

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8 JANUARY

### TOURNAMENTS

#### JANUARY

20 O/S Regional 10A Swiss Pairs – Invercargill Bridge Club. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$30. Bring your own lunch.

#### FEBRUARY

4 (Sunday) Festival Pairs Open 5A. Otago Bridge Club. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$30. Lunch provided. Prizes – Top 3, top Intermediate and top Junior Pairs – donated by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village. Online entries or at the club close Wednesday 31 January.

Good luck to all those members of the Club who will be crossing the Tasman this week to play the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra.

### NEW CLUB DIRECTORS

Heartiest congratulations to Adrienne Dearnley and Jack Holt who passed the Club Directors exam last year. Well done. Our thanks to Dennis McCaughan who teaches and mentors those who take lessons for intending directors.

**DIVISIONAL BRIDGE AND FRIDAY BRIDGE** begin again this week – 10, 11 and 12 January. Your division may have some new members. These are:

#### Intermediate:

Kate Aisi, Jenny Clifton, Terry Ebeling, Helen Haig, Brigitte Hudson, Pat Johnston, Allan Lockhart, John Matthews, Sherief Riad, Neil Rodgers, Geraldine Scanlan, Irene Scurr, Mary Taylor, Lauren Uitermark, Kate Vercoe, Yvonne Walsh and Nicki White.

#### Senior:

Catherine Delahunty, Wendy Fallon, Nathan Frisby, Brady Gillies, Dorothy Jacobsen, Peter Pfeifer (NB Phone number in Intermediate list), Lydia Turley and Grant Walker.

#### Open:

Mary Brady, Dorothy Butterfield, Dot Cotton, Robyn Hawkesby, Barbara Hutton, Ursula Keogh, Phil Radford, Andrew Reynolds, Michael Rombouts, Annalise Seifert, Jenny Wanrooy, Barbara Wilkes and Val Wilson.

Please make these new people to your division especially welcome. You may have some spare nights when you are not booked and could play with one of these people. Please phone your Partners Steward if you are looking for a partner and they will pair you up. It would be helpful if all could wear name badges, at least for the first few weeks.

### SYMPATHY

Although Nola Potvine had not been a member of the Club for the past couple of years we record her passing in December, as she was a long time and well-known member of our Club. She had moved to Auckland and was in a Rest Home for a few months before her death. The family held a Memorial Service at the Bridge Club, which was attended by a number of our members. Our sympathy go to the family.

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### Alexandra Holiday Pairs

2<sup>nd</sup> Graeme Stout and James Coutts

3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Farnden and Kaye Wilson

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 15 JANUARY

### TOURNAMENTS

#### JANUARY

20 O/S Regional 10A Swiss Pairs – Invercargill Bridge Club. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. Bring your own lunch. NB Please note change in cost from last week's notice. **Entries close this Wednesday.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** As of Saturday, just three people from Otago had entered this tournament. Invercargill players are always very supportive of our tournaments and it would be great if there could be a few more entries from our Club.

#### FEBRUARY

4 (Sunday) Festival Pairs Open 5A. Otago Bridge Club. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Prizes – Top 3, top Intermediate and top Junior Pairs – donated by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village. Online entries or at the club close Wednesday 31 January. Please note change in cost and lunch arrangements from last week's newsletter.

### SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNTS

Many people have been asking about these. They will be sent to those who have email and who are full members of the club early this week. Other members and those who don't have email will receive their accounts by post.

### NZ BRIDGE

With the changeover on the 1st January, they are aware the rollover has not gone according to plan. The programmers have found a bug and have fixed it. It is being tested to ensure the revised 2018 rollover is working. In the meantime, the Grades and Rating Points have reverted to the 2017 levels.

### LESSONS

There will be two sets of lesson running again this year. They begin:  
Wednesday 7 pm to 9 pm, starting 28 February 2018

Friday 10 am to 12 pm, starting 2 March 2018 – this is a repeat of the Wednesday lesson

There are twelve lessons, interwoven with about ten playing sessions in which you practise what you have learned. The cost for the series of lessons is \$40 per participant. For those repeating the lessons there will be no cost and these people need not pay their subscription – please let us know if you will fall into that category.

Do let friends and family know these dates, etc if they are interested in learning.

### SYMPATHY

It was with sadness we hear of the death of Ted Friedlander last week. A regular member of Wednesday night and Friday Bridge, his gentle manner and ready smile will be missed by all.

### CONGRATULATIONS – Canberra Festival of Bridge – Otago Players

*Perline One-day Swiss Pairs -*

*Chris Diment Matchpoints Swiss Pairs*

6<sup>th</sup> Phil Merchant playing with Pam Hancox

6<sup>th</sup> Chris Ackerley playing with Douglas Russell

12<sup>th</sup> Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22 JANUARY

### TOURNAMENTS

#### FEBRUARY

3 Timaru All Grades – Open 8B

4 (Sunday) Festival Pairs Open 5A. Otago Bridge Club. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Prizes – Top 3, top Intermediate and top Junior Pairs – donated by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village. Online entries or at the club close Wednesday 31 January.

10/11 South Island Open 20 A Teams - Christchurch

### SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNTS

Those full members on email should have received accounts last week. The amount due is \$105 until 28 February. After that date the full amount of \$125 is payable. Those members who belong to other clubs, are country members or who are honorary members will receive the account in their mailbox this week.

### LESSONS

This is the time to remind friends and family about learning bridge and to let them know when lessons start.

Wednesday 7 pm-9 pm, starting 28 February 2018

Friday 10 am-12 noon, starting 2 March 2018 – this is a repeat of the Wednesday lesson

Cost \$40

**WOMEN'S PAIRS** – begins on Wednesday 7 February 12.55 pm

**TEAMS** : Please enter your team via the website

- begins on 12 February for all players if they wish to play Open Swiss Teams

- begins on Monday 26 February for Junior and Intermediate players who do not wish to play in the Open competition – known as the Combined Teams Competition.

### CANBERRA

Those players who went to Canberra to play in the Summer Festival of Bridge over the past 10 days will be back among us soon. There were personal challenges met and solid performances by all our participating members, but no top placings in the latter events.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### WELCOME

Carmen Hickling has rejoined our Club and will be playing Friday Bridge and Women's Pairs. Her phone number is 0274 486 0900.

### MOVING RIGHTS

- have been granted to Mary Taylor.

### RESIGNATIONS

Robyn Gilchrist

Clare Gillies

Gretchen Kivell

We thank these people for their support of the Club and wish them well.

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 29 JANUARY

### TOURNAMENTS

#### FEBRUARY

3 Timaru All Grades – Open 8B

4 This Sunday. Festival Pairs Open 5A. Otago Bridge Club. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Online entries or at the club close Wednesday.

10/11 South Island Open 20 A Teams - Christchurch

The following is a communication from NZBridge about the O/S Inter-Provincial Trails to be held at our Club on 12/13 May. If you can help at all could you please hit the reply button and let us know.

Hello Otago,

As part of my bridge development portfolio for NZB I am trying to engage more players in the IP event and encouraging players to take part in the trials (particularly intermediates). I see that Otago Bridge Club are to host the IP trials for the Otago Southland Region this year.

One of the drawbacks that prevents entries is the cost of a weekend away. Can I ask whether any of the Otago members already offer billets or whether they would be willing to billet trialists from out of town? Could you canvass your members to see if anyone would be willing to offer a bed for Friday and/or Saturday nights to enable them to trial? If there is a willingness amongst your members - I could get your RBM, Susannah Pinckney, to be a billeting officer - and liaise between players and your member hosts rather than put the burden of coordination onto the club. Alternatively, if you have someone willing to take on the task I would not want to tread on the club's toes. The offer is there.

Inclusivity of the smaller more distant clubs in the large Otago/Southland Region is something I am hoping to promote. Could you let me know if your members would support an initiative to aid players furthest from you to take part at this event? I can ask other Dunedin surrounds based clubs to similarly canvass their own members for help - I thought I would start with you as the host club and see your view? Many thanks

*Jane Stearns, NZB*

#### LESSONS

Wednesday 7 pm-9 pm, starting 28 February 2018

Friday 10.00 am 12 noon, starting 2 March 2018 – this is a repeat of the Wednesday lesson

Cost \$50 (correction from last two weeks.)

Attached to this newsletter is a poster for the Bridge Lessons. Why not print it off and display it on the noticeboard at your workplace, your supermarket, in the local dairy window, or do a mail drop in letter boxes near you. Listen for the advertisements on **Coast, Hits, NewsTalk ZB** sponsored by NZBridge.

**TEAMS: *Calling all Junior and Intermediate players.*** Just one team has entered so far, for the Combined Teams competition. This is an event especially for you, so do please take advantage of it and make your entry online. The competition begins on 26 February.

**SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE** – will be February 10.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Holiday Bridge – Moise Trophy** - Open was won by Bradley Johnston  
- Handicap was won by Wayne Adam

**Otago-Southland Swiss Pairs at Invercargill**

2<sup>nd</sup> James Coutts and Graeme Stout

**Divisional Two-night Matches**

**INTERMEDIATE**

1<sup>st</sup> Eleanor Westoby                      2<sup>nd</sup> Donella O'Dea                      3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Shelton

**SENIOR**

1<sup>st</sup> Graham Mitchell                      2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Carter                      3<sup>rd</sup> Mary O'Neill

**OPEN**

1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Farnden                      2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Butterfield                      3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Webb

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to our newest **Grandmaster Bob Lawrence**.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome** Barry Bouton to the Open Division. Barry has played Bridge in a number of clubs, most recently in Whangarei.. He is keen for 2018 divisional partners and also to play in a Monday night Team. He may be contacted on 0210 834 4989.

**Resignations:** We wish John Aitken and Lynne Elsom well in their future endeavours.

**PLANNING A CRUISE IN 2019?** Then consider this one to South America and Antarctica with some bridge thrown in as well. 6 January-1 February 2019. Bridge by Gary Brown is extensive but casual. You play only when you want to. Brochures on foyer table.