



# Otago Bridge Club

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## FEBRUARY BRIDGE UPDATE

HAPPY NEW YEAR and GOOD BRIDGE for 2013

**2013 BRIDGE LESSONS** commence 27 February. The lessons to be advertised and flyers circulated – please take some flyers for your workplace and friends. Anyone interested in helping with lessons on a regular or casual basis please contact Alison Giller 4776286.

**Refresher courses & Revision Nights:** dates to be advised.

**TEAMS COMPETITION** (kindly sponsored by NIDD REALTY LIMITED) – commences February 11. See Noticeboard to enter your team.

**TOURNAMENTS:** See Programme of Events for all Tournament dates for 2013. Note: NZ Wide Pairs – NZ Contract Bridge Assn have changed this to 8 November 2013 (not 1 November as in our programme book).

**Sunday 3rd February: OTAGO FESTIVAL PAIRS 5A OPEN** Entry fee \$30 – see noticeboard

This tournament is to be a fundraiser for the new heating system. As all players benefit from this new system, we are asking players to assist by bringing a plate for nibbles.

**ALEXANDRA TOURNAMENT** : A very good turn out from OBC players and it appears it was a relaxing and most enjoyable weekend. Of the first 12 winning pairs eight and a half were from the OBC. Congratulations to:-

1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Atkinson and Sam Coutts	63.99%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Murat Genc and Arleen Schwartz	60.89%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sam Bailey and Glenn Coutts	59.84%

Results for both evenings as well as final ladder are up on the Tournament results board in the Cargill Room.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Murat Genc who has achieved Silver Grand Master.

## CLUB AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTING SEMINARS WITH ALLAN JOSEPH

Allan Joseph, a Wellington-based National Director is presenting two seminars at Otago Bridge Club on Saturday 9 February and Sunday 10 February, both commencing 10am. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Laws and regulations at bridge – highly useful for your own knowledge and protection, even if you don't plan to direct.

Allan Joseph is a very approachable and knowledgeable Director, with experience directing at the National Congress in Hamilton and at the Otago/Southland Congress (Wanaka) in 2012 and 2013. Allan is always happy to take questions and He is particularly well-versed in delivering understandable answers to diverse audiences.

**Saturday 9th:** Focused mainly on directing club sessions. This would day be suitable for interested players.

**Sunday 10th:** Focused mainly on directing tournaments.

If you plan to attend one or both days, please advise Kristen Collins on [kristencollins007@gmail.com](mailto:kristencollins007@gmail.com)

## BRIDGE TEACHING SEMINAR– Otago Bridge Club – Sunday 24 February 2013

The seminar will cover all aspects of bridge teaching from advertising new classes, lesson plans and content, to learner retention after lessons. We would welcome anyone with an interest in any aspect of teaching bridge or with insights they would like to offer. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

**10am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013** (lunch and nibbles provided).

If you plan to attend please advise Kristen Collins on [kristencollins007@gmail.com](mailto:kristencollins007@gmail.com)

Both these Seminars are organised and funded by the Otago/Southland Regional Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP

**New members:** Marie Grills (Open), Neil Cox (Snr) Lee Asher-Simpson (Open), Matthew Smith (Int), Gordon Smith, Geoff Spratt (Jnr) and Norman Firth (Jnr)

**Deaths:** Our thoughts go out to the family of former member Margaret Finnie.

**Congratulations** to former bridge club member Maree Burn on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## STUDENT ORIENTATION WEEK

Otago Bridge Club are setting up at stall to encourage students to play bridge and would appreciate any Bridge memorabilia you could lend for display. Contact: Alison Giller 4776286

## DISABILITY CAR PARKING

Please make application to Management Committee for a Disability sticker if you need to use our marked-out disability parks (6). This sticker must be displayed on your vehicle during use.

## VOLUNTEERS:

If you have time to help out at the Bridge Club in any way please contact Nina Hewitt.

Volunteers are needed to

1. Help clean the trophies
2. Help clean the boards the cards go in
3. Occasional typing for the Club
4. A qualified Electrician who could be called on occasionally.

## CLUB ROOMS FOR HIRE

A reminder that our Club Rooms are available for meetings and social events.

Contact: Susan Johnstone 4761360

## BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

A coin to be tossed to ascertain seating position.  
Seating rights must be approved.

### North's responsibilities:

-Ensure the Board is facing the correct way in the middle of the table. Put the bidding pad beside it. Ensure each player has a pen or a pencil and there are Stop Cards at opposite corners of the table.

-The board should stay in the middle, or towards the middle, of the table during play.

- Take the bidding sheet from the pad as soon as each player has played to the first trick. It should not be available to peruse during the play of the hand.

### South's responsibilities:

-Enter the contract, lead and result either onto the travelling sheet or into the BridgePad – allow someone else to do this if you are not confident about it. Allow anyone to look at the BridgePad or Traveller if there is time.

### East's responsibilities

-Carefully check the result is written or entered correctly. Press Next if using BridgePad and hand back to South.

### West's responsibilities:

-Ensure the cards are placed back into the correct pockets in the board and pass back to the next table.

*The most important skill you can cultivate is that of being a good partner. If you are known as a calm, supportive partner, you will be in demand at the bridge table, even if you never become an expert.*

ENJOY THE GAME ... and remember at all times that it is only a game.
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**REVOKES OR RENEGUES** (Dennis filling in for Jared who (I hope) is hard at writing a thesis!)

Directors love it when people revoke (or renegue, renege, renegue or renig, much more colourful expressions, nice to be a renegade not a revokade). That is, they fail to follow suit when they could, or play a compulsory card e.g. in penalty card situations. Everyone does it now and again.

This is a review of the basics from that silly little green book you may see the Director consulting, Laws 61-64. Read these 3 pages at some time in your life!

Life is less hassle if you can prevent revokes. Ask "Having none?" or "No Clubs partner?" Try to keep incredulity out of your voice even if you know it must be a revoke. Declarer can ask, Dummy can ask Declarer (but not a defender) as long as he has not forfeited his rights under Law 42, defenders in New Zealand can ask Declarer and each other. Note that in some overseas jurisdictions defenders can't ask or even show surprise. This is all Law 61.

A revoke becomes established (Law 63) when the offending side plays to the next trick, claims or concedes, or names a card to be played. The revoke can no longer be corrected and the revoke trick stands as played.

Once anyone sees that they have revoked or detects or suspects a revoke the Director must be called. Often the Director arrives to a confusion of cards turned over and people talking at once. Law 66 says that quitted tricks can only be reviewed when the Director is there, but you can review the present trick.

A revoke which is not established must (Law 62) be corrected, and the revoke card will be a penalty card if it is a defender who has revoked. Cards played after the revoke may be retracted. Better to call the Director as another penalty card may apply to the other defender. Note that Declarer and Dummy never have penalty cards. There is no trick penalty (or more correctly, rectification) for a revoke caught in time. So if you have revoked, don't sit still and hope to wing it. This is unsporting and also liable to penalty. Also you may have to keep revoking!

Law 64 prescribes the rectification procedure for an established revoke. No side should ever gain by a revoke. The intention of the 2007 Laws is to "restore equity" by obtaining as far as possible the table result as it would have been if the revoke had not occurred. Some players think that their opponents have made a mistake by revoking so they must be entitled to some reward, but that is not the intent of the lawmakers. For example if the offending side won no tricks on the revoke trick or later, there is no rectification (Law 64B1). If both sides revoke, forget it (Law 64B7); or if there is a second revoke in same suit by same player there is no automatic extra rectification (Law 64B2). This second revoke does happen: in fact some players lose it entirely and

become random card-throwers. But the point is that the Laws do not see the revoke itself as a target, rather the distortion that it caused in the normal play of the hand.

The rectification ("penalty" in more punitive language of the old Laws) for an established revoke is usually 1 trick or 2 tricks, unless 64 B1 applies. The choice of 1 or 2 depends on who won the revoke trick. We say "usually" because sometimes the Director may rule that this correction is not sufficient to restore equity.

If the offending side did not win the revoke trick but took later tricks then 1 trick is transferred.

If the offending side, but not the offending player, won the revoke trick then 1 trick is transferred. In both these cases (offender did not win the revoke trick) the old Law (pre-2007) used to say that a further trick won with a card that could legally have been played on the revoke trick would also be transferred. This cumbersome rule is now no longer there, and you must call the Director back if you think you have been disadvantaged. The Law is now simpler to apply in most cases.

Now assume the offending player won the revoke trick, by a ruff (you spotted that). Then if the offending side took further tricks, 2 tricks are transferred; if they did not, only the revoke trick is transferred. These are the standard rectifications of 0, 1 or 2 tricks under Law 64.

If you feel that the rectification prescribed by the Laws is insufficient to restore equity, you must call the Director back before the end of play on the hand to give a ruling. This could happen if Declarer has one master trump and a running suit, while a defender has a smaller trump and a running suit. Defender revokes when Declarer plays his last trump, Declarer amazingly does not notice, defender ruffs the next trick and claims the rest, perhaps a difference of 2 or more tricks. In that case you must call the Director again before agreeing the result with the standard penalty. The Director will try to restore equity. If you return the cards to the board you are deemed to have agreed the result. Once the round has ended or play started on the next board it is too late to notice a revoke or decide that you are unhappy with the penalty for an established revoke. If you feel equity has not been restored you can notify the Director that you wish to appeal the ruling, but you must do this before the play on the board ends.

A few final oddities. If a revoke by Declarer is corrected there is no penalty card. If there is a revoke by Dummy there is no rectification or penalty card at any time as all are to blame. "Dummy can't revoke" is what people say, but clearly Dummy can, for example when Dummy has lost a card and nobody notices. A revoke on the 12<sup>th</sup> trick must be corrected if the cards have not been returned to board. Best to call the Director since the penalty card rule will be inoperative.