

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 14 JANUARY

TOURNAMENTS

JANUARY

19 Otago/Southland 10A Swiss Pairs – INVERCARGILL – Start 10.00 am (9.30 am morning tea) \$30 per person, bring your own lunch, prizes for top Intermediate/Junior, entries close 16 January.

FEBRUARY

3 OTAGO FESTIVAL OPEN 5A PAIRS: 10 a.m. start, 9.30 a.m. morning tea, \$30 per person, Lunch provided. Entries close on 30 January.

9/10 SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS: Otago. \$320 per team of 4 (pay at the tournament); \$80 per player if more than 4 in a team, Starts at 9:30 am Saturday. Finishing no later than 4.00 pm on Sunday. Lunch provided both days. Continuous tea, coffee and nibbles. Entries close 5 Feb.

Good luck to all those attending the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra 9-20th January

WELCOME BACK – to Divisional Bridge for 2019. Hope that you all had a relaxing break over the Christmas-New Year period. The year begins with a two-night match. To qualify, you should play with a different partner each night.

You will find that there are new players in your division – these are:

Intermediate: Sue Adam, Peter Ashcroft, Cath Ellis, Terry Evans, Sue Leckie, Gaye Lester, Rochelle Palmay, Kathy Peace, Fraser Reynolds, Donna Wakefield.

Senior: Kate Aisi, Terry Ebeling, Phyll Esplin, Yvonne Fell, Jenny Fiedwick, Alan Lewthwaite, Allan Lockhart, Kate Vercoe,

Open – Denise Carter, Mike Rendall, Graeme Warburton

Do make these people welcome and if you have some gaps in your Book invite them to partner you. It would be helpful if people would wear name badges so that new people can get to know your names.

THANKS to Arleen Schwartz for the time and effort spent putting up the Christmas Tree in the foyers and taking it down again. It certainly added a festive air during the Season.

TEAMS 2019: register your Team on the website. Entries close at 6 pm on 4 February.

HOLIDAY BRIDGE : Thanks to Brad and Tim who organised these sessions throughout the holiday period.

REVISION SESSIONS: By all accounts the Revision sessions held before Christmas were a great success with more than 40 people attending. Thank you Phil and Rob.

MEMBERSHIP Murray Barron has advised that he will be out of town for a few months and will be unavailable to play Thursday night or Friday Bridge. If you were down to play with Murray during the next few months, be aware that he will not be able to play.

WELCOME to Cath Ellis who is rejoining the Intermediate Division after some time away. Cath will be looking for partners so please phone her on 472 8108 if you have any spare nights.

BEREAVEMENT: Judith Ellis passed away on 3 January and we extend our sympathy to her family. Judith joined the Club in 1972 and was a great supporter until 2017 when ill-health forced her resignation. She was an Honorary Member working tirelessly for the Club, taking on the role of Director of Tournaments as well as many other jobs during the 1990s and beyond.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: You should have received your account by email or by post. If you have not received it, please reply to this email or get in touch with Elaine McDonald 464 0639.

YOUTH WEEKEND – 9-11 August, Christchurch Bridge Club. Starts Friday evening and finishes Sunday afternoon. Cost \$100 per player to include travel to and from Christchurch, airport transfers in Christchurch, lunches, all course material. Billets provided for out of town players. Players supervised at all times. An additional charge may be added in respect of high plane travel charges to Christchurch, if a player registers after 11th July 2019

The course is suitable for all young players who know at least the basics of playing bridge. It is for players who are under 25 as at 1st January 2019. While the weekend is open to all Youth Bridge players, it is not expected that those who have represented New Zealand at Youth level or who are at that level of ability would wish to attend. The weekend is aimed at less experienced players .
Organised by Richard Solomon

CONGRATULATIONS

ALEXANDRA TOUNAMENT

2nd Graeme Stout with Frances Sheehy (Oamaru)

3rd Marilyn Noye and Philip Noye

HOLIDAY BRIDGE

Off The Stick

1st Tim Webb

2nd Brad Johnston

3rd Lorraine Peacock

Handicap

1st Tim Webb

2nd Barbara Cowie

3rd Brad Johnston

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A message has been received as follows:

Dear Otago

Do you have any billeting available for the South Island teams please.

Kind regards

Kate Davies and John Patterson

If you can oblige please advise the Secretary by replying to this email, and Tournament Secretary Maria will give you contact details.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS: You should have received your account by email or by post. If you have not received it, please reply to this email or get in touch with Elaine McDonald. Thanks to the 117+ people who have paid. If you are a school or tertiary student you are entitled to a concession. Please apply with a copy of your ID to elaineandgordon@xtra.co.nz.

YOUTH WEEKEND –

9-11 August, Christchurch Bridge Club. See last week's *Weekly* or the noticeboard for details.

CONGRATULATIONS

NZ Bridge have awarded the following

Certificate of Proficiency – on gaining 5B Master Points

Rochelle Palmay
Barbara Cloughley
Helen Martin
Gill Adank

Club Master – on gaining an aggregate of 20 A and B Points

Bryan Taylor
Lydia Turley

Local Master – on gaining an aggregate of 50 A and B Points

Elizabeth Goodhew

Provincial Master – aggregate of 100 A and B Points including 50 A Points

Estelle Maxwell

Club Director's Certificate - having passed the exam held in November

Vickie Bouton
Glenn Coutts

O/S REGIONAL SWISS PAIRS held at **INVERCARGILL** on Saturday

2nd Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

Reminder:

Players must play in their own Divisions for Championship Pairs, ie you cannot play “up”, except for Club Pairs on Thursday nights where ALL players are eligible subject to Playing Committee approval. See pp 30 and 31 of your Book.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 28 JANUARY

TOURNAMENTS

FEBRUARY

3 OTAGO FESTIVAL OPEN 5A PAIRS: 10 am start, 9.30 a.m. morning tea, \$30 per person, Lunch provided. Entries close on 30 January. **As yet just 16 pairs from Otago (out of 22) have entered for this event and it would be great to have more pairs especially those graded as Intermediates and Junior as we have a trophy to be presented to each of these grades. At the moment they will be awarded by default as there is only one Junior pair and one Intermediate pair entered. Do think quickly about entering as entries close on Wednesday.**

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More entries for this event from Otago would be wonderful!! We can't always have such good competition a few minutes drive away – so here is your opportunity – have a fun weekend of continuous Bridge. Remember that Otago players were part of the winning NZ Teams event at

Congress! Let the rest of the country know how much we support the great game of Bridge.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE – 16 February

TEAMS 2019: Begin on 4 February. Register your Team on the website. Entries close this Friday 1 February. **Note change of closing date.** To date there are 27 Teams entered (needs to be an even number). There must be lots more of you who would love to play every second Monday night. Ask your friends and get a team together. If you don't want to play in a regular team but would be happy to fill in, put your name up on the Teams Noticeboard in the Larnach Room.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINARS: These will be held on 11 and 26 March and 8 April on alternate Mondays to Teams. Topics to be notified later. Keep the dates free.

BRIDGE SITE FORUM: There are some new questions on this if anyone would like to answer them. If you have a question which you would like an answer or comment, go to the *Forum* tab at the right of the Home Page, register, wait for the email reply and post your questions. We have many people in our Club who like to answer questions no matter what they are.

REVISION SESSIONS: The Taieri Bridge Club is offering revision lessons for all players,. These will be held on Sunday 17th and 24th February at the Taieri Club. Lessons will start at 2 pm and finish by 4.30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Never too late to learn new things. More details about topics later.

MEMBERSHIP

Phone Numbers - -these names and numbers have been added since October. Please update your Programme Book if you haven't done so already..

Intermediate – Cath Ellis 472 8108

Senior – Victor Chou 021 261 2774, Alan Lewthwaite 489 5602, Alistair Mackay 021 2258 105.

Open – Matt Blakeley – 022 497 5664 (number change only)

Statistics

At present our membership stands at 425

Junior 52, Intermediate 87, Senior 117, Open 169

Numbers who have already played this year ..

Junior 26, Intermediate 51, Senior 68, Open 92

Subscriptions: If you are a school or tertiary student you are entitled to a concession. Please apply with a copy of your ID to elaineandgordon@xtra.co.nz.

*Defenders can be
declarer's best ally.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Our first competition for 2019 is completed. Well done to those players who were placed ...

Junior

1st *sorry Ladder not posted yet*

Intermediate

1st Bryan Taylor

2nd David Rawson

3rd Shirley Henderson-Bolt

Senior

1st Bronwyn Powell

2nd Murray Thomson

3rd Mary O'Neill

Open

1st Matt Blakeley

2nd Wyn Jones

3rd Marbara Hutton

Friday Bridge – January Handicap

1st Eleanor Westoby

2nd Marjo Prent

3rd Barbara Clare

BRIDGE HOLIDAYS with Suzie and Ron Klinger in 2019

Tangalooma Wild Dolphin Resort (off Brisbane) - Friday 2 August-Friday 9 August.

Norfolk Island – Sunday 17 November-Sunday 24 November.

Brochures available on the Foyer table. (If it is the last one please photocopy it)