

4th APRIL 2022

MESSAGE FROM ROB LAWSON (PRESIDENT)

You will be aware that the Government have made some changes to the **Covid Protection Scheme** and have signalled others for later this week. The major change last week increased the limits on indoor gatherings to 200 people, which will make life easier for the club when more people start playing again. We will no longer have to ask people to preregister for competitions. We are watching other changes this week and will be considering any other amendments to our policies as needed.

We would like to move **the BBQ and gas bottle** away from the emergency exit in the Hudson Room. They have not been used for many years but we think they actually belong to a Club member rather than the Club itself. This is your chance to reclaim them if you wish to do so before we dispose of them.

A BIG BOUQUET: We are all very aware of the enormous amount of work Lindsay Gunn does every week. It has been brought to my attention from members the extraordinary lengths Lindsay went to a few weeks ago at Friday bridge to get results from the day's play. There were a couple of very unfortunate instances of people becoming unwell during the session – this resulted in an already existing bye, and then 2 half tables. These people thought it was incredible that there were any results able to be got at all...and huge thanks had to go to Lindsay – well done once again Lindsay for all your efforts.

RESIGNATIONS: Brendon and Lorraine Knowles (Senior)

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

Tuesday Afternoons	Informal Practise Session – 1.30pm
Wednesday Afternoon	Womens Pairs 1pm
Wednesday night	Junior/Intermediate – 2nd night Easter Pairs
Thursday night	Open/Senior – 1 st night Easter Pairs
Friday	Open to all - 10.30am

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS: Check NZ Bridge Tournament Page for details of online tournaments or if a tournament has been cancelled. We have had notices from these Clubs about their online tournaments

9th April – Timaru Congress – 10A Open Teams

9th April – Timaru Congress – 5B Intermediate Teams

9th April – Cambridge – Junior Pairs

9th April – Waitemata – 8B Open

10th April – Timaru Congress – 10A Open Pairs

10th April – Timaru Congress – 3B Junior and 5B Intermediate Pairs

16th April – Levin – 8B Multigrade Pairs

18th April – Hutt Valley – 3A Mixed Sex Pairs

22nd-25th April – Wellington Congress – 10A Open Event - Pairs/Team

23-25th April – Wellington – Intermediate/Junior 5B Pairs and 5B teams

CONGRATULATIONS:

Saturday Night : Handicap – 1 st	Ruth Airey/Betty Laing
2 nd	Margaret Tagg/Wendy Fallon
3 rd	Frances Best/Beverly Ross

ONLINE BRIDGE RESULTS

Ukraine Refugees Fundraiser – 5th Graeme Stout & Jeff Miller

WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS - these are currently being held in Italy. There is extensive live coverage of the NZ team on BBO for those who are keen to watch, and also updates and stories on NZ Bridge Newsletter.

One of our Club members is taking part – Pamela Nisbet – she is representing Canada in their Women’s Team – congratulations to her for this great achievement, and best of luck.

2022 INTERPROVINCIAL TRIALS:

Reminder that all players wishing to be considered for the trials for the 2022 Otago Southland IP teams need to have entry form and system card completed by **APRIL 6th, 2022** and emailed to otagosouthlandbridge@gmail.com.

BRIDGE LESSONS: 2022 lessons will start on **Wednesday 20th April**.

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NEW CONTACT NUMBER:

Betty Laing 425 0989

11th APRIL 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

Monday 12th	TEAMS cancelled. Next teams night is May 2nd.
Tuesday Afternoon	Informal Practise Session – 1.30pm
Wednesday Night	Junior – 3 rd night John Lawson Plate Intermediate – 3rd night Easter Pairs
Thursday Night	Open/Senior – 2nd night Easter Pairs
Good Friday	Open to all – play starts 1.30pm (seated by 1.15pm)

EASTER WEEK:

There will be bridge on Easter Monday 18th April, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st. **Please be seated by 7.05pm.**

Players from all grades are welcome. *A partner is not required.*

There will be results off the stick and on handicap.

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BYO Lunch, Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top Intermediate and Junior

NB : Change of venue - Wanaka Presbyterian Church, 92 Tenby Street

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1st May – Murihiku Invercargill – 5A Pairs – **face to face** – **9.30am start**

1st May – *Taieri Bridge Club - Otago Hospice Charity Pairs* – 1.30pm - \$15

Notice for entry on Club noticeboard, or on Otago/Sthland Website

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CONGRATULATIONS: ONLINE BRIDGE RESULTS

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TUESDAY 19th Informal practice session – 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 20th Womens Pairs – 1.00pm

FRIDAY 22nd Normal Friday Bridge 10.30am

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CONGRATULATIONS:

EASTER PAIRS

Junior/Intermediate

1st Terry Evans/Brian Ellis
2nd James Airey/David Kiddey
3rd Pam Bardsley/Brigitte Hudson

Senior

1st Murray Thomson/Terry Ebeling
2nd Joy Ward/Jan Flood
3rd Paul Spain/Adrienne Dearnley

Open

1st Stewart Kerr/John Sheehy
2nd Donna Ruwhiu/Kristen Collins
3rd Lorraine Peacock/Philip Noye



ONLINE BRIDGE RESULTS – great results

Auckland Easter Pairs 2nd Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genc
 4th Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller
Auckland Easter Teams 6th Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston

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25th APRIL 2022



EVENTS AT OTAGO:

Normal Bridge program resumes this week.

TUESDAY 26th	Informal practice session – 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 27th	Junior/Intermediate - Pairs Championship
THURSDAY 28th	Senior/Open – Pairs Championship
FRIDAY 29th	Normal Friday Bridge 10.30am
MONDAY May 2nd	REMINDER - TEAMS Competition resumes

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- 30th April** Murihiku Invercargill – 5A Teams – **face to face** – **9.30am start**
- 1st May** Murihiku Invercargill – 5A Pairs – **face to face** – **9.30am start**
MASKS are encouraged for these events
- 1st May** *Taiari Bridge Club - Otago Hospice Charity Pairs* – 1.30pm - \$15
Notice for entry on Club noticeboard, or on Otago/Sthland Website
- 1st May** Hokowhitu – Junior and Intermediate Pairs - **online**

14th May Te Anau Open Pairs - **online**

14th/15thMay Canterbury 10A Open Teams and Pairs – **face to face**

15th May **Otago 3B Junior Pairs – this is the first day of a 2 day competition. The 2nd day to be played on the 3rd of July.**

We greatly encourage all Junior ranked players to enter.

Entry can be made on the NZ Bridge Tournament page

21st May Gore Junior and Intermediate – 10am start – **face to face**
bring own lunch

CONGRATULATIONS: ONLINE BRIDGE RESULTS – great results

WANAKA PAIRS: 2nd Murray Barron and David Larsen

WELLINGTON CONGRESS:

OPEN PAIRS : 4th Matt Blakeley and Paul Freeland

OPEN TEAMS: 3rd in the Swiss Competition

Brad Johnston/Sam & Glenn Coutts with Graeme Stout/Jeff Miller.

They will be playing off in the top 4 Final today (Monday) – this can be viewed on kibitz.RealBridge. **GOOD LUCK**



BRIDGE LESSONS: Lessons started last week. We had a great response with 20 new recruits. It is not too late to come along, if you know anyone who is keen to learn. Matt Blakeley is our new tutor, and the Club thanks him for taking on this important role. Good luck Matt.

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND INTERPROVINCIAL TRIALS – 7th and 8th May

Thank you to the members who have entered the trials – and good luck to you all.

These are now going to be played online.

