

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB – 4 MAY 2020

INTER-PROVINCIAL TEAMS

With the closure of bridge clubs continuing for the foreseeable future, it is now inevitable that a selection process will be required. The email sent on 7 April asked that if you wished to be considered for selection for one of our I/P Teams, **you should contact O/S Regional Bridge to advise them of your request.** At that time, a closing date for receipt of such requests was not specified - we now advise that requests should be made asap, and by **no later than Friday 29 May.** Pairs who wish to be considered for a team are requested to provide some details about their playing history, results and/or any other relevant information to support their 'application'.

David Green is still writing interesting and informative articles for us. Thank you David.

*This week's article, entitled **Be Prepared, Stay Competitive** is attached. Perhaps you could practise bidding the 16 slam hands presented in the article with your partner as they demonstrate the amazing diversity of bridge hands in the slam zone, the subject of the final article next week. You would be so much better prepared to understand and appreciate the discussion which accompanies those hands.*

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Self-Alerting on BBO- it's really hard to remember who is meant to do it when Opps ask the table a question. Self alerting is - you make a bid you complete the alert. COVID 19 Level 3: Bubble bubble boil and trouble. Stay in your old bubble or blow another small one to float around in . Wonder when the Bridge Clubs will be reopening? We debate the possibility of that day coming. Discussion points: Passive versus Aggressive leads, Singleton Leads. Doubles - who is Theodore? and why we talk about him? Judge Julie continues spreading the word on the experience of BBO. Particularly when you bid outside your system. She talks Psychs, lying and traffic build up. Remember to email us about joining the BAMSAs Bridge research project. Send in your contact details. Let's continue to support the Keep Bridge Alive Campaign. Happy Days team.

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB – 25 MAY 2020

INTER-PROVINCIAL TEAMS:

Requests to enter for the Open, Senior and Intermediate Teams to play in the Inter-Regionals should be made by **Friday 29 May.** Pairs who wish to be considered for a team are requested to provide some details about their playing history, results and/or any other relevant information to support their 'application'. Email: otagosouthland.bridge@gmail.com.

CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER NO 4 is attached.

AN EMAIL FROM VIL GRAVIS

Some members have perhaps been receiving emails from Vil, who may be interested in the booklets described or others may wish to look at them. Let us know.

Dear Bridge Club Secretary or manager,

For bridge clubs there will probably be no club play for a while. I have taken the time in lockdown to gather my earlier writings and tutorial notes so that they can be printed in booklet form. There will be a series for the new player for when bridge resumes, but the first one is one that is more suited to players of a more advanced level, dealing with "Twos and No Trumps". Most of our current players at the Hutt Club have expressed interest in these topics. I am also in the process of collating material for players in their first two or three years of club play.

If your club has a bridge tutor or otherwise suitable person who would be interested in these

booklets, I would like to send them a booklet if they can contact me and give me a mailing address. Because of the high comparative cost of post and courier services, it will be ideal if clubs can order direct from the printer in blocks of ten, but that can be discussed at a later stage. I believe it is now an opportune time to think about the return to bridge and the introduction of learners and new players to the game for when things return to normal.

I look forward to being of assistance.

Wishing you and your club all the best,

Vil Gravis

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North Island Pairs - NZB and Hamilton are considering continuing with the event. Dependent upon the COVID restrictions this may go ahead. What are your thoughts? Would you play if you could? Barry and I talk about numbers, distancing, and very important.....lunch

New Zealand Bridge and the Australian Bridge Federation has approached WBF about the two majors tournaments set down for 2021 - the World's, the Men's, Women's and Senior events. It may cause quite a stir and we are finding that we have support Internationally. Read all about it on the NZB website.

Poor Judge Julie has to put up with both Barry and Mereana. We talk gloating or not, holding space for your partner who is offline when registering on BBO. The Mixed Teams had a match up on Sunday. When the scores are known, how far will you go? Barry ignores his own advice and wusses out. You heard it here on the Bridge Zone. Who's a wuss.....and a winner 2nd. Cynthia Claytons quizzes have a good following. Wonder if she is going to provide counselling services.