

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE WEEKLY – 1 NOVEMBER



TOURNAMENTS –

NOVEMBER

14 Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. BYO Lunch. Entries close on NZBridge website or Invercargill website by 9.00 am 12 November.

21 Inter-Provincial Teams – Wellington

DECEMBER

6 **Nina Hewitt Open 3A Xmas Pairs**

MONDAY NIGHT SWISS PAIRS will be held on 9 and 23 November and 7 December. Play each night with the same partner. Open to all members of the Club. Enter online

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

The last Saturday night bridge for the year will be held on 14 November. It will be a traditional Christmas meal at 6.00 pm with Bridge starting at 7.00 pm. Register for the meal on one of the notices at the Club.

FROM TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB

As of Monday 2nd November Taieri are trialling starting each Monday night's bridge at 7.00 pm and having supper on the run to see if they can finish a bit earlier. They will reassess after Xmas.

TOURNAMENT GRADES 2021

NZ Bridge are advising details of changes to the tournament grades for 2021 in particular the criteria to be graded as an open player. From 1 January 2021 all players graded Provincial Master and above will be graded Open. A Provincial Master is a player with at least 100 A & B points of which at least 50 are A Points. Currently players ranked as Local Master 5* and above are graded Open. This change will see approx 700 additional players eligible for Intermediate level events.

(Remember these are NZ Bridge grades and have nothing to do with Otago Bridge Club's divisional grading)

CLUB ROOM BOOKINGS

Amanda Inwood has agreed to adding her name to the Club room bookings as a backup

number if Judy Russell can't be reached. Amanda's number is 0273 106 902.

MEMBERSHIP

It is with regret that we record the resignations of Lee and Stewart Whyte. Lee has purchased and organised the Club biscuits for the Club, was the Convenor of the Junior Division and has been the Convenor of the Senior Division this year. Stewart was there to support Lee in all that she did for the Club. Both feel that they now need to prioritise their time and give their support elsewhere. We wish them well.

REMINDERS

- Order your name badge from Dorothy Butterfield 0212 558 398. Clip Badge \$9.00. Magnetic Badge \$12.00.
- Return overdue library books.
- Enter for the Monday night Swiss Pairs.

BRIDGE ZONE

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Pianos and Barry - Any excuse to play **Bridge. Congress Gatekeeper** talks it up about the Congress venue for the next 3 years. **Over leading** verses Underleading.. Reverse **Dummy**. Some things to think about or not. **Judge Julie** is away this week. **Patrick** joins us on The Bridge Zone. Thanks **Bailiff**. Is there **anybody** out that wants to be free friends with us? Free..dom, free reign, Free FM 89.0, free podcast access, free everything including your time and wages. We have it all – **FREE** for the love of the game. **Our hotline 027 4447 127. Our email bridgezonestow@gmail.com**

Good luck if you are playing Bridge this week.

CONGRATULATIONS

BABICH NZ WIDE PAIRS

- 1st Marilyn Noye and Philip Noye
- 2nd Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu
- 3rd Glenn Coutts and Brad Johnston

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- 2nd Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu

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ALLCOMERS WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

There were just two tables at the last session, so the final session set down for 18 November will be cancelled. Back in action in March next year.

BRIDGE ZONE

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Changes to ratings points: Mr Secretary joins us today. Alister fills us in on what's happening with the flow from Open to Intermediate. This recalculation will affect 700 players. Judge Julie gives us a French Lesson. *le mannequin est mort – dummy is dead.* Exactly what can dummy do. We are off to play Bridge.

15 NOVEMBER

TOURNAMENTS –

DECEMBER

Sunday 6 Nina Hewitt Open 3A Xmas Pairs Morning tea 9.00 am, Start 9.30 am. Christmas lunch provided. \$30.

Entries close at 6.00 pm 2 December.

GOOD LUCK

To our members competing in the Inter-Provincial Teams Championship in Wellington this weekend. Our players include:

Open: Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston

Women's: Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu, Ann Wood playing with Frances Sheehy from Oamaru.

Senior: Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout

Chef de Mission: Phil Noye

TARANAKI BRIDGE CONGRESS – 6-11 March 2021. *See separate attachment for details.*

IMPROVERS LESSONS

Sunday 29th November and Sunday 6th December at The Taieri Bridge Club. Start time is 1.30 pm. Cost of each lesson is \$10.00 per person per session. Topics most likely to be covered: transfers, takeout double and defence to 1NT (but this may change). Open to all, but are particularly recommended for our Junior members. Tutor: Kristen Collins.

ALLCOMERS WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

No Wednesday Bridge this week. Back in action in March next year.

WOMEN'S PAIRS

The last session for Women's Pairs next week - 25th November – will begin with a shared lunch at 12 noon followed by Bridge at 1.00 pm.

MEMBERSHIP

Bereavement – Maureen Tomlinson

“I hope you can teach an 80 year old” was our introduction to Maureen at this year's lessons back in late February. Quickly followed by, “By the way, I have never played any cards”. Coupled with arthritis, bridge was both a physical and mental challenge for Maureen but one she would not give in to, regularly turning up to both the Wed night and Fri morning sessions each week. Maureen returned full of energy after the lockdown and although often struggling (“why does 2C mean so many things and never Clubs!”) she joined the Junior Division in mid September along with her fellow newbies.

Sadly Maureen's transition from classes to regular play was delayed by the death of her daughter from cancer but with a smile she was there on Wednesday night two weeks latter. Maureen enjoyed her weeks of comradeship and play in the Junior Division (last playing on Nov 4) until we learnt with dismay that she passed away early last week after her own health deteriorated very rapidly and unexpectedly.

Maureen would be the first to admit she had a very long way to go on her bridge journey but for all of us in this year's classes, both tutors and learners, it was a privilege to get to know her and to provide some sunshine into her daily life over this year. It has been a very poignant reminder that Bridge is more than just a game.
Contributed by Phil Noye (Thank you Phil)

New Member: We welcome Cecylia Klobukowski to the Junior Division. Cecylia attended classes this year. Her contact number is 0277 266 645.

CONGRATULATIONS

PRESIDENTS' PAIRS

JUNIOR

1st Anna Hutchens and Richard Hutchens

2nd Colette Bolger and Trish Whelan

3rd Andrea Purton and Janis Tizard

INTERMEDIATE

1st Richie Fieldwick and John Parke

2nd Cath Ellis and Wendy Fallon

3rd Maureen O'Dea and Rodger Paul

Congratulations also to Christine Samson and Barbara Wilkes, regular players on a Thursday night, who have both been awarded Honorary Membership of the Taieri Bridge Club for the work they have done there over many years.

BRIDGE ZONE

<https://accessmedia.nz/Player.aspx?eid=932a53ac-b441-45af-952f-98713b41b8fa>

New Plymouth Bridge Club has A points galore at the Plymouth International Congress March 6-11 2021. Colin Carryer shares the gossip on the Taranaki Congress next year. Awesome 5.5 day Bridge event. Check out the venue – what a beauty. Bailiff helps out today. He talks about being lucky, Law 23c and comparable calls. Judge Julie took some time out to get her eyes checked out. Results 15A National Teams and New Plymouth Anniversary. Support the **Christmas Tournaments** around your region. See you at the tables.

25 NOVEMBER

TOURNAMENTS – DECEMBER

Sunday 6 Nina Hewitt Open 3A Xmas Pairs
Morning tea 9.00 am, Start 9.30 am. Christmas

lunch provided. \$30.

Entries close at 6.00 pm 2 December.

TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB MINI CONGRESS
– 6-11 January. See notice board for details

TARANAKI BRIDGE CONGRESS – 6-11 March
2021. See notice board for details

NZ YOUTH (under 35) BRIDGE
CHAMPIONSHIPS Auckland.

4-8 January 2021

Starts Monday after lunch - finishes early afternoon Friday We need to hear from those that are interested by December 1st so that we can book an appropriate venue. All we need to know at this point is if you are interested (you don't need to guarantee you will go) just so that we have a rough idea of numbers and if you are interested in group accommodation.

If we don't hear from enough players, there won't be an event. The championships will include:

- ❖ NZ Youth Pairs Championship
- ❖ NZ Youth Teams Championship
- ❖ Educational talks from some of NZ's top players
- ❖ Lots of fun side events

We are planning to accommodate everyone at a venue together that will be confirmed once we have rough numbers. Cost will be a max of \$100 per day including all food and bridge play. This will be confirmed once the venue is known. Send confirmation of interest and any questions to Sam Coutts on srjcoutts@windowslive.com or 0272011222 or message Sammy Coutts on Facebook. Or Paul Coleman at youth@nzbridge

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Senior

- 1st Josephine George and Jo Torrance
2nd Kate Aisi and Catherine Delahunty
3rd Ann Hamilton and John Henderson

Open

- 1st Chris Ackerley and Murat Genc
2nd Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout
3rd Wyn Jones and Kevin Farnden

INTER-PROVINCIALS

With three rounds left to play the Otago-Southland Team is -

- 5th in Open
3rd in Seniors
4th in Women's
3rd in Intermediate

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We ask Judge Julie what happens here. Some discussion on supporting partner's hand evaluation from the wise old owl to grasshopper. Xmas Tournaments have begun. Mereana heads to Te Awamutu this weekend. Barry is off to the Inter Provincials in Wellington. We'll see who had the best success next week. Happy bridging peeps.

29 NOVEMBER

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Sunday 6 Nina Hewitt Open 3A Xmas Pairsat Otago - Morning tea 9.00 am, Start 9.30 am. Christmas lunch provided. \$30.

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JANUARY -

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th January 2021
ALEXANDRA Two sessions – Each session begins at 6.30 pm. \$30.00 (includes both sessions) Entries close at 11.00 pm Sunday 3rd Jan, 2021 with Lyn Buchanan Tournament Secretary Phone 03 448 7004 Email – linseed327@gmail.com A light supper will be served during play each night Continuous tea/coffee available all evening. Entries can be paid for by internet banking to bank account number BNZ 02-0916-0044863-00 payment must have surname and NZ bridge computer number as reference. On-line registration available: <http://www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/alexandra/>

Maximum 24 tables. For waiting-list placement, please email: alexbridge@farmside.co.nz

16 Otago/Southland Regional Swiss Pairs 10A. Invercargill. Morning tea 9.30 am, starting at 10.00 am. \$30. Bring your own lunch. Prizes for top intermediate and junior pairs. Enter on line at NZ Bridge. You must login to NZ Bridge.

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HOLIDAY REFRESHER SESSIONS FOR JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS - OTAGO

Our highly successful holiday refresher session will continue this year. These will be held on the following dates alongside Holiday Bridge.

Monday 14th December - Topic - Transfers
Wednesday 16th - Topic - Big Hands and Scoring
Time – 7.00 pm - 9.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

IMPROVERS' LESSONS - Taieri

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MEMBERSHIP

Patricia Larsen will be joining the Senior Division of the Club from next year. Patricia has been working in Chicago and feels she can easily do the same work from home. If you are able to play with Patricia, please phone David on 472 7385.

Message from Warren Palmer

I've decided to at least take a gap year in 2021. It may or may not become permanent. Blame Covid if you like. Being away for much of the year has actually improved my health! No colds: no flu. Just in case I don't return at all I would like to thank everybody at the club. Everybody has been marvellous. I would especially like to thank my

"anonymous" benefactor (I know who he/she is) who has been paying my transport costs for some time. May the vaccine give us all immunity! Warren.

The Club thanks Warren for all he has given to the Club – he has been an inspiration to us all and we will miss him and the Van on Thursday nights.

PROGRAMME BOOK 2021

This will hopefully be out this week. Before you fill in your book spare a thought for those who have joined the Club recently as well as those who have been promoted. Their names will be in the book with their contact number and it would be good if they have their book filled by our long-time members. If I have missed anyone please let me know and I can mention them next week. They are:

Junior: All those who came through from the lessons. Also Paul Fitzgibbon hopes to be back next year.

Intermediate Judy Bevin, Hilary Bisset, Deidre Bruce, Eunan Cleary, Brian Ellis, Fiona Ellis, Barbara Galland, Lesley Green, Neil Stevenson.

Senior: Jenny Clifton, Philippa Edwards, Cath Ellis, Ritchie Fieldwick, Helen Haig, Marje Schadelee, AnneMarie Tangney, Lauren Uitermark Patricia Larsen, Ross Haddow hopes to be back in November next year, Covid willing. His email is ross@rattys.co.uk

Open: Victor Chou, Alistair Mackay, Alan Lewthwaite, Jo de Bono, Pamela Nisbet

HAND COMMENTARY by David Green.

David says: *I've not written an article for the newsletter for a while as I haven't been playing. However, a very interesting and edifying hand came up last Friday. I didn't make all 13 tricks in the small slam as I was playing like someone from Mr Trump's rust-belt! Mind you, neither did anyone else. Even at my best I may not have got this one right but hopefully it is of interest to some of the readers of the newsletter. See attached. Thank you, David.*

CONGRATULATIONS

INTER-PROVINCIALS – Otago-Southland's final placings last weekend were:

Open 6th
Senior 3rd
Women's 3rd
Intermediate 3rd

Special thanks to Phil Noye, Chef de Mission. As one of our Open players spent the weekend in hospital, this necessitated him having to play as well.

Final overall placings for the Dougal McLean Trophy

1 st	Auckland-Northland	39
2 nd	Central Districts	31
3 rd	Wellington	27
4 th	Otago-Southland	26
5 th	Waikato Bays	21
6 th	Canterbury	18
7 th	Top of the South	10

BRIDGE ZONE:

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It's been a bad week at the office for the Bridge Zone Team. Mereana gets snapped with her phone ringing during recording the show this week. Barry gets sookie over a negative number. Judge Julie sets off the building alarm. Interprovincials – we have the results. Nigella returns as President of Hamilton Bridge Club. Christmas Tournaments are rolling in. Barry talks it up about the IP's.