

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 1st JULY

TOURNAMENTS

JULY

- 6/7** South Island Pairs – Christchurch
- 20** Winton Open 5A Pairs: Morning Tea 9.30 am, Play starts 10.00 am, Bring your lunch, Nibbles during play, Supper after play, \$25.00. Entries close 17 July.
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WOMEN'S PAIRS - this week at 1.00 pm after a shared lunch beginning at 12 noon.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE: 6 July – a mid-winter dinner of ham, roast vegetables, etc and a yummy dessert. 6.00 pm. Be seated for Bridge by 6.50 pm.

BRIDGE ZONE

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It's Singapore And it's Well done to the Bridge Blacks, Michael Cornell reaches another milestone. NZ Bridge Chairman, Alan Morris shares his experience with the Bridge Masters at Singapore - we have the 1st half of our interview with Alan this week. Sam Simpson and Hearts at Rotorua, **Judge Julie** talks about the difference with Australian and NZ Rules and stop cards, Medication – and not the liquid kind, hits the Bridge Zone, **Bridge Zone Racing Channel** – Wellington Regional Teams - we wager a scone on the Reid/Ware team beating the Hurley/Livingston and Jarvis team - any thoughts here listeners. It's our birthday next week.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME:

To Wendy Bain who has been nominated to join the Junior Division of the Otago Club. Wendy is also a member of the Taieri Club. If you are in the Junior Division and have a free night please ask her for a game. She may contacted on 022 232 5001. If

BEREAVEMENT:

It is with sadness we hear of the death of Alice Booth, a very regular player in the Intermediate Division until a few weeks ago. She had also played occasionally on a Friday. Alice was frequently to the fore in the ladders of the various matches and last year was the winner of the Trix Robertson Plate for the Intermediate Individual Ladder. She will be missed by all those who play in the Larnach Room on a Wednesday night.

CONGRATULATIONS: to the following people who have been awarded, by NZ Bridge:

Certificate of Proficiency

Jan Highton

Kathy Peace

Club Master

Ross Sanson

Oamaru All-Grades Tournament held today (Sunday)

Otago were well represented at this popular tournament

1st overall were Matt Blakeley and Brad Johnston

LET'S LAUGH

A member gave me this some time ago. I wasn't sure whether to use it, in case someone thought it applied to them. I am sure it does not apply to our own long suffering, hard working secretary, Marion. Here goes ...

If a Secretary writes a letter, it is too long
If he sends a postcard, it's too short
If he issues a bulletin, he's a spendthrift.
If he attends a committee meeting, he's butting in.
If he stays away, he's a shirker.
If he offers a suggestion, he's a "know-all"
If he says nothing he is useless.
If the attendance at a meeting is slack, he should have called the members up.
If he calls them up, he's a pest.
If he asks a member for his subscription he is insulting.
If he doesn't he's lazy.
If the meeting is a big success, the committee gets the praise.
If it is a failure, the Secretary is to blame.
If he asks for advice he is incompetent.
If he doesn't he's swollen-headed.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. If others won't do it, the Secretary must.

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BACK TO THE FUTURE TEAMS is scheduled to take place next Monday evening, 15 July – see P 13 of your Programme Book – look out for an entry form on the Noticeboards.

BRIDGE ZONE

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Alan Morris completes his interview with us and follows thru with his promise of a cake. Happy Birthday to the Bridge Zone. Intimidation at the table – some tips for you. Judge Julie. Carry Over Points, Appeals, Card being visible. Who wears their clothes inside out? Would you contemplate *throwing* a game?

CONGRATULATIONS:

Intermediate and Junior Pairs Champions decided

JUNIOR

1st and winners of the Dr C R Johnstone Cup – Lee Whyte and Stewart White

2nd Marje Schaddelee and David Kiddey

3rd Sharlene Beaufort and Barbara Cloughley

INTERMEDIATE

1st and winners of the Otago Bridge Club Cup - Graeme Donaldson and Ron McMurrin

2nd Dawn Brieseman and Barbara Clare

3rd Jenny Clifton and Helen Haig

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 15th JULY

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AUGUST

- 4** **OTAGO 5A SWISS PAIRS** - 10.00 am start, 9.30 am morning tea. \$25. Continuous tea, coffee and nibbles Bring your own lunch. Online entries to otagobridgeclub.org.nz which close Wednesday 31 July
- 11** East Otago Charity Pairs

BACK TO THE FUTURE TEAMS Monday evening, 15 July – see P 13 of your Book.

BRIDGE ZONE

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Judge Julie Rules Unplayed Boards, How do Directors prepare for club sessions and tournaments, Scoring programmes. Learning to improve, Larry has some tips for you, etc.

LIBRARY NEWS

We now have a very convenient set of steps for our Library. (Thanks go to Lindsay Gunn for organising this). It is now much easier to browse through the books in the top shelves, especially the 'Stories' Section, which is full of a large number of interesting books.

REMEMBER THAT COUGHS,
COLDS AND FLU LIKE
SYMPTOMS ARE NOT
WELCOME
AT THE
BRIDGE CLUB

Thank you to those people who have been returning their overdue books. This is very much appreciated. However there is still a large number of books out which were due back in 2018. It would be great to get these books back as soon as possible! *Dorothy Butterfield (Librarian)*

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WSHES TO

ARTHUR PATTON who celebrated his 90th on Saturday.

Arthur joined the club 24 years ago and immediately began offering his talents: convenor of the Novice Division, two years as Computer Manager for the Intermediate Division, four years as Tournament Secretary, seven years entered the names for Women's Pairs, and was convenor of the Cutlers Teams event for two years. Arthur was the Chairman of the Finance subcommittee, where he saved the club several thousands of dollars in negotiating a lower ground rental and lower insurance premiums. He was awarded an Honorary Membership in 2009 and since then has studied and passed the exam for Club Director. Well done, Arthur.

WELCOME ...

to our newest club members, who have recently completed lessons and will join the Junior Division this week. They are:

Hilary Allison, Annette Booth, Eileen Bray, Phil Bray, Eunan Cleary, Dawn Cope, Anne-Marie Devereux, Paul Fitzgibbon, Fred Foss, Helen Jappy, Ros MacGill, Peter McIver, Karla O'Connor, Michelle Rein, Catherine Smith, Judy Willis.

We hope all members will make them feel welcome. If you are in the Junior Division please offer to play with at least one of these new people who will all be keen to put their new skills into action.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22nd JULY

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11 East Otago Charity Pairs in aid of Breast Cancer. Waihemo Lodge, 13 Runbrake street, Palmerston. 1.00 pm start. \$15 – includes afternoon tea and raffles. Entries via email to eobridge.tsecretary@outlook.co.nz. Include names, computer numbers and any seating requirements. Closing date: 8 August.

18 Oamaru Junior and Intermediate Pairs

24 Invercargill Junior and Intermediate Pairs

25 Taieri – Cancer Society Charity Pairs

BRIDGE ZONE

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Thanks for sending in your stories while at the table. We selected a couple to share today. And one really tugged at our heartstrings. Send in your guess as to who sent in that Barbara Cartland teaser. The prize drawer cupboard is open for this one. **Judge Julie:** Correcting explanations, Card issues at the table, Replacing insufficient bids with a double. Class or form – which one is more important? Chewie favours teams. What's your thoughts - Pairs or Teams.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME to Tony van der Weerden who has also completed the classes.

MOVING RIGHTS – Christine Kerr has been granted moving rights.

CONGRATULATIONS

DIVISIONAL WINTER PAIRS

SENIOR

1st Mary O'Neil and Joy Ward

2nd Roger Gudsell and Tai Tuai

3rd Jenny Fieldwick and Kate Aisi

OPEN

- 1st Margaret Perley and Murat Genç
- 2nd Matt Blakeley and Brad Johnston
- 3rd Robert Cowan and Stewart Kerr

OTAGO JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

- 1st Eleanor Westoby and Jennifer Macmillan
- 2nd Kate Aisi and Allan Lockhart

LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

The Law of Total Tricks (LoTT or the LAW) is a bidding guideline developed by Jean-Rene Vernes. It helps you to decide how high to compete, using this approximation:

With 8 partnership trumps, bid to the 2-level.

With 9 trumps--3 level.

With 10 trumps--4 level.

The following assumes opening 5 card majors, but you can adapt if you play 4-card majors.

If responder to 1S holds: SQ76 H54 D108765 C653, and hears partner open 1S, he knows his side has 8 trumps. He won't raise immediately to 2, because that would be a lie. Bids still mean what they always meant and raising to 2 shows 6-10. So, responder has to pass, but he knows that if the opponents now balance (say 1S-P-P-2H) that he should be willing to compete to 2S since the partnership has 8 trumps. It doesn't mean 2S will make, but even if it is down, that is likely better than defending against 2H (likely making).

Similarly, if responder to 1S holds: SQ876 H62 D64 CK8764, he knows his side has 9 trumps. He can't raise to 3 since that would be invitational. But, later, if he has to, he should compete to the 3-level (1S P 2S P; P 3H 3S)

With 5 trumps responder, to 1S will raise to 4S (which is defined as 5 trumps and weakish.
Example:SKJ876 H5 D8432 C 832.

Over Partner's 2-level pre-empt (6 cards), be willing to compete to the 3-level with 3-card support (9 total trumps) and the 4-level with 4-card support (10 total trumps). After a 3-level pre-empt by partner, assume a 7-card suit and use the LAW accordingly.

*With thanks to Larry Cohen. (There are 4 copies of his book *To Bid or Not to Bid* in our Library)*

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SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE – 10 August. Register for the dinner at the Club which is at 6.00 pm, or come for the Bridge starting at 7.00 pm. Be seated by 6.50 pm. A friendly, social occasion open to all players. Come along and play with a friend from another Division.

BRIDGE ZONE

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Judge Julie Rules: Alerts at the 4 level, Time at the table. **Tip** of the week **Signals** – say it loud. A Disney character shows up at the event. **Russell Wilson** joins us as our guest this week. K's to A's ratio. He works it out for us and shares how and why he learnt Bridge. You will be amazed and he also issues a challenge to anyone else out there. Moss Wylie and Wayne Smith, could you share your K's to ABC's.

MEMBERSHIP

Colette Bolger's number is incorrect in your books. It should be 477 4923. If there are any other changes to be made to phone numbers – corrections, or your cell number instead of landline please let us know by replying to this email. Thanks.

Changes to Board Requirements for 5A to 20A Tournaments

The Board of NZBridge has agreed to adopt the following changes to the board requirements for certain tournament levels. The change is effective immediately and will be reviewed in 12 months' time.

- 5A 48 - 60 boards
- 10A 60 - 72 boards
- 15A 72 - 96 boards
- 20A 96 -120 boards

The rationale behind the change is to give directors and event organisers some flexibility when considering the number of tables in play and the time available. This will be particularly useful for mini congress events held over 2 -3 days or more.

Rather than focusing on a minimum number of boards they are implementing a range depending on the level of the event. As is the case already, the minimum number must be played. However there will be instances where it is appropriate to exceed the upper end in the range and this is acceptable.

FROM ALLAN MORRIS, NZ BRIDGE CHAIRMAN, in his most recent NEWSLETTER ..

Finally I leave you with the message - be kind and polite to your partner and to your opponents. We should not condone in any way bad or inappropriate behaviour. What I hear all the time from beginners is inappropriate behaviour puts them off joining clubs and playing. So I ask before you say anything or act in any fashion that might be discourteous or offensive or inappropriate, please think!!.

As always enjoy your bridge.

Cheers Allan

CONGRATULATIONS

BACK TO THE FUTURE TEAMS

1st Peter Pfeifer, Victor Chou, Lydia Turley, Alistair Mackay

FRIDAY JULY HANDICAP

1st July Russell

2nd Ann Hudson-Ramage

3rd Maureen Scott

TAIERI 8B GRADED held on Saturday 27th August.

There were four grades with about 10 pairs in each grade. Winners in each grade were:

Aspirants

1st AnneMarie Tangney and Steve Moratti

2nd Colleen Fletcher and Allan Lewthwaite

Steady Climbers

1st Heather Beckett and Michael Rombouts

2nd Robyn Hawkesby and Phil Radford

Rising Stars

1st Murray Barron and David Larsen

2nd Neil Johnston playing with Phillip Hensman from Queenstown

High Flyers

1st Kristen Collings and Donna Ruwhiu

2nd Moss Wylie and Kevin Skoropada (Invercargill)