

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 3 APRIL

TOURNAMENTS

APRIL

8/9 Cromwell Open 8B Pairs and Teams

9 SUNDAY – LIONS CLUB CHARITY PAIRS at the Otago Club \$10, raffles, afternoon tea, prizes for two top junior pairs as well as overall top scores. Funds raised will go towards the Queenstown Camp Quality for Children living with Cancer. Entries please on notice board at the Club, so that the organisers can have an idea for catering. **WE NEED MORE ENTRIES TO MAKE THIS VIABLE AND TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CAMP.** If you don't have your name down, it is ok to come on the day anyway.

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29/30 Murihiku Teams and Pairs. Invercargill
Pam Hancox, from Wellington and Phil Merchant (Otago) are having difficulty finding another pair to complete their team at Invercargill. Anyone interested please get in touch with Phil or with Pam hancox@ihug.co.nz

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IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR – Monday 3rd April – is on **Discards and Signals**, a really important topic for you to identify what to lead to partner.

LEARNERS' LESSONS – Message from the tutor Phil Noye

Can you help this coming Wed night (Apr 5) 2-3 more helpers needed please.. (Some of our regulars are unavailable). If so, can you please send me an email philip.noye@otago.ac.nz or give me a call 021 424 676 or 4881 706 (home)

BACKGROUND:

We have a very keen and enthusiastic group of beginners attending classes on both Wed night 7 - 9 and on Fri morning 10 -12. 6 -7 tables Wed night, 3 - 5 tables Fri morning. We try to spend most of our time playing, and practising a new topic with the ideal format being one helper at each table providing direct assistance, oversight and explanations. Our current focus is on playing the cards, with the bidding section from Easter onwards. If you can help in future either occasionally or more regularly we would love to hear from you.

CURRENT TUTORS:

Phil Noye, Rob Lawson, Marilyn Noye, Dorothy Butterfield, Laurie Smeijers, Erin Flannery, Andrew Reynolds, Coral Paris, Alison Giller.

LOST – BLACK PADDED VEST (Small size)

This garment was put with the coats in the foyer last Monday teams night. When the owner came to collect it after play it could not be found. It would be appreciated if it could be returned as soon as possible. Further to this, those garments must not be removed unless they belong to you.

LIBRARY NEWS

It is great to see quite a number of you using the Bridge Club Library, and especially pleasing to see a number of returns coming in. We have been busy re-organising the shelves and now have a section for 'Beginning Players', which you will find on the second bottom shelf in the middle section. We also have a place for 'Recent Returns' and 'New Books to the Library'. If you haven't used our Library, it is located in the Cargill Room, and the collection is also listed on the Otago Bridge Club Website.

Dorothy and Mary (Librarians)

CONGRATULATIONS

WAIMATE TOURNAMENT last weekend

Junior

1st Barbara Hutton playing with Anne Paterson from Omarama

Open

2nd Murray Barron and Alan Geare

WINTON TOURNAMENT – this weekend

TEAMS

Won by Sam and Glenn Coutts playing with Moss Wylie and Lindsay Glover (Invercargill).

SCRATCHY WINNER

Charlotte Brown - Friday March winner.

RESIGNATIONS

It is with regret we learn that Margaret Lillie and Pauline Lowe have resigned for health reasons and Pauline Smith is moving away from Dunedin. We thank these people for their support of our club in the past.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 10 APRIL

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7 Otago Hospice Charity Pairs – Taieri

- 13/14 O/S Inter-Provincial Teams Trials – Otago Club
20 Te Anau Open 8B Pairs
21 Save the Children Charity Pairs – Otago
27 Gore Intermediate and Junior Pairs

CONGRATULATIONS

MARCH FRIDAY BRIDGE – on Handicap

- 1= Nicki White
1= Lauren Uitermark

CROMWELL PAIRS held at the weekend

- 3rd Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

LIONS CHARITY PAIRS at Otago Club

A very successful afternoon was held to raise money for Camp Quality – a camp for children living with cancer and their siblings, held in Queenstown each year – each child requires \$2,000 for accommodation, activities, nursing and medical staff, etc. The afternoon raised \$1,285.

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| North South | 1 st | Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins |
| | 2 nd | Kaye Wilson and Kevin Farnden |
| East West | 1 st | Phil Gillen and Joanne Currie |
| | 2 nd | Pat Chaplin and Janet Crowe |
| 1 st Intermediate Pair | | Marion Russell and Irene Hallberg |
| 1 st Junior Pair | | Barbara Hutton and Andrew Reynolds |

If you missed out on this Charity event, the next ones will be held at Taieri for the Hospice on 7 May and for Save the Children on 21 May at Otago. Do consider supporting these worthwhile charities and have a fun afternoon at the same time.

LESSONS

Thank you to all those who offered their help with the lessons.

NAVY JACKET

Would the person who removed the navy MacJay quilted padded jacket with fur collar and a bright cotton lining, size 12, please return it to the Bridge Club. It is desperately required over the school holiday period.

INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIALS

Each of the seven Bridge regions sends teams to compete for the top region before the National Congress, held in Hamilton each year (this year 30 September-7 October). In order to select the best Intermediate, Senior (age 60+), Women and Open teams, Trials are being held at our club on the weekend of 13th and 14th of May. If you think you would like to have a go please collect an entry form from the table in the foyer, fill it in and return to the address indicated by Friday 5th May.

BEREAVEMENT

Heather Thomson was a member of the Intermediate Division playing regularly on a Wednesday night and also Fridays. Heather passed away last week and on your behalf sympathies have been extended to her family.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 17 APRIL

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- 13/14 O/S Inter-Provincial Teams Trials – Otago Club - to be played, not before Congress, as intimated last week, but in Wellington on the last weekend in November.
- 20 Te Anau Open 8B Pairs
- 21 Save the Children Charity Pairs – Otago
- 27 Gore Intermediate and Junior Pairs

CONGRATULATIONS

AUCKLAND EASTER CONGRESS PAIRS

- 3rd Jeff Thompson playing with Steve Boughey (Akarana)

DIVISIONAL EASTER PAIRS

Junior

- 1st Yvonne Walsh and Pat Johnston
2nd Gaye Lester and Allan Lockhart
3rd Karen Hogg and Brigitte Hudson

Intermediate

- 1st Alice Booth and Ron McMurrin
2nd Maureen O'Dea and George Friedlander
3rd James Blok and Matt Smits

CAR PARKING

It is good to see the new white lines in our car park. A change is to new angle parking behind the Larnach Room. Please note that the lines indicate that cars must be between those lines, so please, if you park there, ensure that you nose into the brick building behind, over the gravel.

DISABLED CAR PARKS

At the moment seven people have permission to park in the parks designated disabled. If you feel you need this facility temporarily or permanently please apply to the Committee of Management, with appropriate reasons or documentation.

ENTERING COMPUTER NUMBERS

If you are entering players computer numbers into the BridgePad, please ensure you check that the names are those of the people sitting at the table. Many people read them out so that the rest of the table know they have been entered correctly. Otherwise it may be after the results come out that someone questions the error. While this is relatively easy for the director to fix, it does save the hassle at the end of the session.

SYMPATHY

The Club extends condolences to Rob Marshall of the Senior Division, whose daughter, Steph, passed away last Sunday.

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We don't have very many entries yet, so please think about it and enter during this week. Lots of people, more fun and good bridge is the way to go. Don't worry if you think you are not up to tournament level yet. This is your chance to have a go.

WANTED: cakes, loaves, etc for afternoon tea – if you feel you could help here (not players) please bring and leave in the kitchen this Thursday night, Friday or Sunday.

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2017 DIRECTORS' CLASSES

These classes will start on Tuesday 2 May. They will run fortnightly, in the week when there is no teams event, until about mid-July. Although primarily for aspiring directors, these sessions are open to anyone who wants to learn about rules, movements, scoring etc. We would like to get more people up to speed on some of these areas, but we need helpers. For example someone might be uncomfortable directing but happy to set up the room/boards or run the computer. If more people are involved it is less work for the few. Please reply to this email if you would like to be involved.

PROGRAMME BOOK ADVERTISING

It is time to begin thinking about about next year's programme book. One or two volunteers are needed to help handle the advertising. This involves contacting all the present advertisers to see if they wish to continue their advertisement. In the event that a few wish to discontinue it may be necessary to find an additional one or two and liaise with the printer. Please reply to this email and our Secretary will put you onto the appropriate person. Perhaps if two friends would like to work together on this they could share the work more easily.

CONGRATULATIONS

OAMARU 5A TOURNAMENTS

- 1st Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout

DIVISIONAL EASTER PAIRS

Senior

- 1st Dorothy Butterfield and Denise Carter
- 2nd Marilyn Yates and Val Dunbar
- 3rd Michael Rombouts and Murray Thomson

Open

- 1st Matt Blakeley and Paul Freeland
- 2nd Christian Prent and Rudi Prent
- 3rd Paul Yates and Bradley Johnston

RANK CHANGE CERTIFICATES

These have been received from NZ Bridge and are available on a Division night from your Convenor.

CLUB MASTER

Michael Rombouts
Grant Walker

LOCAL MASTER

Denise Carter
Colleen Knox
Mike Rendall

Alison Paterson 1*
Val Wilson 2*
Lee Ashton 3*
Estelle Maxwell 7*

PROVINCIAL MASTER

Maria Godfrey 1*
Elaine McDonald 3*

MASTER

John Sheehy 1*

LIFE MASTER

Bradley Johnston