

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6 MARCH

TOURNAMENTS

- 11 Alexandra All Grades Open 5B Pairs. Morning tea 9.00 am, Play begins at 9.30 am. BYO Lunch. \$20. After play light snack. Entries close Monday 6. If you want to enter but won't be at the club, email kelso90@hotmail.com
- 18 Taieri Open 8B Pairs Entries are online if you want to do it this way – on Taieri's Home page. Entries close on 15 March. Start at 10 am with morning tea at 9.30 am. Bring your own lunch. \$25.
- 18/19 Timaru Congress Intermediate and Open Pairs and Teams
- 25 Queenstown Open 8B Pairs
- 26 Waimate All Grades Open 8B Pairs - **\$20**. Start time 10.00 am, morning tea 9.30 am.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR

The first of these is to be held on Monday March 6 (TONIGHT for most of you reading this). It is open to all members and at this first one Dean Eidler will discuss TAKEOUT DOUBLES AND RESPONSES. So if you are unsure that that “X” means in the bidding box means by your opponents, or your partner, or when YOU should use it, come along and listen to Dean

TWO more seminars will be held on 20 March and on 3 April, so mark those dates on your calendar now.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Because the club had a prior booking, Saturday night bridge is to be held on **SUNDAY 12 March** this month. The meal will be at the earlier time – 5.00 pm to allow for an earlier finishing time

Those just coming for the bridge please be seated by 5.50 pm. Sign up notices for dinner are on the Playing Room doors.

TEAMS

A vote was held to decide whether to allow Monday night teams to choose their team name rather than the default name which is just the Captain's name. The results were as follows:

Allow any name: 34

Stick with Captain's name: 46

No opinion: 37

There should have been 120 votes so we lost 3 somewhere, but the result is clear.

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CLUB PAIRS AND PLATE

These events are due to start THIS Thursday 9 March and are open to all members of the Club. Please enter online if you can, in either the Pairs or the Plate, otherwise add your name to the list on the noticeboard. Please note that there are NO qualifying rounds.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Let your friends and family know that it's not too late to begin Bridge lessons. The second lessons will be this week – Wednesday at 7 pm and Friday at 10 am.

WEEKLIES NOT DELIVERED

Apologies if you didn't receive the Bridge Weekly last week by email. Apparently about 50 were undelivered by our Provider. The email goes out on Sunday night normally, so you should receive it in your Inbox by Monday morning. If it isn't there it may have got dropped off (there are approximately 400 being delivered), it may be the Club's provider at fault, or perhaps your ISP is having problems. If yours doesn't come in, you can read it on the website under RESOURCES, Bridge Weekly and click on the appropriate month. It is loaded there on Sunday nights. There are also a few copies left on the foyer table each week and it is pinned to the main noticeboard on top of some earlier Weeklies. Reply to this email if you **change** your email address. Some of the emails sent during the week about the education lecture were not delivered – also the Int/Jun analysis of hands.

RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of the Vice President Pairs

Open

- 1st Matt Blakeley and Susie Lawless
- 2nd Lorraine Peacock and Kaye Wilson
- 3rd Dai Redshaw and Michael Atkinson

Senior

- 1st Helen Watson and Anne Hudson-Ramage
- 2nd Heather Beckett and Ursula Keogh
- 3rd Mary Brady and Denise Carter

Congratulations to Autumn Tournament winners sponsored by Arcadian Motels

AUTUMN TEAMS

- 1st Nina Hewitt, Michael Atkinson, Dai Redshaw and Dennis McCaughan
- 2nd Geoff Eyles, Bruce Batchelor, Harry Shepherd, Lindsay Glover – all from Invercargill
- 3rd Kay Nicholas, Lesley Andrew (Timaru), Greg Buzzard, Marilyn Jackson - Invercargill

AUTUMN PAIRS

- 1st Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout
- 2nd Kay Nicholas and Lesley Andrew - Timaru
- 3rd Murray Barron and Alan Geare

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APRIL

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CONGRATULATIONS -

- to **James and Sam Coutts** who have been selected to play at the Asia-Pacific Bridge Championships in Seoul, 28 May-7 June
- to **Chris Ackerley**, selected to play in Lyon at the World Teams Championships, in August.
- To Denise Carter and Grant Walker who came second at the Invercargill Intermediate Tournament last weekend.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR – Monday 20th March

WEAK TWOS will be the topic this time. Over 50 people attended last week's lecture on doubles and gained much from the expertise of Dean Eidler's. If you would like to learn about Weak 2s, if you have just started playing Weak Twos and would like to know more, or if you would like to learn about the extensions and nuances of the system come along, listen and learn from the wisdom and experience of one of our Grand Masters. At the club from 7.00 pm.

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CLUB PAIRS AND PLATE

These events started last week and are open to all members of the Club. You may still join the Plate or the Championship – the second night of the 10-night competition is this week. You need to play eight nights to qualify for a place.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Thirty-eight people have registered for the classes which is great to see – all are enjoying the experience under the guidance of Phil and Rob. Rob could do with some more help on a Friday morning if you were available. It makes it easier to have someone at each table, not teaching – just guiding when the class are playing hands.

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- 8/9 Cromwell Open 8B Pairs and Teams
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- 23 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs
- 29/30 Murihiku Teams and Pairs. Invercargill
Pam Hancox, Bridge from Wellington and Phil Merchant (Otago) are having difficulty finding another pair to complete their team. Anyone interested please get in touch with Phil or with Pam hancox@ihug.co.nz

30 OTAGO JUNIOR 3B PAIRS

CONGRATULATIONS -Winners at the Taieri Tournament held on Saturday
Intermediate: Pam Hodgkinson and Heather Bunn
Overall: 1st Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins
2nd Kaye Wilson and Kevin Farnden

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PARKING: It is not ok to park on the broken yellow lines on Otaki Street near the clubrooms on club nights. Standard DCC fine for this is \$60. There are always plenty of parks in our own car park around the clubrooms.

WINDOWS are being consistently left open in the Larnach room after play. Please check that all windows in the club are shut before you leave.

COATS left hanging in the ladies cloakroom have been put in the foyer and will remain there for the

next few weeks. Please go through them to see if any belong to you and if so take them away. Those that remain will go to a Charity Shop.

SEATING/MOVING RIGHTS: Lists for 2017 have been put up on the main and division notice boards. If you require seating or moving rights please write to the Secretary (or reply to this email) who will bring your request to the Committee of Management. If you no longer require these rights, also inform the Secretary. If you are incapacitated at any time and require temporary seating rights please see your convenor.

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NZ BRIDGE BOARD ELECTIONS: The following have been elected to the Board and will commence their term of office from 1 April 2017.

Chairperson: Alan Dormer from Auckland

Board Members: Clare Coles and Jane Stearns – both from Cambridge.

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SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE – this Saturday 1 April. Usual start time 6 pm for the meal, 7 pm for bridge. Sign up for the meal on one of the notices at the club.

CONGRATULATIONS -Winners at the Timaru Congress last weekend

TEAMS	2 nd	Arleen Schwartz, Chris Ackerley, Bradley Johnston, Sam Coutts
	3 rd	Margaret Perley, Paul Freeland, Murat Genc and Dean Eidler
PAIRS	2 nd	Bradley Johnston and Sam Coutts
	4 th	Arleen Schwartz and Chris Ackerley

SCRATCHY WINNER

The winner of the March scratchy for Intermediate and Junior was Terry Evans from Junior

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR – Monday 3rd April.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Diane Daly has been co-opted to the Committee.

PLAYING COMMITTEE reiterate again that tossing for position is mandatory and not optional, unless a player has seating or moving rights. This is in order to randomize the field. The aim is to make the North-South and East-West fields, as far as possible, of equal standard and to eliminate the perception that some players may be choosing the direction they play in order to improve their score.

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