



# Otago Bridge Club

Inc  
Established 1936



June/July 2014: [www.otagobridgeclub.com](http://www.otagobridgeclub.com)

## Sunday Afternoon Bridge

Social Bridge has started. The next session is on July 13. We need 5 tables regularly to keep this bridge session going. Non members are invited. Please support Sunday Bridge

## TOURNAMENT NEWS & RESULTS:

2014 Tournaments are listed in the Programme Book. Details will be posted on the noticeboard with closing dates for entry specified. Tournament results are on the website.

## JUNIOR DIVISION:

We now have sufficient numbers to establish a separate Junior Division once again. The first playing night will be on **Wednesday 20th August** (seated by 7.10pm). For more information or a Partner e-mail the Bridge Club, or phone Nina - 4761084, or Alison - 4776286.

## SYSTEM SHEETS

All players should carry a copy of their system at all times Junior players are allowed to look at their own system cards for 6 months.. Members should be tolerant and encouraging to new players.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

### Youth Fund Raiser 9 May

- 1<sup>st</sup> David Green, Jeff Miller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Bailey, James Coutts

### O/S Congress Results 30 May/2 June

#### Welcome Pairs:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Margaret Auty, Judy Russell

#### Open Pairs:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: James Coutts, Glen Coutts  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff Miller, Graeme Stout  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Peter McCaskill, Jeff Thompson

## Intermediate/Junior Pairs:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Lesley and David Larsen

## Open Teams:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: James Coutts, Glen Coutts, Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Peter McCaskill, Jeff Thompson, Peter Hall, Michael Atkinson

## Plate:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Nina Hewitt, Dennis McCaughan

## Interprovincial Trials:

The following teams will represent Otago/Southland at the Interprovincial teams in Auckland 28/29 November.

### Open:

Samuel Coutts, Sam Bailey, James Coutts, Glen Coutts

### Senior:

Lorraine Oliver, Kaye Shand, Nina Hewitt, Dennis McCaughan

### Women:

Anne Sommerville, Anne-Marie Russell  
Frances Sheehy, Carol Whitney

### Intermediate:

Maggie Stratford, Lynne Fagan  
Bradley Johnston, Matthew Baird

## Oamaru 5A Open Pairs 17 May

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Nina Hewitt, Dennis McCaughan

## Programme Book 2015

We will shortly be starting on the programme book for 2015.

Please contact your convenor or a member of the Management Committee if you have some ideas/comments. In particular were you happy with the new Pairs Championship format?

## FIRE EXIT DOOR:

Please familiarise yourself with the location of the fire exit in each room. A recent false alarm indicated that members ignored the fire exit signs and all made their way to the front entrance.

## CONVENTIONS:

A convention is an artificial bid that has an understood meaning.

Common examples are:

- Stayman (2C in response to a 1NT opening bid – promising a 4-card major and asking opener if they have a 4-card major)
- Blackwood (4NT ace-asking) and Gerber (4C ace-asking). Ace-asking is asking partner how many aces they have if you are looking for slam.

Most conventions need to be alerted, but very common ones (which are universally understood) don't for example, the following

**DON'T** need to be alerted:

- Stayman (but transfers must be alerted. Also a genuine 2C bid in response to a 1NT opening must be alerted)
- 2C opener promising 23+ points and 2D replay if it denies slam
- 2H and 2S whether weak or strong (opposition should ask)
- Pre-empts (7 of a suit, 6-10 points)
- Bids at 4 level and above, eg ace-asking
- Doubles (opposition should ask).

The above are just a few conventions players can use. It is a good idea to start introducing them one at a time when you have mastered the basics. If you do decide to use on or more conventions, both players in the partnership must use them and be able to explain them if asked during the game.

## TABLE FEE INCREASE

At its June meeting the Committee of Management adopted a long term plan prepared by the Finance Sub Committee that addressed a number of issues in relation to the property.

### • Maintenance issues

The Club premises are now 40 years old and there is a need for repair work and upgrading.

1. The roof is in need of urgent attention. Recent storms have drawn notice to leaks that have since been fixed. The roof itself is

generally in good condition but the north and west sides urgently require painting. Due to the requirement to install scaffolding, it is planned that the entire roof is painted, at a cost of around \$32,000.

2. A better system for provision of hot water is needed in the kitchen. The present use of urns is deemed unsafe and investigations are continuing into the best means for delivery of hot water.

3. An upgrade of the foyer and entrance is planned. As well as improving the décor, one set of automatic doors is planned to replace the two sets of swing doors, which are difficult for those with limited mobility and for anyone carrying a load. Budgeted cost for this work is around \$18,000 but this would increase if the second set of doors were required.

There are other areas also in need of attention which will be carried out as funding allows: women's and men's toilets, curtains in the Larnach and Cargill rooms and necessary earthquake strengthening (once that becomes known).

### Possibility of buying the land

Although the Club owns the building, the land is leased and the Club has indicated to the owner that it wishes to buy the land if the owner is prepared to sell. Failing that the next rental review takes place in April 2016. Either way, the annual cost to the Club is likely to increase.

**TABLE FEES ARE TO INCREASE TO \$6 PER SESSION FROM 1 SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.**

Note that this is the first increase in table fees since 1 February 2006.