

## **NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 9 JANUARY**

Welcome back to another Bridge year. Bridge begins this week again for Junior and Intermediate on Wednesday night, Senior and Open on Thursday night. There will be new players who have been promoted in both rooms on a Thursday night and people missing from both rooms on Wednesday night. Thursday night players. Please make those new people feel welcome and it would be helpful for all to wear name badges if you have them.

Remember, to qualify for a place in this first Two-night Match, you must play with a different partner each night.

If you have gaps in your Programme Book, do consider asking a new player for a game. If you want to play and don't have a partner phone your Partners Steward – listed on P 8 of the Programme Book. Juniors do not need a partner.

Friday Bridge also begins this week. Women's Pairs begin on 8 February and Teams on 13 February.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

21 January 10A Swiss Pairs Invercargill Bridge Club, 9.30 am morning tea, Start at 10.00 am. \$25.  
Bring your own lunch.

5 February Sunday OTAGO OPEN 5A FESTIVAL PAIRS

### **Canberra Congress**

Brad Johnston and Nik Mitchell are members of an 8-squad team taking part in a Youth Week in Canberra this week and will play a test match against an Australian Youth Team. Other members of the team are from Auckland and one from Palmerston North. Watch out for their performance in Canberra.

### **CONGRATULATIONS ON RECENT SUCCESSES to**

#### **Placegetters in the December CHRISTMAS CHEER Tournament**

Top Junior Pair: Genevieve Webb and Tim Webb

Top Intermediate Pair: Bev Ross and Murray Barron

4<sup>th</sup> overall: Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins

3<sup>rd</sup> overall: Ann Wood and Michael Joseph

2<sup>nd</sup> overall: James Coutts and Sam Coutts

Top overall: Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller

### **HOLIDAY BRIDGE**

Winner of the Moise Trophy for the top Off-The Stick player: Bradley Johnston

Winner of the Moise Trophy for the top Handicap player: Andrew Reynolds

### **ALEXANDRA HOLIDAY PAIRS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Ellena Moskovsky and James Coutts

**NEW MEMBERS:** Those who have joined our club recently are Christiaan Prent, Barbara Horne and Iris Faulkner.

**RESIGNATIONS:** We are sorry to lose the following members, some have been members for a long time, others not so long, but we send our best wishes to all – Jo McLaren, Eileen Nooyen, Paul Martin, Peter Fenton, Suse Kearns, Carmen Hickling and Paul Tyson.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

You should all have received your accounts for 2017 subscriptions before Christmas by email or shortly after by post.

Thanks to all those who have paid.

If you didn't receive an account please reply to this email and let us know and one can be posted out.

The amount for a full club member is \$105 if paid before 28 February. Your cheque can be posted to Box 2037, South Dunedin, the amount may be posted into the office door at the Club, or you can pay by Direct Credit to ANZ 06-0911-0020619-00. If paid after 28 February there is a penalty of \$20, making the total \$125.

Country members and members who are also members of another club pay a lesser amount. Student members should present their 2017 ID personally to the Treasurer, John Henderson or scan and email to [j.andg.henderson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.andg.henderson@xtra.co.nz) to receive the concession.

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### **TOURNAMENTS**

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5 February Sunday OTAGO OPEN 5A FESTIVAL PAIRS. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start time 10.00 am. \$30. Prizes for top three placegetters, top junior pair and top intermediate pair. Prizes kindly donated by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village. Lunch provided. Online entries. Close Wednesday 1 February. **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TOURNAMENT – IT IS A GOOD ONE TO ENTER FOR ALL LEVELS OF PLAYERS**

### **SUCCESS AT CANBERRA**

Nik Mitchell, Brad Johnston, Andi Boughey and Matthew Brown won the Youth Test over Australia. Congratulations Nik and Brad. In the Youth Pairs Nik and Brad were second (after Andi and Matthew). Winning the teams got them a playoff against 4 pros, which they won. Well done guys. Keep up the good work.

### **BRIDGE LESSONS**

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- The lessons are in an introductory package of 12 weekly instruction lessons, at a cost of \$40.

- On-line enrolment is available under lessons at [www.otagobridgeclub.org.nz](http://www.otagobridgeclub.org.nz)

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**RESIGNATIONS:** Two more resignations are Tony Nielsen and Graeme Hardy, the latter having joined Taieri.

**WELCOME BACK** to Marilyn Stewart and Di Gorman from the East Otago Club.

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### **SCRATCHY BOARDS**

**Congratulations** to Patsy Taylor winner of December's Friday Scratchy board.

This year there will be 3 boards a month:-

1 on a Wednesday for Junior and Intermediate players

1 on Thursday for Senior and Open players

1 on Friday

Two will continue to support players requiring mobility taxis. The Management Committee will decide where the money from the third board will go and let us know of their decision.

## **NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23 JANUARY**

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## **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SESSIONS**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Arthur and Joyce Patton who celebrated their Diamond (60<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary just before Christmas.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the Otago/Southland Swiss Pairs held at Invercargill on Saturday:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maria Godfrey and John Sheehy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genc
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann-Maree Fox and Alan Geare

Well done all

**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to SAM COUTTS** who has gained the rank of **GRAND MASTER** – WELL DONE SAM

CONGRATULATIONS also to the following who have changed Rank

### **CLUB MASTER**

Barbara Hutton  
Noeline Lawson

### **LOCAL MASTER**

Sarah Hook  
Anne E Taylor  
Ron McMurrin 1\*  
Paul Yates 1\*  
Moira Andersen 2\*  
Gary Henderson 2\*  
Graham Mitchell 2\*  
Frances Best 4\*  
Pat Dickson 7\*

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**WOMEN'S PAIRS** will begin on 8 February

**MONTHLY SATURDAY BRIDGE** will begin on 11 February

**TEAMS** will begin on 13 February. Please enter your team as soon as possible. It is important to include your Computer Number, as well as your name. If you don't do that Teams Convenor, Dennis McCaughan, has to look each one up which involves him in extra time. If you have already entered and didn't put your number in, please write it in next time you are at the Club. Thanks.

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### **DO YOU KNOW ANY 100 YEAR OLDS?**

In 2017 Renee Hollis will be recording New Zealand history through interviewing and sharing centenarian's stories. The compilation of their stories will help to create an interesting account of our 100 year old's. Do you know of any members of your club (that are 100) or people in your community that would be interested in talking to Renee? She will be travelling around New Zealand soon and

would love to interview as many 100 year olds as possible. Funding Proposal on noticeboard.

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RESIGNATIONS: Susan Kennedy, Bill and Lennie Allen, Libby Ockwell.