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Contact person **Marjo Prent 456-3374**

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OAMARU BRIDGE CLUB 60TH JUBILEE – MAY 26/27TH

All past and present members welcome.

Register your interest – bridgeclub@xtra.co.nz

Or call Liz 02102362234 or Janelle 0212132600

CONGRATULATIONS:

Saturday Night Bridge

Off the Stick

1st Murray Barron/Lindsay Gunn

2nd Jen Macartney/Ruth Airey

3rd Janice Munden/Cushla Colquhoun

Handicap

Murray Barron/Lindsay Gunn

Vi Wilkinson/Judith Hansen

Lynn Howson/Margaret Tagg

VISITORS FROM SAN DIEGO:

Last Wednesday night we had 2 visitors from San Diego play in the Intermediate Division. Afterwards Brian Castle sent this email

“Hi Phil. Thank you very much for your hospitality, and thankyou to John and Tim too for welcoming us tonight.

Our compliments – you have a wonderful Club with your bridge history and the most amazing bridge library.

Linda and I had a great evening and were welcomed at all the tables.

Once again many thanks from Linda and I.”

BEREAVEMENTS: It is with sadness that the Club acknowledges the recent deaths of 2 of our members - **Noeline Lawson (Intermediate)** and **Sharon Teasdale (Junior)**. We thank them for their membership and participation in the Club, and pass on our condolences to their families

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER 13th Feb 2023

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MONDAY 13th Feb TEAMS resume – 7.00pm

This year's teams competition will begin with teams split into two groups of 10, each playing a round robin qualifying round of nine matches.

At the end of this qualifying round, two further pools of 10 teams will be created – the top 5 teams from each qualifier will combine in one pool; the bottom 5 teams from each pool will form the second pool.

Another full round robin of nine games will be played for each pool.

Using the placings from these pool games, teams will be split into five finals pools, each of 4 teams, for a three match round robin. A carry over will apply for the top final.

An information sheet will be handed out on Monday night.

Reserves – if you are willing to be called upon as a reserve to fill in for an unavailable team member (subject to your own availability) please email clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz . We would like to email a list of potential reserves to all teams

TUESDAY 14th Feb

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WEDNESDAY 15th Feb

Junior – Revision night

Intermediate – Vice President's Pairs 1

THURSDAY 16th Feb

Senior/Open – Individual Ladder

FRIDAY 17th Feb

Friday Bridge - 10.30am

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NEW MEMBER: The club would like to welcome **Jenny Body** who has transferred from the Orewa Bridge Club. Jenny will be in the Intermediate Division, and will also play on Friday's. We hope you enjoy your bridge Jenny.

CONGRATULATIONS:

SUMMER PAIRS

OPEN

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st | Graeme Stout/Brad Johnston |
| 2 nd | Stewart Kerr/Christine Kerr |
| 3 rd | Ann-Maree Fox/Paul Yates |

SENIOR

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|-----------------------------|
| Mark Wilson/Matheus Smits |
| Eleanor Westoby/Ross Haddow |
| Rod Waugh/Ann E Taylor |

INTERMEDIATE

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 st | Brigitte Hudson/Wendy Fallon |
| 2 nd | Rodger Paul/Ron McMurrin |
| 3 rd | Dawn Cope/Pip Weber |

JUNIOR

- | |
|------------------------------|
| James Cockle/Ramon Quennell |
| Doug Atrill/Charlotte Harris |
| Kim Carter/Jamie Smith |

8 February 2023

NZ Seniors Team APBF Championships 2023

NZ Bridge invites expressions of interest from established bridge partnerships, aged 63 or more, to be considered for the following:

The successful pair would join the following to represent New Zealand in the senior's section at the APBF Championships 9th to 17th June 2023 to be held at Hong Kong.

- Patrick Carter & Julie Atkinson
- John Skipper & Jane Skipper

Other than the event entry fee, travel insurance, & team uniform, all team members will be required to self-fund all other costs including travel & accommodation.

For further information and to register your interest please contact Chef de mission, Jonathan BWestoby, jwestoby@gmail.com by no later than 3pm Thursday 16th February 2023

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER 20th Feb 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 21st Feb

Informal Practice – 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd Feb

Women's Pairs – 1.00pm

Junior – John Lawson Plate 1

Intermediate – Vice President's Pairs 2

THURSDAY 23rd Feb

Senior/Open – Vice President's Pairs 1

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SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE: Saturday 4th March.

Dinner at 6.00pm – Pea, Pie and Pud, and Dessert
Bridge to follow at 7.00pm

Please put your names on list on Noticeboard if you are coming for Dinner.

INCORRECT PHONE NUMBERS: There are 2 incorrect numbers in the Bridge book. Corrected numbers are below:

Colleen Knox (Senior) - 4536192, or 0284606365

Pauline Crawford (Senior) – 0278223474

RETURNING MEMBER: Anneloes De Groot has rejoined the Club. She is attending Tuesday sessions, and is very keen to play Friday's. She is looking for partners, and can be contacted on **0224106163**.
Welcome back Anneloes...hope you enjoy your bridge.

RUBBER BRIDGE COMPETITION 2023:

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This competition is open to all grades of players – some years ago the National Competition was won by a Junior pair. The 2022 Prize Money was \$1000!

NEW TEAMS FORMAT: Last week we started our Team's competition, with a new format. A lot of work and consultation went into planning this, mainly by Phil Noye, Lindsay Gunn and Brad Johnston. Several members of the Open and lower Divisions were also asked for their feedback.

This letter has been received from Alison Giller (Open Division)

"Teams Format...Change can be good.

- 1. Innovative, well thought out, with pools based on results from 2022 teams competition.*
- 2. Sensible division of 20 teams, with format for the year clearly set out.*
- 3. With fewer Club members, this format enables players from all divisions to play against one another.*
- 4. Thanks to those who devised the plan. I hope Club members appreciate their efforts."*

Thankyou Alison for taking the time to write this.

As a Club, it is important to foster development of players, and encourage them to play teams. The format allows a mixed competition for the first 9 rounds, so there will be 4 or 5 games where you will be playing a team of similar ability.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS: We have a number of members playing this week in the Gold Coast Congress – Murat Genc, Peter Hall, Pamela Nisbet, and Alan Geare.

Results so far are:

Open Pairs Championship – Pamela (playing with Jan Cormack) qualified for the A final (Top 28 pairs from a field of 194 pairs) – great achievement. With 1 round to go, she is sitting in 6th place – **GOOD LUCK PAMELA**.

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs – Murat (playing with Anne Somerville) finished 5th in a field of 112 pairs – **WELL DONE MURAT**.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – NZ YOUTH TEAM 2023

EBU – Youth Pairs Championships Veldhoven, Netherlands, 24-29th July

WBF – Youth Teams Championships – Veldhoven, Netherlands 31 July-7 Aug
With categories for those aged up to 30yrs, interested players meeting the age criteria, should register their interest/availability with Sam Coutts via email sam.coutts@nzbridge.co.nz by no later than Friday 24th February. Preference may be given to players that apply as a partnership rather than individuals.

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER 27th Feb 2023

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THURSDAY 2nd March	Senior/Open – Vice President's Pairs 2
FRIDAY 3rd March	Friday Bridge - 10.30am
SATURDAY 4th March	Dinner 6pm, Bridge at 7.00pm

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RESIGNATION: Alison Devine (Intermediate) – moved to Oamaru, and will continue playing her bridge there. We wish you well Alison, and thank you for your participation at our Club.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Friday February Handicap Ladder:

1st Lindsay Gunn

2nd Wendy Fallon

3rd Ann Wood

Extract from the Gold Coast Congress Bulletin #2

Playing in the Gold Coast Pairs (Qualifying #1) Pam Nisbet and her partner Jan Cormack produced a devastating defence against a partscore:

Board 14, East deals, nil vulnerable

		♠ 6 5 2		
		♥ Q 10 9 6 2		
		♦ A 9		
		♣ A 10 2		
♠ A 4				♠ 10 8 7
♥ A K 8				♥ J 5 4
♦ 10 8 7 6 5				♦ K J
♣ Q 5 3				♣ J 9 8 7 6
		♠ K Q J 9 3		
		♥ 7 3		
		♦ Q 4 3 2		
		♣ K 4		



Their opponents, Paul McGrath—Michael Simes bid to 3♠.

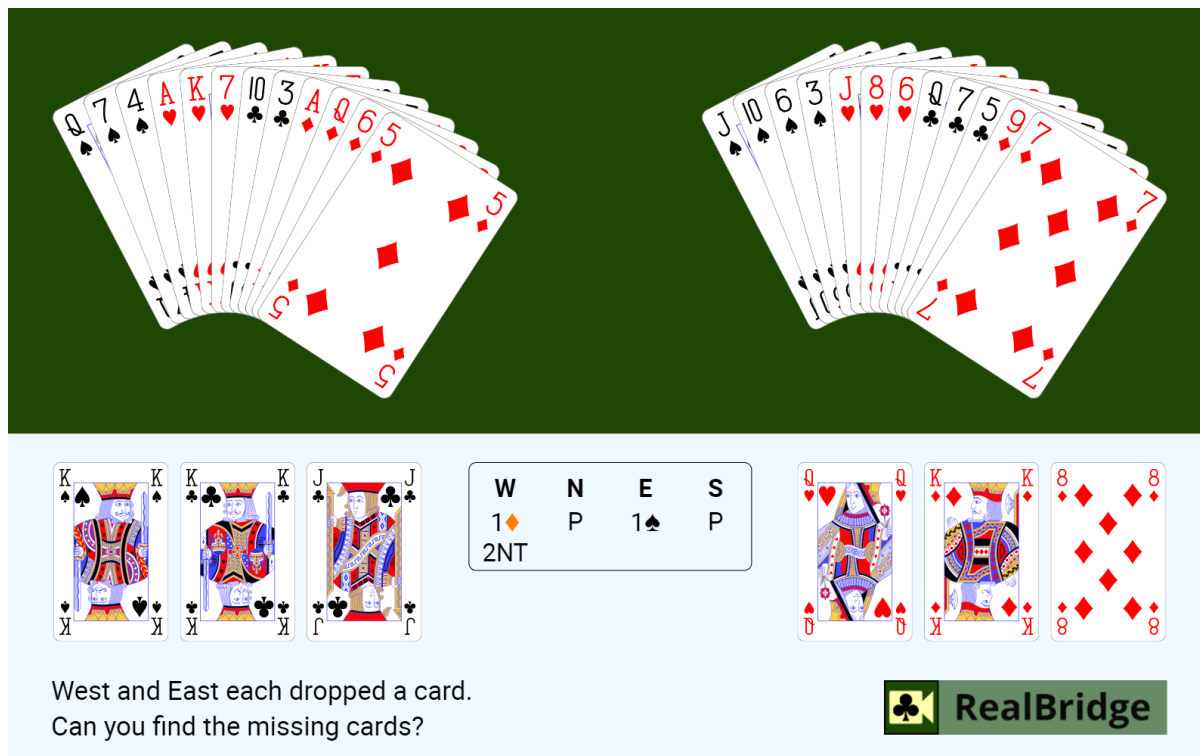
Against 3♠ you or I would have led a top heart – not Pamela. Out came a small diamond to Jan's King and J♦ back to the ace. Nisbet won the first trump, gave her partner a diamond overruff, won the K♥ to give her a second overruff and still had the A♥ to come, for two down. Easy game bridge!

Pamela and Jan performed very well in the Open Pairs Championships, finishing 9th in the A Final.

RealBridge Puzzle

Our ever vigilant Brad Johnston directed me to this new initiative on the RealBridge website that is promoted as a teaching tool.

Using the bidding to support the cards shown can you work out which of the three cards shown below was the missing card?



The puzzle interface shows two hands of cards fanned out on a green background. The left hand (West) contains: ♠Q, ♠7, ♠4, ♥A, ♥K, ♥7, ♣10, ♣3, ♦A, ♦Q, ♦6, ♦5. The right hand (East) contains: ♠J, ♠10, ♠6, ♠3, ♥J, ♥8, ♥6, ♣Q, ♣7, ♣5, ♦9, ♦7. Below the hands is a bidding sequence table:

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
2NT			

Below the bidding table are three cards: ♠K, ♣K, and ♣J. To the right of these cards are three cards: ♥Q, ♦K, and ♦8. The text below the cards reads: "West and East each dropped a card. Can you find the missing cards?" The RealBridge logo is in the bottom right corner.

The aim of the puzzle is to ensure you and your partner(s) agree the same answer.

(Note – the answer might vary for some puzzles depending on the system you play.



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Palmerston North
23 February 2023

Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Fund

The Trustees of the NZ Bridge Foundation have established a fund to support our clubs and their members who have suffered loss and disruption as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle.

The affected Clubs and members will be encouraged to apply to the Foundation setting out their losses. The Foundation will then make appropriate payments when we are able. They really need your donations now.

The Trustees have opened the fund with \$2,000 which has been matched by NZ Bridge.

Clubs and bridge players who would like to contribute to the fund are invited to do so by way of a deposit to the NZ Bridge Foundation bank account as follows:

NZ Bridge Foundation- Cyclone Recovery Fund
02-0466-0272518-026

Please include your name as a reference. Receipts for tax deduction purposes will be issued on request to:

secretary@nzbridge.co.nz

Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping our bridge community.

Derek Evennett
Chairperson
NZ Bridge Foundation Inc

Alister Stuck
Secretary
NZ Bridge Foundation Inc

