



Otago Bridge Club

Inc
Established 1936



AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2014 UPDATE

RE M I N D E R ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 15 September 6.30pm

JUNIOR DIVISION

An exciting development at the Otago Bridge Club this year has been the re-establishment of a separate Junior Division, which plays on a Wednesday evening in the Cargill room.

We had an excellent response to both our daytime and evening lessons, and the retention rate of our group of enthusiastic learners has been most gratifying. As a result the Intermediate Division can no longer accommodate the increased numbers.

So far they have enjoyed two nights in the Junior Division, and already we have a convener, Mary Brady, to assist them.

If any of you, our current members, know of anyone who is considering returning to Bridge do encourage them to come along, as they will be made very welcome.

Saturday Night Bridge – 6 September 7pm
Register for meals on the notice board.

TOURNAMENT NEWS:

East Otago Bridge Club Charity Tournament 13/7/13:

North South:

- 1st: Donna Ruwhiu & Kristin Collins 63.08%
- 2nd: Tony Sheehy & Frances Sheehy 60.83%
- 3rd: Marion Russell & Irene Hallberg 58.50%

East West:

- 1st: Bernadette van der Lem & Anne-Maree Fox 69.83%
- 2nd: Robert Cowen & Vivienne Cowan 63.25%
- 3rd: Pam Hodgkinson & Joy Martin-Frew 62.08%

Otago Winter Teams:

- 1st James Coutts, Glen Coutts, Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller
- 2nd: Kristen Collins, Donna Ruwhiu, Anne Somerville, Anne-Marie Russell

3rd: Win Jones, Kevin Farden, Lorraine Peacock, Kaye Wilson

Intermediate Teams:

1st: Laurie Smeijers, Judith Smeijers, Marjo Prent, Alan Cooke

Winter Pairs:

1st: Graeme Stout & Jeff Miller
3rd: Anne-Marie Russell & Anne Somerville

Intermediate Pairs:

1st Heather Bunn & Pam Hodgkinson
2nd Margaret Auty & Judy Russell

OTAGO SWISS PAIRS

1st: Nina Hewitt & Di Redshaw
2nd: Chris Ackerley & Morac Genc
3rd Margaret Perley & Paul Freeland

SOUTH ISLAND PAIRS

1st: Margaret Perley & Paul Freeland
2nd: Chris Ackerley & Douglas Russell

Plate:

1st Michael Atkins & Peter Hall

Check Noticeboard for upcoming Tournaments and closing dates.

ARTHRITIS CHARITY TOURNAMENT
Sunday 21 September 1.30pm

YOUTH INTERNATIONALS

Sam Bailey and Glen and Sam Coutts represented New Zealand in Istanbul 13-23 August. Report to follow.

BUILDING

Quotes are currently being considered for the repair and painting of the roof.

A structural engineer has been engaged to assess the replacement of/addition to the supporting beams in the Larnach Room.

A new zip in the kitchen is to be installed.

SCRATCHIE RESULTS:

April, May, June and July winners were:-
Jean Shelton; Geoff Brown; Ann Harry; Bradley
Johnston; Gary Belworthy; Raelene Wilson;
Murray Barron; Richie Mahoney

VOLUNTEERS

A list of volunteers is to be compiled – please register your interest with the Management Committee.

2015 PROGRAMME BOOK

Please let your convenor know if you have a new address, phone number or email address.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Thinking about Christmas gifts – 16 weeks to go:
\$30 Gift Vouchers for Bridge Lessons in 2015

South Island Pairs

On the weekend of 30/31st August, the Otago Bridge Club hosted the South Island Pairs. Of the 28 pairs contesting the title, there were current NZ Open, Senior and Women's bridge representatives from around NZ present. The event was contested over a marathon 133 boards in 5 sessions. The winners were Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley, with Peter Hall and Michael Atkinson winning the Plate.

There are several types of finesses in bridge; the standard finesse: AQJT opposite XXX; the two-way finesse: AJ9X opposite KTX, the Chinese finesse: QXXX opposite AX. For the Chinese finesse you confidently lead the Queen, pretending you have the Jack as well, and hope that your left-hand opponent doesn't cover with the King. A new type of finesse, the 'invisible finesse' appeared on Hand 14 of the finals. Playing in hearts, Margaret Perley won the second round of spades, played QH, and when covered by KH, won the AH in dummy, and now took the 'invisible finesse'. Looking for all the world like someone with the AX of diamonds, Margaret played the QD from dummy. Second player correctly played low, Margaret played her singleton per force, and her left-hand opponent decided to duck the AD. Somewhat surprised,

Margaret continued with the JD, covered by the KD and ruffed. Now with enough entries to dummy, another round of diamonds extracted the AD, and enabled the side-suit of QJT98 opposite the singleton 6 to not only be played for no losers, but also for three tricks. Making 12 tricks in total, so beware the 'invisible finesse'.

Hand 14
South Island Pairs
Final Session

Dealer East
Vul: Nil

J8
T9
K754
Q7632

5432
A62
QJ7543
A

KQ97
QJ7543
6
J8

AT6
K8
A32
KT954