

## **OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB**

**NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Informal Practice – 1.30pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Women's Pairs – 1.00pm</b> <b>Junior</b> – Revision Night <b>Intermediate</b> – Trix Robertson Plate 1
<b>THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Senior/Open</b> – Vice President's Pairs 3
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Friday Bridge - 10.30am</b>

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:**

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<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Invercargill 8B Open Pairs</b>
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Queenstown 5A Pairs</b> , 10am start, \$40. Entries close 16/3 Prizes for Top Open, Intermediate and Junior Pairs.
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**TARADALE BRIDGE CLUB:** Is no longer in a position to run it's 8B tournament on the 18<sup>th</sup> March (due to the cyclone). It is now going to be run as an Online Swiss Pairs tournament on RealBridge, with all proceeds going to the NZ Bridge Foundation Cyclone Relief Fund. Entry is by way of a donation, with a minimum \$20 per player, and can be made on the NZ Bridge Tournament page – **CD Charity 8B Swiss Pairs.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

### **Intermediate Vice President's Pairs:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Cope / Pip Weber
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Borland / Robyn Thomson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Colette Bolger / Alan Nicholls

### **Taieri Open Pairs :**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jet Quennell and Brad Johnston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Wood and Gillian Alexander

### **Oamaru Pairs:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genc
- 4<sup>th</sup> Murray Barron and David Larsen



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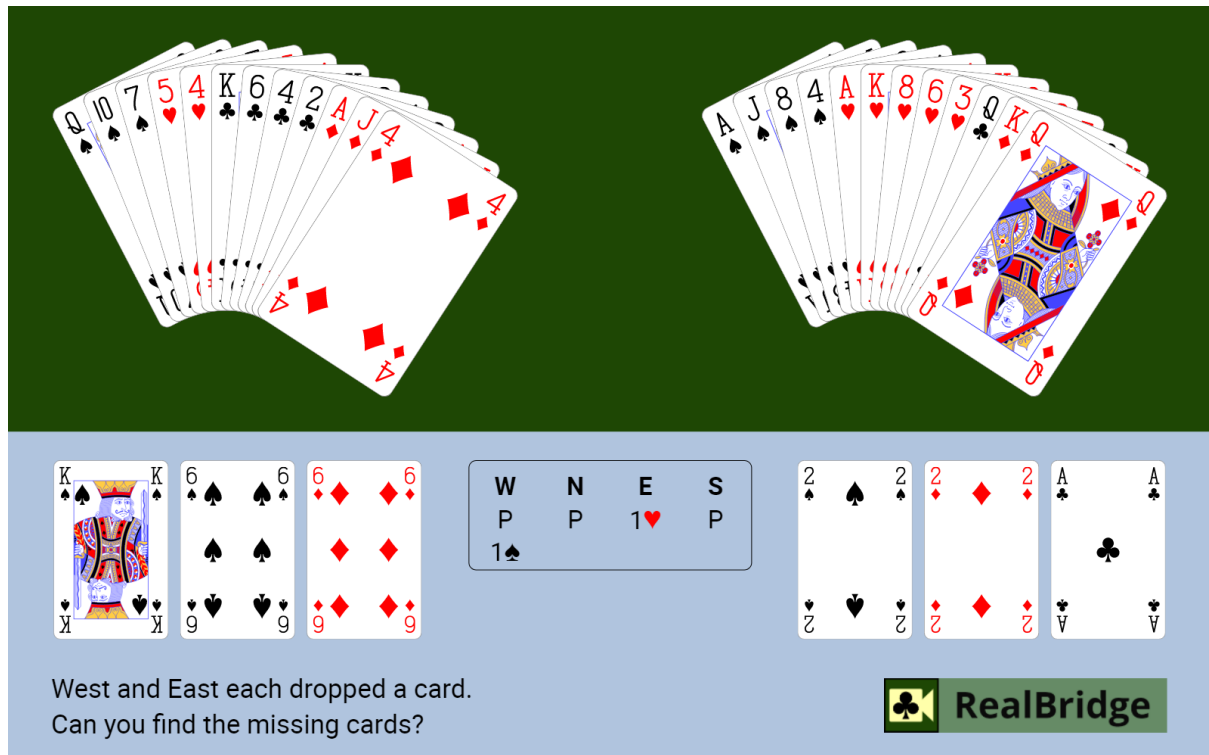
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This competition is open to all grades of players – some years ago the National Competition was won by a Junior pair. The 2022 Prize Money was \$1000!

**RESIGNATION: Jim and Sally Barclay (Senior)** – have retired to Clyde and joined the Alexandra Bridge Club. We wish you well with your new bridge Club, and thank you for your participation at Otago.

## REAL BRIDGE PUZZLE – This Week



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Below the hands is a table layout:

K♠	6♠	6♦	W	N	E	S
K♠	9♥	9♦	P	P	1♥	P
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West and East each dropped a card.  
Can you find the missing cards?

RealBridge

## REAL BRIDGE PUZZLE – Last Week (*Playing ACOL*)

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**RealBridge**

Hand 1

**HCPs**

You can see 15 pts

The 2NT rebid shows 17 – 18 pts

So the missing card is KS or KC.

KS would give a four card spade suit

Your rebid would be spades,  
supporting partner, not 2NT

The missing card is King Clubs.

Hand 2

**HCPs**

You can see 4 pts

The 1S reply needs 6 pts with only a  
four card suit

So the missing card is a KD or QH

QH would give a four card heart suit

You would reply 1H before 1S,  
bidding up the line.

The missing card is King Diamonds

## WELLINGTON REGIONAL OPEN TEAMS ONLINE COMPETITION



Wellington Regional Committee is offering a Regional event as an option for the Open Grade Players. Form a team with players from your region.



Where            Real Bridge  
When            Friday Nights 7.30pm

24 March, 19 May, 9 June, 21 July, 18 August & 17 November  
(these dates will avoid any clashes with the proposed Open Teams comp between NZ & Aussie)

Who              Teams with players from the same Region  
(more than one team from each region will be accepted)

Format          Dependant on Entries

Entry Fee       \$120.00 per Team for 6 sessions

Payment to Wellington Regional Bridge 02 0500 0956957 00.

Registrations            <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html>

Enquiries to              Annette Henry  
                                 [chair.regionalbridge@gmail.com](mailto:chair.regionalbridge@gmail.com)  
                                 [www.wellingtonregionbridge.co.nz](http://www.wellingtonregionbridge.co.nz)

## OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> March	TEAMS – 7pm
TUESDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Informal Practice – 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> March	All Comers – 1.00pm
	Players from all grades welcome
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior/Intermediate – Pairs Championship 1
THURSDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Senior/Open – Pairs Championship 1

### CLUB PAIRS AND PLATE COMPETITION:

Pre Entry is required for the **Championship Pairs** on The Otago Bridge Club Home page. Lindsay would like entries in by 16<sup>th</sup> March 6pm.

Pairs opting to play in the Plate Championship do NOT need to pre-enter.

FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March                      Friday Bridge - 10.30am

### CONGRATULATIONS:

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S PAIRS

	Open	Senior
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brad Johnston/Paul Freeland	Helen Haig/Kate Vercoe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lorraine Peacock/Kaye Wilson	Paul Spain/Ann Taylor
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matt Blakeley/Adrien Dever	Phyll Esplin/Archie Crawford

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**LIBRARY NEWS FROM DOROTHY BUTTERFIELD:**

The bridge books donated by Michael Atkinson have now been processed and can be found in the new books section of the Library. Many are copies of books already in our library. Duplicate copies means you and your partner can both read the same book! Of interest among these books are;

Larry Cohen's **Bidding Challenge**,

David Bird and Marc Smith's **Safety Plays**, and stories

**More Bedside Bridge and The Joy of Bridge.**

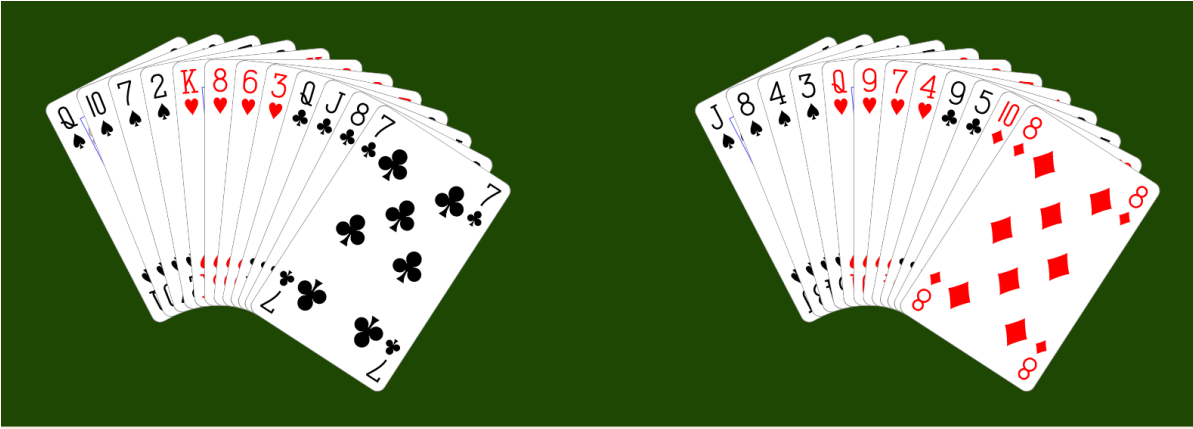
We have recently purchased a new book **Test Your Bridge Brain against the Experts** by **Danny Roth**.

This book offers a collection of hands that were played at the top level.

The author invites readers to solve 66 problems in play and defence as well as opening lead problems. He shows the way they were played at the table and also how they should have been played.

This book is also in the new books section.


### REAL BRIDGE PUZZLE – This Week



A♥	A♥	A♦	3♦		K♠	5♦	K♣
♥		♦	♦	♦		♦	
A	A	A	3	3	K	5	K

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♥	

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W	N	E	S
P	P	1♥	P
1♠			

Below the bidding table are three columns of cards:

- Column 1: K♠, 6♠, 6♦, 6♦, 9♥, 9♥, 9♥, 9♥
- Column 2: 2♠, 2♠, 2♦, 2♦, 2♦, 2♦, 2♦, 2♦
- Column 3: A♠, A♠, A♣, A♣, A♣, A♣, A♣, A♣

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RealBridge

Hand 1

**HCPs**

You can see 10 pts

West 1S response shows a 4+card suit and only three are visible

So the missing card is KS or 6S

West did not open so has less than 12 HCPs

The missing card is 6S.

Hand 2

**HCPs**

You can see 19 pts

East opened 1H, so is showing less than 20 HCPs.

So the missing card is a 2S or 2D

With five spades East would have opened 1S, the higher ranked suit

The missing card is 2D

## OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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<b>TUESDAY 21st March</b>	<b>Informal Practice – 1.30pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 22nd March</b>	<b>Women's Pairs – 1.00pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 22nd March</b>	<b>Junior/Intermediate – Pairs Championship 2</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Beginners Lessons start – 7pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY 23rd March</b>	<b>Senior/Open – Pairs Championship 2</b>
<b>FRIDAY 24th March</b>	<b>Friday Bridge - 10.30am</b>

### CONGRATULATIONS:

**CD Cyclone Fundraiser – 4<sup>th</sup>** – Lorraine Peacock and Wyn Jones

**Queenstown Pairs – 4<sup>th</sup>** – Peter Hall (with Lindsay Glover, Ingill)

### **SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE – April 1<sup>st</sup>**

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### **LETTER FROM ROSS HADDOW:**

Hi, I just wanted to send a huge thank you to all the OBC members for making me so welcome this summer, especially my kind partners, but indeed everybody at OBC for such good fun and competitive bridge. We leave tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup>) but we plan to return next summer, and I am already looking forward to it.

Always a warm welcome in Newark if you are visiting.

Very best wishes, 😊 Ross

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W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♥	

Below the bidding table are three cards: A♥, A♦, and 3♦. To the right of these cards are three cards: K♠, 5♦, and K♣. Below the cards is the text: "West and East each dropped a card. Can you find the missing cards?"

RealBridge

Hand 1

**HCPs**

You can see 8 pts

East opened 1C, so the missing card must be an Ace.

The AH would give five hearts so East would open 1H not 1C.

The missing card is AD.

Hand 2

**HCPs**

You can see 3 pts

East's 1H response promises 6+ pts so the missing card must be a King

The KS would give five spades so East would respond 1S not 1H.

The missing card is KC.

## WHATS YOUR SYSTEM?

Brad Johnston kindly commented on boards 5 and 6 from last Monday's teams matches.

The Coutts's pair were playing a standard strong ACOL 2NT, 20 – 22 balanced, whereas at the other table their opponent Farnden's pair played 2NT as weak 5/5 in the minors and their 1 level openings 11- 20 pts.

Read on to see which system came out best with these boards.



- Likewise, after 1C - (1H) – X – P – with no heart hold 3C seems a cheap sell out, so East's 2H cue of "strong hand, nothing sensible to do" was the ideal alternative.
- The following 2S – 3C sequence of shows a "Three-and-a-half club bid", which is a good description of the hand
- Leading out the hearts by South looks safe as knowing where 32+ points are there is no guarantee there is any entry in partner's hand and for them to guess a heart lead.
- South also has the KD which looks offside for another entry if the QH must be driven out at trick 3.

### ***Board 6***

- The option to open 2NT, doesn't look optimum with 80% of your strength in 2 suits and no difficult rebid problems.
- Responding to partner's reverse bid is a test to your system;
  - How strong is partner to reverse bid?
  - Would 2NT in this sequence be to play, or just a negative waiting response?
  - Is 3D invitational into a minor game or NT game but denying any club hold?
- Holding 20 points and partner responds to your opener is game not on?
- The 3D reply almost guarantees you can count 8 tricks and with the likely lead the unbid club suit into your Kx, making the 3NT game.
  - The outcome could have been worse for the Coutts team....

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<b>TUESDAY 28th March</b>	<b>Informal Practice – 1.30pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 29th March</b>	<b>All Comers – 1.00pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Junior/Intermediate – Easter Pairs 1</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Beginners Lessons – 7pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY 30th March</b>	<b>Senior/Open – Individual Ladder 2</b>
<b>FRIDAY 30th March</b>	<b>Friday Bridge - 10.30am</b>
<b>SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Saturday Night Bridge</b> <b>Dinner 6pm, Bridge 7pm</b>
<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Fundraiser - Cat Rescue Dunedin – 1.30pm</b>

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**The Club held their Autumn Teams and Pairs tournament this last weekend. Both events were very well patronised, especially the Intermediate Pairs – so good to see so many Junior and Intermediate players getting into tournament mode.**

**A very big thankyou to Directors Lindsay Gunn and Mary Christensen.**

**Also to Pip Weber and her kitchen helpers for keeping us very well fed throughout the weekend.**







## **OTAGO AUTUMN OPEN PAIRS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Anne Somerville and Greg Buzzard (Invercargill)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Lydia Turley and Brad Johnston
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Matt McManus (Australia) and Sam Coutts
- 4<sup>th</sup>** Graeme Stout and Pamela Nisbet

## **OTAGO AUTUMN INTERMEDIATE PAIRS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Marjo Prent and Jenny Rowley (East Otago)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Judy Russell and Pam Hodgkinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Cushla Colquhoun and Janice Munden



**Top Junior Pair – Daniel Blakeley and Ramon Quennell**

## **OTAGO AUTUMN TEAMS:**



- 1<sup>st</sup>** Matt McManus, Sam Coutts, Brad Johnston, Lydia Turley
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Dean Eidler, Murat Genc, Kristen Collins, Matt Blakeley
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Chris Ackerley, Arleen Schwartz

## **Top team with an Intermediate Player**

Derek Tingle, Peta Smith, Bob Gillanders, Alan Lewthwai

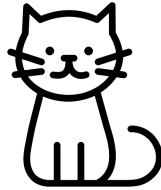


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**SUNDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> FUNDRAISER FOR CAT RESCUE DUNEDIN**

An afternoon of bridge starting at 1.30pm. \$10 per person. Raffles and afternoon tea provided. Donations for raffle would be greatly appreciated.

CRD will be on site to gather any further donations (cat/kitten food, litter, time or money, all gratefully received)

Please enter at the club (list on whiteboard in foyer), or ring Kristen Collins 0273294786

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Neil Johnstone):**

**Paul Spain** has relinquished his role on our Management Committee, primarily as family and other commitments have had to take precedence. His resignation was accepted with understanding and regret at this week's meeting. Paul chaired our Finance Committee and his financial expertise will be sorely missed, and we express our thanks for his services over recent years.

**WELCOME BACK:**

The club would like to welcome **Susie Lawless** back. Susie will be playing in the Open Division and can be contacted on 021 222 0860.

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## **WOMENS BRIDGE FESTIVAL ONLINE BBO: April 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

For registration, Schedule and Information – on Bridge Base Online