

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5 FEBRUARY

TOURNAMENTS

FEBRUARY

10/11 South Island Open 20 A Teams – Christchurch

16 Gold Coast Congress begins

MARCH

3-4 North Island Teams: Palmerston North

10 Invercargill Open 8B Pairs

11 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs

LESSONS

Wednesday 7 pm-9 pm, starting 28 February 2018

Friday 10.00 am 12 noon, starting 2 March 2018 – Cost \$50

TEAMS: *Calling all Junior and Intermediate players.* There are now two teams entered for the combined competition which begins on 26 February, but still not enough for a competition. Do think about making up a team and entering.

Open Swiss Competition begins next Monday night and you will need to get your team entered in the next few days if you have not already done so.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE – this Saturday. Notices are up for you to register for the dinner which begins at 6.00 pm. Bar will open at 5.30 pm. Come along and enjoy a social time together before Bridge or come for the Bridge only which begins at 7.00 pm, but be seated by 10 to 7.

JANUARY COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Minutes of this meeting are on the Board and on the website. Some main points:

- 1 The Otago Community Trust granted \$70,000 for the land purchase, \$65,000 has been received in donations and the remainder will be loaned by members. Settlement date is 29 March.
- 2 The carpet in the Hudson Room is to be replaced when the source of all leaks are attended to.
- 3 The bar made a small profit of just over \$600 in 2017.
- 4 An assistant to the Property Manager is still required.
- 5 Sometimes the alarm is not being set properly as people leave the building. There have been three false call-outs recently which are charged to the Club.
- 6 The bollards outside the building are to be removed now that the new lighting is in place.

RESIGNATION

Frank Gradon has been a member of our Club since the early 1980s and has decided that it is time to cut back on his activities. Frank has contributed much to our Club, including directing for many years, dealing the cards for Teams and running the Teams competition for some time, as well as being a regular player. Frank is a foundation member of the Taieri Bridge Club, where he has also given many hours of his time. He remains a member of Taieri and will still play Friday Bridge. Best wishes, Frank.

CONGRATULATIONS - FESTIVAL PAIRS

JUNIOR

1st and winners of the Ina Anderson Trophy Di Gorman and Marie Robson (East Otago)

INTERMEDIATE

1st and winners of the Festival Pairs Intermediate Trophy: Murray Barron and Peter Mountain (Oamaru).

OPEN

- 1st and winners of the Festival Pairs Open Trophy: Kay Shand and Marilyn Jackson (Invercargill)
2nd Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley
3rd Annabelle Molloy and Christine Kerr

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 12 FEBRUARY

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CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

Please change Heather Beckett's number in your book to 0274 885 062.

YOUTH BRIDGE WEEKEND

17-19 August

This course is for all young players (under 26 at 1 January 2018) who know at least the basics of playing bridge. Learn and enjoy more about bridge and meet other young people who play. Cost \$100 includes travel to and from Wellington, lunches, all course material. Billets provided.

Message from Susan Halls: I wondered whether you could put a notice in the newsletter going out this week please? I inadvertently recycled my new bridge book! I have most of the games filled in, but not so for the Vice Presidents Pairs starting 15 February and if someone had me down to play could they please call me on 471 0147.

CONGRATULATIONS

DIVISIONAL SUMMER PAIRS

JUNIOR

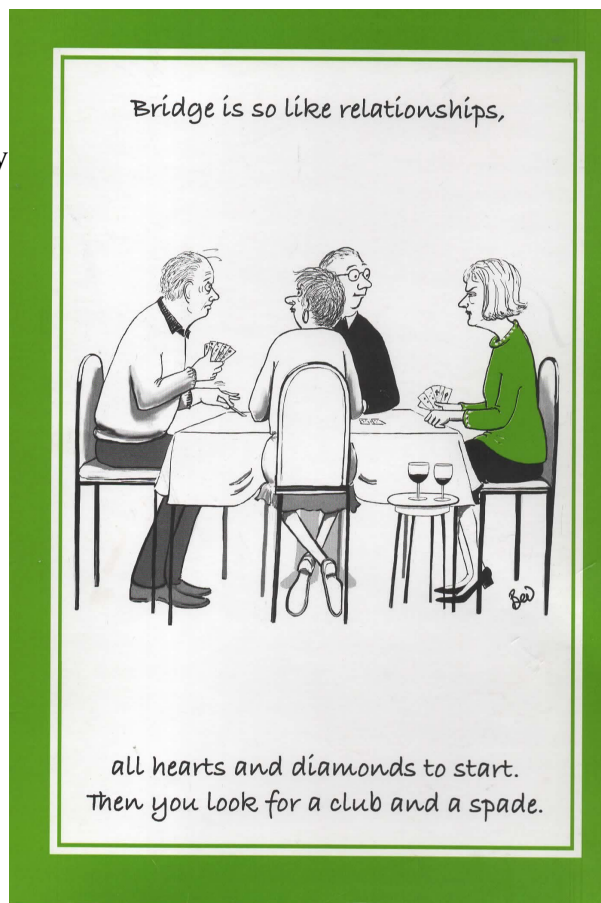
- 1st Helen Martin and Gaye Lester
2nd Barbara Galland and Lesley Greenbank
3rd James Airey and David Kiddey

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st Terry Ebeling and Kate Vercoe
2nd Yvonne Walsh and Pat Johnston
3rd Lauren Uitermark and Geraldine Scanlan

SENIOR

- 1st Diane McKenzie and Bronwyn Powell
2nd Heather Beckett and Ann Hamilton
3rd Josephine George and Jo Torrance



From Marg Bryant – many thanks

REMEMBER that all SUBS should be paid by 28 February. Pay by cheque by mail. Cash or cheque can be posted in the mailbox in the office door or pay by direct credit to ANZ

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OPEN

- 1st Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins
- 2nd Nicolas Mitchell and Bradley Johnston
- 3rd Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley

FRIDAY BRIDGE HANDICAP

- 1st Peter Pfeifer
- 2nd= Baukje Blok and Alex Ansett

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

- 1st Lyall and Amanda Inwood
- 2nd Betty Laing and Ruth Airey
- 3rd Joy Kennedy and Bev Ross

Handicap

- 1st Joy Kennedy and Bev Ross
- 2nd Amanda and Lyall Inwood
- 3rd Jack Holt and Maureen Scott

SOUTH ISLAND PAIRS – Christchurch

Thirty-eight teams competed hotly for the top placings. No Otago players were in the top three, but Glenn Coutts was in the 5th place team, while in 7th place was the team of Margaret Perley, Paul Freeland, Chris Ackerley and Douglas Russell.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 19 FEBRUARY

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MARCH

- 3-4 North Island Teams: Palmerston North
- 10 Invercargill Open 8B Pairs
- 11 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs (Sunday) 9.00 am Morning Tea; 9.30 am Start Play. \$25.00.
Continuous tea and coffee; Afternoon Tea after play finishes. Prizes for Open, Intermediate and Junior sections . **Entries close 6 March 2018.**

HEALTH and SAFETY.

Margaret Harraway is the new Health and Safety Officer and she would like to know those in the Club who -

1. hold a current First Aid Certificate
2. are prepared to train in the use of the DEFIBRILLATOR (not difficult).

We are an aging lot and need to receive the right help in a health emergency. Ideally we would have two people per division for either or both. Please contact Margaret by email at M.Harraway@xtra.co.nz, Phone 455 5370 or text to 0275 043 211.

The Health and Safety Folder is missing from the Club. If you have it or know where it is, please also get in touch with Margaret.

LESSONS

To date twenty-seven people have applied to join the classes. Remind your friends and family that classes start next week - Wednesday 7.00 pm-9.00 pm, Friday 10.00 am-12 noon. Cost \$50.

SUBSCRIPTIONS should be paid by Wednesday week so that you do not incur a \$20 penalty. The account may be paid by

- a cheque in the mail to PO Box 2037, South Dunedin, 9044

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CHANGED TELEPHONE NUMBER

John Jones (Senior) number is now 465 7459.

LIBRARY NEWS

At last we have started processing the bridge books donated to the club by Lindsay Gunn. We are adding these to the 'New Books' section located in the middle shelf in the middle part of the library. A number of Lindsay's books are stories e.g. a couple of bridge mysteries about the Obnoxious Abbott, and the New King's tales. There is even a cartoon book entitled Bridge is a Contact Sport, plus several other interesting titles. Come along and have a browse and don't forget to have a look at the great bridge magazines also donated by Lindsay.

Dorothy Butterfield

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 26 FEBRUARY

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MARCH

3-4 North Island Teams: Palmerston North

10 Invercargill Open 8B Pairs Morning Tea 9:30 am. Play starts 10:00 am. Entry fee \$30. Catered lunch. Nibbles provided. Entries close 6 March.

11 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs (Sunday) 9.00 am Morning Tea; 9.30 am Start Play. \$25.00. Continuous tea and coffee; Afternoon Tea after play finishes. Prizes for Open, Intermediate and Junior sections . **Entries close 6 March.**

SATURDAY BRIDGE is this week - 3rd March. Please sign up if you intend coming for the meal at 6.00 pm or arrive for Bridge at about 10 to 7.

HEALTH and SAFETY.

Many thanks to the people who responded to the request for qualified First Aiders. There will be one or two updates for all Directors, Conveners and other interested people in March/early April. Dates will be advised.

Margaret Harraway

TEAMS

Combined teams will begin this week and will join the Qualifying rounds.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Please register online to play in the Championship Pairs (open to all members) and in the Plate, as soon as possible, as those organising the event do need to know numbers before the event begins on 8 March.

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FROM NZ BRIDGE

THURSDAY ON THE COAST

A great last qualifying day for a young team of mixed Australian/New Zealand players saw **Bouton** climb up to 4th in the **Open** where the top 6 teams qualify. The team includes Dunedin's Vicky Bouton and Brad Johnston and ex Wellingtonian Fraser Rew (*also an ex-Otago-ite*)

GOLD COAST FRIDAY

No joy unfortunately for the Kiwis in the final stages of the Gold Coast Teams. In the Round of 4 Open event (the Round of 4 was for the teams finishing 3rd-6th in qualifying...the winners and the top 2 met in the semi-finals), **Bouton**, which included Vicki Bouton and Brad Johnston met an Australian team, **Hirst** in a 24 board match. It started well for **Bouton** who led 40-12 after 12 boards but the tide turned with **Hirst** winning the second 12 by 48, primarily through three game swings. **Hirst** won 64-44.

A great achievement, Vicky and Brad. Well done.

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