

# ***NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11 JANUARY 2016***

Happy New Year

Divisional Bridge begins again this week with a two-night match for all divisions. You need to play with a different partner each night to qualify to win.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

**SATURDAY 16 JANUARY - O/S 10 A Swiss Pairs** at The Otago Bridge Club. Start 10.00 am, morning tea at 9.30 am. Bring your own lunch. \$30. We have 24 pairs entered so far, but more entries would be most welcome. Entries close today (Monday).

**SUNDAY 31 JANUARY – Festival Pairs** at our Club. This is a 5A tournament sponsored by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village. Prizes for the best Junior and Intermediate Pairs as well as the three top overall winners. Note that these rankings are determined by NZ Bridge Rating Points (not the Otago Club Divisions). Morning tea is at 9.30 am, Start time 10.00 am. \$30. Lunch is provided.

**FEBRUARY 13 AND 14 –South Island Teams.** 20 A Points on offer – to be held at the Otago Club.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- to the winners of Holiday Bridge. The Moise Trophy for the Handicap Winner is **Mary Brady**, while the Moise Trophy for the Off-the-Stick Winner goes to **Alan Geare**.
- To the winners of the Alexandra Holiday Pairs held last weekend – **Arleen Schwartz** and **Peter Hall**. Second place went to Christine and Stewart Kerr.

Well done all.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Your invoices for the 2016 year will be ready to pick up this week and the following two weeks at the Club. Please ensure you collect yours. Those not collected by 1 February will be posted. Where two players have the same address, both invoices may be in the one envelope. Please note the following from the Club's Constitution -

**Tertiary Student Members:** Any bona fide student at a tertiary institution may apply to be classified as a Tertiary Student member. Such members shall have all the playing privileges of the club and may be granted a concession membership subscription in accordance with rule e)

**Secondary Student Members:** Any bona fide student at a secondary school may apply to be classified as a Secondary Student member. Such members shall have all the playing privileges of the club and will not be required to pay the Club Subscription amount. The Committee of Management may also determine from time to time what amount of Table Fees such members should pay and what charges should be met by such members in attending Learners' Classes or any other form of training or education that the Club offers.

Just reply to this email if you fall into either of the above categories and feel the need to take advantage of these offers.

## **BEREAVEMENT**

We sadly record the passing of **Alex Moore**, a member of the Open Division. Alex joined our club a number of years ago, when he moved from Auckland, where he had gained the distinction of Grand Master. Although he didn't play regularly because of work commitments and latterly because he was unwell, he was a member of the second-placed team in the Teams event this year and also played in the occasional tournament winning the Otago Provincial Pairs in 2013 with Arleen Schwartz. He joined our lessons for intending Directors this year but was unable to sit the exam on the day because he was unwell. The club has conveyed condolences to Alex's family.

## **BIDDING PADS**

New bidding pads will be on your tables in the coming weeks. These have been kindly sponsored by

**Arcadian Motel**  
**Paint the Town Red**  
**OneAgency**  
**House of Travel.**

Please support these generous businesses who agree to help our club

Good bridging in 2016.

## ***NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18 JANUARY***

### **TOURNAMENTS**

**SUNDAY 31 JANUARY – Festival Pairs** at our Club. This is a 5A tournament sponsored by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village. Prizes for the best Junior and Intermediate Pairs as well as the three top overall winners. Note that these rankings are determined by NZ Bridge Rating Points (not the Otago Club Divisions). Morning tea is at 9.30 am, Start time 10.00 am. \$30. Lunch is provided. Entries online or at the Club

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### **CONGRATULATIONS**

- to Maria Godfrey and John Sheehy - second placed winners of the Otago/Southland 10A Swiss Pairs, coming in behind Geoff Eyles and Harry Shepherd from Invercargill. There was much jubilation when Geoff won his remaining 1.36 A Points to become a Grand Master. A special thanks to Ruth Airey and Elaine Donaldson who came along at the last minute to make up an even number of pairs.

### **SEATING RIGHTS**

These lists are about to be updated. If you require seating or moving rights, or alternatively if you no longer require these rights, please reply to this email. Thanks.

### **RANK CHANGE CERTIFICATES**

Well done to the following people who have stepped up a notch on the Bridge Ladder ..

- Jacqui Bradshaw      Club Master
- Raylene Ryan        Local Master
- Susie Lawless        Local Master 1\*
- Helen Watson        Local Master 5\*

Please make sure you receive your certificates from your convenor if you haven't already done so.

## RANKINGS

There are ten ranks accorded to holders of Master Points

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Aggregate of A &amp; B Points</b>
Certificate of Proficiency	5
Club Master	20
Local Master	50
Provincial Master	100 (including at least 50 A Points)
Master	200 (including at least 100 A Points)
National Master	350 (including at least 175 A Points)
Life Master	500 (including at least 250 A Points)
Grand Master	1000 (including at least 500 A Points)
Silver Grand Master	2500 (including at least 1250 A Points)
Gold Grand Master	4000 (including at least 2500 A Points)

Go to the NZ Bridge Website for more information. The website has been upgraded and now has good colours (it was with difficulty that I was able to read the white text on a light blue background). You will now need to sign in with your email address, password and Computer No. when registering for the first time.

**Grand Masters** in the Otago Club are:

<b>Grand Masters</b>	<b>Silver Grand Masters</b>	<b>Gold Grand Masters</b>
Glenn Coutts	Nina Hewitt	Chris Ackerley
James Coutts 1*	Murat Genc	Arleen Schwartz
Paul Freeland 1*	Peter McCaskill	Graeme Stout
David Green	Jeff Thompson	
Peter Hall		
Dennis McCaughan		
Jeff Miller		
Lorraine Peacock		
Margaret Perley		
Dai Redshaw		
Anne-Marie Russell		

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that there is a \$20 discount if you pay your sub by the end of March. For a Full Club member your subscription is \$105 if paid before that date (\$125 if paid after 31 March). Remember to pick up your envelope from one of the boxes in the Playing Rooms. Some people have paid the \$125. They can expect a refund.

# ***NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 25 JANUARY***

## **TOURNAMENTS**

**SUNDAY 31 JANUARY – Festival Pairs** at our Club. This is a 5A tournament sponsored by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village. Prizes for the best Junior and Intermediate Pairs as well as the three top overall winners. Note that these rankings are determined by NZ Bridge Rating Points (not the Otago Club Divisions). Morning tea is at 9.30 am, Start time 10.00 am. \$30. Lunch is provided. Entries online or at the Club. We have only 9½ tables entered, so it would be great to have a few more. GRAB A PARTNER AND ENTER BY WEDNESDAY.

**FEBRUARY 13 AND 14 –South Island Teams.** 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](mailto: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

## **CONGRATULATIONS to**

Winners of the recently completed 2- night matches.

**Junior:** 1<sup>st</sup> Rens Meerhoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Taylor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wayne Adam

**Intermediate:** 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Delahunty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bronwyn Powell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joc Parkes

**Senior:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Cruden, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary O'Neill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Wanrooy

**Open:** 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Blakely, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Atkinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Belworthy

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**Remember the Sub is \$105 due by 31 March.** We know the account is confusing and do apologise for that.

## **GOING ONLINE**

The combined News Sheets for each month will appear on the Resources page of the website.

## **HOW ABOUT A BRIDGE HOLIDAY with SUZIE AND RON KLINGER??**

**24-31 July: Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort (off Brisbane)**

**31 Oct-12 Nov: Singapore round-trip luxury Silversea Cruise**

**11-18 December: Norfolk Island**

For further details on any of these please request details from [suzie@ronklingerbridge.com](mailto:suzie@ronklingerbridge.com)

or a holiday in NOOSA with HOUSE OF CARDS

29 July- 7 August 2016. Enquiries to [bridge@houseofcards.co.nz](mailto:bridge@houseofcards.co.nz)

Flyers for these will be left on the table in the foyer.

**BEREAVEMENT**

**Geoff Brown** was a respected member of the Senior Division and his death has surprised many at its unexpectedness. His gentle humour, his ready smile and his mastery at the bridge table won him many friends at the Club. He will be missed on Thursday nights and Fridays.

**WELCOME TO RETURNING MEMBER**

To Lynne Newell (I),

Elaine McDonald  
Membership Secretary