

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6 JUNE

CONGRATULATIONS to MICHAEL FERRARI who has been named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List with a MNZM – Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit – for services to business and community.

TOURNAMENTS

June 12 **Sunday** Taieri 5A Open Pairs. 9.30 am morning tea. 10.00 am start. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Entries close 5.00 pm, Wednesday 8 June.

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LET'S LOOK AT THE LAWS

The Laws of Contract Bridge are designed to ensure fairness when something goes wrong and ensure the orderly progress of the game. They are the same world wide, and were first published in 1949, with several updates since then. Since everyone plays the same boards and compares results, if something is different at one table (say someone opens out of turn, or someone wittingly or unwittingly gives information about his hand to his partner) the situation has changed at this one table and the laws aim to resolve the matter to be as fair as possible. It makes life easier if you are aware of some of these rules, but if anything does go wrong the first thing you must do is *call the director*. Even if the director just says, 'it's OK, carry on" s/he would rather be called and not be needed than not called at all

Board

Law 7 says that when a board is to be played it is placed in the centre of the table until play is completed. This does not mean you need get out a tape measure, but you should not be moving the board away over to the side. Sometimes people with vision problems need the dummy close to them and may need to move the board back to make room for this, but on the whole there is plenty of room for dummy to be spread and the board to remain near enough to the centre. Players should be able to see the vulnerability and dealer at all times. Placing the bidding pad on top of the board is a bad habit.

With thanks to Lindsay Gunn – these will continue next week with one or two more topics. Please make a point of reading these carefully and put into practice at the Bridge table.

THE BRIDGE WEEKLY

There are 40 people in the club who do not have an email address, hence they don't receive these notices. If you know of people who would like to have a copy, they are available on the table in the

foyer for anyone to take. If there are none left, please ask your convenor to copy more. There are also this month's and last month's copies on the main noticeboard in the foyer – opposite the tournament notice – for reference.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

O/S REGIONAL TEAMS

- 1st James Coutts, Ellena Moskovsky, Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout
- 2nd Margaret Perley, Paul Freeland, Chris Ackerley, (all Otago) Douglas Russell (Auckland)
- 3rd Dean Eidler, Sam Coutts, Glenn Coutts, Vicki Bouton

O/S REGIONAL PAIRS

- 1st Michael Johnstone and Paula Gregory (Timaru)
- 2nd Chris Ackerley (Otago) and Douglas Russell (Auckland)
- 3rd Donna Ruwhiu (Otago) and Frances Sheehy (Oamaru)

DIVISIONAL AUTUMN PAIRS

SENIOR

- 1st Lesley and David Larsen
- 2nd Mike Rendall and Jan Flood
- 3rd Anne Hudson-Ramage and Marlene Duncan

OPEN

- 1st Michael Atkinson and Peter Hall
- 2nd Dean Eidler and Paul Freeland
- 3rd Graeme Stout and Bradley Johnston

TEAMS

SWISS -the winning team and recipients of the Norman Allan Trophy – Chris Ackerley, Arleen Schwartz, Dean Eidler, Murat Genc.

COMBINED winning team and recipients of the Invicta Rosebowl – Barbara Hutton, Nicki White, Wayne Adam and Allan Lockhart.

FRIDAY HANDICAP FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

- 1st= Nicki White and Barbara Hutton
- 3rd= Derek and Edie Tingle

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - are still available.

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Bidding pad

Not every country uses bidding pads - most use bidding boxes. Once upon a time bidding was spoken, and many will remember the forceful **double** from someone who is doubling for penalty rather than take out, or the 4C on a rising intonation when it is an ace ask not a suit! NZBridge lays down the rules for the use of bidding pads, but these are based on the actual rules of bidding. For example, Law 21 allows for changes of call based on misinformation, and NZBridge says that illegible handwriting is misinformation. Certainly a bid seen from the side or upside down often looks different if written carelessly.

Laws 20 and 41 talk about reviewing calls. During the auction you are entitled to have all calls restated – but with bidding pads there they are. This option ceases when the auction has ended and after each person's first turn to play. Declarer's first turn to play is when playing from dummy. When the opening leader's partner has played the bidding pad must be turned over as a full review of the auction is no longer permitted. You may still ask what the contract is and whether or not it is doubled at your turn to play – just not have a full review.

Review and explanation of calls.

You may ask the meaning of a call at your turn to speak, or when the auction has ended and the opening lead has been made but not turned over, or throughout the play when it is your turn to play. This is why the lead is made face down! You may ask about a bid without making it difficult for the partner to lead that suit since the lead has already been made. Players should give a full explanation but if they do not seem to be doing so or use terms you do not understand call the director for help. If you are not intending to enter the auction you should not ask about the bidding during the auction. If your opponents are playing a very artificial system with lots of alerts it is often wise to wait until the end of the auction and then ask each in turn what his/her partner has shown.

DIRECTOR CLASSES: The next class will be held tomorrow night, 14 June at 7.00 pm

FUNDRAISING FOR JAMES AND ELLENA

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club members, so please invite your family and friends! The only qualifications are that you must be between 18 and 72 years of age and consume lamb at least once every four weeks.

CLARE MORTIMER

We want to acknowledge the fine contribution Clare made to the Club over the years. It is sad she has not renewed her membership this year, due to failing eyesight and health. Clare joined our club in 1978 winning the Women's Pairs Championship three times and gaining the rank of Provincial Master. She was Club Tutor for three years from 1999 until 2000. Many members will remember her warm teaching style and engaging personality.

AN IMPORTANT TIME OF YEAR – from a recent NZ Bridge E-Newsletter

So, why is this such an important time? It is because the beginners should emerge from the class with enthusiasm, maybe a little fear about what they are going into... but for too many, realism is not what they had hoped. Some are hooked, committed, have got it (well, the elements at least) from an early stage. We do not need to worry about them. They will take the knocks and move on. Yet, those who find the whole thing much harder, struggle with what they have learnt, maybe are not outward-going people, those little knocks - and they only need be little and only in the singular - will see them stay away from our clubs. This is a waste of our learning resources, a loss to our future bridge assemblage.

New Zealand Bridge's marketing manual sets out what clubs and members need to do. Make the new players feel wanted. Ensure they have a game for the next event. Don't forget the more social side of an evening's bridge. Talk to them at the club. Be nice to them at the table.

It seems so simple, so logical but if so, why do we lose too many players after they come out of the classes and move into our clubs? Some bad behaviour, rudeness, is just so obvious but even little knocks, a sigh, a hurry-up, a look...all are off-putting when you are struggling over every bid which you have to make, every card you have to play.

We are not increasing our bridge population and a main cause, apart unfortunately from the inevitable, is the too large a number who come to the beginner classes but do not last in our clubs. It is something every bridge player should think about. Even if you are "perfect" in this respect (in that case, you may suffer the sin of arrogance), you know others who are less so. Our personalities are all different. Some find it hard to do the right thing all the time at the bridge table. The way we treat newer players, or not, is a major factor as to whether our club membership can grow or will just erode as the membership gets even older. Soon, there could be new players in your section, around your club on club nights. Give them a great first and second impression of play at your club ... and then we may see the numbers playing at our clubs increase. A smile, an "are you enjoying your evening", a few words of encouragement are all that it takes to make our newer players welcome. Maybe offer them a game. We would all prefer a 10 table section to a 5 table one, wouldn't we?

Now is the hour. **You** can make a difference.

Richard Solomon April 2016

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TAIERI TOURNAMENT HELD YESTERDAY

- 1st Graeme Stout and Frances Sheehy
- 2nd Sam and Glenn Coutts
- 3rd Ellena Moskovsky and James Coutts

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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Announcement and alerts

You must announce the range of your partner's 1NT opening bid and your agreement about a 1C opening (2+, 4+, strong 16+ etc)

You should alert any bid below the level of 4 that does not mean what it says. If 2S means 5+ spades *plus* 4+ of a minor it must be alerted, but 2S showing 6 spades need not be alerted whether weak or strong. However there are three bids which do not mean what they say that should *not* be alerted. These are 2C Stayman over 1NT– if you play 2C natural you would have to alert it ; 2C game force and the negative reply of 2D. If you are playing 2D as a game force and 2C as 19 or 20 to 22 you must alert the 2C which while strong is not your strongest bid. And oddly enough if you play that Stayman is on after a double you must also alert it as well as a natural 2C in the same situation.

Other bids which should not be alerted are all doubles and redoubles; all cue bids and any bid at the 4 level or higher (except for conventional opening bids in the first round). Always ask if you need to know about these bids. If the opponents bid a suit you have bid are they saying they have a hold or asking partner for a hold? Or making a strong takeout? Or playing Michaels cue bids? Is a bid of 4C asking for aces or showing a singleton or void? Is the reply to an Ace ask the same as in your system? Possibly not.

When you add to your system you may want to check the manual or ask a director about what should or should not be alerted.

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WINTER TEAMS

OPEN

- 1st James Coutts, Ellena Moskovsky, Graeme Stout, Peter McCaskill
2nd Dennis McCaughan, Nina Hewitt, Dai Redshaw, Anne-Marie Russell

GRADED

- 1st (but 2nd overall) Bradley Johnston, Tony Biddington (Chch), Genevieve Webb, Tim Webb
2nd John Sheehy, Maria Godfrey, Judy Robertson, Adrien Dever

WINTER OPEN PAIRS

- 1st Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley
2nd Murat Genc and Dean Eidler
3rd James Coutts and Glenn Coutts
4th Arleen Schwartz and Graeme Stout

WINTER INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

- 1st Dorothy Butterfield and Heather Beckett
2nd Grant Walker and Denise Carter

Well done to everyone. Special thanks to Lauren Uitermark (Junior Division) of the Arcadian Motel

who sponsored the two days, enabling the club to give such generous prizes

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF THE WINTER PAIRS DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

JUNIOR

- 1st Andrew Reynolds and Geraldine Scanlan
- 2nd Babara Hutton and Nicki White
- 3rd James Airey and Allan Lockhart

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st Alice Booth and Rodger Paul
- 2nd Nader Hanna and Ken Nichols
- 3rd Catherine Delahunty and Grant Walker

TWO MORE RESEARCH PROJECTS -

Dear Otago Bridge Club,

I am a final year physiotherapy student at the University of Otago. For my honours research project I am looking at whether regular participation in recreational activity (lawn bowls and golf) contributes to better physical and perceived health in older adults.

With your help, I am in need of 120 participants to complete a 15 minute online questionnaire - specifically individuals that are not involved in regular recreational/physical activity. If required, we can arrange a paper-based questionnaire as well.

Please find attached the study information sheet and flyer. The electronic link to the survey can be found on the flyer (www.tinyurl.com/RALStudy). The study has been approved by the University of Otago School of Physiotherapy Ethics Committee (D16/089)

If it is not too much trouble for you, would you please be able to circulate this email around the members of your organisation?

Thank you for your help!

please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

Kind regards,

Sasha Wong

PSYCHOLOGY STUDY

If any of you are interested in being participants in a bit of PhD research at the psych dept then an Italian student who is completing her PhD here would be delighted to hear from you. Her English is slow but very good.

Her name: Irene

phone: 02 20 98 55 08

email: irene.ceccato01@universitadipavia.it

The exercise takes about 1½ hours and you will get a \$10 travel voucher for your services.

She is hoping to survey up to 60 people but doesn't have many contacts. Information Sheet attached.

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GOLD X 2

Most of us know that the car with this number plate belongs to Betty Laing and refers to Danyon Loader's two gold medals won at Atlanta in 1996 for the 200 m and 400 m freestyle events. Danyon was coached by Duncan Laing and Duncan and Betty's son, Stefan, is launching a book about Duncan and Danyon at the Bridge Club on Sunday 17th July – from 2.00 -5.00 pm. Danyon will be in attendance. Everyone most welcome.

NEXT DIRECTORS CLASS – Tomorrow night - Tuesday 28th June

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WAIVING OF PENALTIES

Someone drops a couple of cards on the table when sorting their hand. We usually carefully refrain from looking and say 'pick it up' , and I am happy with this although it is against the rules. But on the whole no one has the right to waive a penalty. If someone drops the AKQ of a suit this obviously changes the situation at that table and the director must be called. Sometimes after, say, a revoke, a player will say 'never mind it won't make any difference to our score ' – but that is the point. It will make a difference to everyone else's score and you have no right to do that. Let us say a player hesitates – nothing wrong with that, you are not forbidden from thinking – and then passes. A partner who now bids *may* have been influenced by the hesitation and get into a contract that most players do not. Sometimes the partner's bid is clear cut but if there is any doubt the director must be called because you do not have the right to affect the scores of all the other players in the room by winking at an infraction. Sometimes the problems of hesitation could have been avoided.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE is this week- 2 July. Meal 6 pm, Bridge 7 pm.

FUNDRAISING FOR JAMES AND ELLENA'S TRIP TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday 29 July, 7.30 pm at the Club. Cost \$10.

We are extremely proud to have these two represent NZ as they compete against some of the world's best Bridge players. Come along and have a fun night.

LAMB TASTING

July and August at 5.30, 6.30 and 7.30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Anyone who is interested please contact James at jbcoutts@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

RUBBER BRIDGE

Chris Ackerley and Murat Genc won the Otago section and met with the Southland winning pair – Harry Shepherd and Tony Winters - at Balclutha yesterday, taking out the win. They will now represent the Otago-Southland regions at the Hamilton Congress in October.

DIVISIONAL WINTER PAIRS

(those mentioned last week were progress results)

Junior

- 1st Andrew Reynolds and Geraldine Scanlan
- 2nd Barbara Hutton and Nicki White
- 3rd Sharlene Beaufort and Lauren Uitermark

Intermediate

- 1st Bronwyn Powell and Genevieve Webb
- 2nd Alice Booth and Rodger Paul
- 3rd Mary Brady and John Curran

FRIDAY BRIDGE

Winners of the Gustavson Medallions

- 1st Alice Thomson
- 2nd Diane Gorman

SCRATCHY WINNERS – May and June

Wednesday night – Judy Cook

Friday – Carmen Hickling

Note also from last week's Weekly the winners of the Intermediate Winter Pairs were Dorothy Butterfield (not Butler) and Heather Beckett.

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