6th June 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 7th Informal practice session - 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 8th Womens Pairs – 1pm

WEDNESDAY 8th Junior and Intermediate – Pairs Championship

THURSDAY 9th Senior and Open - Pairs Championship

FRIDAY 10th Friday Bridge - 10.30am (Gustavson Medallion 2)

SATURDAY 11th Dinner at 6pm – "Pea, Pie & Pud" followed by

Dessert.

This is being organised by Bev Ross (4558800).

List of names on noticeboard at Club.

Bridge to follow at 7pm.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

11th June Winton Intermediate Teams – 10am start - \$100 per team

18th **June** Winton Intermediate and Junior Pairs – 10am start - \$25

18/19th June National Swiss Pairs 15A – Nelson – **Now ONLINE**

26th June Oamaru 8B All Grades – 10am start - \$25

PALMERSTON NORTH BRIDGE CLUB:

"Log in" Pairs on Real Bridge – 12th and 19th June at 7pm \$5.00

Payable in advance to 02 0727 0231184 00

Entries can be made to admin@pnbridge.nz by 6pm on day of play.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

AUTUMN PAIRS

JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE 1st Sally Stewart & Sharon Teasdale Rodger Paul & Terry Evans 2nd Catherine Smith & Bruce Dowland Mark Wilson & Deirdre Bruce 3rd June Howie & Andrea Purton Trish Whelan & Colette Bolger

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND Provincial TEAMS



- 1st Peter McCaskill, Jeff Thompson, Graeme Stout, Peter Hall
- 2nd Murat Genc, Arleen Schwartz,Margaret Perley, Paul Freeland
- **3rd** Brad Johnston, Sam Coutts, Philip Noye, Marilyn Noye

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND Provincial PAIRS

- 1st Brad Johnston and Sam Coutts
- 4th Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genc



INVITATION FROM THE AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB:



Free Bridge Lessons with Andrew Robson

Auckland Bridge Club

We have been provided with an opportunity to take part in free events arranged by **Andrew Robson** in conjunction with *RealBridge*. Andrew Robson is an international player who regularly represents England, a highly regarded author and the Bridge correspondent for The Times (of London).

- Weak2s Tuesday 7th June 10am | Thursday 9th June 7.30pm | Sunday 12th June 2pm
- **Splinter Bids** Tuesday 14th June 10am | Thursday 16th June 7.30pm | Sunday 19th June 2pm
- Fourth Suit Forcing Tuesday 21st June 10am | Thursday 23rd June 7.30pm | Sunday 26th June 2pm
- Counting and Card Placement Tuesday 28th June 10am | Thursday 30th June 7.30pm | Sunday 3rd July 2pm

NOTE: These are targeted at Junior/Intermediate players. There is just the one lesson each week, repeated on three days. Bring a partner (but we will try to match you up if you don't have one available).

We will be playing four boards selected by Andrew to cover a specific topic, followed by viewing a video of Andrew giving his insight into one of the boards, and access to his detailed analysis of all four boards.

Links to the lessons will be posted on our *RealBridge* page <u>here</u>.

Put these dates in your diary, grab a cup of coffee on the day and join us for half an hour to have some fun and learn from an expert.

13th June 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 13th Teams qualifying

TUES 14th Informal practice session - 1.30pm

WED 15th Junior and Intermediate – Pairs Championship

THURSDAY 16th Senior and Open - Pairs Championship

FRIDAY 17th Friday Bridge - 10.30am (Gustavson Medallion 3)

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

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18th June Winton Intermediate and Junior Pairs – 10am start - \$25

18/19th June National Swiss Pairs 15A – Nelson – **Now ONLINE**

19th **June** Palmerston North Pairs – 7pm – **ONLINE**

Entries - admin@pnbridge.nz

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CONGRATULATIONS:

Winton Intermediate Teams:

1st Murray Barron and Dave Larsen – **WELL DONE**

NZ BRIDGE NATIONAL CONFERENCE: This was held over this last weekend. We had 2 representatives from Otago attending – Sam Coutts (member of the NZ Board) and Phil Noye (Otago/Southland Committee member). A report from this will be published in next weeks newsletter.

REQUEST FROM PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPT (Pen Scott – Administrator):

We have had an invitation from the Physiotherapy Dept for people to take part in a study of physiotherapy treatment, for people with knee osteoarthritis.

The Opti-OK Clinical trial is looking at the frequency of physio appts for people aged 45 years and over, with knee osteoarthritis.

We will ask participants to attend a baseline assessment. If you are eligible, you will get free physio treatment, which may be 6 sessions over 3 to 6 weeks, or a single treatment.

You will also be asked to attend 3 follow-up testing sessions at the University School of Physiotherapy.

There will be 3 of these over a 6 month period, when we will gather health and economic data. All sessions will take 45-60 minutes.

For more information go to:

Manual Therapy and Knee osteoarthritis, healthy Ageing, School of Physiotherapy, University of Otago, NZ

Or to register for the study contact

The School of Physiotherapy and mention the Opti-OK Trial

Tel: 0800687489 Email: kneeOA@otago.ac.nz



THE BRIDGE ZONE RADIO SHOW

Have you listened to NZ Bridge's own weekly radio show and podcast?

This week hosts Barry Jones and Mereana Cullen celebrate their 200th show.

Why not try it out - see NZ Bridge All News for the link

ONLINE IMPROVERS



Rona Driscoll will be taking another online improvers course

starting on repeated on **Tues 14th June at 7-9pm Wed 2 – 4pm**.

These are open to everybody who has a NZBridge number and you can choose to do one or all of these at a cost of \$6 per session. The sessions are a mix of instruction (via zoom) and practice (using RealBridge) and you can come along on your own or with your bridge partner.

To register – send an email to <u>teaching@nzbridge.co.nz</u> for links and instruction.

Tues 7-9pm, 14 June	Wed 2-4pm, 15 June	Stayman (and Matchpoint scoring)
Tues 7-9pm, 21 June	Wed 2-4pm, 22 June	Transfers (and Alerts)
Tues 7-9pm, 28 June	Wed 2-4pm, 29 June	Blackwood (and stop cards)
Tues 7-9pm, 5 July	Wed 2-4pm, 6 July	Checkback Stayman
Tues 7-9pm, 12 July	Wed 2-4pm, 13 July	Play Techniques (and rule of 20)
Tues 7-9pm, 19 July	Wed 2-4pm, 20 July	Escaping 1NTX
Tues 7-9pm, 26 July	Wed 2-4pm, 27 July	Notrump Play
Tues 7-9pm, 2 August	Wed 2-4pm, 3 August	Combating Interference over our 1NT
Tues 7-9pm, 9 August	Wed 2-4pm, 10 August	Declarer Play in Suit Contracts (and major openers)
Tues 7-9pm, 16 August	Wed 2-4pm, 17 August	Competing over Opener's 1NT Opening
Tues 7-9pm, 23 August	Wed 2-4pm, 24 August	Opening Leads (and minor openers)
Tues 7-9pm, 30 August	Wed 2-4pm, 31 August	Competitive Bidding - when we open
Tues 7-9pm, 6 September	Wed 2-4pm, 7 September	Signals and Discards (and simple overcalls)
Tues 7-9pm, 13 September	Wed 2-4pm, 14 September	Competitive Bidding - when we overcall
Tues 7-9pm, 20 September	Wed 2-4pm, 21 September	Defensive 2nd and 3rd Hand Play
Tues 7-9pm, 27 September	Wed 2-4pm, 28 September	Michaels Cue Bid and Unusual 2NT
Tues 7-9pm, 4 October	Wed 2-4pm, 5 October	NO LESSON (National Congress)
Tues 7-9pm, 11 October	Wed 2-4pm, 12 October	Minimum Invite Game Force Bids
Tues 7-9pm, 18 October	Wed 2-4pm, 19 October	High-level bidding
Tues 7-9pm, 25 October	Wed 2-4pm, 26 October	Types of Doubles
Tues 7-9pm, 1 November	Wed 2-4pm, 2 November	Defence to Pre-emptive Openers
Tues 7-9pm, 8 November	Wed 2-4pm, 9 November	Multi-2D - opening and defence
Tues 7-9pm, 15 November	Wed 2-4pm, 16 November	Weak 2 suiter openers
Tues 7-9pm, 22 November	Wed 2-4pm, 23 November	Roman Key Card (RKC) and Splinters

20th June 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUES 21st Informal practice session - 1.30pm

WED 22nd Women's Pairs (Mid winter party) – 1.00pm

WED 22nd Junior – John Lawson Plate

Intermediate – Trixi Robertson Plate

THURSDAY 23rd Senior and Open - Pairs Championship

FRIDAY 24th Friday Bridge - 10.30am (Mid winter party)

SUNDAY 26th, 1.30pm What better to do than come along to a warm

room, with good company, play bridge, and

have afternoon tea as an extra.

Open to all players (coaching given if required). We would love to see lots of Intermediate and Junior players – great practise before your

tournament on the 3rd of July.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE JULY 2nd – Mid Winter Xmas party.

Murray has asked people to put their names up early for this, so he can organise the catering. The list for names will be on the noticeboard on Thursday.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

NZ NATIONAL SWISS PAIRS – 2nd Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller

There were 98 pairs playing in this online tournament over 2 days

An awesome achievement guys

RESIGNATION: Pat Corballis –

"After all these years of enjoyment at the Bridge Club I have to resign my membership for health reasons. I will miss the players as well as the game"

Pat first joined our club in 1972, and this year would have celebrated 50 years as a member. She was a regular player in the Open Division, Teams and Women's pairs. We wish you all the best Pat, and thank you for your many years of membership.

OBITUARY – It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of Enid Barron.

Enid was a member in the Intermediate Division, and was a regular player on Fridays and Saturdays. Our condolences to her son Murray and family.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT - ROB LAWSON

Update from the Management Committee meeting 15th June 2022

The Committee had a long but productive meeting ranging over a wide agenda and we thought it appropriate to offer members an update on several issues.

Despite a fall in membership and reduced playing numbers our finances are still ok with revenue ahead of expenses. Both the land purchase and the lease of the room are assisting us greatly but we are watching the future carefully because we have significant expenses on building maintenance forecast over the next few years.

Phil Noye, our Club Captain, has been very busy looking at trends in other clubs in Australia and New Zealand and efforts that are being made to keep the game available and attractive to a wide range of players or all levels of ability and

experience. We have clearly done better than many Clubs in the country over the past two years but there are good reasons to have a fresh look at some of our competitions, formats (including online games) and playing times. Strengthening the social side of the Club is desirable and we are looking at the possibility of a half day workshop to review these issues. We will announce more on this shortly including requests for ideas that you might like to see considered.

The Committee continues to review our Covid responses at each meeting and have decided to stay with what has served us well over this year. That is, although vaccination passes are no longer current we still expect players to be vaccinated and we will continue to require masks during play unless you have a mask exemption. Both practices help protect not only the individual person but also the wider community. Because of the pandemic, Neil Johnstone (vice-president and property manager) has put a great deal of effort looking closely at ways of upgrading the ventilation system in the Hudson Room. We are sorry that it has taken us a while to get through this but anything to do with the building industry and supply chains is difficult and uncertain at the moment. However, we are pleased that we were able to yesterday approve what looks to be a simple solution with the acquisition of two air purifiers for the room.

We also spent some time reviewing a variety of health and safety issues that Lisa Harkness is working on. Our priority in this area must be to re-institute regular fire drills and evacuation practices and to make sure we meet all our compliance requirements in this area. We are also updating some Health and Safety equipment but we are also pleased to advise that if Worksafe are in the building (ie during the daytimes when we play) they have offered to help as first response experts in the case of any event requiring urgent medical assistance.

A final note is that we have removed the 'maintenance' book from the foyer – noone has used it for several years. If an issue comes to your attention that requires maintenance or checking, please email the Club at 'office@otagobridgeclub.org.nz' with a note in the subject line 'for the attention of the property manager'

NATIONAL BRIDGE CONFERENCE – PHIL NOYE (CLUB CAPTAIN)

On the weekend of June 11/12 I joined our own NZB Board member Sam Coutts as the Otago Southland representative at the NZB national conference. It did not take very long to realise that what we presume is a normal week's bridge is very different to life in a bridge club in the North Island.

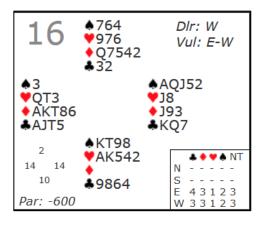
Having spent the previous week in both Auckland and Wellington, Marilyn and I were surprised to find we couldn't find a night to play, as there were no evening sessions. Bridge at both these big clubs was mainly online with Real Bridge, with some daytime (social) bridge starting to reoccur. Thus, it was quickly apparent, from a national perspective there a different challenges than we may perceive.

NZB is very aware of the importance of the social value of our game to its members and the influence this has, especially with face to face bridge, in keeping our clubs fiscally viable. On the other hand, Covid has brought innovation and just like iTunes shook up the music world, there will undoubtedly be change and a place for online bridge in our future ahead. With this in mind NZB has launched a taskforce outlining the planned consultation to occur over the next two months and seeking feedback on how online bridge is best incorporated into club and tournament play, player development and education (including lessons). A separate flyer is attached with this newsletter.

Other national initiatives are aimed at improving national communication and marketing; supporting club administration with manuals and bridge support staff; streamlining the director qualification process; with an endeavour to 'remove all barriers that may restrict or limit play'.

A LESSON FROM TEAMS

As a new feature to the weekly newsletter there will be a hand selected from the Teams competition where discussing the bidding or play can provide a lesson to us all.



With 28 pts between them and no fit, the obvious game EW is 3NT, which no doubt most tables reached.

Sitting South, there would be an air of confidence that you could take defeat this contract by setting up the long hearts and winning your KS.

If played by East, South has the option of either:

- Leading the KH, then seeing the Qxx in dummy, playing AH and another hoping to get in with the KS.
- If playing King for Count, and finding partner has an odd number, likely 3, a second option is to play a low heart at trick two, in the knowledge that partner will still retain a heart to push through later if they win the lead.
- The third choice was to lead your 4th highest heart at trick 1

If played by West, North is also likely to lead a heart as the probable unbid suit:

• Again, South can let the trick go; win and force out the QH; or win and return a heart waiting for the 3rd round or (losing) spade finesse.

Declarer on seeing dummy can count 8 tricks – AKQJ clubs; AK diamonds and A spades, with more likely to come in diamonds or spades.

The bad news comes when the first diamond is played, and the hearts potentially wide open.

In the top of the ladder Coutts-Freeland match, both auctions started

1D P 1S And here is this week's lesson.....

"To Speak or Not to Speak – that is the question?"

The idea behind this hand is that unlike opening or responding; **you need to make an active choice to overcall into an auction.** If you think you're outgunned in points, all you're doing is telling the opponents who has points & length in certain suits for when they declare.

One South (Brad) overcalled 2H and the other (Arleen) was silent

Both tables reached 3NT by West, and North lead a Heart at both tables.

Brad ducked the 7H lead, because playing middle-up-down leads, North should have 3 hearts here.

• Ducking the first trick means that if North wins the lead they can play another H over to cash 4 H tricks.

Arleen won the KH, and played Ace and another H to set up the suit - looking at the KS over the AQ as an entry.

Both tables tackled diamonds by playing the JD off dummy, and were disappointed when South showed out. This gives declarer 1S+1H+2D+4C for 8 tricks, and the choice of taking a S finesse into South or establishing another D by losing the lead to North.

Without any opposition bidding to guide him, Sam Coutts played for a Spade finesse. This is better odds than playing to lose a D; but resulted in his contract failing.

Murat remembering the auction – Brad had bid freely at the 2 level (2H). Brad has no honours in the minors and only the AK in Hearts – that's 7 pts, so its odds on he also held the KS to justify his bid.

So, rather than take the losing finesse, Murat took his 2 diamonds, cashed his 4 rounds of clubs and then exited a heart to South.

Brad could cash his 4 heart tricks but then with only spades left had to lead into the AQ for the last 2 tricks.

This nice bit of card-reading netted Freeland 12 imps - thanks Brad, for the lesson

27th June 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 27th Teams – Final qualifying round

TUES 28th Informal practice session - 1.30pm

WED 29th Junior – Revision Night

Intermediate – Winter Pairs 1

THURSDAY 30th Senior and Open - Individual Ladder

FRIDAY 1st July Friday Bridge - 10.30am

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16th July Winton 5A Open Pairs

23rd July Taieri 8B Graded Pairs

31st July Otago 5A Swiss Pairs

CONGRATULATIONS:

Friday Gustavson Medallions

1st Rudi Prent

2nd Catherine Smith

3rd Murray Barron

OAMARU 8B ALL GRADES PAIRS

3rd Ann-Maree Fox and Alan Geare

4th Jenny Rowley and Barbara Hutton

5th Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins

OBITUARY – It is with sadness we acknowledge the recent passing of Ken Russell. Ken was a member in the Senior Division, and was a regular player in the Teams competition. Our condolences to Ken's family.

NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE ONLINE STRATEGY CONSULTATION HAVE YOUR SAY

New Zealand Bridge has released a consultation plan for online bridge.

They welcome submissions from all stakeholders (including clubs, regional committees, directors, players and other interested parties).

The consultation period closes Friday 12th August.

New Zealand Bridge Online Bridge Strategy Consultation

Before we start

The New Zealand Bridge Online Strategy Working group acknowledges that in-person and online bridge are both important. It would not be appropriate to develop a strategy for online bridge without considering in-person bridge.

- In-person club bridge remains the preferred way of playing for the majority of club members. The social connection and community of club bridge is incredibly valuable and has significant health and wellbeing benefits.
- Online bridge is enjoyed by many players and likely to gain further popularity as technology continues to advance.
- It is important to separate discussions about online club sessions and online tournament bridge
- Our premise is that both in-person tournaments and online bridge tournaments both have a place in our future.

A new Online Bridge Strategy will be in place from 01 January 2023. It will be reviewed on a regular basis as requirements and regulations change.

Information we require

As part of your submission please tell us the stakeholder group that is represented and, where applicable, how you consulted with others who have contributed to the submission (e.g. Submission from ABC Club, discussed questions at committee meeting). We welcome submissions from all stakeholders and interested parties.

If you are responding as an individual please provide your grade, rank and whether you play tournaments in-person, online, both or not at all.

The Consultation Questions

Please answer the consultation as fully as possible. If you do not have an opinion or prefer not to answer a question or section make this clear in your response. Please be assured your answers will be treated in confidence and will only be used for the purpose of developing the New Zealand Bridge Online Bridge Strategy.

Implications of Online Bridge

1. What are the major implications of online bridge from your perspective and how should they be addressed by New Zealand Bridge?

Online Bridge Sessions

- 2. In the future would you like there to be a regular schedule of online bridge sessions (e.g. daytime and evening sessions similar to club play)?
 - a) What are your reasons for saying this?
 - b) If this is something you would like to see, should they be run by New Zealand Bridge, by individual clubs or both? What are your reasons for this view?

Tournaments

- 3. What would be your ideal future e.g. in-person, online, mix of in-person and online for the following types of tournaments:
 - a) B-Point Club tournaments?
 - b) A-Point Club tournaments?
 - c) Regional events and Mini Congresses?
 - d) National events?
- 4. If online tournaments are part of your ideal future who should organise them (e.g. NZ Bridge, regions, clubs)? What are your reasons for this view?
- 5. How important is it for in-person and online tournaments be scheduled at separate times?
 - a) What makes you say this?
 - b) If they are held at the same time, should there be geographical restrictions on who is allowed to enter the online tournament?
- 6. What would be your ideal future for the Interprovincial Championships? At what time of year and how (e.g. in-person or online) should it be held?

Learning

- 7. What, if anything, should be done to support people learning bridge online? a. If you think online lessons should be offered, who should organise them NZ Bridge, clubs or both? What makes you say this?
- b. If you believe NZ Bridge should offer some centrally organised online lessons then: i. How should clubs be involved to ensure learners can transition to club play?
- ii. How often should online lessons be run?

Resourcing

8. We invite ideas and thoughts about how the following aspects of online bridge should be resourced (e.g. by NZ Bridge, by clubs or both) in the future:

- a) Online directing
- b) Technical support for playing online
- c) Organisation of any Online National Events

Revenue

- 9. What, if anything, should happen in terms of sharing some or all of the revenue from the following types of online bridge:
 - a) Club sessions run by clubs but open to all bridge players
 - b) Centrally organised online sessions run by NZ Bridge
 - c) Club tournaments
 - d) Regional events and mini congresses
 - e) National Events
 - f) Online lessons organised by NZ Bridge

Other Comments

10. Are there any other comments or thoughts about in-person or online bridge that you would like to share as part of this consultation?

Thank you for your time

Deadline for submissions is Friday 12th August.

Please email your response to kate.terry@nzbridge.co.nz