

## **NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 7 MARCH**

### **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR**

The next of these nights is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March and the topic is ALL SORTS OF DOUBLES. Apologies to the people who didn't read their emails until it was too late to go to the last one. Dean will be leading this one as well.

### **MARCH TOURNAMENTS**

13<sup>th</sup> Alexandra All Grades 8B Open Pairs – entries close TODAY. Morning tea 9.00 am, start time 9.30 am. \$20. Provide own lunch.

19<sup>th</sup> Taieri Open 8B Pairs – entries close 16 March. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Light refreshments after play. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start time 10.00 am

### **APRIL EVENTS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Winton Intermediate and Open Teams

3<sup>rd</sup> Lions Charity Pairs is being held at the Otago Club. This is being organised by the Lions Club and all proceeds will go to Diabetes, which is one of their fundraising charities this year. More details later.

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cromwell Open 8B Pairs and Teams

16<sup>th</sup> Queenstown 8B Pairs

17<sup>th</sup> Waimate All Grades Pairs

24 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs

30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> May Murihiku 5A Open Teams and Pairs

### **OTAGO-SOUTHLAND RUBBER BRIDGE 2016**

Entries close - 25 March.

### **CLUB PAIRS**

Begins this Thursday night and all are eligible to enter. Enter online, or on the Entry Form on the Tournament noticeboard.

### **AIR IN THE PLAYING ROOMS**

If you find it to be very hot, very cold or airless at any time when you are playing bridge, please let your Convenor, or the Director know. They can regulate the temperature and the circulation of air. Everyone tolerates hot, cold and stuffy rooms at different levels, so if you are uncomfortable let us know.

### **LESSONS**

These began last Wednesday with approximately 30 people, with a few more attending the Friday lesson. It is not too late to join, so let your friends know that they still come along this week or next.

### **SCRATCHY WINNERS**

February winner were Margaret O'Connor for Wednesday's board and Irene Morrison for Friday's board.

## **PROFILE: WARREN PALMER**

Many of you probably don't know the main beneficiary of the money raised by the monthly



'scratchies'. Ostensibly it is meant to aid all disabled members of the club, but at the moment the main recipient of everybody's munificence is Warren Palmer, a player currently in Intermediate.

Warren suffered a major brain-stem stroke in January 2008, a stroke which initially completely paralysed him and left him unable to speak – he was 'locked-in', although fully aware of what was going on around him. Through his own determination, the help of his lovely wife, his close family, and the help of various experts in the Health System, he has regained the full use of his left hand (he was originally right-handed – you'll have to forgive

his writing when he places a bid on the pad), some of his voice, and partial use of his other limbs. He regards himself as being extremely lucky – most brain-stem stroke victims stay 'locked-in' permanently. He believes that there are fewer than 25 survivors of his type of stroke in the country – certainly he is the oldest.

Still in a motorised wheelchair, he needs the help of 'Driving Miss Daisy' to take him to bridge each week. This is what your assistance with the 'scratchies' does. He would really like to thank you all – bridge has become so addictive to him that it fills such an important part of his life, both intellectually and socially.

## **CHARITY EVENTS**

We have three of these scheduled this year – the first takes place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and will be run by The Lions Club with the proceeds going to Diabetes, as mentioned above. The second is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and is for Save the Children. The Arthritis one takes place later in the year.

## **LESSONS**

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## **NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 14 MARCH**

### **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR**

TONIGHT is the second in the series and the topic is ALL SORTS OF DOUBLES. Please be there by 7.10 pm.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

These are due by the end of the month, The amount of the sub is \$105 and after 31 March the cost will then be \$125. If you are unable to settle the account by 31 March, please phone the Treasurer and you may be able to come some arrangement, eg pay by instalment. It can be paid online to ANZ 06 0911 0020619 00 or by cheque to The Otago Bridge Club Inc, PO Box 2037, South Dunedin.

### **MARCH TOURNAMENTS**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Taieri Open 8B Pairs – entries close 16 March. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Light refreshments after play. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start time 10.00 am

### **APRIL EVENTS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Winton Intermediate and Open Teams

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Lions Charity Pairs is being held at the Otago Club, organised by the Dunedin Toroa Lions Club. All proceeds to the research being done at Otago University to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Play starts at 1.30 pm. \$10, includes, entry, 5 raffle tickets, afternoon tea and prizes.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To the winners of the Vice President Pairs:

#### **Senior:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vi Wilkinson and Marlene Duncan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Kaspers and Annalise Seifert
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Henderson and Pat Leen

#### **Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Atkinson and Matt Blakeley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Susie Lawless and John Sheehy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter McCaskill and Paul Freeland

### **CHANGED TELEPHONE NUMBER**

Robyn Lee, in the Intermediate Division, asks that you now contact her on 021 0544 126.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome returning member, Robert Cowan, to the Club.

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### **APRIL TOURNAMENTS and EVENTS**

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9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cromwell Open 8B Pairs and Teams: Cromwell Yacht Club McNulty Inlet Cromwell -

Shortcut Road Opposite Golden Gate Hotel – down by lake. Morning tea 10 am Play start 10.30. \$30.00 each day.. Midday meal. Entries close 5<sup>th</sup> April.

16<sup>th</sup> Queenstown 8B Pairs – 9.30 am Morning Tea. Start 10 am. Gourmet Lunch provided and finger food at completion of day. Cost \$35 per player. Entries close Monday 11 April at 8 pm. email [wendy-paterson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wendy-paterson@xtra.co.nz) or phone 442 9114.

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## **OTAGO-SOUTHLAND RUBBER BRIDGE 2016**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

TIMARU TOURNAMENT:

TEAMS: Won by Arleen Schwartz, Murat Genç, Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

PAIRS: Won by Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genç

ALEXANDRA TOURNAMENT:

SECTION 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Samson and Lyn Clark

SECTION 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Judith and Laurie Smeijers

TAIERI TOURNAMENT – 1<sup>st</sup> Donna Ruwhiu playing with Frances Sheehy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradley Johnston playing with Moss Wylie.

Well done all!

## **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR**

The final for the year is RESPONDING TO OVERCALLS and will be held on Monday 11 April. This will be a great workshop for all levels of players. Dean Eidler is your tutor. A big thanks to Dean who spends a lot of time and energy in preparing these lectures.

## **ANNOUNCING**

It is mandatory for the partner of the opener bidding 1 Club to inform the opposition of the strength or length of the suit, ie you just need to say 2+, 3+ 4+ or Strong. Also the partner of the player opening 1 No Trump must describe the Point Range, eg 11-14, 12-14, 13-15, 16-18, etc. This was set by NZ Bridge some years ago, but we find people are still not doing it. It is expected at all levels of the game. If someone at your table does not do this, then please ask.

## **BISCUITS**

The biscuits put out at supper times are there for your enjoyment, but the Club expects you to pay for them. THEY ARE NOT FREE. Please put your 30c in the container provided. We will be in danger of losing them if some people take advantage of their presence.

## **LESSONS**

These are going very well. Philip Noye takes the Wednesday evening class and there were 38 present last week. Alison Giller takes the Friday lessons and there were 13 there last Friday – some of these would have also been at the Wednesday class. A big thanks to these two stalwarts of the Club who deliver the lessons and to their helpers who come along each week.

## **NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 28 MARCH**

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS - DUE BY THURSDAY**

### **APRIL TOURNAMENTS and EVENTS**

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9<sup>th</sup> Saturday Night Bridge

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30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> May Murihiku 5A Open Teams and Pairs. Both days - Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$30. Midday meal and light snacks provided. Entries close 26 April to [inv.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:inv.bridge@gmail.com) or enter on board.

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### **THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

The Otago Bridge Club has taken up the opportunity to fund raise through selling the Entertainment book. For every book sold the club will receive \$12.00 (there is also a digital option for smartphones) The funds will go towards upgrading our carpark.

We are sure many of you will have purchased the Entertainment book in previous years. If you would like to look at the specials on offer for 2016/2017 a copy of the book is available at the Bridge Club. The cost of the book is \$60.

Please support our Bridge Club and purchase your 2016/2017 edition via the web site below.

[www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/2a61318](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/2a61318)