



# Otago Bridge Club

Inc  
Established 1936



## SEPTEMBER 2012 BRIDGE UPDATE

### Reminder - AGM

**Sunday 16 September 1.30pm**

**Followed by afternoon tea and social bridge**

### Improve your Bridge Seminar – Monday 10 September 7pm

There will be 12 hands to play with a discussion of the hands to follow.  
(Particularly aimed at Junior and Intermediate Divisions with a focus on leads, play, defence and No Trumps)

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

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

Dates: 1 Sept, 6 Oct, 10 Nov.

#### Etiquette - Seating

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

**Thank you:** Donations towards the upgrade of the club's new heating system have been received from:

**The Lion Foundation \$3000**

**Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation \$2900.**

**Membership:** A very big welcome to 17 new bridge players who have graduated from the Learners Classes into the Junior Division.

**Bereavement:** Our thoughts go out to the family of Ruth Gilmore who died recently.

**2013 Programme Book:** All members should check divisional lists (at the front of each playing room) to ensure telephone number is correct. All new members should ensure they are recorded on the appropriate list.

**Promotion:** If you are seeking promotion please ensure the Playing Committee gets your request by **18 September**.

**Trophies:** Could those members holding divisional trophies please clean and return them to the committee room as soon as possible please.

**Bar:** I just wish to extend my thanks to all those who helped me during my time in charge of the bar including those who helped directly and those behind the scenes doing a bit of cleaning and dishes. Also a special thank you to Betty for cleaning the bar floors.

*Cameron Benson*

*Many thanks Cameron -- from the Management Committee*

**The bar** has recently been upgraded with a new cooler being installed. New shelving is to be installed shortly thanks to Mike Hickling. The bar will be run by a group of members Sam Bailey, Sam and Glen Coutts.

**The bar** will be open early from 6.30pm on Teams nights and on Thursday nights.

For those members who come directly to the Bridge Club from work there will be frozen (microwaveable) meals available for purchase e.g. pies and pizza.

**Make your Bridge night a social affair – have a drink with your partner while discussing systems and tactics before play!!**

## **TOURNAMENT UPDATE**

The **Otago Swiss Pairs** were held on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Our Director, Martijn Prent, was besieged with Pairs withdrawing due to illness. If you have never directed you probably have little idea of the difficulties a Director can experience prior to a Tournament. My sympathies to all Directors and our thanks for the job you do. No Director means no Bridge!

Nina Hewitt and Dennis McCaughan were first with Ann Woodhead and Bob Lawrence second. Thanks to all players for their support.

**Congratulations** to Vivienne and Robert Cowan who were first in the Oamaru Intermediate Pairs on Sunday 12 August, with Margaret Auty and Judy Russell second.

**The Taieri Cancer Society Pairs Tournament**, held on Sunday 12 August, and well attended. Thanks to all who contributed towards this worthy cause. Carmen Hickling and Fay Lee were first North/South with Bob Lawrence and Ann Woodhead second.

**Taieri Open A Pairs** was held on 10 June and the results were not at hand for the last newsletter. Congratulations to Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley who were second overall. Adrien Dever and Judy Robertson were third with Nina Hewitt and Dennis McCaughan fourth.

### **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.

## **Quick bridge laws and etiquette reference with Jared Fudge**

**Situation:** Who is responsible for entering data into the BridgePad at the table?

*A: Any player may do it, though it speeds things up dramatically if the dummy fills in the first few details such as contract, declarer and lead card. Just be sure to let an opponent verify your input and let them press 'Next' to confirm.*

**Situation:** You are sick with a cold and are contemplating whether or not to come to bridge.

*A: Don't bother. No one else wants to get your infection - neither partner nor opponents. Our club has a number of elderly and immune-compromised members who are severely at-risk from complications arising from catching a cold. Consider others who have to hold your cards covered in viable virus particles, who will then have supper...*

