

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4 APRIL

APRIL TOURNAMENTS

9th and 10th Cromwell Open 8B Pairs and Teams: Cromwell Yacht Club McNulty Inlet Cromwell - Shortcut Road Opposite Golden Gate Hotel – down by lake. Morning tea 10 am Play start 10.30. \$30.00 each day.. Midday meal. Entries close 5th April.

16th Queenstown 8B Pairs – 9.30 am Morning Tea. Start 10 am. Gourmet Lunch provided and finger food at completion of day. Cost \$35 per player. Entries close Monday 11 April at 8 pm. email wendy-paterson@xtra.co.nz or phone 442 9114.

17th Waimate All Grades Pairs

24th Oamaru Open 5A Pairs

30th and 1st May Murihiku 5A Open Teams and Pairs. Both days - Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$30. Midday meal and light snacks provided. Entries close 26 April to inv.bridge@gmail.com or enter on board.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR

The final for the year is RESPONDING TO OVERCALLS and will be held on Monday 11 April.

b is this Saturday night. Players from all Divisions very welcome. Register for the meal (6 pm) at the club. Come along for the bridge and be seated by 6.50 pm.

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Otago Bridge Club has taken up the opportunity to fund raise through selling the Entertainment book. For every book sold the club will receive \$12.00 (there is also a digital option for smartphones) The funds will go towards upgrading our carpark.

We are sure many of you will have purchased the Entertainment book in previous years. If you would like to look at the specials on offer for 2016/2017 a copy of the book is available at the Bridge Club. The cost of the book is \$60. Please support our Bridge Club and purchase your 2016/2017 edition via the web site below. www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/2a61318

LIONS DIABETES CHARITY PAIRS

This very successful event took place yesterday and was enjoyed by all those attending. There were twenty tables of bridge players, lots of lovely raffles, and a delicious afternoon tea was served by the Toroa Lions Club members. Over \$900 was raised to assist in the research for a cure for Diabetes Type 1 at the University of Otago.

Congratulations to the winners

NORTH-SOUTH

1st and 1st overall – Lyn Clark and Christine Samson

2nd Nik Mitchell and Brad Johnston

3rd Marion Russell and Irene Hallberg

EAST-WEST

1st Bob Bell and Eileen Houghton – visitors from America

2nd John Revie and Estelle Maxwell

3rd Judith and Laurie Smeijers

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IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR The final for the year is **RESPONDING TO OVERCALLS** and will be held **TONIGHT AT 7.10 pm**.

TOURNAMENTS

APRIL

16th Queenstown 8B Pairs – 9.30 am Morning Tea. Start 10 am. Gourmet Lunch provided and finger food at completion of day. Cost \$35 per player. Entries close **TODAY** at 8 pm. email wendypaterson@xtra.co.nz or phone 442 9114.

17th Waimate All Grades Pairs – Town and Country Club, John Street. Morning tea, 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$20. Supply own lunch. Entries close 11 April.

24 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs

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MAY

7th Wanaka Open 3A Pairs Prizes for Intermediates and Juniors. Wanaka Bridge Club Rooms, 9 Cliff Wilson Street, Wanaka. \$35.00. Start at 10.00 am, morning tea from 9.30 am. Mid-day meal and post-play snacks provided.

21st “Save the Children” Charity Pairs at the Otago Club– Please note this date differs from your Programme Book from the Sunday to the Saturday due to a clash of bookings.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS

Winton Teams

1st Murat Genc, Chris Ackerley, Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley

2nd Donna Ruwhiu, Wyn Jones, Christine and Stewart Kerr.

3rd Marilyn and Philip Noye, Bradley Johnson, Glenn Coutts

March Scratchy Winners

Wednesday: Raylene Wilson

Friday: Ann Harry

LIBRARY NEWS

The club is grateful to the family of the late Alex Moore for the donation of a number of his personal bridge books. These have been processed and are now on display in the lower shelf in the middle section of the library. There is an interesting collection of books, some of which are new titles. If you would like to borrow these books, please follow the usual library procedures. A friendly reminder to everyone to please check their book shelves for books belonging to the club. There are quite a number of overdue, some dating back several years! If you have not used our library before come and have a browse. There are books for all levels of play from beginners to experts.

Dorothy Butterfield, Librarian

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- 1 To empty and clean the two water filter trays each week. (Please do not put dregs from cups into these trays – if you have liquid still left in your cup, please put the whole lot into the plastic lined white buckets near the bench)
- 2 To do any odd jobs around the club as listed by people in the red book in the foyer.

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YOUTH BRIDGE WEEKEND – 12-14 August 2016, Christchurch Bridge Club

Suitable for all young players who know at least the basics of playing bridge. For players who are under 26. Is open to all Youth players but it is not expected that those who have represented New Zealand at Youth level or who are at that level of ability would wish to attend. The weekend is aimed at less experienced players. Cost \$100, includes all expenses including travel and accommodation. See flyer on Tournament Notice Board.

NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE WEBSITE

Over 2,000 people have registered on the new NZB website and it seems a good time to add new forums to encourage exchanges of ideas and opinions within the bridge community. These replace the Directing and Teaching forums moderated by Peter Bowyer on Google E-Groups, and the Master Solver puzzles from the old NZ Bridge Magazine.

The three Forums appear within the My NZB menu item on the top right of the main website menu www.nzbridge.co.nz. Anybody can read the forum posts but only logged in registered people can create posts and threads. This is a little different from the previous approach where everything was vetted before publication. So take care before you hit that button.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18 APRIL

TOURNAMENTS

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24 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs, 9.00am morning tea, start 9.30 am. \$25. Continuous tea and coffee. Entries close tomorrow. Email bridgeclub@xtra.co.nz

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8 Taieri Hospice Charity Pairs, 1.30 start. \$10.

14/15 Otago-Southland Inter-Provincial Trials at Otago Club

21 Te Anau 8B Open Pairs

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28 Gore 3B Junior and 5B Intermediate Pairs

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS

Cromwell Teams

1st Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc, Dean Eidler

3rd Bradley Johnston, Glenn Coutts, Vicki Bouton, Bronwyn Bouton

Cromwell Pairs:

1st Glenn Coutts and Bradley Johnston

3rd James Coutts and Ellena Moskovsky

Waimate All Grades

1st Brad Johnston and Nik Mitchell

2nd Murray Baron and Alan Gear

ATLAS CEDAR

The Management Committee asked an arborist to assess the Atlas cedar, as we had received feedback that the roots were causing damage to our drains, gutter and the footpath. The DCC were also asked to assess the footpath damage.

The arborist has recommended that the tree be removed as it will cause more problems as it grows larger. He states it is a very sound tree but in the absolute wrong position for its health and the public’s safety. The DCC have also told us that they will need to remove the tree roots on the footpath side of the tree to repair the footpath. Based on the recommendation by the arborist we will be organising for the tree to be removed in the near future.

HUDSON ROOM

The final repairs in the Hudson room were on hold until we had some heavy rain to ensure all the leaks had been found and repaired. Unfortunately the building leaked again last Monday night. The builder will be coming back to assess and make recommendations.

VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED

- 1 To empty and clean the two water filter trays each week.
- 2 To do any odd jobs around the club as listed by people in the red book in the foyer.

Just reply to this email if you can do either of these and Marion, our Secretary, will pass it on to the appropriate person. Thanks.

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Orders are still being taken. If you go out for coffee or meals, you will soon find that the cost of the book (\$60) will be covered in full and more, Please help our Bridge Club to upgrade the carpark and purchase your 2016/2017 edition via the web site below.

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CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

The Management Committee has agreed to give a free night to the Club Pairs Championship players who missed out on 17 March when the Howell collapsed. So 28 April will have no table money payable by those playing in the Club Pairs Championship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS

Oamaru Open 5A held today (Sunday)

1st James and Sam Coutts

2nd Ellena Moskovsky and Brad Johnston

3rd Chris Ackerley and Arleen Schwartz

MESSAGE FROM THE TOROA LIONS CLUB

The members of the Dunedin Toroa Lions Club would like to say a very sincere “thank you” to the Otago Bridge Club for granting us the opportunity to host a Charity Bridge Tournament.

We were absolutely delighted with the result of in excess of \$900 net raised for Diabetes Research - Chasing a Cure. Our members enjoyed the opportunity to work together in such great surroundings with very supportive people. The help, assistance and support shown to us by your Club was sincerely appreciated. Kind regards,

Sheryl Spiers
President
Dunedin Toroa Lions Club

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