

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 1 FEBRUARY

TOURNAMENTS

SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS - FEBRUARY 13 AND 14 –. 20 A Points on offer – to be held at the Otago Club. Saturday 9.30 am-Sunday 4.00 pm. \$280 per team. Lunch provided both days.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND RUBBER BRIDGE 2016

We encourage pairs to enter this competition. Rubber Bridge is fun. There will be sheets available in the foyer for anyone to pick up telling you how rubber bridge works and some strategies for play. You play about 24 hands against another pair. There is a draw and the two pairs decide their own venue (can be at the Club) and time. Entries close - 25 March. Play Commences 1 April and to be completed by 30 June

Cost - \$10 Per person

Winners to play in the NZ National Competition at Congress in Hamilton 24 Sept - 1 Oct
The draw will be sent to all participating players so that matches can be played in your own area

Send entries with contact name, email and payment to:

Frances Sheehy, 1 Warren St, Oamaru fsheehy@xtra.co.nz

Or payment can be made via internet banking to:

NZ Bridge Otago/Southland 02 0912 0102165 00

Please show name of depositor

SATURDAY BRIDGE

The first Saturday Bridge of the year will be held this Saturday, 6th February.. All welcome. Come for the meal (6 pm) or just the bridge (7 pm). Register for the meal on one of the notices at the Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

A very successful Festival Pairs tournament was held yesterday with 16 tables, players coming from as far north as Ashburton and as far south as Invercargill. It was particularly pleasing to see the number of our junior pairs participating. Thanks to Lindsay Gunn, the director and to Liz Neville who provided a wonderful lunch and food throughout the day.

Winners were:

Junior: 1st and winners of the Ina Anderson Trophy: Tim Webb and Genevieve Webb, 2nd Britt Kunnen and Rens Meerhoff

Intermediate: Winners of the Festival Pairs Intermediate Trophy: Judith and Laurie Smeijers

Open: 1st and winners of the Festival Pairs Open Trophy: Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland, 3rd was Graeme Stout playing with Frances Sheehy from Oamaru.

Thanks to FRANCES HODGKINS RETIREMENT VILLAGE for their sponsorship of this event.

DEALERS

We have a band of volunteers who deal your cards for each session of play. One of these would like to take a break. Estelle Maxwell has dealt the cards for Friday bridge for a number of years and we do thank Estelle for her years of faithful service. However we do not have anyone to take over this role. If you would like to learn how to deal and eventually deal for Friday bridge we would love to hear from you. Just reply to this email.

LESSONS

Our lesson programme for beginners starts in March 2016.

We run two sets of lessons.

- Wednesdays: 7 pm to 9 pm, starting 2 March 2016
- Fridays: 10 am to 12 pm, starting 4 March 2016

There are twelve lessons, interwoven with about ten playing sessions in which you practise what you have learned.

Please advertise the lessons amongst friends, family and workmates. If YOU enjoy bridge YOU are the best ambassadors for the game.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Remember the Sub is \$105 due by 31 March. If you haven't already collected your account you should find it in your mailbox this week.

OUR ADVERTISERS

Please support our loyal advertisers listed in your Programme Book. With their backing we are able to print the book without delving too much into Club funds. However if Bridge people do not in turn support them, we may find these funds are not forthcoming in the future.

Have a look through the book (there is an index at the back) next time you, your friends or family are looking for a tradesman, a place for friends to stay, someone to help you buy or sell a property, a hairdresser, a gardener, a lawyer, a doctor, a podiatrist, a place to buy materials to maintain your property, to help you cater for an event, get the printing done or buy some artwork. For those of us getting older, then there are choices for lifestyle living, care, and transport.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8 FEBRUARY

SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS - FEBRUARY 13 AND 14. 28 teams have entered with people coming from all over the country, as players who want to be considered for a national team are expected to play in this event.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Timaru All Grades Tournament was won by Bradley Johnston and Nikolas Mitchell. Well done!

CHANGE TO PROGRAMME BOOK

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(The O/S Interclub Teams is not being held on the 19th June, and 9/10 July clashes with the South Island Pairs being held in Christchurch.)

TEAMS

Teams Open competition begins on Monday 22 February and the Combined Teams begins a fortnight later on 7 March. There are entry forms on the Tournament Notice Board in the foyer for you to add your Team's names

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MONDAY TEAMS REGARDING SUBSTITUTES.

1) 5 person teams are allowed. Players listed for a team may play for a different team with the prior consent of their captain and the opposing captain.

2) If a team requires a substitute the team captain must give the substitute's name to the opposing captain and get prior consent. A substitute should be of an appropriate standard: for example we do not believe Open players should be substituting in the Plate.

3) Non Otago Club members can substitute in the teams competition and must follow note 2. Non club members may only play in the teams competition 3 times in a year. After 3 nights non club members will be asked to become members and pay a proportion of the annual subscription. Any team who has a non Otago Club member who has played more than 3 nights as a substitute will get zero points for that teams night.

VISITORS

All bridge events: After playing three nights as a guest/visitor you will be asked to join the club and pay a proportion of the annual subscription.

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MARCH TOURNAMENTS

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5th Invercargill Junior 3B Pairs

12th Timaru Congress 10A Open Teams

12th Timaru Congress Intermediate 5B Teams

13th Timaru Congress Open 10A Pairs

13th Timaru Congress Intermediate 5B Pairs

13th Alexandra All Grades 8B Open Pairs

19th Taieri Open 8B Pairs

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND RUBBER BRIDGE 2016

Entries close - 25 March.

SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS

CONGRATULATIONS to James Coutts, Sam Coutts and Sam Bailey who were in the second placed team. Also to Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout who were part of the fourth placed team. **WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE WHO PLAYED.** It would have been a tough two days.

LESSONS

These begin on 2 March at 7 pm with the same lesson repeated on Friday mornings at 10 am. Do ask friends, family, neighbours and workmates if they would like to join the lessons. If we don't ask they probably won't know about it. After all not everyone subscribes to the ODT and if they do, maybe they don't read the advertisements.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Bronwyn Bouton as a member of our club. Bronwyn is a school student who has come from Southland, now living in Dunedin.

NAME BADGES

It was noted that many people do not know everyone in their division, and if name badges were worn, it would be a help to get to know people's names. We encourage everyone to wear their badge. Even though YOU know everyone, perhaps others don't know you.

PARTNERS STEWARDS

We note that there are still several members who have not returned to bridge this year. If you are in that category and would like to play but haven't booked a partner, do ring your Partners Steward or your Convenor and they may be able to help with a partner.

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The above does not apply to Taieri members whom we welcome to play during the day at Friday Bridge and at Women's Pairs.

Good bridging.

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WINNERS OF THE SUMMER PAIRS COMPETITIONS

Junior: Rens Meerhoff and Andrew Reynolds
Intermediate: Sally Jackways and Grant Walker
Senior: Arthur Patton and Marlene Duncan
Open: Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS, and well done to all who played to give these winners plenty of good competition.

C POINTS

In a directive from NZ Bridge recently, C Points are to be awarded for all events played at affiliated Clubs. This correspondence will be tabled at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

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PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

Please change Phil Radford's, phone number to 476 0440. Phil is in the Senior Division list.

TEAMS

Teams Open competition begins TONIGHT. .

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

A few of our members are across the Tasman competing in this event and we wish them all the best for a successful week.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 29 FEBRUARY

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR

There will be a series of three seminars, alternating with Teams on a Monday night. The first of these will be held TONIGHT, 29 February beginning at 7.10 pm. Dean Eidler will lead this class and his subject tonight is FOURTH SUIT FORCING.

It will be good for your Bridge!! All welcome. If you and your favourite partner/s can attend, then you will find it even more useful, as you will be able to make "4th suit forcing" part of your system.

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CLUB PAIRS

All members of the Club are eligible to play in the Club Pairs Championship which begins on Thursday 10th March. If you wish to enter please enter on-line by going to the Home Page of the Club's website and on the right side under the photo click on the link to the entry page. This competition runs all year, ie there are no qualifying nights. (Dates are in the Open section of the Programme Book)

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SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Will be on once again this Saturday. Meal 6 pm. Bridge at 7 pm. This is an interdivisional event and all are welcome.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

This report with thanks to Bradley Johnston ...

For those adventurous bridge players who thought that being in mid to high 20's was just a little on the cool side (or those just itching for a fix of bridge) each February there's an event over at the Gold Coast. The main draw, apart from the spectacular beaches, is that a strong contingent of International level players regularly come from around the world - some as far as Poland - to compete in the Congress. It's a great opportunity to get away from obligations, and play against some of the worlds' top players at the same time. This year, a strong contingent of players from Otago went over to compete: Alan Geare, Ann Woodhead, Bob Lawrence, Murat Genç, Lisa Csima, Vicki and Bronwyn Bouton, James and Glenn Coutts, Nik Mitchell, Brad Johnston, Phil Merchant, and Peter Hall (apologies if I've omitted anyone).

Special congratulations to:

James Coutts for finishing 4th of the EW pairs in the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs.

Glenn Coutts for making the Bobby Richman Pairs Finals.

Peter Hall for being the in the 27th (from 485) best performing partnership over the Teams.

(Bradley's team, - Brad with Vicki, Bronwyn and Nik - after being seeded 101 from the 206 teams, battled through to finish 62nd. An impressive result.