KT92 ♣KQ4
11 12 13 4	♠5 ♥5 ♦753 ♣AT976532	N: 2♣ S: 2♣ E: 5♦4♥5♠4NT W: 5♦4♥5♠4NT

Note, EW can make game in everything but clubs. Oh well, so much for penalty doubles, they don't seem to work so well against 8-card suits.

Back to the drawing board.



Important Notice

Bulletin Released 29 April 2014

Online Magazine

NZBridge Magazine Online is now an exciting reality and should be in the hands of opt-in members by dinner time this Wednesday 30th April 2014.

The online magazine offers many more articles than could be provided in the print version. It is exciting. It reaches a much wider audience than before. And it's free to every single bridge player in New Zealand, whether affiliated to NZBridge or not.

Some things to note:

1. The magazine will load at different speeds depending on where you live, and the speed of your internet connection.
2. When the magazine loads, you can choose to download it onto your computer. You can then read it at your leisure by accessing it on your own hard drive. It downloads as a PDF and the pages will appear under each rather than side by side as they do online.
3. By reading the magazine online, you can enjoy the *Flip* functions of Unifilp. It is possible to flip through the magazine in just a few minutes, three to five max, to give you an overview of the magazine's contents.
4. The first three pages of the magazine are hotlinked. Indeed there are hotlinks throughout the 54 pages. From the first three pages you can access articles anywhere in the magazine just by highlighting a pointer paragraph and left-clicking your mouse.
5. Both the downloaded PDF version, and the online version, provide very accurate search functions. To see if you personally appear in the magazine, for example, just write your name in the search window and execute the search.

6. NZBridge Board of Management is very much aware that many bridge players do not use computers full stop, or use them very little; and that others will have issues about ease of access. The entire magazine can be printed out, or any pages or articles. The Board asks club secretaries to assist non-computer users where possible by printing a version of the magazine and having it available at club.
7. Producers of the magazine fervently hope as many players as possible will opt-in to the Board's email distribution list. Imagine the power of advertisements when a magazine promoter can tell a would-be advertiser that 14,000 potential buyers are just a mouse-click away. Even 5000 might do it. Presently, about 1500 have opted-in.
8. Please be clear that the online magazine is not exclusive to players on the opt-in list. The Board would like as many people as possible to enjoy the magazine. However, by opting in you give the magazine a measurable readership that is of great value in the new world of online publishing.

The Board is proud to present this quality online product, and wishes to thank new contributors and especially Editor Richard Solomon and online producer Donna Smith, for whom the transition has been a lot of hard work.

Allan Barclay
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